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Case Summary

Cases worldwide: 7,016,794

Deaths worldwide: 402,874

Countries affected: 188

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

Introduction

Global cases have exceeded 7 million with over 400,000 deaths.

Singapore and China have agreed on the rules to allow essential business travel to re-start between the two countries. In essence, travellers in both directions will be exempt from the 14-day quarantine periods applying to all international arrivals. This "fast-lane" travel will begin to six provinces in China from today.

India has reported nearly 10,000 new cases, the largest daily increase. Brazil has stopped reporting the total number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, removing all data from official sites. It now only reports daily numbers as the President claims that total numbers did not reflect the true situation in Brazil.

On a brighter note, New Zealand will soon be out of lockdown, domestic restrictions will be lifted on 9 June, international borders will remain closed.

News

WHO News

In a [new guidance document](#), which replaces one from 6 April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said, "In light of evolving evidence, WHO advises that governments should encourage the general public to wear masks where there is widespread transmission and physical distancing is difficult, such as on public transport, in shops or in other confined or crowded environments." This is the first time WHO has recommended masks so broadly, and is believed to be related to the now-established fact that people can spread COVID-19 before showing symptoms. The updated information also says that fabric masks should be made of at least three layers of different material.

The guidance also state that people who are older than 60 or have underlying health conditions should wear medical masks if they are unable to physically distance and there is community transmission in the area. Additionally, **all** healthcare workers in a facility should wear masks - even if they're not caring for COVID-19 patients - if COVID-19 is widespread in the geographic area of the facility. WHO stressed that masks are only part of a containment strategy and that fabric masks help protect others - not the wearer. Physical distancing, hand hygiene and other public health measures remain crucial on an individual level. The Director-General [stated](#), "The cornerstone of the response in every country must be to find, isolate, test and care for every case, and to trace and quarantine every contact. That is what we know works. That is every country's best defense against COVID-19."

WHO Regional Office for Europe has [joined forces](#) with the Central European Initiative (CEI) to improve and strengthen COVID-19 response and reduce the impact of the pandemic. With 17 CEI member states, the joint force is aimed to function as a strategic platform to share information with member states, as well as best practices and training.

WHO Office for Europe has reminded people of the [Five Keys to Safer Food](#) on World Food Safety Day on 7 June. This includes basic [principles](#) that everyone should be familiar with in order to prevent foodborne disease, which will also provide protection against COVID-19 (for example, hand washing). WHO Office for the Americas [pointed out](#) that markets selling live animals increase the risk of animal-to-human transmission of diseases, and that there should be regulations and inspections for sale of live animals to prevent the spread of diseases.

ICAO News

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a UN specialized agency, has published guidelines ([CART Take-off](#)) to facilitate air travel during the pandemic while minimising the health risk to passengers and all aviation workers. A risk based approach has been designed with five scenarios of air travel where stage 0 is one with travel restrictions and minimal travel and stage 4 is with residual travel restrictions and some pharmaceutical intervention available. It consists of "...a core set of measures to form a baseline aviation health safety protocol".

The public health risk mitigation measures have been divided in to:

- A) generally applicable measures meant for all phases of air passenger and cargo transport;
- B) specific modules targeting different aspects of air transport.

General measures comprise recommendations of public education, physical distancing, use of face covering and mask, routine sanitation, health screening, contact tracing, health declarations and testing.

Specific module mitigation measures will address aspects of airport, aircraft, crew and cargo.

Evolution Worldwide

ASIA & PACIFIC

Bangladesh: 2,743 new cases and 42 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 65,769 cases and 888 deaths. This is the highest number of recorded daily deaths.

China: Four new cases were reported, bringing the total to 83,040 cases and 4,634 deaths.

India: At least 258,090 cases and 7,207 deaths have been reported. India is now the fifth worst-hit country in the world.

Singapore: 383 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 37,910 cases and 25 deaths.

Taiwan: No new cases reported. The total number of cases remains at 443 cases with seven deaths. Further restrictions will be lifted, such as allowing more than 250 people at weddings. Masks will not have to be worn at cinemas and on trains if social distancing is maintained.

Thailand: Seven new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 3,119 cases and 58 deaths. Thailand has reported no local transmission in two weeks.

New Zealand: No active cases. The last new confirmed case was reported on 22 May and has been released from isolation. At 11:59pm New Zealand will move from Alert Level 2 to Alert Level 1. At Alert Level 1, everyone can return without restriction to work, school, sports and domestic travel, get together with as many people as they want. Controls at the borders remain for those entering New Zealand, including health screening and testing for all arrivals, and mandatory 14 day managed quarantine or isolation.

