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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 7,516,656
Deaths worldwide: 421,498
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 7.5 million. In South America, at least 1.4 million cases have been reported, and there is great concern that the situation will worsen with the arrival of the flu season.

News

WHO News

In his [statement](#), the WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean stressed that the number of COVID-19 cases in the region is still increasing, and he warned that as restrictions are being eased, cases will continue to rise. The best defence is to continue to identify, isolate, test and trace as this is not the time for countries to be complacent.

[Somalia](#) has increased its surveillance to improve its response against COVID-19. Among Eastern African countries, Somalia has the highest recorded death toll. The Early Warning, Alert and Response Network (EWARN) has been expanded to 230 health centres in order to detect suspected COVID-19 cases early. WHO will provide additional support as COVID-19 is now a reportable health condition in Somalia.

WHO has released updated [guidance](#) on the use of masks as a control measure to control the spread of COVID-19, including who needs to wear them, the types that should be used and when, and emphasizes the use of a risk-based approach to have a clear understanding of each country's situation.

ECDC News

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has published the [tenth update](#) to their Rapid Risk Assessment for the COVID-19 situation in the EU/EEA countries and the UK, with overall decreasing trends.

As of 9 June, there have been 1,444,710 cases (20% of all global cases) and 169,207 deaths (42% of all reported deaths) in the region. In the period since the ninth update on 23 April, the cases reported in EU/EEA and UK have dropped from 41% of new cases to 14% of new cases, with a large percentage increases noted in the Americas and Africa.

The non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) that have been employed have reduced transmission levels, with daily new reported cases reducing by 80% since the peak in early April. All countries, except Poland and Sweden, are now past the first peak of transmission. However, there still remain some areas of community transmission.

Most countries have begun relaxation of NPIs heading into the summer holiday period; modelling and forecasting predicts a rise in the coming weeks. Studies of antibodies in blood samples suggest that immunity is low in the general population. Therefore continuous efforts for social distancing and good hygiene measures are required to limit further spread in the absence of treatments and vaccines. Voluntary or mandatory mask-wearing is in place in 24 of the 31 countries in the region.

The ECDC recommends the following measures are maintained in countries;

- Robust surveillance of the situation, to detect any increase in transmission and review the interventions in place.
- Expanded testing, including random sampling and antibody tests to assess the prevalence in the community.
- Active contact tracing.
- Long-term use of appropriate NPIs.
- Risk communication messages to avoid pandemic fatigue.

The ECDC assesses the risk COVID-19 cases rising again to a level which requires re-introducing stricter control measures as moderate to high.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

Indonesia: 979 new cases and 41 deaths were reported, bringing the total number to 35,295 cases and 2,000 deaths. Indonesia has reported a large increase in cases over the past few days. Cases remain highest in Jakarta and East Java, and have been increasing in South Sulawesi and Central Java. The healthcare system is near capacity but not strained and the private health sector is actively engaged in assisting authorities deal with healthcare demand. Testing has increased significantly; between 9 and 10 thousand tests are performed daily. Restrictions have been largely lifted. All persons (including Indonesian nationals) arriving from abroad are required to carry a health certificate showing a negative result for COVID-19 using a PCR test. The certificate must be issued by a recognized health authority no more than 7 days prior to departure for Indonesia.

Japan: A total of 17,292 cases have been confirmed, including 920 deaths and 15,383 recoveries. More providers are offering PCR tests on demand. The situation remains stable and contained with less than 50 new daily cases during the last week; mostly centered on Tokyo. Approximately half of these cases are not linked to known clusters. The metropolitan government in Tokyo has reportedly lifted a warning of a possible increase in cases and moved to response phase three with restrictions further easing for businesses. Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen from 19 June. Media is reporting that business-related travel between Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Vietnam may soon be allowed, with details being finalised. Chubu airport will resume international flights to some destinations after a two-month suspension.

New Zealand: No new cases have been reported for 21 days. The total number of cases remains at 1,504 with 22 deaths. Elimination of COVID-19 will be achieved after 28 days of no cases (two incubation periods), and so if no cases are reported in the next week, the virus will be considered eliminated in New Zealand.

EUROPE

France: 425 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 155,561 cases, including 29,346 deaths.

Germany: 258 new cases and eight deaths were reported, bringing the total number to 185,674 cases and 8,763 deaths.

Georgia: Has reported at least 828 cases and 13 deaths. New cases continue to be reported, though the first wave appears to have passed. Media are reporting that government officials will be sending 10,000 COVID-19 tests to Armenia without cost. Medical personnel will also be sent to provide assistance.

Italy: 379 new cases and 53 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 236,142 cases and 34,167 deaths. Italy will enter Phase 3 of easing lockdown measures on 15 June. Coppa Italia semi-finals will take place tomorrow, 13 June, with Juventus playing against AC Milan.

