



Emergency Website Kit

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Just received a shelter-in-place emergency alert with a web address for more information. Clicked the link. The site is down. All emergency sites should be static.

 129 7:52 PM - Mar 17, 2020



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Requirements

1. Extremely Resilient
2. Highly Accessible
3. Mobile Friendly
4. Fast to Set Up
5. Easy to Maintain

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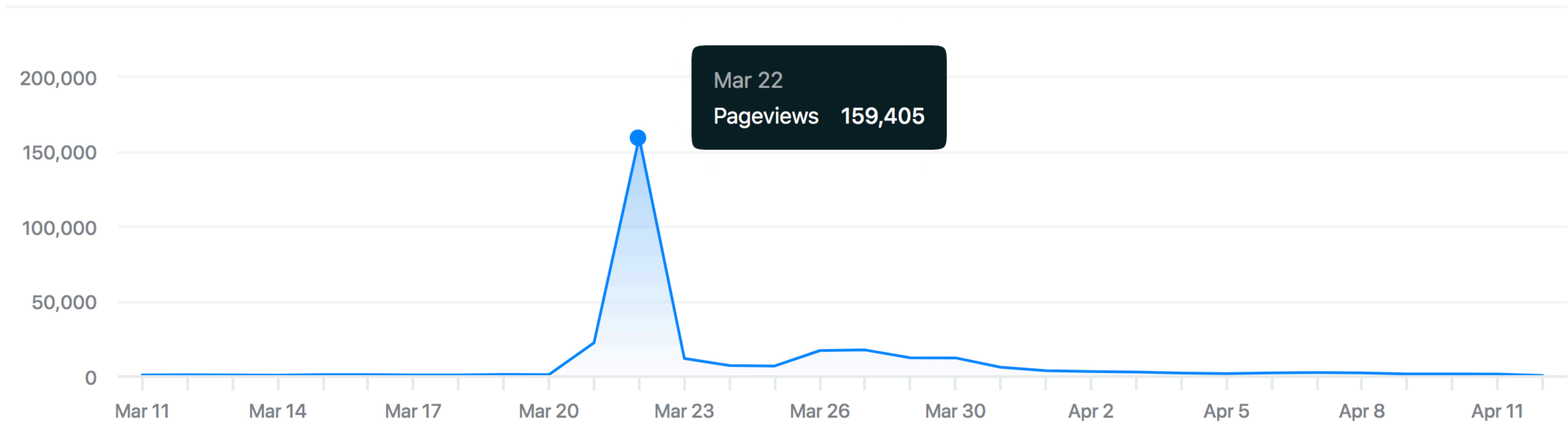
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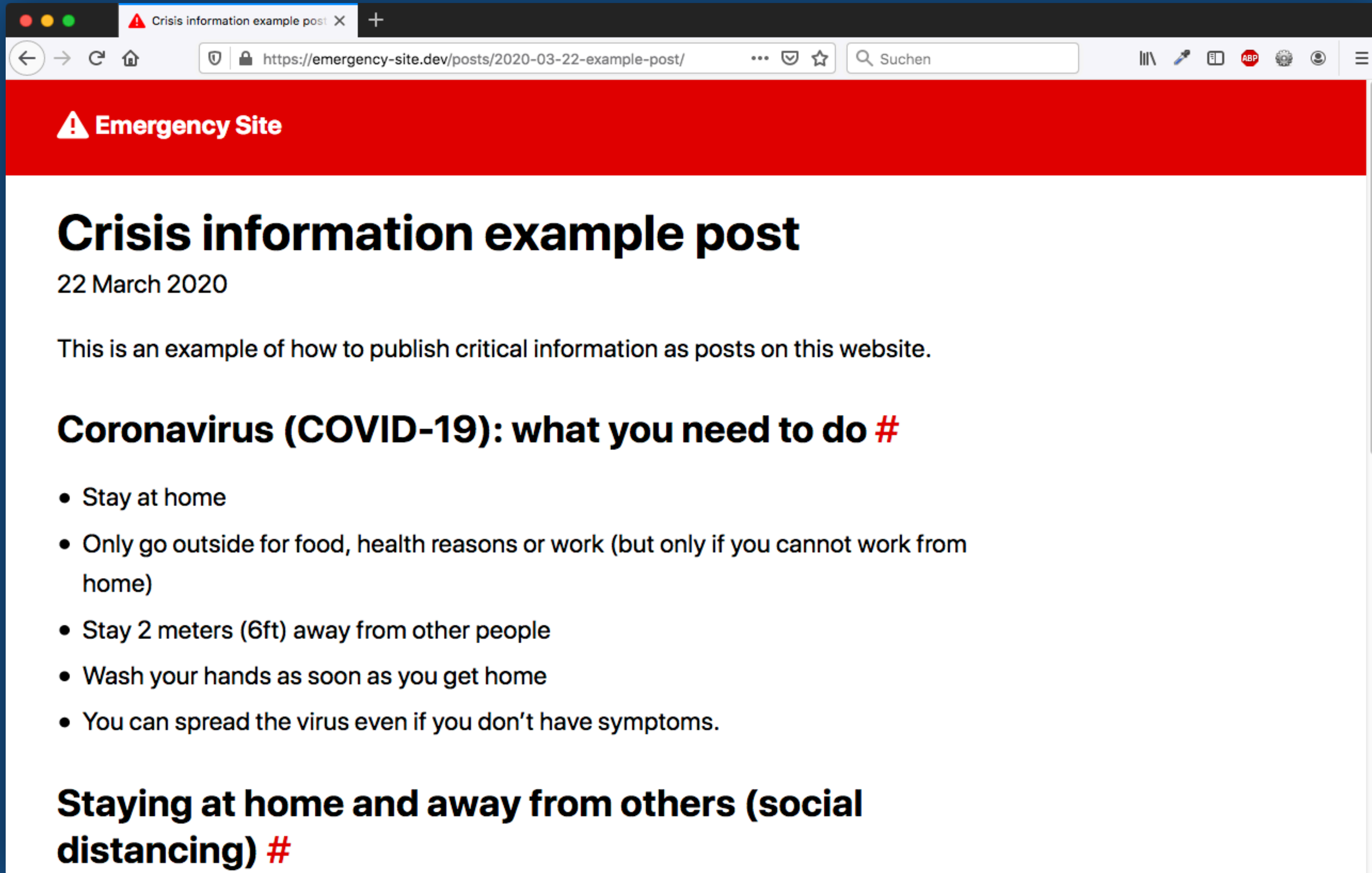
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The Rule of **Least Power**

