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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 1,018,948

Deaths worldwide: 53,210

Countries affected: 181

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

Introduction

More than one million cases of coronavirus have been registered globally. More than 51,000 people have died and more than 208,000 have recovered. The US accounts for the most cases; Italy the highest death toll.

News

WHO News

Understanding of the transmission of COVID-19 virus continues to grow with the evolution of the outbreak. The WHO has issued the following on routes of transmission:

Symptomatic transmission - a symptomatic COVID-19 case is a case who has developed signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19 virus infection. Symptomatic transmission refers to transmission from a person while they are experiencing symptoms.

Pre-symptomatic transmission - the incubation period for COVID-19, which is the time between exposure to the virus (becoming infected) and symptom onset, is on average 5-6 days, however can be up to 14 days. During this period, also known as the "presymptomatic" period, some infected persons can be contagious. Therefore, transmission from a pre-symptomatic case can occur before symptom onset.

Asymptomatic transmission - an asymptomatic laboratory-confirmed case is a person infected with COVID-19 who does not develop symptoms. Asymptomatic transmission refers to transmission of the virus from a person, who does not develop symptoms.

There are few reports of laboratory-confirmed cases who are truly asymptomatic, and to date, there has been no documented asymptomatic transmission. This does not exclude the possibility that it may occur. Asymptomatic cases have been reported as part of contact tracing efforts in some countries. [\[Source: WHO\]](#)

CDC News

Shortages in personal protective equipment (PPE) are posing a great challenge to the healthcare system in the US, and so CDC has optimised strategies to help stretch supplies when availability of PPE is running low. The contingency strategies include, and not limited to, cancelling non-urgent procedures, reserving PPE for healthcare professionals and using alternative barrier precautions such as tissues, and using PPE beyond the designated shelf life for training. During severe shortages of PPE, crisis strategies can be considered, such as using PPE beyond

designated shelf life for patient care activities and using alternative approaches to reduce the risk of exposure of healthcare professionals. Standard practices should be resumed as soon as PPE becomes available.

[Source: [Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment](#)]

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA

China: At least 82,464 cases have been confirmed in China.

EUROPE

Belgium: Over 1,000 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 15,348 cases with 1,011 deaths. More than 5,000 cases have been hospitalised and over 1,000 are in intensive care.

France: 2,116 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 59,105 cases. This represents a 4% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday. This is a smaller increase than seen over the previous 5 days. The total number of deaths in the country is 4,503.

Germany: An increase of 6,174 cases was reported, bringing the total to 84,794 cases and 1,107 deaths. The most affected region is Bavaria with at least 20,237 cases.

Italy: 4,668 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 115,242 cases. This is the seventh 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 13,915.

Spain: 8,102 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 110,238 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 10,003. This is the second time Spain has reported over 900 deaths in a 24-hour-period.

Netherlands: A total of 14,788 cases have been confirmed, 1,083 more than the previous day. At least 5,784 cases have been hospitalised. The total number of deaths is 1,339.

Norway: Norway has reported at least 5,218 cases and 50 deaths.

Switzerland: More than 300 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 18,827 cases, and 536 deaths.

Turkey: Over 2,000 new cases have been reported. The total number of cases has reached 18,135 and the total number of deaths is 356.

United Kingdom: 4,244 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 33,718 cases. The total number of deaths across the UK is 2,921. This is the fifth day that the United Kingdom has reported over 4,000 cases and more than 500 deaths within a 24-hour period.

MIDDLE EAST

Iran: Iran has reported at least 50,468 cases and 3,160 deaths.

Saudi Arabia: At least 1,885 cases have been reported, including 21 deaths.

UAE: At least 1,024 cases and eight deaths have been confirmed.

AFRICA

Egypt: A total of 865 cases have been reported, including 58 deaths.

Morocco: At least 708 cases and 44 deaths have been confirmed.

Niger: 40 new cases were reported, bringing the total number of cases to 74.

AMERICAS

Argentina: A total of at least 1,265 cases and 37 deaths have been reported.

Brazil: At least 8,066 cases have been confirmed, including 327 deaths.

Canada: 1,571 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 11,131 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 161. This represents a 16% increase in the cumulative case count and a 44% increase in the cumulative death count since yesterday. This is the fourth consecutive day that Canada has recorded over 1,000 new cases and the first time that the country registers over 40 deaths within a 24-hour period.

Colombia: The total number of cases has reached 1,161 cases, and the total number of deaths is 19.

Ecuador: 726 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 2,758 cases. This is the first time that Ecuador has reported over 700 cases within a 24 hour period. The total number of deaths in the country is 98. This represents a 35% increase in the cumulative case count and a 24% increase in the total number of deaths since yesterday. Ecuador has the second-highest number of cumulative cases and deaths in South America, after Brazil.

United States: 32,529 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 240,064 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 5,800. This is the first day that the United States has reported over 32,000 new cases within a 24-hour period.

NEW COUNTRIES

Sint Eustatius has reported first cases of COVID-19.