Russia: At least 511,423 cases and 6,715 deaths have been confirmed. In June 8,500 – 9,000 cases have been reported daily. Moscow city and region account for almost half of the cases, restrictions are swiftly being eased. Final restrictions on self-isolation and scheduled times for going outside were lifted this week. Moscow residents can now begin to resume their normal daily activities, such as visiting hair salons and going outside without limitations. Outdoor terrace dining as well as museums, libraries and zoos will reopen on 16 June. Russian Railways will resume its usual schedule on 24 June.

Spain: 156 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 242,707 cases, including 27,136 deaths. More than half of the new cases were reported in Madrid (72). The Ministry of Health and Education has released new guidelines for schools, children will return to classes in September. Social distancing has been reduced from 2 metres to 1.5. Class sizes are recommended to have 15 students, but can be increased to 20. Children under the age of 10 do not need to adhere to social distancing rules when socialising, but they must remain in self-contained groups and not mix with other groups.

Sweden: At least 46,814 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed with at least 4,795 deaths. The public health authority has decided to stop providing daily press briefings updating the situation. The press briefings will now occur only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

United Kingdom: 1,266 new cases and 151 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 291,409 cases and 41,279 deaths.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: At least 23,546 cases and 446 deaths have been confirmed.

Iran: 2,238 new cases and 78 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 180,156 cases and 8,584 deaths.

Iraq: 1,261 new cases and 31 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 16,675 cases and 457 deaths. The head of the Health Ministry's Public Health Department has stated that full curfew in the country might be extended due to the large increase in cases.

Kazakhstan: 314 new cases were reported, an increase of 2.3%. The total number of cases is 13,872, including 67 deaths. Fatality rate is 0.5%.

Saudi Arabia: 3,733 new cases and 38 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 116,021 cases and 857 deaths.

United Arab Emirates: 479 new cases and two deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 40,986 cases and 286 deaths.

AFRICA

Angola: Five new cases and one death have been reported. The total number of cases is 118 with five deaths.

Democratic Republic of Congo: A total of 4,515 cases and 98 deaths have been confirmed.

Ghana: At least 10,358 cases and 48 deaths have been reported. Several churches across the country have been used as COVID-19 treatment centres.

Kenya: 121 new cases and three deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 3,215 cases with 92 deaths. Borders with Somalia and Tanzania remain closed.

Madagascar: At least 1,203 cases and 10 deaths have been reported.

Mozambique: The total number of cases is 489 with two deaths.

Nigeria: 681 new cases and five deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 14,554 cases and 387 deaths.

South Africa: 3,157 new cases and 74 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 58,568 cases and 1,284 deaths. Since 5 June, NICD has reported over 2,000 new cases a day. South Africa accounts for 25% of total cases in Africa.

AMERICAS

Bolivia: Cases continue to steadily rise – a total of 14,644 cases and 487 deaths have been reported. Media reports of low testing rates may mean the numbers could be much higher.

Brazil: A total of 802,828 cases and 40,919 deaths have been confirmed. On the Rio's Copacabana beach, Brazilians dug 100 graves and stuck black crosses in the sand in a tribute to the nearly 40,000 people who have died so far. Brazil's most populous state Sao Paulo reported a record number of COVID-19 deaths for the second day running on Wednesday. At the same time shops are opening and preparations are being made to reopen malls.

Mexico: 4,790 new cases and 587 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 133,974 cases and 15,944 deaths.

United States: A total of 2,023,347 cases and 113,820 deaths have been confirmed. At least 11 states (Texas, South Carolina, Utah, Arizona, North Carolina, Arkansas, Alabama, Oregon, California, Nevada and Florida) have reported their highest seven-day rolling averages of new cases. A resurgence in new cases has been detected in Florida, Texas and California as these states allow businesses and public areas to reopen. The uptick in California, North Carolina, Utah, and Arizona does not appear to be tied to the protests, but to active community spread in certain neighbourhoods.

Media reports that hospitalisations are on the rise in Texas, North and South Carolina, California, Oregon, Arkansas, Mississippi, Utah, and Arizona, and the spike of new, severe infections is linked to the reopening of states and

Memorial Day long-weekend celebrations. Texas, one of the first states to relax stay-at-home orders, reported record-breaking hospitalisations on Monday and Tuesday. North Carolina, marked the second straight day for record daily number of COVID-19 hospitalizations.

States are still struggling with how to expand testing which will also help measure spread and make decisions about reopening economies. At least 70 COVID-19 testing sites were destroyed in cities across America, which is likely to limit the impact of early detection. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted major labour issues in two US industries: agriculture & food production and nursing homes. Now both are fraught with continued outbreaks while trying to offer workers protection.

NEW COUNTRIES

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