Static HTML will survive anything.





The image shows a web browser window with a red header bar. The browser's address bar contains the URL `https://emergency-site.dev/posts/2020-03-22-example-post/`. The page title is "Crisis information example post". The main content area has a red header with a white warning triangle icon and the text "Emergency Site". Below this, the main heading is "Crisis information example post" in a large, bold, black font, followed by the date "22 March 2020". The text below reads "This is an example of how to publish critical information as posts on this website." The main heading of the post is "Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do #". Below this is a bulleted list of five items: "Stay at home", "Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)", "Stay 2 meters (6ft) away from other people", "Wash your hands as soon as you get home", and "You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms." At the bottom, there is another heading: "Staying at home and away from others (social distancing) #".

Emergency Site

Crisis information example post

22 March 2020

This is an example of how to publish critical information as posts on this website.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- Stay 2 meters (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)

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Unwatch 8 Star 468 Fork 37

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- Settings

A template for emergency information websites <https://emergency-site.dev>

Edit

Manage topics

104 commits 1 branch 0 packages 0 releases 4 contributors MIT

Branch: master New pull request Create new file Upload files Find file Clone or download

maxboeck	don't purge button styles	Latest commit 118f116 2 hours ago
admin	move external stylesheet location	19 days ago
eleventy	use default safe preset options in htmlnano	10 days ago
src	don't purge button styles	2 hours ago
.eleventy.js	add passthrough for email templates, #7	10 days ago
.gitignore	initial commit	24 days ago
.prettierrc	initial commit	24 days ago
LICENSE	add license and readme	23 days ago
README.md	Update README.md	12 days ago

