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## Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 8,351,427

Deaths worldwide: 449,027

Countries affected: 188

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

## Introduction

New Zealand has reported another case, the third of the week after 24 days with no cases. Confirmed cases in Brazil near 1 million and case numbers in Peru surpass Italy's case count, ranking it second in South America.

Chief investigators of the Randomised Evaluation of COVid-19 thERapY (RECOVERY) Trial have released a [statement](#) "Low-cost dexamethasone reduces death by up to one third in hospitalised patients with severe respiratory complications of COVID-19" and are now working to publish full details as soon as possible.

The RECOVERY trial was established in March 2020, to test a range of potential treatments for COVID-19, including low-dose dexamethasone (a steroid treatment). Over 11,500 patients have been enrolled into the trial from over 175 hospitals in the UK. 2,104 patients were randomised to receive dexamethasone 6 mg once per day (either by mouth or by intravenous injection) for ten days and were compared with 4,321 patients randomised to usual care alone. Dexamethasone reduced deaths by up to 35% in ventilated patients and in patients on oxygen by 20%. There was no benefit among patients who did not require respiratory support. Based on these results, 1 death would be prevented by treatment of around 8 ventilated patients or around 25 patients requiring oxygen alone.

Dexamethasone has been immediately approved in the UK to treat all hospitalised COVID-19 patients requiring oxygen, including those on ventilators.

## News

### WHO News

The WHO has announced that patients will no longer be randomized to hydroxychloroquine treatment in the global SOLIDARITY trial. The decision was based on analysis of the data from patients treated with hydroxychloroquine in the Solidarity trial and the 'Recovery' trial in the United Kingdom, as well as a Cochrane review of other hydroxychloroquine evidence. COVID-19 patients who are currently on hydroxychloroquine treatment will be allowed to stop or continue treatment at their treating physician's discretion.

The trial will continue investigating the three remaining potential treatments; remdesivir; a combination of lopinavir and ritonavir; or lopinavir and ritonavir plus interferon beta.

The Director for the WHO Regional Office for the Americas (PAHO), Dr. Carissa F. Etienne, has requested that countries "work together to strengthen the health response within their territories and across frontiers (PAHO) has also "extended its alliance with Twitter" in an effort to combat infodemics by providing reliable and factual information about the pandemic in the Americas region.

One way WHO is providing support in Africa is through the roll-out of a Partnership to Accelerate Testing in Africa (PACT), with the goal of increased testing, contact tracing, and treatment throughout the region.

## ECDC News

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) published interim guidance for public health authorities in the European Union (EU), European Economic Area (EEA), and the United Kingdom (UK) involved in planning response activities to the COVID-19 pandemic. The [document \[PDF\]](#) aims to provide standard framework at the EU, national and sub-national levels in terms of preparation, prevention and control of COVID-19. It also provides guidance on what information to collect, how to collect it, and how to analyse it.

The specific objectives are:

- epidemiological situation of COVID-19, including geographical spread, intensity in the general population and disease burden overall and in specific geographic areas or demographic groups;
- 'non-pharmaceutical interventions and public health response measures to COVID-19, overall and in specific geographic areas or demographic groups;
- effects of relaxing or enhancing specific interventions on the epidemiology of COVID-19, overall and in specific geographic areas or demographic groups;
- early warning indicators for increased COVID-19 transmission in specific geographic areas or demographic groups necessitating enhanced prevention and control measures;
- key areas where preparedness, surveillance, prevention and control can be improved.

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## Evolution Worldwide

### ASIA & PACIFIC

**Bangladesh:** A surge in the number of cases has been reported in the country bringing the total to 98,489 with 1,305 deaths. The highest case fatality rate, at 31.6%, was reported in the age group of 61 to 70 years. Men represented 70% and 79% of the total confirmed cases and deaths respectively.

**Cambodia:** One new case has been reported, bringing the total to 129 cases.

**China:** In Beijing, 31 new locally acquired cases have been reported, with 3 new suspected and 6 asymptomatic cases. Nineteen of the new cases are in Fengtai district, with the remainder in the districts of Daxing, Dongchen, Haidian and Xicheng.

**Hong Kong:** Eight more cases have been reported, bringing the total to 1,121 cases.

**India:** 12,281 new cases and 334 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 366,946 cases and 12,237 deaths. This was the highest daily increase in cases so far. The most affected regions are Maharashtra, Delhi and Tamil Nadu.

**Indonesia:** 1,031 new cases and 45 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 41,431 cases and 2,276 deaths. The majority of new cases were reported in Jakarta, Central Java, East Java, South Kalimantan and South Sulawesi. Indonesia has the highest number of cases in Southeast Asia.

**Malaysia:** 10 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 8,515 cases and 121 deaths.

**Myanmar:** At least 263 cases and six fatalities have been confirmed. A total of 55,413 tests have been conducted so far. Authorities have extended the closure of all preschools and kindergartens until 30 June. From 21 July onwards, high school students will resume classes followed two weeks later by primary and middle schools. If a positive case is reported after re-opening of schools it will be closed down immediately.

**New Zealand:** One new case was reported in a traveller arriving from Pakistan via Doha and Melbourne. This is the third case this week after reporting no new cases for 24 consecutive days. All passengers on the flight have been alerted.

**Pakistan:** Officials have stated that they will continue to use dexamethasone in serious cases of COVID-19, after the WHO recommended the drug for critically ill patients. Pakistan has been included in WHO's UNITY study as well, which aims to provide awareness for COVID-19 transmission. More than 160,118 COVID-19 cases have been confirmed including at least 3,093 deaths.