EUROPE

France: 343 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 153,977 cases and 29,155 deaths.

Germany: 214 new cases have been reported, resulting in a total of 184,193 cases and 8,674 deaths.

Italy: 197 new cases and 53 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 234,998 cases and 33,899 deaths. Italy's COVID-19 tracing app called *Immuni* started trials in Abruzzo, Liguria, Marche and Puglia. It is intended to be used across the country by 15 June.

Luxembourg: A total of 4,039 cases and 110 deaths have been confirmed. The Prime Minister has announced that 700,000 vouchers will be distributed to citizens for a free night out in the Grand-Duchy.

Spain: 102 new cases and one death have been reported, resulting in a total of 241,550 cases and 27,136 deaths. The number of new infections and deaths remain low after the country began relaxing lockdown measures a month ago.

Switzerland: A total of 30,965 cases and 1,921 deaths have been reported. Switzerland has started to lift restrictions.

United Kingdom: 1,326 new cases and 77 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total to 286,194 cases and 40,542 deaths. The lowest daily death toll reported since lockdown started. On 15 June, nonessential shops and places of worship will reopen, but only for private prayers.

MIDDLE EAST

Afghanistan: A total of 20,917 cases and 369 deaths have been confirmed. The Afghan government plans to increase COVID-19 testing capacity in the upcoming weeks to deal with the increase in case numbers.

Bahrain: 548 new cases and two deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 14,383 cases and 24 deaths.

Iran: At least 171,789 cases and 8,281 deaths have been reported.

Iraq: 1,268 new cases and 28 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 12,336 cases and 346 deaths. The highest daily increase in cases recorded.

Kazakhstan: 165 new cases reported, an increase of 1.3%, and three deaths have been confirmed. The total is 12,859 cases and 56 deaths. Case fatality rate is 0.4%. Travellers arriving from overseas will be quarantined for two days for PCR testing, except for international organisation workers and delegations invited by Kazakh foreign affair, who will be tested at their place of residence.

Oman: 866 new cases have been reported, bringing the total to 16,882 cases and 75 deaths.

Saudi Arabia: 3,045 new cases and 36 deaths have been confirmed, resulting in a total of 101,914 cases and 712 deaths. The first time the daily case numbers exceeded 3,000.

United Arab Emirates: 540 new cases and one death have been reported, bringing the total to 38,808 cases and 276 deaths. 745 recoveries were confirmed, which was the third consecutive day that the number of reported recoveries was higher than reported cases.

AFRICA

Angola: A total of 91 cases and four deaths have been confirmed.

Democratic Republic of Congo: At least 4,016 cases have been confirmed, including 85 deaths.

Ghana: The total number of cases is 9,638 with 44 deaths.

Kenya: 167 new cases and one death have been reported, resulting in a total of 2,767 cases and 84 deaths. Over the weekend, President of Kenya has extended the ban on public gatherings for a further 30 days, as well as prohibiting entry and exit from Nairobi, Mombasa and Mandera. There are plans for schools to reopen on 1 September.

Madagascar: At least 1,052 cases and nine deaths have been confirmed.

Morocco: 73 new cases have been reported, bringing the total number of cases to 8,224 with 208 deaths.

Mozambique: 15 new cases reported, bringing the total to 424 cases and two deaths.

Nigeria: 260 new cases and 12 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 12,486 cases and 354 deaths.

Senegal: At least 4,328 cases and 49 deaths have been confirmed.

South Africa: 2,312 new cases and 46 deaths have been reported, bringing the total to 48,285 cases and 998 deaths. At least 66% of cases and 75% of deaths were reported in the Western Cape.

AMERICAS

Brazil: According to John Hopkins University, the total number of cases in Brazil is 691,758 with 36,455 deaths. The Brazilian government has stopped releasing the total number of COVID-19 cases and deaths, and now only reports daily numbers. The President of Brazil claims that this is because the total numbers did not represent the true situation in the country.

Canada: At least 97,178 cases and 7,877 deaths have been confirmed.

Mexico: A total of 117,103 cases and 13,699 deaths have been confirmed.

United States: 29,214 new cases and 709 deaths have been reported, resulting in a total of 1,920,904 cases and 109,901 deaths.

NEW COUNTRIES

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