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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 8,952,428

Deaths worldwide: 468,331

Countries affected: 188

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

Introduction

The highest increase in global cases has been recorded with over 183,000 cases reported in a 24-hour period. The largest increase was from North and South America, with over 116,000 new cases reported. The total number of cases in South America has exceeded 2 million; Brazil alone has confirmed over 1 million cases.

News

WHO News

The WHO Regional Director for Europe [shared](#) that the European Region accounts for 31% of COVID-19 cases and 43% of COVID-19 deaths globally and emphasised the need to prepare for autumn. The WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean [reiterates](#) that despite growing knowledge about the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much unknown about the disease. As more is understood, recommendations for control measures will evolve.

WHO Regional Office for the Americas [highlight](#) that “services for the prevention and treatment of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) have been critically affected since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Region”.

Oman has [launched](#) new technology, named ‘Tarassud Plus’. Tarassud Plus includes “a combination of a mobile application using artificial intelligence, with enhanced features that include up-to-date COVID-19 statistics, guidelines and best practices to prevent the spread of infection”.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

Australia: Victoria has reported another 16 cases of COVID-19, with 6 of them linked to known outbreaks in the state. Four of the new cases are returned travellers in quarantine hotels. At least 7,461 cases and 102 deaths have been confirmed.

Bangladesh: 3,531 new cases and 39 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 112,306 cases and 1,464 deaths.

Cambodia: No new cases have been reported. The total number of cases remains at 129.

China: Another nine cases have been identified, in addition to five more asymptomatic cases. The confirmed cases are from the districts of Chaoyang District (1), Fengtai (5), Haidian (2) and Xicheng (1). Analysis of the virus in this outbreak shows links to the strains in Europe, suggesting that the virus has been re-introduced to China from abroad. China has reported 83,396 cases and 4,634 deaths.

India: A total of 425,282 cases and 13,699 deaths have been confirmed. At least 25 luxury hotels in Delhi have been transformed into emergency COVID-19 care centres for those with mild to moderate symptoms.

Malaysia: 16 new cases and no deaths were reported, bringing the total to 8,572 cases and 121 deaths.

Maldives: New daily cases have decreased in the Maldives since peaking in late May-early June. A total of 2,203 cases have been confirmed, of which eight people have died and 1,803 people have recovered. Over 99% of all cases are from known clusters.

Nepal: In the last 10 days, new cases in the range of 300-600 are being reported daily. On 18 June a record high of 671 cases was reported. This increased number may be due to increased testing as well as a lot of migrant returnees from India, Gulf and South-East Asia. They are being quarantined for 14 days. At least 9,026 cases and 22 deaths have been reported.

New Zealand: Two new cases have been reported, bringing the total number of active cases to nine. One of the new cases arrived from Pakistan and the other from India. The total number of confirmed cases is 1,511. New Zealand is introducing tougher measures to strengthen its borders such that anyone arriving in the country must test negative for COVID-19 before leaving quarantine, and multiple tests may be required.

Papua New Guinea: The first case in 58 days has been confirmed. The Australian Defence Force announced a member, who had been posted to Papua New Guinea since January, developed "cold and flu-like" symptoms on 5 June and had been self isolating. Authorities have declared "No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 14-day period prior to boarding an aircraft and have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19."

Singapore: Over the last few days, there has been a decline in the number of new cases. The range is between 140 to 260 new cases daily, mostly migrant workers. Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded favourably to Malaysia's proposal to lift border restrictions between the two countries. A bilateral arrangement is being planned to maintain public health protocols. At least 42,095 cases and 26 deaths have been reported.

Taiwan: Three more cases were reported in the last week. They were associated with travel, having returned from Bangladesh (transited via Malaysia). All passengers who have recently returned from abroad are placed in a designated quarantine facility. At least 446 cases and seven deaths confirmed.

Thailand: At least 13 new cases were reported in Thailand over the past week. They are all imported cases who were under state quarantine. No domestic cases have been reported in Thailand for at least 27 days. The government of Thailand is looking to further relax restrictions from July. At least 3,148 confirmed cases, including 58 deaths.

EUROPE

France: 284 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 160,377 cases including 29,640 deaths. All students, from kindergarten to elementary and secondary schools, up to the age of 15 will return to classes after over three months of staying at home.

Germany: 537 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 190,359 cases including 8,885 deaths. The number of cases confirmed at the slaughterhouse in north western Germany has reached 1,029. Germany's reproduction rate jumped from 1.79 to 2.88, indicating that infection rates have increased above the level required to contain the disease in the country.

Hungary: The decline in new cases continues. In the last 14 days the maximum number of cases seen in a single day was 44 and only 8 new cases were reported on 21 June. No deaths were recorded in the last 24 hours. 2,589 patients have recovered. Emergency has been lifted but preparedness plans have been put in place. Wearing a mask remains mandatory in shops and when travelling on public transport.

Ireland: Case activity has declined further in Ireland. Only six additional cases were confirmed on 21 June. Total cases are now at 25,379. Authorities have released a roadmap to reopening of society and businesses, with country to enter phase 3 on 29 June.

