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## Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 10,695,608

Deaths worldwide: 516,255

Countries affected: 188

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

## Introduction

In the US, 52,982 people tested positive for coronavirus on Wednesday - a new one-day record. States are rolling back plans to open up - New York has paused plans to allow indoor dining. President Donald Trump has said he would wear a mask "in a tight situation".

New Zealand's health minister has resigned after a series of quarantine breaches by travellers.

In the UK, no obvious source for the recent surge of cases in Leicester has been found.

## News

### WHO News

The [risks of an "infodemic"](#) (too much information, some of which can be misleading or harmful) were examined at an Infodemiology conference on 29 June.

The scientific brief on smoking and COVID-19 has been updated, examining available evidence on the risk of smokers being infected by the virus, severity of disease, and deaths among hospitalized COVID-19 patients who smoke. Smoking appears associated with increased severity of disease and death in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

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## Evolution Worldwide

### ASIA & PACIFIC

**Bangladesh:** 3,775 new cases and 41 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 149,258 cases and 1,888 deaths. Restrictions on movements and public activities will remain until 3 August.

**China:** 3 new cases have been reported, 1 in Beijing, 1 in Shanghai and 1 in Guangdong, bringing the total to 83,537 cases and 4,634 deaths.

**Hong Kong:** 28 new cases have been reported. Only one had no travel history, while the rest were imported. The total number of cases is 1,234.

**India:** 19,684 new cases and 434 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 604,641 cases and 17,837 deaths. The worst affected region Maharashtra reported at least 5,537 new cases.

**Indonesia:** On-going cases take the total to 57,770 cases confirmed and 2,934 deaths. At least 25,595 people have recovered. East Java continues to be the hotspot for local transmission. The Government is reminding people to stay home if they are unwell, as well as to use wear masks and maintain social distance when using public transport following reports of crowding on transport.

**Malaysia:** One new imported case has been reported, bringing the total to 8,640 cases and 121 deaths. No local transmission of cases was reported for the first time since March. The total number of cases is 8,640 with 121 deaths.

**Myanmar:** Four new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 303 cases and six deaths. At least 222 patients have recovered.

**New Zealand:** Two new imported cases have been reported. The total number of active cases is 18, six patients have recovered. New Zealand has confirmed a total of 1,180 cases with 22 deaths.

**Singapore:** 188 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 44,310. Singapore's Changi Airport has adopted new contactless measures and cleaning robots to prepare for when travel into and out of the country resumes.

**Thailand:** All new cases are in people who have recently returned from abroad and are in quarantine. Schools have reopened, and visitors have been allowed to enter the country, limited to students and those with family members or work commitments in the country. Pubs and restaurants have also reopened and are permitted to operate until midnight daily.

## EUROPE

**France:** 918 new cases and 18 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 165,719 and 29,861 deaths.

**Germany:** 503 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 195,228 cases including 8,994 deaths.

**Italy:** 187 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 240,760 cases and 34,788 deaths.

**Russia:** 6,760 new cases and 147 deaths have been reported, bringing its total to 661,165 cases and 9,683 deaths. Daily increase in cases has been less than 7,000 for the past week.

**Spain:** 149 new cases and eight deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 249,659 cases and 28,363 deaths. Spain has reopened its borders with Portugal after three months of closure.

**Switzerland:** 137 new cases have been reported. The total number of cases is 31,851 cases with 1,965 deaths. Masks must be worn by everyone above 12 years of age on all public transport from 6 July.

**United Kingdom:** 829 new cases and 176 deaths were reported bringing the total to 313,483 and 43,906 deaths.

## MIDDLE EAST

**Afghanistan:** 186 new cases and 33 deaths reported, bringing the total to 32,022 cases and 807 deaths. The majority of new cases were reported in Kabul (61).

**Bahrain:** 656 new cases and 5 deaths bringing the total to 27,414 cases and 92 deaths.

**Iran:** 2,549 new cases and 141 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 230,211 cases and 10,958 deaths. At least 191,487 patients have recovered and been discharged.

**Iraq:** 2,415 new cases and 107 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 51,524 cases and 2,050 deaths. 341 of the new cases were reported in Al-Rusafa and 235 in Al-Karkh.

**Kuwait:** 46,940 cases and 358 deaths have been reported.

**Oman:** 41,194 confirmed cases and 185 deaths.

**Qatar:** has reported 97,003 cases and 115 deaths.

**Saudi Arabia:** 3,402 new cases and 49 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 194,225 cases and 1,698 deaths.

