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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 537,042
Deaths worldwide: 24,110
Countries affected: 176

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

Introduction

The US now holds the record of most cumulative case as more than 19,000 new cases were diagnosed in the past 24 hours. The biggest impact has been on New York City.

Meanwhile, Italy and Spain are still seeing new cases however numbers seem to be stabilising. Spain has shut its borders to non-Spanish nationals/residents.

Other countries in Europe are starting to see a sharp increase in the number of new cases.

News

WHO News

The Director-General of WHO, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, asked the Heads of State at the G20 Leaders' Summit yesterday to come together in unity to fight against COVID-19, claiming that it is a global crisis that needs a global response. He urged the leaders to unite and to "fight without excuses" and encouraged them to "ignite a global movement" in order to guarantee that such crisis will never take place again. G20 members promised to work together to help increase funding for research for vaccines and medicines, strengthen international scientific cooperation and use digital technologies to maximum advantage.

[Source: [WHO Director-General calls on G20 to Fight, Unite, and Ignite against COVID-19](#)]

ECDC

In their seventh [update](#), ECDC has reported that a large number of COVID-19 cases have been reported in the European Union (EU) countries and the UK. The risk of severe disease within the EU is determined as very high among the elderly and those with underlying chronic illnesses and moderate for everyone else. The risk of community transmission will be very high if mitigation measures are not implemented but only moderate if implemented.

Recent data has shown that although most cases reported in the European countries have recovered, approximately 30% required hospitalisation and 4% needed critical care. Children accounted for a small fraction of confirmed cases, with about 1% being under 10 and 4% between 10 and 19 years of age.

Evolution Worldwide

New Zealand: 78 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 283 cases.

ASIA

China: 67 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 81,285. The total deaths in the country is 3,287. All 67 new cases were imported from unspecified locations abroad. China announced they will lift travel restrictions in Hubei province. This does not include the city of Wuhan. The lifting of travel orders is followed by an easing of restrictions in the region in recent days.

Chinese government officials have **announced** that in view of the rapid spread of COVID-19 across the world China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry of foreign nationals into China.

Singapore: At least 683 cases have been confirmed, with over 50 new cases reported in the previous day.

South Korea: A total of 9,332 cases have been confirmed, 91 cases more than the previous day. The total number of deaths has reached at least 139.

EUROPE

Belgium: 1,298 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 6,235 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 220. This is the first time Belgium has reported over 1,000 cases in one day, and the third day in a row with more than 30 deaths within a 24-hour period.

France: Over 400 cases have been confirmed, bringing the total number of cases to 29,567, including 1,696 fatalities.

Germany: More than 5,700 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 42,288 cases. The most affected regions include Bavaria with at least 9,481 cases and North-Rhine Westphalia with 9,235 cases.

Italy: 6,153 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 80,539 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 8,165. This is the second day with over 6,000 new cases reported within a 24-hour period.

Norway: Status Friday is 73,089 tested (not updated in the last 48h), 3,372 tested positive (+213 in the last 24h), 265 admitted to hospital (+25) and 14 deaths. Approx. 6,300 health professionals are in quarantine (significant decline in the last days). There is so far only 1 confirmed case offshore. Advice to the public remains the same and general restrictions/lockdown is extended to April 13th.

Spain: 8,578 new cases have been reported, bringing the total number of cases to 56,188 with at least 4,089 deaths.

United Kingdom: The total number of cases has reached 11,658 including 578 deaths. England has reported at least 9,782 cases, Scotland 894 cases, Wales 741 cases and Northern Ireland 241 cases.

MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA

Ghana: 64 additional cases have been reported, bringing the total number to 132 cases. To note, the spike in cases is possibly due to mandatory quarantine and compulsory testing for all travellers entering Ghana. The majority of newly confirmed cases are Ghanaian citizens returning home from affected countries, which include Norway, Lebanon, China, and the UK.

Iran: A total of 29,406 cases have been confirmed, including 2,234 deaths in Iran.

Saudi Arabia: Reported at least 1,012 cases and three deaths.

South Africa: 218 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 927 cases.

AMERICAS

Canada: 607 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 3,897 cases. The total number of deaths in the country is 37. 158,598 tests have been performed across the country.

United States: 19,576 additional cases were reported, bringing the total number to 81,384 cases. This marks the first day with over 19,000 new cases reported in 24 hours and the fourth consecutive day with over 9,000 new cases per day. The states with the highest number of confirmed cases include New York, New Jersey, California, Michigan and Washington. The total number of deaths is 1,177. With the new cases recorded on March 26, the United States surpassed China as the country with more cumulative cases of COVID-19.

NEW COUNTRIES

Guinea-Bissau, Saint Kitts and Nevis and The British Virgin Islands have reported their first case(s) of COVID-19.