Italy: 224 new cases and 24 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 238,499 cases and 34,634 deaths. This was the lowest death toll reported since 2 March. Sewage studies in Italy have found traces of COVID-19 virus in wastewater collected in December 2019 in Milan and Turin, suggesting that the virus was present in northern Italy much earlier than expected.

Norway: The number of hospital admissions and ICU-treated remain low and more or less stable the last weeks as the country has been returning to normal. New cases are in the range of 5-15 per day, most of them in Oslo. Status Monday (09:00) is: 302,659 tested, 8745 tested positive, 14 admitted to hospital, 4 in respirator and 244 deaths of which 92 are in hospitals. Average age is 82. A total of 915 patients have been admitted to hospital for treatment of COVID-19 and they have an average age of 60 years. No new cases offshore. Borders are now open between Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland and Gotland. Furthermore, EU-citizens visiting family or with property in Norway may enter without quarantine at the border (but they must observe home-quarantine upon arrival). The authorities recommend against leisure travel abroad until 20 August, but job travel within the Nordic countries is allowed. Amusement parks, pools and aqua parks have opened. Most sporting activities (except tournaments) are allowed and actors/theatres may rehearse and perform without any distancing (actors may now be intimate). Travel quarantine is reduced to 10 days. Social distancing is now set to 1 meter and meetings/events with up to 200 people (including cinemas) are now allowed as long as proper distancing is observed. Events with more than 200 people are still banned. Airlines can now fly with a full cabin (passengers are required to use a face mask by SAS and Norwegian).

Russia: A total of 583,879 cases and 8,101 deaths have been confirmed.

Spain: 141 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 264,272 cases and 28,323 deaths. Spain's three-month state of emergency has ended and visitors arrived as borders with countries in the EU and Schengen area reopened, except for those with Portugal which will reopen on 1 July. British visitors, like the rest of those from EU, will not be required to undergo 14-day quarantine upon arrival.

United Kingdom: 1,221 cases and 43 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 304,331 cases and 42,632 deaths. Non-essential stores will reopen in Wales with strict social distancing measures in place.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: 310 new cases and 12 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 29,143 cases and 598 deaths.

Bahrain: 415 new cases and 3 deaths have been reported bringing the total to 21,331 cases and 60 deaths.

Iran: 2,368 new cases and 116 deaths have been reported. The total number of cases is 204,952, including 9,623 deaths.

Iraq: A total of 30,868 cases and 1,100 deaths have been confirmed. A 56-year-old Iraqi football legend Ahmad Radhi has died of COVID-19 after being hospitalised last week.

Kazakhstan: 507 new cases have been reported, an increase of 2.9%. The total number of cases is 17,732 with 120 deaths. Majority of new cases were reported in Nur Sultan (103) followed by Karaganda (58). Atyrau has opened a new COVID-19 centre in Makhambet Tuberculosis Hospital with 100 beds to help patients with mild COVID-19 symptoms.

Saudi Arabia: 3,379 new cases and 37 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 157,612 cases and 1,267 deaths. Nationwide curfew has been lifted, but international travel remains prohibited and pilgrimages are still not allowed.

United Arab Emirates: The total number of cases is 44,925 with 302 deaths. Foreign nationals with residency visas can now return to the emirates, and visitors will be allowed to enter from 7 July.

AFRICA

Angola: At least 183 cases and nine deaths have been confirmed.

Democratic Republic of Congo: The total number of cases has reached 5,826 with 130 deaths.

Ghana: A total of 14,154 cases and 85 deaths have been confirmed.

Kenya: 260 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 4,738 cases and 23 deaths. This was the highest recorded daily increase in cases. Nationwide curfew will be effective until 6 July.

Madagascar: A total of 1,596 cases and 14 deaths have been confirmed.

Mozambique: 45 new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 733 cases and five deaths.

Nigeria: 436 new cases and 12 deaths were reported, bringing the total to 20,244 cases and 518 deaths.

South Africa: The total number of cases has reached 97,302 with 1,930 deaths.

AMERICAS

Bolivia: The total number of cases is 24,388 including 773 deaths.

Brazil: At least 1,083,341 cases and 50,591 deaths have been confirmed. Brazil is the second country to report over 50,000 deaths after the US.

Chile: 5,607 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 242,355 cases and 4,479 deaths. The capital city Santiago has the fourth highest number of confirmed cases for a city, after New York, Moscow and Sao Paulo.

Haiti: An increase in cases has been noted in Haiti. The total number of cases is 4,980 as at 18 June, with the majority of cases recorded in Ouest department.

Mexico: 5,343 new cases and 1,044 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 180,545 cases and 21,825 deaths. Mexico will recommence sending temporary farmworkers to Canada after both countries agreed on improving safety precautions for the workers on Canadian farms.

Peru: 3,598 new cases and 184 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 254,936 cases and 8,045 deaths. Peru has the second highest number of cases in South America after Brazil. The capital city Lima is the epicentre with at least 144,623 confirmed cases. The state of emergency has been extended to 30 June.

United States: 32,411 new cases and 560 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 2,248,029 cases and 119,615 deaths.

NEW COUNTRIES

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