First Roundtrip

- ~14KB
- Inline CSS / Purge Unused Styles
- No External Resources
- System Fonts
- Minified HTML

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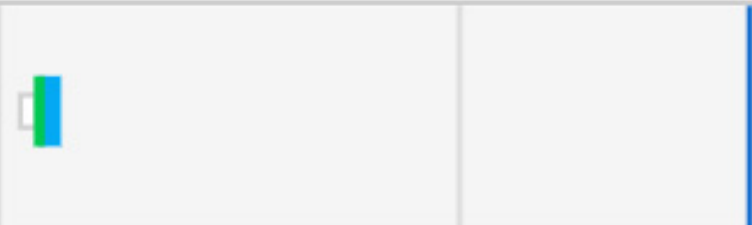
Filter Hide data URLs **All** | XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

Only show requests with SameSite issues

Use large request rows Group by frame

Show overview Capture screenshots

4 ms 166 ms

Name	Status	Type	Initiator	Size	Time	Waterfall
 emergency-site.dev	200 OK	document	Other	5.3 KB 5.2 KB	5 ms 3 ms	

1 requests | 5.3 KB transferred | 5.2 KB resources | Finish: 5 ms | **DOMContentLoaded: 161 ms** | **Load: 171 ms**

Accessibility

- Semantic Markup
- Content Hierarchy
- Focus Styling
- WCAG AA Contrast
- Flexible Sizing (rem)



https://emergency-site.dev/



Performance



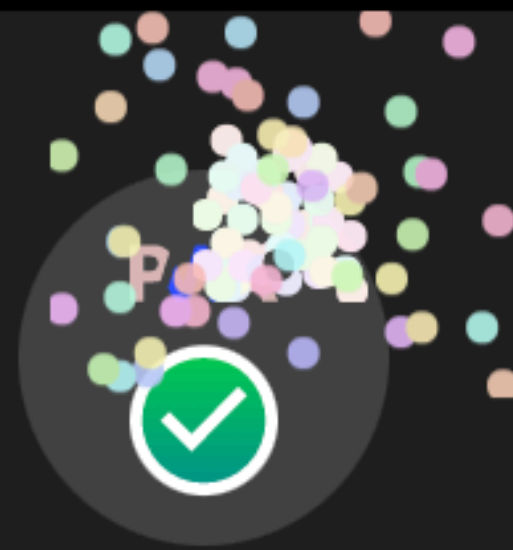
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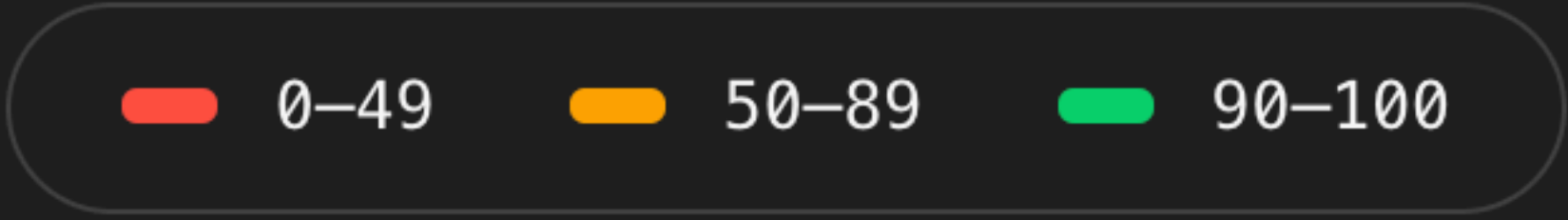
Best Practices



