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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 938,373

Deaths worldwide: 47,273

Countries affected: 180

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

Introduction

Global cases have exceeded 900,000. The United States has passed 200,000 cases and Italy and Spain have both reported over 100,000 cases.

Russia has agreed to send medical equipment and PPE to the United States.

News

WHO News

WHO has partnered with Rakuten Viber to reach over 1 billion people to provide accurate information about COVID-19. The interactive chatbot on Rakuten Viber allows people to access information in their local languages through their mobile phones. Users can receive the latest news from WHO, learn ways to protect themselves and avoid false information. The Director-General of WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said, "WHO's aim is to reach as many people as possible with reliable health information through innovative digital technology. Information is powerful and can help save lives during this pandemic."

[Source: WHO and Rakuten Viber fight COVID-19 misinformation with interactive chatbot]

ECDC News

[ECDC Guide for infection prevention and control for self-isolation of COVID-19](#) – The majority of people infected with COVID-19 present with mild clinical symptoms that do not need hospitalisation. The European Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) has issued guidelines related to general infection prevention and control measures in the household aimed at limiting transmission during self-isolation. There are instructions on how to segregate the suspected individual from others and how to clean items used by the individual including waste management.

CDC News

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has [published](#) further evidence on the possibility of presymptomatic transmission in the COVID-19 outbreak. At least 243 confirmed cases reported in Singapore between 23 January to 16 March were reviewed. Of the 243 cases, at least 157 were locally acquired and presymptomatic spread is likely to have occurred in 10 cases. It is reported in seven clusters accounting for 6.4% of the locally acquired spread in this group. Data from four of these clusters show that transmission from the infected person, occurred 1-3 days before symptom onset.

There have been previous reports of presymptomatic transmission in China and the United States. The report from China attributes spread via this mode as 12.6% of all transmissions.

Presymptomatic spread may occur "through generation of respiratory droplets" via "Speech and other vocal activities such as singing...with the rate of emission corresponding to voice loudness." Indirect transmission through fomites is also a possibility and a source of concern. Experts state that to control the COVID-19 outbreak effectively, it is vital to account for the possibility of presymptomatic transmission in containment measures. This could be done "by including the period before symptom onset when conducting contact tracing".

These findings support that virus is very likely shed in the absence of symptoms as well as before the onset of symptoms. They also "underscore the importance of social distancing in the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the avoidance of congregate settings."

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA

China: At least 82,394 cases and over 3,000 deaths have been confirmed in China.

India: Reported 386 new cases, bringing the total number to 1,637 cases. This is the first time that India has reported over 300 cases within a 24-hour period. The total number of deaths in the country is 45. This represents a 31% increase in the cumulative case count and a 41% increase in the cumulative death count since yesterday.

South Korea: 89 new cases have been reported since the previous day, bringing the total number of cases to 9,976, and 169 deaths have been reported. At least 21 of the new cases were reported in Daegu.

EUROPE

Belgium: At least 13,964 cases and 828 deaths have been confirmed. Cases are reported across several locations, including Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels.

France: Reported 4,861 new cases, bringing the total number to 56,989 cases. This represents a 9% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday. The total number of deaths in the country is 4,032, which represents a 13% increase in deaths in comparison to yesterday. This is the first time that France has reported over 500 deaths within a 24 hour period.

Germany: Reported 7,574 new cases, bringing the total number to 75,754 cases. This is an 11% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday. The total number of deaths in the country is 909, which is a 33% increase in deaths in comparison to yesterday. This is the second non-consecutive day that the country has reported over 7,000 new cases within a 24-hour period.

Italy: Reported 4,782 new cases, bringing the total number to 110,574 cases. This represents a 4% increase in case counts since yesterday. This is the sixth consecutive day that Italy has reported a decrease in the number of newly reported cases per day. The total number of deaths in the country is 13,155.

Netherlands: More than 1,000 new cases have been reported, bringing the total number of cases to at least 13,696 cases, including 1,173 deaths.

Norway: At least 4,879 cases have been confirmed, including 44 deaths.

Spain: Reported 7,719 new cases, bringing the total number to 102,136 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 9,053. This is the second consecutive day that Spain has reported over 800 deaths in a 24-hour-period.

United Kingdom: Reported 4,324 new cases, bringing the total number to 29,474 cases. The total number of deaths across the UK is 2,352. This is the first day the United Kingdom has reported over 4,000 cases and more than 500 deaths within a 24-hour period.

MIDDLE EAST

Iran: The total number of cases has reached 47,593 with at least 3,036 deaths.

Saudi Arabia: At least 1,720 cases have been confirmed, including 16 fatalities.

AFRICA

Democratic Republic Congo: At least 14 new cases have been reported, 10 of which were in Kinshasa. The total number of cases has reached at least 123, and 11 deaths have been reported.

Kenya: A total of 81 cases have been reported.

South Africa: The total number of cases has reached at least 1,380 including five deaths.

AMERICAS

Argentina: 79 new cases and four new deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 1,133 cases and 33 deaths.

Brazil: The total number of cases has reached at least 6,931 cases with 244 deaths.

Canada: Reported 1,055 new cases, bringing the total number to 9,560 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 112. This represents a 16% increase in the cumulative case count and an 11% increase in the cumulative death count since yesterday. This is the third consecutive day that Canada has recorded over 1,000 new cases and more than 10 deaths within a 24-hour period.

Mexico: Mexico has reported at least 1,378 cases and 37 deaths.

United States: Reported 25,549 new cases, bringing the total number to 207,535 cases. The states with the highest number of confirmed cases include: New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida, California, Massachusetts and Louisiana. The total number of deaths in the country is 4,609. This is the first day the United States has reported over 25,000 new cases and over 900 new deaths within a 24-hour period.

NEW COUNTRIES

No new cases have reported cases of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours.