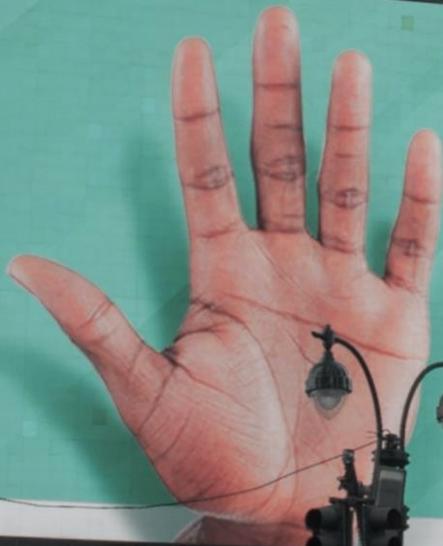


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COVID-19 Outbreak Update

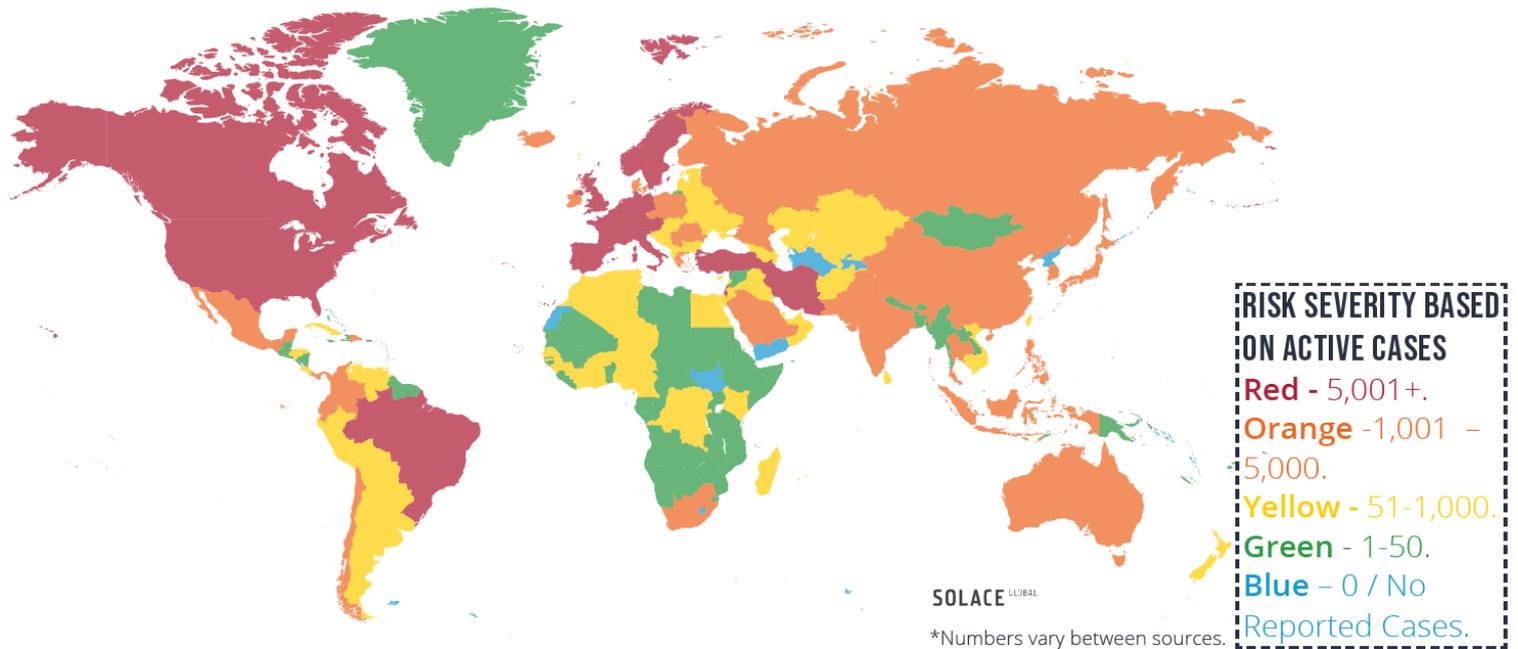
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Executive Summary

There are now just over 1,016,400 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 53,200 deaths and around 213,140 recoveries. Nearly all countries globally have reported at least one case and/or have implemented some form of travel restriction. The situation continues to evolve rapidly, with new travel restrictions, both internationally and domestically, being implemented with little or no notice.

