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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 8,491,673

Deaths worldwide: 454,023

Countries affected: 188

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

Introduction

The UK COVID-19 Alert Level was downgraded from level four to level three, indicating that virus transmission is no longer “high or rising exponentially”, but is “in general circulation”. England’s COVID-19 app which was trialled on the Isle of Wight has been ditched.

In Germany’s western state of North Rhine-Westphalia, around 7,000 people have been placed in quarantine and schools and kindergartens have been closed after an outbreak of coronavirus believed to have come from Tönnies, a meat processing plant in Rheda-Wiedenbrück, where there have been 657 confirmed cases of the virus.

New York will begin phase two of reopening on Monday. Offices, in-store retail, outdoor dining, hair salons and barbershops are among the businesses allowed to reopen their doors during phase two.

News

WHO News

WHO is closely [monitoring](#) the situation in Beijing, where at least 158 cases associated with a wholesale market have been confirmed, as well as the situation in Chile, where over 36,000 new cases were reported. WHO remains in close contact with respective national authorities.

WHO has released an updated [guidance](#) for clinicians on feeding and caring for infants and children with mothers affected with COVID-19. This document, published on 27 May 2020, aims to replace the previous version that was published on 13 May. The guidance includes advice for mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to continue breastfeeding since the benefits outweigh the potential risks of transmission. Mother and child should also remain together and practice skin-to-skin contact immediately after birth and while breastfeeding, regardless of whether they or their child have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

Bangladesh: 3,803 new cases and 38 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 102,292 cases and 1,342 deaths.

China: 32 new cases have been reported, 25 of which were in Beijing, resulting in a total of 83,325 cases and 4,634 deaths. Chief epidemiologist for the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Wu Zunyou has stated the epidemic situation in Beijing is under control. Wu advised "Although Beijing has been reporting confirmed cases every day, this does not mean that all cases are newly infected." Wu also stated that 21 new cases reported on 18 June were "basically infected before 12 June." More cases are expected in the following days, though the number should decline.

The Beijing Municipal Health Commission reported that within the 21 new cases there are eight clusters related to the market. They provide details for one of those clusters - a chef from a restaurant had been to the market and developed symptoms on 13 June. The other six employees at the restaurant, who also live together, had not been to the market however all have now tested positive.

Hong Kong: Three new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 1,128 cases.

India: Over 13,000 new cases and 336 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 380,532 cases and 12,573 deaths. Maharashtra and Delhi recorded the highest daily increase in cases, with 3,752 and 2,877 cases respectively. India has extended lockdown restrictions in containment zones until 30 June.

Indonesia: 1,331 new cases have been reported, taking the total to 42,762 cases and 2,339 deaths. This is the largest daily increase in cases so far.

Japan: A small spike of cases has been noted this week, with two consecutive days of more than 70 cases, above the average of 46 daily cases throughout June. A total of 17,668 cases have been confirmed, including 935 fatalities and 15,930 recoveries. All domestic travel restrictions and Tokyo business restrictions have been lifted as of today. 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: No new cases have been reported after the third case confirmed this week. The number of COVID-19 tests has increased, with at least 6,273 tests performed as part of contact tracing of the three recent cases.

Pakistan: 4,944 new cases and 136 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 165,062 cases and 3,229 deaths. The majority of cases were reported in Punjab with 61,678 cases, followed by Sindh with 62,269 cases.

Singapore: A total of 41,473 cases and 26 deaths have been confirmed. Singapore has lifted restrictions on socialising, shopping and dining. People can now get together with no more than five others. Gyms and massage parlours have also reopened, but cinemas and bars remain closed, and mass religious gatherings are prohibited.

South Korea: Newly confirmed cases have been at or below 100 per day for 70 consecutive days. Around 50 new cases have been reported each day for the past few days. There has also been an additional 2 deaths. South Korea has reported 12,257 cases and 280 deaths.

Thailand: Five new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 3,146 cases and 58 deaths. Thailand has confirmed 25 days without local transmission of the virus.

Vietnam: Despite the end of the lock down, there does not appear to be any resurgence in cases after more than 60 days with no local transmission. The trend of occasional (imported) cases is expected to remain. Social restrictions in the country have eased however, mask-wearing is strongly encouraged in public. Domestic flights have resumed.

EUROPE

France: 467 new cases and 28 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 158,641 cases and 29,603 deaths.

Germany: 770 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 188,534 cases including 8,872 deaths. At least 657 cases were confirmed in the western state of North Rhein Westphalia at a meat processing plant. Authorities have imposed local lockdowns to control the spread of the virus.

