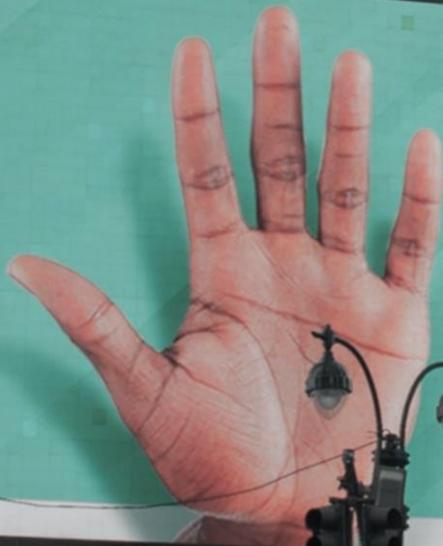


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# COVID-19 Outbreak Update

## 4 April

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**Executive Summary**

There are now just over 1,118,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 59,000 deaths and around 230,000 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 head of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) emergencies programme has warned countries against lurching through a cycle of stop-and-start lockdowns, calling for widespread investment in public health so that “we can live with this virus, and have our economies back on track”. Control measures implemented as part of efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 continue to significantly damage and disrupt economies, with more than 90 countries having sought financial help from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a result of the pandemic. The head of the IMF has said the recession associated with the current pandemic will be “way worse” than the global financial crisis of 2007-8.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now “recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain... especially in areas of significant community-based transmission”. However, President Donald Trump stated in his daily White House briefing that he would not be following the guidelines, saying “you can do it. You don’t have to do it. I’m choosing not to do it”.

In the UK, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock has called for more volunteers to take part in “essential” clinical trials so that effective treatments can be implemented sooner. Yesterday, the new NHS Nightingale Hospital was opened by Hancock and the Prince of Wales via video link. Erected at the ExCeL conference centre in East London, the 4,000-bed emergency hospital is now thought to not be needed as urgently as previously expected. Intensive care units in the capital were initially projected to be overflowing by now, but are reported to be at approximately 75% capacity. The Queen has also recorded a special broadcast addressing the crisis, to be broadcast tomorrow, on Sunday 5 April. It will be the fourth time in her 66-year reign she has issued a televised-address to the nation during a troubled period.

China, where the virus first appeared, has declared today a national day of mourning to pay tribute to the thousands of “martyrs” who have died in the new coronavirus outbreak. The country flew the national flag at half-mast suspended all forms of entertainment.

In Japan, Tokyo has seen daily coronavirus cases topping 100 for the first time, bringing the number of confirmed cases there to 891. The city’s metropolitan government has strongly urged people to stay at home this weekend with speculation that Japan is likely to declare a state of emergency, leading to a lockdown. Japan has, thus far, escaped the rapid growth in cases that Europe and the US have seen.

In India, there are fears that the outbreak will quickly overwhelm the world’s largest democracy. While the country’s lockdown has resulted in quieter streets, many are not adhering to the ruling and there are fears that explosive growth, similar to Europe or the US, is likely in the coming days or weeks. Additionally, communal tensions, already high due to riots around the Citizenship Amendment Bill, are also being stoked. There was outrage among many in the country’s Hindu majority after it was reported that a Muslim gathering had taken place last week. Meetings by Sunni Tablighi Jamaat groups have especially been signalled out by right-wing television channels who called meeting “criminal” and the participants “suspects”. Indeed, hashtags such as #CoronaJihad and #TablighiVirus have trended on social media.

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

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| <p><b>Asia</b></p>     | <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>  |
| <p><b>Europe</b></p>   | <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> |
| <p><b>Americas</b></p> | <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,</p>   |

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|                           | 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.  |
| <b>Africa</b>             | <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> |
| <b>Middle East</b>        | <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>   |
| <b>Australia /Oceania</b> | <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)**

