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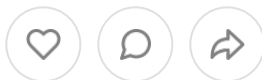
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On Monday WHO's Emergency Committee gave [official word](#) that they voted to renew the Public Health Emergency of International Concern. They are likely teeing up for "the end" in 2023.

The U.S. is far more confident in "the end" of the national emergency. On Monday, the White House announced that they are ending it in mid-May.

An inflection point is clearly on the horizon, albeit with uncertainty. This leads to legitimate questions: *Are we still in an emergency? What will the future hold? What happens next?*

### Are we still in an emergency?

There is no "level of disease" that defines a pandemic or emergency. Even if there