Case Summary
Cases worldwide: 11,451,030
Deaths worldwide: 534,320
Countries affected: 188
(Data taken from Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases dashboard from Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering)

Introduction
Global cases have exceeded 11.4 million. India has passed Russia and is now the country with third highest reported number of cases after reporting over 23,000 new cases in 24 hours.

On Saturday, WHO recorded the highest ever daily increase in global coronavirus cases with over 212,326 confirmed cases, breaking the previous record of 190,566 cases on 28 June.

In the United Kingdom, many celebrations occurred over the weekend to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the NHS and the reopening of pubs and restaurants.

Over 230 scientists from 32 countries have written an open letter to the WHO sharing evidence of airborne transmission of COVID-19 virus. Researchers have been quoted in media sources stating that "smaller particles can infect people" and they think that virus can linger in the air for long periods and float for several metres, infecting anyone nearby." The scientists plan to publish their letter in a scientific journal next week.

If established, this would mean airborne spread would join droplet transmission (direct contact with infected people) and contact with contaminated surfaces as a mode of transmission for COVID-19. A significant revision in infection control recommendations would be required with attention to preventing spread, particularly in poorly ventilated and crowded spaces.

News

WHO News
WHO has accepted the recommendation from the Solidarity Trial’s International Steering Committee to discontinue the trial’s hydroxychloroquine and lopinavir/ritonavir treatment arms for COVID-19.

WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, Dr Takeshi Kasai spoke of a ‘new normal’, one that improves both health and livelihoods during a virtual press conference with the World Economic Forum on COVID-19. The Regional Office for the Americas/PAHO has launched a new site for donations to its COVID-19 Response Fund and the Regional Office for Europe is launching a new podcast service 'Health in Europe'.

WHO is providing support to Iraq, where they are experiencing a shortage of oxygen supplies, 300 oxygen concentrators from WHO's warehouses in the United Arab Emirates have been dispatched.
WHO urges strong safety measures as African countries begin to reopen borders and air spaces, it is crucial that governments take effective measures to mitigate the risk of a surge in infections. The UN Secretary-General, Mr António Guterres in his remarks to the Security Council on the Maintenance of International Peace and Security warned that the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting peace and security around the world. He stated that “Collective security and our shared well-being are under assault on many fronts led by a relentless disease and abetted by global fragilities.”

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

Australia: 140 new cases were reported, of which 127 were in Victoria and 10 in New South Wales, bringing the total to 8,449 cases and 104 deaths. The border between Victoria and New South Wales will be closed as cases spike in Melbourne.

Bangladesh: 2,738 new cases and 52 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 162,417 cases and 2,052 deaths have been reported so far.

China: Four new cases have been confirmed, one each in Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Shaanxi and Beijing. The total number has reached 83,557 cases and 4,634 deaths.

Hong Kong: 10 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 1,268 cases and seven deaths. Eight of the new cases were imported and two were local. This was the first local cases reported since 13 June.

India: Over 23,000 new cases and 613 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 697,413 cases and 19,693 deaths. India now has the third highest number of cases in the world. The reopening of the Taj Mahal has been held back as local authorities plan an extension on restriction measures in Agra.

Malaysia: Five new cases and no deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 8,663 cases and 121 deaths. The number of active cases has gone down to 77.

New Zealand: One new case has been reported in a traveller who arrived from London via Doha and Sydney. The total number of active cases is 22. New Zealand has confirmed a total of 1,184 cases with 22 deaths.

South Korea: 48 new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 13,137 cases and 284 deaths. Single-day increase fell below 50 after having reported over 60 for the past three days.

EUROPE

France: 582 new cases were reported. The total number of cases is 166,960 with 29,893 deaths. The Louvre has reopened after 16 weeks of closure. Areas within the museum where social distancing cannot be maintained remain closed.

Germany: 219 new cases and four deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 196,554 cases including 9,016 deaths.

Russia: 6,611 new cases and 135 deaths have been reported, bringing its total to 687,862 cases and 10,296 deaths.

Spain: An area of more than 200,000 people in the Catalonia region has been locked down due to a sharp increase in the number of cases reported in the area. Non-residents were given until 12pm on 4 July to leave the area.
Lockdown will be enforced using police checkpoints and gatherings will be limited to 10 people. Restrictions have also been imposed in Galicia, travel in and out of Al Marina will be restricted for five days, from midnight until Friday. Gatherings are limited to 10 people and face masks will be mandatory outdoors. At least 250,545 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed, including 28,385 deaths.