Iceland: Sporadic cases continue to be reported. There have been 1,815 cases, 10 people have died and 1,801 people have recovered. The Capital Region remains the most affected area. Restrictions have been easing, the latest include the limit on crowds increased to 500 people and relaxed tourist entry rules for people from the Schengen zone. Travellers are permitted to be screened on arrival instead of undergoing 14 days of quarantine. From 1 July the border will be open to all visitors.

Italy: 333 new cases and 66 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 238,159 cases and 34,514 deaths. The worst-hit region is northern Lombardy with 216 new cases reported. A large celebration took place when Napoli defeated Juventus, claiming the Coppa Italia, and thousands of fans took to the streets, ignoring social distancing rules and wearing no face masks.

Russia: A total of 560,321 cases and 7,814 deaths have been confirmed. New daily cases have dropped below 8,000 for the last three days – the lowest number since the start of May. Clinical trials of an experimental vaccine developed in Russia have begun in Moscow. State media reports the Government anticipates receiving results in August and scaling up production of the vaccine in August-September 2020.

Spain: 143 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 244,268 cases and 27,136 deaths. Barcelona and Leida in Catalonia have eased more restrictions as they enter the final phase of reopening. State of emergency will end on 21 June.

Sweden: At least 56,043 cases and 5,053 deaths have been confirmed. A study has found that 6.1% of the Swedish population developed COVID-19 antibodies, which is too low to consider herd immunity.

Turkey: 1,304 new cases, 21 deaths and 1,382 recoveries were recorded on 18 June bringing the total to 184,031 cases and 4,882 deaths. An increase in cases has been observed in recent days after several restrictions were lifted. Authorities have made wearing of masks compulsory in the major cities including Istanbul and Ankara. According to media reports, the country is unlikely to have a lockdown again to curb the rising number of cases.

United Kingdom: 1,218 cases and 135 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 300,469 cases and 42,288 deaths. The Alert Level in the UK has been downgraded from level four to level three, expecting “gradual relaxation of restrictions”. Frontline workers and those over the age of 50 will be prioritised in receiving a vaccine once it is developed.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: 658 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 27,532 cases and 546 deaths.

Egypt: 1,218 cases have been reported, bringing the total to 50,437 cases and 1,938 deaths. Egypt plans to reopen its airports for international flights on 1 July.

Iran: 2,596 new cases and 87 deaths have been reported. The total number of cases is 197,647, including 9,272 deaths.

Iraq: 1,463 new cases and 83 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 25,717 cases and 856 deaths. This was the highest death toll reported. The majority of new cases were reported in Baghdad (515) followed by Sulaimaniyah (136).

Kazakhstan: 474 new cases have been reported, an increase of 3%, and five deaths have been confirmed. The total number of cases is 16,351 with 105 deaths. Majority of new cases were reported in Nur Sultan (103) followed by Karaganda (57). At least 10,139 patients have fully recovered and were discharged. Media are reporting that former President Nursultan Nazarbayev is infected. Several other Government members have also tested positive recently.

Saudi Arabia: 4,757 new cases and 48 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 145,991 cases and 1,139 deaths.

United Arab Emirates: 388 new cases and three deaths were confirmed, raising the total to 43,752 cases and 298 deaths.

AFRICA

Angola: 11 new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 166 cases and eight deaths.

Democratic Republic of Congo: The total number of cases has reached 5,283 with 117 deaths.

Ghana: A total of 12,929 cases and 66 deaths have been confirmed.

Kenya: 213 new cases and 10 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 4,257 cases and 117 deaths. This was the highest daily increase in cases.

Madagascar: A total of 1,403 cases and 13 deaths have been confirmed.

Mozambique: New cases have been reported bringing the total to 662 cases and four deaths.

Nigeria: 745 new cases and six deaths were reported, bringing the total to 18,480 cases and 475 deaths. Nigeria has reported the highest daily increase in cases so far.

South Africa: 3,478 new cases and 63 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 83,890 with 1,737 deaths.

AMERICAS

Argentina: A total of 37,510 cases and 948 deaths have been confirmed.

Brazil: 1,238 new cases have been reported. A total of 978,142 cases and 47,748 deaths have been confirmed. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has published “ Guidelines for the Management of Patients with COVID-19 ”, a guide for the care of patients from the first encounter with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, to hospital discharge. The target audience is health professionals and managers. The MOH has also issued new guidelines for the use of

medicines. The use of chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine, in the early treatment of patients with Covid-19 is included.

Canada: A total of 100,220 cases and 8,300 deaths have been reported. This total was reached after Ontario reported 173 new cases. Major restrictions remain in place in Montreal and Toronto.

Mexico: 5,662 new cases and 667 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 165,455 cases and 19,747 deaths. Mexico has again recorded the highest daily increase in cases.

United States: 22,834 new cases and 754 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 2,155,572 cases and 117,632 deaths. Health officials in California urge everyone to wear face masks when outside their homes.

NEW COUNTRIES

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