Solace Global advises against all non-essential travel at this time due to the already widespread in-place travel restrictions and the risk of new ones being implemented without notice. Additionally, prior to any and all essential travel, it is advised that you check your relevant government’s travel advice and contact your airline or travel provider for more details. People aged 70 and over, or those with underlying health issues, should also reconsider their need to travel, even domestically, as to limit their chances of exposure.



Latest Updates

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases worldwide has now exceeded 1 million, with the US accounting for more than a fifth of the total. The pandemic has also claimed more than 50,000 lives worldwide. In an effort to combat the economic impact of the pandemic, the World Bank announced that its board of executive directors had approved an initial US\$1.9 billion in emergency funds for 25 countries, as well as moving quickly to action projects in 40 others. India, for example, may receive up to US\$1 billion to support the better screening of the virus, pay for personal protective equipment and set up new isolation wards. The organisation is also working to redeploy resources in existing World Bank-financed projects worth up to US\$1.7 billion as well as reportedly being prepared to spend up to US\$160 billion over the next 15 months to combat the pandemic.

In Europe, Moscow has extended its strict lockdown measures until the end of April after President Vladimir Putin's decision to extend nationwide paid leave. All Muscovites are being requested to stay at home and only go out when strictly necessary. Public venues, including museums, theatres and parks have been closed until further notice. Only food stores and shops selling essential goods will remain open.

In Portugal, airports have been closed and meetings of more than five people have been prohibited. Authorities have also forbidden people from leaving their area of residence to visit family members during the Easter celebrations.

Elsewhere in Europe, the numbers of new confirmed cases and deaths from coronavirus have begun to plateau or fall in several countries. Italy and Spain are now starting to see early signs that they have turned the corner in the fight against the virus. However, caution has been advised by observers who say that while the plateauing effect is positive, it took two months for daily infections to come down from their peak in China.

In the States, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued a state-wide stay-at-home order on Wednesday and has since signed another executive order that overrides any conflicting orders put in place by local governments. This was followed by Governor Brian Kemp of Georgia imposing a shelter-in-place order for the state. The order will go into effect on Friday, 3 April, at 18:00 and expire on Monday, 13 April. Non-essential businesses, such as bars, gyms, hairdressers, beauty salons, nightclubs, theatres and other such venues must cease in-person operations.

Elsewhere in the US, the Democratic National Committee has announced that it is delaying its presidential nominating convention until August. The announcement comes after prospective nominee Joe Biden said he did not think it would be possible to hold it in mid-July because of the pandemic. Convention CEO Joe Solmonese confirmed the decision on Thursday.

The US Navy has relieved the commander of the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt* of command of the ship. Captain Brett Crozier had written a letter, later leaked to the public, asking the Navy for stronger measures to control a COVID-19 outbreak onboard the ship. The letter has brought the military establishment under scrutiny as to whether it was doing enough to keep the warship’s crew members safe and caused alarm among the families of those on board the vessel. The removal of the Captain from command was announced by acting US Navy Secretary Thomas Modly, who said the commander exercised

poor judgement in what has become a contentious issue as many disagreed with the Navy’s decision.

In California, a train engineer has been arrested after, according to the FBI, he ‘purposely derailed a train in an attempted attack against the USNS Mercy hospital ship’. The individual has been charged with one count of train wrecking after the train came off its tracks on Tuesday, 31 March, causing it to break through barriers and land about 250 yards from the coronavirus relief ship. No one was injured in the incident.