SEO



Progressive Web App





Progressive Enhancement for Offline



DevTools - emergency-site.dev

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<input type="checkbox"/> index.html?__WB_REVISION__=9ee3d4d1b4971869... emergency-site.dev	200	fetch	workbox-core.pr... Script	2.8 KB 5.5 KB	
<input type="checkbox"/> index.html?__WB_REVISION__=df7483b29a8cab0... emergency-site.dev/posts/2020-03-19-about-this	200	fetch	workbox-core.pr... Script	3.4 KB 6.8 KB	
<input type="checkbox"/> index.html?__WB_REVISION__=49b313e8fa0575501... emergency-site.dev/posts/2020-03-20-getting-started	200	fetch	workbox-core.pr... Script	6.0 KB 14.9 KB	
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<input type="checkbox"/> sw.js emergency-site.dev	200	javascript	Other	0 B 1.9 KB	

28 requests | 27.8 KB transferred | 109 KB resources | Finish: 3.78 s | DOMContentLoaded: 3.51 s | Load: 3.53 s

Emergency Site

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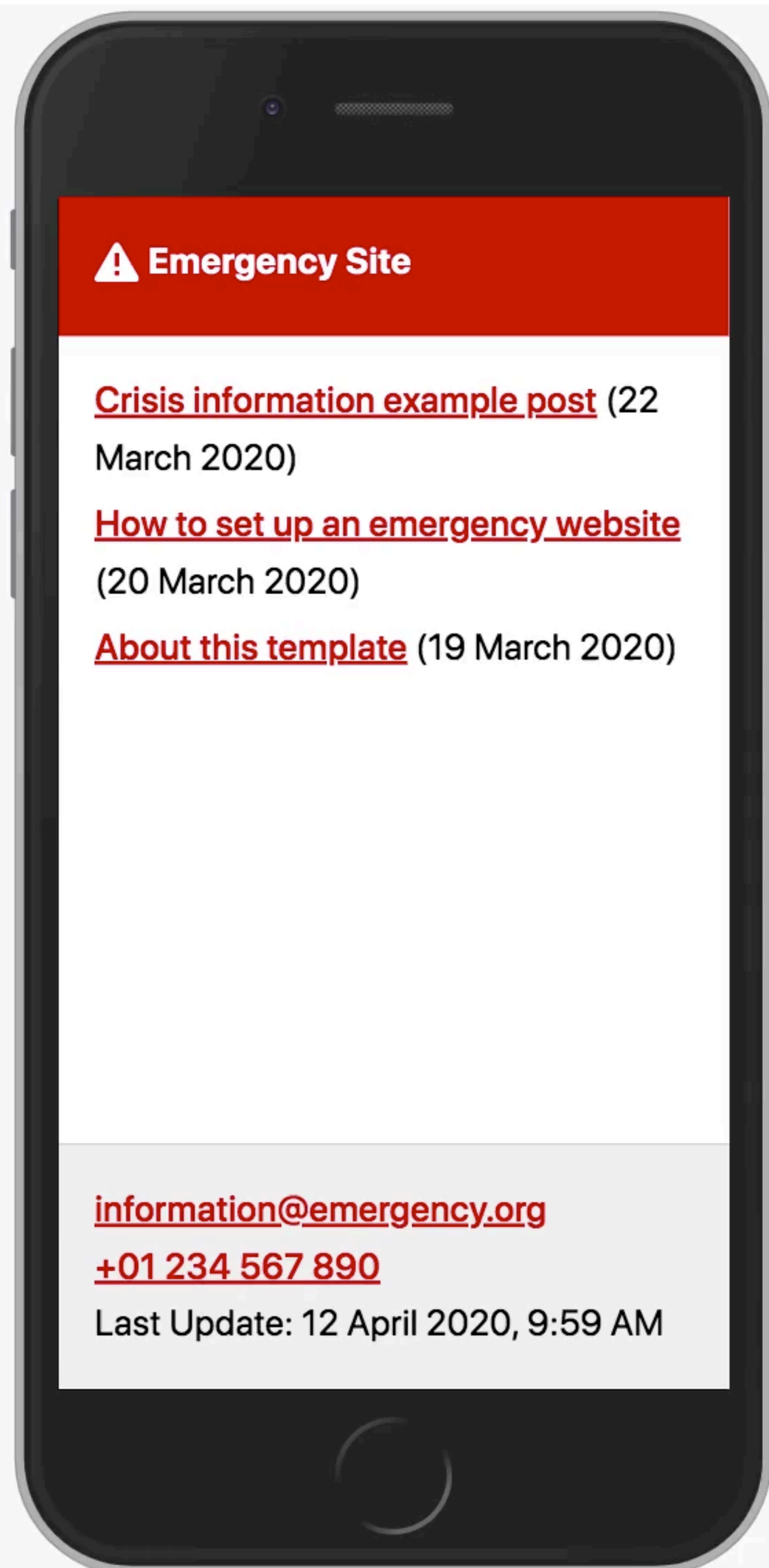
Last Update: 12 April 2020, 9:59 AM

```
<p>
```

