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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 383,944
Deaths worldwide: 16,595
Countries affected: 169

(Data taken from [Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases dashboard](#) from Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering)

Introduction

The United States has shown sustained progression of the disease and increased by more than 30% the number of new cases in the past 24h. Also, the United Kingdom has gone into lock down, a major event.

As the disease progresses in the world, it's important to note that both South America and Africa are particularly exposed.

Measuring the progression of the disease will depend on reliable reporting, reliant themselves on adequate, early and extensive testing

News

WHO News

FIFA, the international governing body of football, and the World Health Organization (WHO) have teamed up to combat COVID-19 by launching a new awareness campaign led by world-renowned footballers, who are calling on all people around the world to follow five key steps to stop the spread of the disease. The "Pass the message to kick out coronavirus" campaign promotes five key steps for people to follow to protect their health in line with WHO guidance, focused on hand washing, coughing etiquette, not touching your face, physical distance and staying home if feeling unwell.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA

China: People in central China where the coronavirus was first detected are allowed to go back to work and public transport is restarting, as some normality slowly returns after a two-month lockdown. The easing of restrictions in Wuhan city comes as Chinese health officials reported Monday no new local cases of the virus.

South Korea: reported its lowest number of COVID-19 cases since the peak on 29 February. There were 64 new cases on Monday, bringing the total to 8,961. There have been 110 reported deaths.

Taiwan: A total of 215 cases have been confirmed, with 26 cases reported within the last 24 hours. Of the confirmed cases, there have been two deaths and 29 individuals have recovered.

EUROPE

Austria: 653 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 3,679 cases. The total number of deaths is 16. This is the 5th day in a row with daily increases of over 200 cases in 24 hours.

Germany: 5,136 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 28,865 cases. This marks the second day with over 5,000 cases confirmed in a 24-hour period. In addition, 26 new deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 118. Officials have banned public gatherings of more than two people unless individuals live together or the gathering is work-related.

Greece: Currently, the country has reported over 600 cases and 17 deaths. Government officials have closed the borders to all non-EU citizens, and all non-essential businesses have shut down.

Italy: Recorded a smaller day-to-day increase in COVID-19 cases for the second straight day. It is too early to know if the trend is here to stay. Monday showed 4789 new cases, nearly 700 fewer than the increase of 5,560 reported on Sunday. The number of deaths was just over 600 on Monday compared with 651 on Sunday.

Netherlands: At least 4,749 cases have been confirmed in the Netherlands, including 213 deaths.

Norway: The Covid-19 outbreak continues at more or less the same pace. Testing remains steady at about 5,000 per day of which 150-200 come back as positive. **Status Monday (23:30) is 61,251 tested, 2,625 tested positive, 195 admitted to hospital, and 10 deaths.** More than 8,000 health professionals are in quarantine (decline in the last days). There is so far only 1 confirmed case offshore.

Spain: 4,517 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 33,089 cases. This marks the fifth consecutive day with over 3,000 new cases. In addition, 457 new deaths were confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 2182.

United Kingdom: As of Monday evening people must stay at home except for shopping for basic necessities, daily exercise, any medical need and travelling to and from essential work. Shops selling non-essential goods are being told to shut and gatherings in public of more than two people who do not live together are to be prohibited. The UK death toll has reached 335 and they have 6,650 confirmed cases.

MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA

Algeria: 62 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 201 cases. In addition, 2 new deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths to 17 in the country. The number of deaths in the country does not corroborate with the total number of cases suggesting that there may be a larger outbreak than suggested by the number of confirmed cases.

Iran: The death toll has increased to 1,812, with 127 new deaths in the past 24 hours. The country's total number of infected people has reached 23,049. In the past 24 hours, some **1,411 Iranians have** been infected with the virus.

Nigeria: A total of 22 cases have been confirmed in Nigeria, of which two have recovered and were discharged.

South Africa: At least 278 cases have been reported in South Africa.

AMERICAS

Brazil: 419 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 1,620 cases. The total number of deaths is 25. Brazil has reported more than 100 cases since 20 March , reported more than 200 cases on 22 March and more than 300 on 21 March.

Canada: 208 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 1550 cases. This is the second day in a row with over 200 cases reported within 24 hours. Canada has reported a total of 21 deaths in the country.

Mexico: A total of 367 cases have been confirmed, including four deaths reported across several locations; two in Mexico City, one in Durango and one in Jalisco.

United States: 12763 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 39371 cases. This has been the sharpest increase in cases recorded in 24 hours, representing 32% of the total cases reported so far in the country. 119 deaths were reported bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 467.

NEW COUNTRIES

Mozambique, Turks and Caicos Islands and Syria have reported their first case(s) of COVID-19.