In Bermuda, Premier David Burt has announced a 24-hour lockdown that will be imposed for 14 days from Saturday, 4 April, to contain the spread of COVID-19. The Premier has also asked Governor John Rankin to declare a state of emergency. The public, except for essential workers, can now only leave their homes for food, medicine or petrol, unless in case of a medical emergency. Other countries in the Americas are following with similar orders, Belize has closed all its borders and its international airport while also issuing a state of emergency and implementing a curfew from 20:00 to 05:00.

In the Middle East, as confirmed cases in Saudi Arabia approach the 2,000 mark, authorities have imposed lockdown measures in Mecca and Medina. Residents may now only leave home for essential purposes between 06:00 and 15:00, with vehicles being limited to two passengers only. Non-essential businesses are to close, and residents are confined to their neighbourhoods.

In Thailand, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha has announced a nationwide night curfew from 22:00 - 04:00 today, 3 April, and will be in effect until further notice. Exemptions apply to health workers travelling to and from work and logistics workers. Prayuth has also asked all Thai citizens abroad to delay returning to Thailand until after 15 April to stop imported cases. Thailand has already closed all border crossings for everyone except for Thai nationals, diplomats as well as their families and foreigners with work permits.

Region Specific Updates and New Restrictions – Be aware these are fluid and subject to change, check for any updates prior to travel.

Asia	<p>Nearly all countries in Asia have implemented some form of restriction on travel. Many Asian countries have limited internal travel and have in-place lockdowns.</p> <p>Countries with a global travel ban on non-citizens/residents include Azerbaijan, Brunei, China (and its SARs), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, N. Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Turkmenistan. The majority of other countries also have restrictions in place, though these vary in severity.</p>
Europe	<p>The EU has closed the bloc’s external borders and restrictions have also been implemented inside the majority of countries, with the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and many others imposing a lockdown and restricting people from travelling or gathering, unless for specific reasons.</p> <p>At this time, the Schengen area has banned all incoming travel other than citizens from countries in the European Union, European Economic Area, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, long-term residents and people with long-term visa or residence permits, family members of EU and EEA citizens, medical personnel and people responsible for the transport of goods for 30 days. The majority of other European countries have some form of similar restrictions in place.</p>
Americas	<p>The US has implemented a level 4: Do Not Travel global advisory. The Department of State advises US citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19 and for those who are currently abroad to return as soon as possible. The United States has also ordered a border closure for all non-essential travel from both Canada and Mexico.</p> <p>Restrictions within the US are also being implemented extensively. The majority of states now have a “stay-at-home” order of some kind or have closed “non-essential” businesses.</p> <p>At this time, Argentina, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay all have at least some form of restriction on inbound travel. Additionally, restrictions vary on many other Caribbean islands with most banning all inbound travel and implementing some form of lockdown.</p>
Africa	<p>A number of countries in Africa have implemented travel restrictions on people arriving from affected countries. At this time, Algeria, Angola, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Libya, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda all have at least some restrictions on inbound travel. Currently, this includes most of Europe, China and the US.</p> <p>Additionally, a number of countries have already implemented national lockdowns, including South Africa, while others have implemented city wide lockdowns, as with Lagos and Abuja in Nigeria.</p>
Middle East	<p>The Middle East also has some significant restrictions, Saudi Arabia, has implemented a ban on all foreign arrivals, including pilgrims, a measure that now looks unlikely to be lifted before Hajj. Strict movement restrictions are in place in most Middle Eastern countries.</p> <p>Most countries have also closed schools and non-essential businesses, banned large gatherings, including prayers at mosques. Israel, Jordan, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and the UAE all have restrictions on inbound travel by non-citizens/residents. The majority of other countries have varying levels of restrictions.</p>
Australia/ Oceania	<p>Australia and New Zealand have closed their borders to anyone who is not a citizen or resident. Internal restrictions are also coming into force in Australia with many states now under a state of emergency and travel between states in the country.</p> <p>Most Pacific Island nations have also imposed border control measures and quarantine requirements on travellers arriving from affected countries.</p>

Solace Global Advice

At this time, travellers should **reconsider their need to travel globally, with only business-critical travel being advised.** Otherwise, ensure that you can access the country you intend to travel to and consider deferring journeys to countries with more than 1,000 cases or have travel restrictions already in place. In the coming weeks, extensive travel restrictions are likely to make even business-critical travel difficult – liaise with your relevant government agency for further instructions and information.

