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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 6,640,960

Deaths worldwide: 391,285

Countries affected: 188

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

Introduction

Brazil cases have exceeded 600,000 and the death toll has surpassed Italy's, making it the country with the third highest death toll after the US and the UK.

The Lancet's study on halting global trials of hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 has been retracted by the lead author due to inability to confirm data accuracy.

The virtual vaccine [summit](#), hosted by the UK raised almost £7bn, to immunise 300 million children.

WHO News

WHO is [helping](#) the Democratic Republic of the Congo in their response to the new Ebola outbreak, in addition to COVID-19 pandemic, measles outbreak and humanitarian crisis.

The president of Mauritius has met with the WHO Representative in Mauritius to [discuss](#) the current state of health system and how it can be improved during the pandemic.

The WHO Regional Director for the Americas [stressed](#) that it is significant to maintain social distancing measures, increase surveillance and strengthen health systems to control COVID-19 in the region, especially due to sharp increase in numbers of cases, strained economies, and large vulnerable groups.

CDC News

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [released](#) new guidance identifying specific new data that must be reported along with COVID-19 test results. This is to ensure that public health officials are able to access comprehensive data for COVID-19 response. This is particularly essential during phased reopening of the country. HHS Secretary Alex Azar stated that they are concerned with the "disproportionate impact (of COVID-19) on certain demographics, including racial minorities and older Americans." The new requirements to include demographic data like race, age and sex will help ensure that everyone has equal access to testing and allow better monitoring of disease incidence and trends.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

China: Five new cases have been reported, bringing the total number of cases to 83,027, including 4,634 deaths.

Nepal: 334 new cases and 1 new death were reported, bringing the total number to 2,634 cases and 10 deaths. This is the first time that Nepal has reported over 300 new cases within a 24 hour period. The government plans to expand COVID-19 testing, with a goal of reaching at least 2% of the country's population of 30 million. Nepal's government is also working to increase the number of quarantine facilities by utilizing hotels and public infrastructure. The ongoing outbreak in Nepal has prompted health authorities to extend the suspension of all domestic and international flights until at least 14 June.

Thailand: 17 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 3,101 cases. In addition, a total of 58 deaths have been reported in the country.

EUROPE

Armenia: 697 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 11,221 cases. This represents a 7% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday and is the highest number of new cases reported in a 24-hour period since the beginning of the outbreak. On 14 May, Armenian authorities extended the state of emergency across the country for a further 30 days. On 18 May, public transportation, kindergarten classes, fitness centres, and shopping malls reopened. On 25 May, authorities announced that all citizens are required to wear a face mask in both closed and opened spaces. Despite these measures, the Armenian Prime Minister stated today that the healthcare system across the country is running at full capacity and doctors are unable to hospitalize all individuals currently affected by the disease who require care.

Azerbaijan: 587 new cases and 7 deaths were reported, bringing the total number of cases to 6,522. This represents a 10% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday and is the highest number of new cases reported in a single day since the beginning of the outbreak. On 3 June, senior officials announced that residents of Azerbaijan's largest cities will not be allowed to leave their homes at the weekends, between Friday evening and Monday morning. As of 3 June, all citizens are also required to wear masks in public. These new measures have been implemented in response to the recent increase in cases observed across the country, and come two weeks after previous measures had been eased.

France: 767 cases have been reported, bringing the total to 152,444 cases and 29,065 deaths.

Germany: 507 new cases have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 183,271 cases and 8,613 deaths.

Italy: 177 new cases and 88 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 234,013 cases and 33,689 deaths. Italy's Higher Health Institute (ISS) stated mandatory reservations must be made to enter beach clubs in order to avoid crowds, and reservation data should be stored for at least 14 days to help with surveillance. Beach gatherings including buffets and parties remain prohibited.

Russia: 8,831 new cases and 169 deaths were reported, bringing the total number to 441,108 cases and 5,384 deaths. Health officials have announced the lifting of some of Moscow's restrictions starting 1 June. All non-food shops and some service sector businesses will be able to re-open. Furthermore, walks outside using a scheduling system for apartment buildings and all parks were included in the orders.

Spain: 195 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 240,660 cases and 27,133 deaths.

United Kingdom: 1,805 new cases and 176 deaths have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 281,661 cases and 39,904 deaths. Face coverings will be made mandatory on public transport beginning 15 June.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: 915 new cases, the largest daily increase in cases. The total number of cases is 18,969 and 309 deaths.

