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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 8,035,364

Deaths worldwide: 436,918

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 8 million. South America is the new epicentre with Mexico reporting over 150,000 cases.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has revoked the emergency use authorisations for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine such that they are “unlikely to produce an antiviral effect,” as stated by the FDA chief scientist.

News

WHO News

WHO has released [guidance](#) on maintaining health services during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is to help countries reorganise and maintain access to high-quality health services, as well as considerations to take on when to stop and restart certain services as COVID-19 recedes and resurges.

WHO has also looked at possible risks of transmitting COVID-19 while breastfeeding. Based on current evidence, the [benefits](#) of breastfeeding are greater than potential risks of transmitting the virus. A [Q&A page](#) on breastfeeding and COVID-19 is also available online.

A [photo story](#) has been released to outline 10 actions one can consider in order to protect and improve sexual health during the pandemic. There is currently no evidence of sexually transmitting COVID-19 virus, but it can be passed on by transfer of saliva (i.e. kissing).

WHO has made available several [advices](#) on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, including eating nutritious food, staying active and limiting alcohol intake.

CDC News

The CDC has [released](#) updated recommendations for COVID-19 testing, including guidelines for healthcare personnel and nursing home residents. The guideline for nursing homes is an important addition since the residents are at a high risk for infection and death from COVID-19, and so it is significant to detect cases early and to stop transmission of the virus within the facilities. Updated recommendations include testing residents who have symptoms for other respiratory illnesses like influenza and to avoid testing the same individual more than once within a 24-hour period.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

China: 40 new cases have been reported, 27 of which were in Beijing. The total number of cases is 83,221, including 4,634 deaths. The WHO is working closely with the authorities in China to have a better understanding of the risks of the situation and will then issue international guidance.

Indonesia: 1,017 new cases and 64 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 39,294 cases and 2,198 deaths. This was the highest death toll recorded since restrictions started to ease. The highest number of new cases was reported in East Java (270) followed by Jakarta (142).

Japan: 76 new cases and no deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 17,502 cases and 925 deaths. People are advised to plan their holidays in a staggered manner in order to reduce congestion and control the spread of COVID-19.

New Zealand: Two new cases were reported for the first time after 24 days of no new cases. Both individuals were travellers from the UK who arrived in New Zealand via Australia.

Thailand: No new cases have been reported in 22 consecutive days. The total number of cases is 3,135 with 58 deaths. Exhibition halls and playgrounds have reopened, and restaurants are allowed to serve alcohol. However, pubs and bars remain closed.

EUROPE

France: 152 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 157,372 cases including 29,436 deaths. Paris can now fully reopen restaurants and bars. From 22 June, students excluding those in upper secondary school are expected to return to classes.

Germany: 378 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 186,839 cases and 8,800 deaths.

Italy: 303 new cases and 26 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 237,290 cases and 34,371 deaths. This was the lowest death toll since early March, down from 44 deaths yesterday.

Russia: 8,248 new cases and 193 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 545,458 cases and 7,284 deaths.

Spain: 40 new cases have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 244,109 cases and 27,136 deaths. Spain will reopen its borders with EU and Schengen-area countries on 21 June, except for Portugal, with which borders will remain closed until July.

United Kingdom: 1,056 new cases and 38 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 296,857 cases and 41,736 deaths.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: The total number of cases is 25,633 cases and 484 deaths.

Iran: 2,449 new cases and 113 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 189,876 cases and 8,950 deaths.

Iraq: 1,106 cases and 45 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 21,315 cases and 652 deaths.

Kazakhstan: 383 new cases have been reported, an incidence rate of 2.6%, and four deaths have been confirmed. The total number of cases is 15,192 with 81 deaths. Case fatality rate is 0.5%. Anyone with mild COVID-19

symptoms is subject to medical supervision at home or quarantine facilities. Patients are removed from medical supervision once they show no elevated body temperatures as well as a single negative PCR test.

Saudi Arabia: 4,507 new cases and 42 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 132,048 cases and 1,011 deaths. The most affected region is Riyadh with 35,616 cases, followed by Jeddah with 20,676 cases.

United Arab Emirates: The total number of cases is 42,636 cases and 291 deaths.

AFRICA

Angola: 2 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 142 cases and six deaths. All cases have been recorded in the capital Luanda.

Democratic Republic of Congo: A total of 4,837 cases and 112 deaths have been confirmed.

Ghana: At least 11,964 cases and 54 deaths have been reported. Ghana is commencing a phased reopening of schools. Final year students in colleges and universities will return to classes on the 15 June, final year senior high students are expected to resume on 22 June, and final year junior high school will return on 29 June.

Kenya: The total number of cases is 3,727 including 104 deaths.

Madagascar: At least 1,290 cases and 10 deaths have been confirmed.

Mozambique: The total number of cases is 609 cases and three deaths. Mozambique will close markets and fairs to disinfect and organise new spacing for stalls to help control the spread of COVID-19.

Nigeria: 573 new cases and 4 deaths have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 16,658 cases and 424 deaths.

South Africa: A total of 73,533 cases and 1,568 deaths have been confirmed.

AMERICAS

Brazil: The total number of cases is 888,271 including 43,959 deaths.

Mexico: 3,427 new cases and 439 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 150,837 cases and 17,580 deaths.

United States: 21,957 new cases and 373 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 2,085,769 cases and 115,644 deaths.

NEW COUNTRIES

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