**Switzerland:** 70 new cases have been reported. The total number of cases is 32,268 with 1,686 deaths. Events with over 1,000 people remain prohibited until the end of August.

**United Kingdom:** 516 new cases and 22 deaths were reported bringing the total to 285,416 cases and 44,220 deaths.

**Middle East**

**Afghanistan:** A total of 33,190 cases and 898 deaths have been confirmed.

**Iran:** 2,650 new cases and 163 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 240,438 cases and 11,571 deaths. This was the highest daily death toll reported. Iran will reimpose restriction measures in worst-hit regions.

**Iraq:** 2,125 new cases and 105 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 60,479 cases and 2,473 deaths. At least 1,940 people have recovered, the highest daily recoveries recorded so far, resulting in a total of 33,017 recoveries.

**Kazakhstan:** 1,403 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 48,574 cases and 260 deaths. The majority of new cases were reported in Atyrau city with 325 cases.

**Qatar:** 616 new cases and five deaths were reported, bringing the total to 99,799 cases and 128 deaths.

**Saudi Arabia:** 3,580 new cases and 58 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 209,509 cases and 1,916 deaths. New measures will be implemented for domestic pilgrims undertaking Hajj, including prohibiting touching the Kaaba and keeping a 1.5m social distance. Masks will be mandatory.

**United Arab Emirates:** 683 new cases and two deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 51,540 cases and 323 deaths.

**Yemen:** Cases continue to rise with at least 1,248 cases and 337 deaths. Restrictions on movement are in place in some areas and many public offices have been closed. Yemen is also experiencing a humanitarian crises which has caused widespread displacement, hunger, disease outbreaks and severe economic decline.

**Africa**

**Angola:** At least 346 cases and 19 deaths have been confirmed.

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** A total of 7,411 cases and 182 deaths have been confirmed.

**Ghana:** 697 new infections and five deaths were reported. A total of 20,085 cases and 122 deaths have been confirmed.

**Kenya:** 309 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 7,886 cases and 160 deaths, and at least 2,287 patients have recovered.

**Madagascar:** The total number of cases has reached at least 2,941 with 32 deaths. Madagascar has reimposed lockdown in Analamanga, central Madagascar until 20 July.
Mozambique: At least 987 cases and eight deaths have been confirmed

Nigeria: 544 new cases and 11 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 28,711 cases and 645 deaths.

Rwanda: 1092 cases, two deaths and 523 recoveries have been reported. The most recent cases are from Kigali and Rusizi.

South Africa: 10,853 new cases and 74 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 187,977 cases and 3,026 deaths.

AMERICAS

Argentina: At least 72,786 cases and 1,453 deaths have been reported.

Brazil: The Ministry of Health has registered over 150,000 new cases and 4000 deaths in the last 4 days. Cases of COVID-19 now surpass 1.6 million including over 64,000 deaths. Brazilian health regulators have approved clinical trials of a potential COVID-19 vaccine, developed by China. Approximately 9,000 volunteers have been registered so far, to test the vaccine conducted by 12 research centers in six Brazilian states: Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, Brasilia, Rio Grande do Sul and Parana, according to Doria.

Chile: 3,685 new cases and 116 deaths have been reported. A total of 295,532 cases and 6,308 deaths have been confirmed.

Mexico: 4,683 new cases and 273 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 256,848 cases and 30,639 deaths.

Peru: At least 302,718 cases and 10,589 deaths. COVID-19 cases are over 300,000. More than half the cases are reported in Lima. During the state of emergency, over 200 policemen have died from the virus.

United States: The beginning of July has seen 15 states with record increases in new COVID-19 cases. Florida’s numbers have been over 10,000 for three out of the last four days. Cases are rising in Arizona, California and Texas, all recording six straight days of confirmed new cases above 5,000. Also trending upwards are Midwest states of Iowa, Ohio and Michigan. In Texas, hospitalisations rose to a record 7,890 on Saturday compared with 3,247 two weeks ago. The city of Austin officials warn hospitals could reach capacity in two weeks and run out of intensive care unit (ICU) beds in 10 days. In Arizona, about 90% of ICU beds are full.

In addition to rising cases, the percentage of tests coming back positive is increasing. Some health authorities believe a positivity rate above 5% is concerning and indicates there are more cases in the community yet to be detected. Ten states averaged double-digit positivity rates over the past week – Arizona, Florida, South Carolina, Nevada, Alabama, Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Idaho and Kansas.

NEW COUNTRIES

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