Bahrain: 504 new cases and 1 death, bringing the total to 12,815 and 20 deaths. This represents a 3.9% increase in the cumulative case count.

Iran: 3,574 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 164,270 cases. This marks the third consecutive day that over 3,000 cases have been reported within a 24-hour period, and represents the highest single-day increase since the beginning of the outbreak. In addition, there have been 59 new deaths, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 8,071. The last reporting day with less than 2,000 new cases was 26 May, with 1,787 cases. Authorities have continued to gradually lift restrictions on shops, mosques, schools, offices, and travel. The border with Turkey was also re-opened for commercial transport traffic on 4 June.

Iraq: 781 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 8,168 cases. This represents a 10.5% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday and marks the first time that the country has reported more than 700 new cases in a 24-hour period. In addition, there have been 21 new deaths, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 256. This represents the highest number of new deaths reported in a single day since the beginning of the outbreak. Officials have ordered security forces to enforce health restrictions by preventing gatherings of citizens which may lead to the spread of the virus.

Kazakhstan: 245 new cases have been reported, an increase of 2%, and four deaths have been confirmed. Fatality rate is 0.4%. The total number of cases is 12,312 cases with 52 deaths. The majority of the new cases were reported in Almaty (49), followed by Karaganda (48).

Saudi Arabia: 1,975 new cases and 32 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 93,157 cases and 611 deaths.

United Arab Emirates: The total number of cases is 37,018 with 273 deaths.

AFRICA

Angola: The total number of cases is 86 with four deaths.

Democratic Republic of Congo: At least 3,643 cases and 77 deaths have been confirmed.

Ghana: 337 new cases confirmed, resulting in a total of 8,885 cases and 38 deaths. The Ghana Tourism Authority will begin to deploy inspectors to hotels, restaurants and other event centres to ensure they adhere to COVID-19 safety measures.

Kenya: At least 2,340 cases and 78 deaths have been confirmed. Kenya cabinet secretary for tourism and wildlife has started a virtual live stream campaign that will be broadcast across the world for six weeks to showcase game safaris in parks and reserves across the country. This is to ensure that the world remains connected to Kenya during COVID-19 lockdown.

Madagascar: A total of 957 cases and seven deaths have been reported.

Mozambique: At least 352 cases and two deaths have been confirmed.

Nigeria: 350 new cases and eight deaths have been recorded, bringing the total to 11,516 cases and 323 deaths. The majority of the new cases were reported in Lagos (102).

South Africa: 1,713 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 37,525 cases. In addition, 37 new deaths were confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 792. Over 65% of all cases in South Africa have been reported in Western Cape province. Health authorities have amended their testing practices in the province to target healthcare workers and people over 55 years old. Given limited testing capacity in the country, health authorities have planned to focus testing efforts on the most vulnerable populations, including healthcare workers.

AMERICAS

Brazil: 32,248 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 590,485 cases. There have been 1,379 new deaths, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 32,688. This is the second non-consecutive day that more than 30,000 new cases have been reported, and the second consecutive day that Brazil has reported a record high number of new deaths in a 24-hour period. Brazil currently has the second highest cumulative case count globally after the United States.

Canada: 659 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 93,702 cases and 7,659 deaths. In New Brunswick, the first COVID-19 associated death in the province was confirmed on 4 June. Ontario reported 45 new deaths after reporting fewer than 20 deaths daily since 29 May.

Chile: 9,606 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 118,292 cases. In addition, there have been 168 new deaths, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 1,356. This represents a 9% increase in the cumulative case count since yesterday and a 14% increase in the cumulative death count since yesterday. This is the highest number of new cases reported in a single day since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak in Chile. The recent increase in new cases and deaths has overwhelmed the country's healthcare system and has prompted authorities to extend the quarantine measures in Santiago for the fourth week.

Mexico: Is the second worst-hit country in South America. 4,442 new cases and 816 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 105,680 cases and 12,545 deaths.

United States: 20,646 new cases were reported, bringing the total number to 1,917,737 cases. In addition, 1,050 new deaths were confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths in the country to 109,984. Government officials have released new requirements for states to report COVID-19 data, as of 1 August, based on race, ethnicity, age, and sex, in an effort to respond to demands from lawmakers for a better picture of the pandemic. The data collected may help officials allocate resources to particularly hard-hit regions of the country. Media reports also state that vandalism and civil unrest have forced at least 70 COVID-19 testing centres to close across the nation.

NEW COUNTRIES

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