



### \*\*\*News Conference Invitation\*\*\*

## Venezuela: Urgent Aid Needed to Combat Covid-19

Human Rights Watch and Johns Hopkins University's Centers for Public Health and Human Rights and for Humanitarian Health are pleased to invite you to a **virtual news conference** at **10:30 a.m. EST** on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020** for the release of a joint report that shows how Venezuela's collapsed healthcare system is failing to cope with Covid-19.

The report documents routine water shortages, sanitation and hygiene failures, lack of reliable official epidemiological data, and authorities' crackdown on health professionals and journalists, which violate Venezuelans' fundamental rights and could have potentially catastrophic consequences for the region. It also includes an analysis of the impact of United States sanctions on the humanitarian situation in Venezuela and detailed recommendations to key international actors, including the United Nations, the European Union, the Lima Group, and the US government to ensure that sufficient humanitarian aid urgently reaches the Venezuelan people.

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*José Miguel Vivanco*, Americas director, Human Rights Watch  
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*Louis Charbonneau*, United Nations director, Human Rights Watch

**When:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. EST

**Where:** Join online via Zoom here:  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82545095541>

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**Please note the press conference will be conducted in English and Spanish. We can schedule interviews in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.**