University of Arizona received a $1.35M grant to continue its supports for 16 rural hospitals in combating COVID-19. These rural hospitals serve as the only location for primary, preventive, emergency, and inpatient care for many Arizonans and are often provided fewer resources than necessary to operate safely.

University of Minnesota conducted a trial that showed hydroxychloroquine has no benefit over a placebo in preventing COVID-19. The results of the randomized trial further showed 40% of patients receiving the drug developed non-serious side effects.

University of Mississippi Medical Center established a mobile field clinic for patients with non-emergency respiratory illnesses. The clinic is set up in a parking garage and operated on a referral admittance until the pilot phase is complete. The facility can also serve patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 with symptoms requiring minor care.

University of Pennsylvania joined the AAVCOVID gene-based vaccine program to protect against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that cause COVID-19. The AAVCOVID vaccine is currently in preclinical development with a plan to begin clinical testing later this year.