**United Arab Emirates:** 402 new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 49,069 cases and 316 deaths. Citizens and residents of UAE who plan to travel to low-risk countries must fill a form and agree to travel to no other destination than the one they mentioned. Returning travellers must undergo PCR testing and a 14-day quarantine that can be reduced to 7.

## AFRICA

**Angola:** At least 291 cases and 15 deaths have been confirmed.

**Botswana:** There has been a big jump in cases in the last week, with a total of 227 cases confirmed. The majority of cases are reportedly among foreign nationals who have been deported. Clusters of cases have been reported. There is one fatality and 28 recoveries. Three of the cases are in health care workers.

**Burundi:** A total of 170 cases and one death have been reported.

**Comoros:** At least 303 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, including seven deaths.

**Congo:** Total case count is at 1,329 including 41 deaths and 486 recoveries. About 49 healthcare workers have been affected.

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** More than 7,039 cases, including 169 deaths and 1,801 recoveries have been recorded. 2.2% of the affected population are healthcare workers.

**Eritrea:** At least 203 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed.

**Ghana:** The country has reported at least a 30% rise in cases and deaths have doubled. Schools reopened on 29 June. Authorities continue to stress social distancing, hygiene measures and use of a mask when in public. Health workers in the country have been exempted from paying taxes from July to September.

**Kenya:** At least 307 cases have been confirmed in the last 24 hours. Nairobi and Mombasa continue to be the worst affected areas. Overall, more than 170,000 tests have been conducted nationwide. Discussions to ease restrictions are ongoing.

**Madagascar:** The total number of cases has reached at least 2,303 with 22 deaths.

**Mauritania:** Reported a total of 4,237 cases with 128 deaths.

**Mali:** At least 2,202 cases and 116 deaths have been confirmed. Over 500 cases and nine deaths were reported in Timbuktu, making in the largest outbreak in the country outside the capital Bamako.

**Mozambique:** At least 903 cases and six deaths have been reported.

**Namibia:** Cases have been increasing since late June. A total of 285 cases have been confirmed, of which 24 people have recovered. There have been no deaths reported. Three healthcare workers have been infected. Many of the new cases have been confirmed in Walvis Bay area in Erongo Region. Areas of Erongo Region are in Stage 3, with additional lock downs for Walvis Bay, Arandis and Swakopmund towns. The remainder of the country is at Stage 4 measures.

**Nigeria:** 790 new cases and 13 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 26,484 cases and 603 deaths. Domestic flights will resume operation on 8 July at Abuja and Lagos airports and on 11 and 15 July at other airports.

**Senegal:** 132 new cases and four deaths have been reported. At least 6,925 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Senegal, including 116 deaths.

**South Africa:** Cases continue to sharply rise, with a total of 159,333 cases confirmed. Of these 76,025 people have recovered and 2,749 people have died. South Africa accounts for around half of all the cases detected in the African Region. Western Cape remains the most affected province (40%), followed by Gauteng (29%) and Eastern Cape (18%).

**Zambia:** Cases continue to rise, with a total of 1,632 cases confirmed. Of these there are 30 fatalities and 1,348 recoveries. Health care workers account for 111 infections. Lusaka and Nakonde continue to be the most affected.

## AMERICAS

**Brazil:** 46,712 new cases and 1,038 deaths have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 1,448,753 cases and 60,632 deaths. Entrance to the country will be restricted for 30 days, with the exception of those with permanent residency and work permits. Travellers in transit will also be exempted as long as they remain in the airports.

**Chile:** 2,650 new cases and 65 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 282,043 cases and 5,753 deaths. Lockdown measures in Santiago and several other regions will remain for at least another week.

**Honduras:** Due to the continuing surge in cases, the nationwide 'red alert' has been extended until 12 July and the economic reopening plan has been postponed in heavily affected municipalities. A total of 19,558 cases were confirmed by the end of June, which includes 497 fatalities and 2,060 people who have recovered. Hospital capacity is heavily stretched, with between 88-135% beds full around the country. At least 15% of health care workers have reportedly been infected. Clusters in prisons have been reported, including over 1,500 people infected at just one prison.

**Mexico:** 5,681 new cases and 741 deaths were reported. A total of at least 231,770 cases and 28,510 deaths have been confirmed. Mexico has overtaken Spain in total deaths.

**Peru:** A total of 288,477 cases and 9,860 deaths have been confirmed.

**United States:** 43,644 new cases and 560 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 2,624,873 cases and 127,299 deaths.

## NEW COUNTRIES

No new countries have reported their first case(s) of COVID-19.