**Singapore:** 247 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 41,216 cases.

**Thailand:** Six new cases and no deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 3,141 cases and 58 deaths. Thailand has reported no local transmission for 24 consecutive days.

## EUROPE

**France:** 458 new cases and 28 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 158,174 cases and 29,575 deaths.

**Germany:** 580 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 187,764 cases including 8,856 deaths.

**Georgia:** Five new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 893 cases and 14 deaths.

**Italy:** 329 new cases and 43 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 237,828 cases and 34,448 deaths.

**Romania:** 345 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours, the highest daily increase in the last six weeks. The total number of cases has exceeded 22,000.

**Russia:** 7,843 new cases and 194 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 553,301 cases and 7,478 deaths. The most affected region is Moscow, recording 1,065 new cases in the last 24 hours, taking its total to 209,745 cases.

**Spain:** 141 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 244,683 cases and 27,136 deaths. The number of new cases is nearly double the number reported the previous day (76 cases).

**Sweden:** At least 54,562 cases and 5,041 deaths have been confirmed.

**United Kingdom:** 1,115 cases and 184 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 299,251 cases and 42,153 deaths. The English Premier League has restarted with two games played yesterday.

## MIDDLE EAST

**Afghanistan:** A total of 27,337 cases and 546 deaths have been recorded.

**Bahrain:** At least 19,961 cases and 49 deaths have been confirmed.

**Iran:** 2,612 new cases and 120 deaths have been reported. The total number of cases is 195,051, including 9,185 deaths.

**Iraq:** The highest daily increase in cases was reported from Baghdad, Sulaimaniyah, Maysan and Diwaniyah. Many health care workers have been infected in the country. More than 10,000 cases have also recovered. At least 25,254 cases and 773 deaths have been reported.

**Kazakhstan:** 335 new cases have been reported, an increase of 2.2%, and 12 deaths have been confirmed. The total number of cases is 15,877 with 100 deaths.

**Palestinian Territories:** Has reported at least 700 cases and five fatalities. New daily infections remain low. Most of the cases have been in Jerusalem and other northern governorates. Nearly 600 people have recovered, with 132 active cases remaining.

**Saudi Arabia:** 4,919 new cases and 39 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 141,234 cases and 1,092 deaths. Saudi Arabia has announced approval of the use of dexamethasone as part of the treatment protocol for COVID-19 patients.

**United Arab Emirates:** 382 new cases and two deaths were confirmed, raising the total to 43,364 cases and 295 deaths.

## AFRICA

**Angola:** Seven new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 155 cases and seven deaths. 152 of the cases are in Luanda and three in northern Cuanza Norte.

**Democratic Republic of Congo:** The total number of cases has reached 5,100 with 115 deaths.

**Ghana:** 397 new cases and eight deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 12,590 cases and 66 deaths. The majority of the new cases were reported in Greater Accra Region (249), which remains the epicentre.

**Kenya:** At least 4,044 cases and 107 deaths. Cases have been steadily increasing in June, with local transmission accounting for 85% of cases. Males are more affected, making up over two-thirds of cases. Nairobi and Mombasa remain the most affected, 40 of the country's 47 counties have reported cases. A total of 4,044 cases have been confirmed, of these 107 people have died and over 1,350 people have recovered.

**Madagascar:** A total of 1,378 cases and 12 deaths have been confirmed.

**Mozambique:** New cases reported bringing the total to 638 cases and four deaths. At least 576 cases are locally transmitted and 62 imported, mostly from neighbouring South Africa.

**Nigeria:** 587 new cases and 14 deaths were reported, bringing the total to 17,735 cases and 469 deaths. The most affected region is Lagos with 7,616 cases.

**Rwanda:** Additional cases have been reported taking the total to 636 cases and two deaths. Cases continue to be reported from the Rusizi cluster and repatriated Rwandans.

**South Africa:** The total number of cases has reached 80,412 with 1,670 deaths.

## AMERICAS

**Argentina:** The President is reported to have gone into voluntarily isolation as cases continue to increase sharply. A total of 35,552 cases have been confirmed, of which 913 people have died and over 10,500 people have recovered. The city and province of Buenos Aires accounts for around 89% of all cases. Catamarca remains the only province without any reported cases.

**Brazil:** A total of 955,377 cases and 46,510 deaths have been confirmed.

**Canada:** Downward trend in cases continues. Nearly all new cases are being reported in Ontario and Quebec. There are at least 99,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases, more than 8,200 of which have been fatal.

**Chile:** 4,757 new cases and 232 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 220,628 cases and 3,615 deaths. Chile has issued stricter lockdown rules, including reducing the number of permits to go out, issued per person per week, from five to two.

**Honduras:** The President and First lady have tested positive for COVID-19, amid surging cases in June. Further clusters have been reported in some government institutions, a hospital and national prisons. A total of 10,299 cases have been confirmed; including 336 deaths and 1,116 recoveries. The 'red alert' has been extended until at least 28 June across all 18 departments. Parts of the economy started to reopen on 8 June, after months of restrictions began to ease.

**Mexico:** 4,930 new cases and 770 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 159,793 cases and 19,080 deaths.

**Peru:** An increase in case numbers have been reported, surpassing Italy's case count. The country has the highest numbers in Latin America just after Brazil. The new infections, are down by more than half since the peak in late May. At least 240,908 cases and 7,257 deaths have been confirmed.

**United States:** 27,975 new cases and 722 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 2,132,321 cases and 116,862 deaths. Several states including Arizona, Florida, Oklahoma, Oregon and Texas reported record increase in cases.

## **NEW COUNTRIES**

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