Last Update:

```
{{ build.timestamp|dateToFormat("dd LLLL yyyy, t") }}
```

```
</p>
```



```
const checkConnectivity = () => {  
  if (!navigator.onLine) {  
    new Notification(  
      `You are currently offline.  
      You can still use this site, but  
      content might not be up to date.`  
    )  
  }  
}  
  
window.addEventListener('offline', checkConnectivity)
```


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Last Update: 12 April 2020, 12:36 PM

```
// Service Worker Registration
navigator.serviceWorker.register('/sw.js').then(reg => {
  reg.addEventListener('updatefound', () => {
    worker = reg.installing
    worker.addEventListener('statechange', () => {
      // Listen for the update event
      // and wait till the new SW is ready
      if (worker.state === 'installed') {
        showNewVersionNotice()
      }
    })
  })
})
```

Not everyone is
a web developer

* **A Starter Kit for Emergency Websites** (mxb.dev)

323 points by mxbck 30 days ago | hide | past | web | favorite | 108 comments

▲ Meph504 30 days ago [-]

I mean, call me crazy, if this is for an emergency, wouldn't it make more sense to provide a small archive with the source files in it, no third party at all.

requires an unarchiver, and a text editor.

▲ whatsmusername 30 days ago [-]

Way above the technical skill level of a lot of people.

▲ tantalor 30 days ago [-]

Provide how? From a webserver? Back to square 1.

▲ e12e 29 days ago [-]

Web seeded torrent?

One-Click Deployment



Deploy to netlify

✓ Connect to GitHub.

2 Configure your site.

Make this site your own. You can always tweak these settings later.

3 Your site is live!

Just push your changes to GitHub and we'll automatically deploy them to our global CDN.

Repository name

emergency-site

We'll create a repository in your GitHub account with this name.

The title of your site

COVID-19 Information

The full url, e.g. 'https://emergency-site.dev'

https://www.covid19.org

A short description of your site

Updates on the current state of the pandemic

The language, e.g. 'en', 'de', ...

en

The primary color hex code, e.g. '#FF0000'

#9E1A1A

The main contact email address

contact@covid19.org

The main contact phone number

+01 23 456 789 00

Save & Deploy

⚙ .env

```
1 META_TITLE = "COVID-19 Information"
2
3 META_URL = "https://www.covid19.org"
4
5 META_DESC = "Updates on the current ..."
6
7 META_LANG = "en"
8
9 META_COLOR = "#9E1A1A"
10
11 META_EMAIL = "information@emergency.org"
12
13 META_TELEPHONE = "+01 234 567 890"
```

Content Manager Identity | emergency-site

https://emergency-site.dev/admin/#/collections/posts/entries/2020-03-22-example

Writing in Post collection **CHANGES SAVED** Save Delete unpublished changes Check for Preview Set status Publish

TITLE
Crisis information example post

PUBLISH DATE
03/22/2020 2:00 PM

BODY

B *I* <> [Link](#) **H** **”** **☰** **½☰** **+↓** Rich Text Markdown

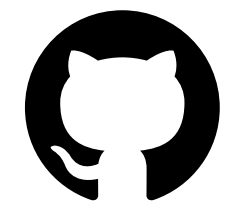
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Links



<https://github.com/maxboeck/emergency-site>



<https://emergency-site.dev>



<https://mxb.dev/blog/emergency-website-kit>

Thank You!

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