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Current Total Cases	1,030,205 (+78,272)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	219,895 (+17,007)	Total Confirmed Deaths	54,198 (+5,878)
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The list below comprises of the top 40 countries in each section, for a complete list please go to [Worldometers](#), [Johns Hopkins University](#) or the [WHO](#).

Countries with the most confirmed cases		Countries with the greatest increase in case numbers yesterday		Countries with the most confirmed deaths		Countries with the most confirmed recoveries	
USA	245,380	USA	+29,874	Italy	13,915	China	76,571
Spain	117,710	Spain	+7,947	Spain	10,935	Spain	30,513
Italy	115,242	Germany	+6,813	USA	6,095	Germany	22,440
Germany	85,063	Italy	+4,668	France	5,387	Italy	18,278
China	81,620	UK	+4,244	China	3,322	Iran	17,935
France	59,105	Iran	+2,875	Iran	3,294	France	12,428
Iran	53,183	Turkey	+2,456	UK	2,921	USA	10,411
UK	33,718	France	+2,116	Netherlands	1,339	S. Korea	6,021
Switzerland	19,106	Canada	+1,552	Belgium	1,143	Switzerland	4,846
Turkey	18,135	Belgium	+1,384	Germany	1,111	Belgium	2,872
Belgium	16,770	Brazil	+1,164	Switzerland	565	Austria	2,022
Netherlands	14,697	Netherlands	+1,083	Turkey	356	Canada	1,979
Canada	11,283	Switzerland	+1,059	Brazil	327	Denmark	1,089
Austria	11,251	Portugal	+783	Sweden	308	Malaysia	827
S. Korea	10,062	Russia	+771	Portugal	209	Mexico	633
Portugal	9,034	Israel	+765	Indonesia	181	Diamond Princess	619
Brazil	8,066	Sweden	+621	S. Korea	174	Australia	585
Israel	7,030	India	+545	Canada	173	Thailand	581
Sweden	5,568	Austria	+418	Austria	168	Peru	537
Australia	5,350	Ecuador	+405	Philippines	136	Japan	514
Norway	5,255	Ireland	+402	Denmark	123	Turkey	415
Russia	4,149	Poland	+392	Ecuador	120	Bahrain	381
Czechia	3,869	Chile	+373	Romania	116	Israel	338
Ireland	3,849	Philippines	+322	Ireland	98	Chile	335
Denmark	3,672	Pakistan	+303	Algeria	86	Saudi Arabia	328
Chile	3,404	Denmark	+279	India	72	Finland	300
Malaysia	3,333	Romania	+278	Japan	63	Iceland	284
Romania	3,183	Norway	+270	Dominican Republic	60	Romania	283
Ecuador	3,163	Czechia	+269	Poland	59	Russia	281
Poland	3,149	Australia	+266	Egypt	58	Singapore	266
Philippines	3,018	Japan	+233	Peru	55	Argentina	256
Japan	2,617	UAE	+210	Norway	54	Netherlands	250
India	2,567	Malaysia	+208	Iraq	54	Iraq	202
Luxembourg	2,487	Luxembourg	+168	Malaysia	53	Egypt	201
Pakistan	2,450	Saudi Arabia	+165	Greece	53	India	192
Indonesia	1,986	Mexico	+163	Mexico	50	Hong Kong	154
Thailand	1,978	Panama	+158	Morocco	47	UK	135
Saudi Arabia	1,885	Belarus	+141	Czechia	46	Indonesia	134
Finland	1,615	Algeria	+139	Israel	37	Brazil	127
Greece	1,544	Argentina	+132	Panama	37	Pakistan	126



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