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Current Total Cases | 1,118,045 (+87,840) | Total Confirmed Recoveries | 229,145 (+9,250) | Total Confirmed Deaths | 59,201 (+5,003) |
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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                                     | 277,475 | USA  | +32,284 | Italy                                    | 14,681 | China  | 76,755 |
| Italy                                   | 119,827 | France   | +23,060 | Spain                                    | 11,198 | Spain  | 30,513 |
| Spain                                   | 119,199 | Spain  | +7,134  | USA                                      | 7,402  | Germany                                      | 24,575 |
| Germany                                 | 91,159  | Germany  | +6,365  | France                                   | 6,507  | Italy  | 19,758 |
| France                                  | 82,165  | Italy  | +4,585  | UK                                       | 3,605  | Iran   | 17,935 |
| China                                   | 81,639  | UK   | +4,450  | China                                    | 3,326  | France                                       | 14,008 |
| Iran                                    | 53,183  | Turkey   | +2,786  | Iran                                     | 3,294  | USA  | 12,283 |
| UK                                      | 38,168  | Iran   | +2,715  | Netherlands                              | 1,487  | S. Korea                                     | 6,325  |
| Turkey                                  | 20,921  | Belgium  | +1,422  | Germany                                  | 1,275  | Switzerland                                  | 4,846  |
| Switzerland                             | 19,606  | Brazil   | +1,150  | Belgium                                  | 1,143  | Belgium                                      | 2,872  |
| Belgium                                 | 16,770  | Canada   | +1,092  | Switzerland                              | 591    | Canada                                       | 2,322  |
| Netherlands                             | 15,723  | Netherlands  | +1,026  | Turkey                                   | 425    | Austria                                      | 2,022  |
| Canada                                  | 12,549  | Portugal   | +852    | Brazil                                   | 365    | Denmark                                      | 1,193  |
| Austria                                 | 11,525  | Switzerland  | +779    | Sweden                                   | 358    | Malaysia                                     | 827    |
| S. Korea                                | 10,156  | Russia   | +601    | Portugal                                 | 246    | Mexico                                       | 633    |
| Portugal                                | 9,886   | Israel   | +571    | Canada                                   | 208    | Diamond Princess                             | 619    |
| Brazil                                  | 9,216   | Sweden   | +563    | Indonesia                                | 181    | Thailand                                     | 612    |
| Israel                                  | 7,428   | India  | +516    | S. Korea                                 | 177    | Australia                                    | 585    |
| Sweden                                  | 6,131   | Romania  | +445    | Austria                                  | 168    | Peru   | 537    |
| Australia                               | 5,550   | Poland   | +437    | Ecuador                                  | 145    | Japan  | 514    |
| Norway                                  | 5,370   | Ireland  | +424    | Denmark                                  | 139    | Luxembourg                                   | 500    |
| Ireland                                 | 4,273   | Austria  | +395    | Philippines                              | 136    | Turkey                                       | 484    |
| Czechia                                 | 4,190   | Philippines  | +385    | Romania                                  | 133    | Chile  | 427    |
| Russia                                  | 4,149   | Denmark  | +371    | Ireland                                  | 120    | Israel                                       | 403    |
| Denmark                                 | 3,757   | Chile  | +333    | Algeria                                  | 105    | Bahrain                                      | 382    |
| Chile                                   | 3,737   | Czechia  | +332    | India                                    | 86     | Saudi Arabia                                 | 351    |
| Poland                                  | 3,383   | Japan  | +318    | Poland                                   | 71     | Iceland                                      | 309    |
| Ecuador                                 | 3,368   | Serbia   | +305    | Japan                                    | 69     | Finland                                      | 300    |

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|--------------|-------|--------------|------|--------------------|----|-------------|-----|
| Malaysia     | 3,333 | Pakistan     | +265 | Dominican Republic | 68 | Romania     | 283 |
| Romania      | 3,183 | UAE          | +240 | Egypt              | 66 | Singapore   | 282 |
| India        | 3,082 | Norway       | +223 | Greece             | 63 | Russia      | 281 |
| Philippines  | 3,018 | Malaysia     | +217 | Peru               | 61 | Argentina   | 266 |
| Japan        | 2,935 | Ecuador      | +205 | Mexico             | 60 | Netherlands | 250 |
| Pakistan     | 2,708 | Cameroon     | +203 | Norway             | 59 | India       | 229 |
| Luxembourg   | 2,612 | Panama       | +198 | Iraq               | 54 | Iraq        | 226 |
| Thailand     | 2,067 | Indonesia    | +196 | Czechia            | 53 | Egypt       | 216 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2,039 | Algeria      | +185 | Malaysia           | 53 | Sweden      | 205 |
| Indonesia    | 1,986 | Peru         | +181 | Morocco            | 48 | Hong Kong   | 173 |
| Mexico       | 1,688 | Ukraine      | +175 | Argentina          | 42 | UK          | 135 |
| Panama       | 1,673 | Saudi Arabia | +154 | Panama             | 41 | Indonesia   | 134 |



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