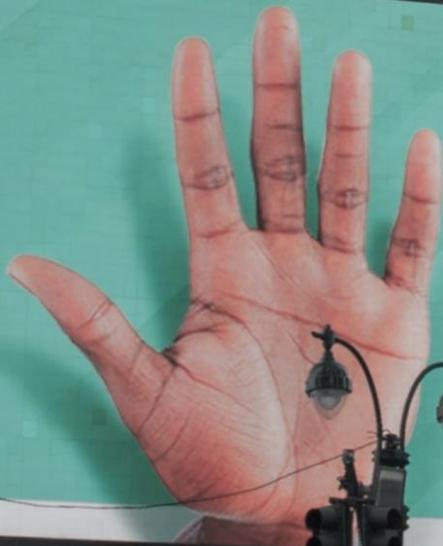


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# COVID-19 Outbreak Update

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**Executive Summary**

There are now just over 1,203,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 64,000 deaths and around 246,000 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**

United States President Donald Trump has predicted the coming week will be “one of the toughest”, in which “there will be a lot of deaths”. In his Saturday night White House press briefing, Trump also claimed media outlets were spreading fake news about shortages of ventilators and personal protective equipment and continued to tout the combination of hydroxychloroquine (an antimalarial) and azithromycin (an antibiotic) as a treatment for COVID-19. The president believes hydroxychloroquine is “one of the biggest game-changers in the history of medicine” but has been repeatedly criticised for overstating the efficacy of the drug, which is currently in the early stages of testing as a potential treatment for the novel coronavirus. Trump’s adviser on infectious diseases, Dr Anthony Fauci, has warned there is only “anecdotal evidence” it might prove useful.

In the UK, at least three mobile phone mast fires are being investigated by police as possible arsons relating to a conspiracy theory linking 5G technology to symptoms caused by COVID-19. MP Michael Gove called the theory “dangerous nonsense” in yesterday’s Downing Street press conference. The national medical director of the NHS, Stephen Powis, said he was “absolutely outraged... that people would be taking action against the very infrastructure that we need to respond to this health emergency”. The media regulator Ofcom has said it is now monitoring broadcasters who spread disinformation related to the conspiracy theory, which has also appeared across social media networks including WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The UK’s health secretary, Matt Hancock, has also claimed that the country could impose stricter measures on social distancing as many in the country failed to follow the currently in place measures. As the country enjoys a bout of warm weather, there is a growing “minority” who are not following the currently in place rules, with reports of people gathering to have barbecues on beaches, set up picnics or sunbathe in large groups in parks.

In Europe, Greece has quarantined a second migrant camp after a confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported. The individual, an Afghan in his 50s has been transferred to a hospital in Athens. Italy and Spain have expressed hope that the crisis was peaking in their countries as the number of new confirmed cases continues to drop. The two countries are the worst affected in terms of confirmed deaths globally.

Elsewhere, a senior Iranian health official has warned that Tehran may shortly see a spike in confirmed case numbers after residents disregarded orders to stay at home. Crowded streets and traffic jams have been reported across the city following the end of the country’s New Year holiday yesterday. Iranians traditionally travel throughout the country during this period, and it’s now thought case numbers will rise as a direct result of citizens ignoring a ban on inter-city travel issued on 25 March.

People across China paused for three minutes yesterday to commemorate the patients and medical workers who have died as a result of the virus. In Wuhan, the epicentre of the global pandemic, traffic lights turned red for three minutes as cars, trains and ships sounded their horns, and air-raid sirens rang out. The city of over 11 million people has recorded more than three-quarters of the country’s deaths associated with the virus. Case numbers and related fatalities in the country have dropped significantly, with only 30 new cases recorded on Saturday, 25 of whom had recently entered the country from abroad.

<b>Region Specific Updates and New Restrictions – Be aware these are fluid and subject to change, check for any updates prior to travel.</b>	
<b>Asia</b>	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.  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.
<b>Europe</b>	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.  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.
<b>Americas</b>	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.  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.

	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.
<b>Africa</b>	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.  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.
<b>Middle East</b>	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.  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.
<b>Australia/Oceania</b>	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.  Most Pacific Island nations have also imposed border control measures and quarantine requirements on travellers arriving from affected countries.
<b>Solace Global Advice</b>	At this time, travellers should <b>reconsider their need to travel globally, with only business-critical travel being advised.</b> 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	1,203,292 (+85,247)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	246,774 (+17,629)	Total Confirmed Deaths	64,747 (+5,546)
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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	311,637	USA	+34,196	Italy	15,362	China	76,755
Spain	126,168	France	+7,788	Spain	11,947	Spain	34,219
Italy	124,632	Spain	+6,969	USA	8,454	Germany	26,400
Germany	96,092	Germany	+4,933	France	7,560	Italy	20,996
France	89,953	Italy	+4,805	UK	4,313	Iran	19,736
China	81,669	UK	+3,735	Iran	3,452	France	15,438
Iran	55,743	Turkey	+3,013	China	3,329	USA	14,825
UK	41,903	Iran	+2,560	Netherlands	1,651	Switzerland	6,415
Turkey	23,934	Belgium	+1,661	Germany	1,444	S. Korea	6,325
Switzerland	20,505	Canada	+1,537	Belgium	1,283	Belgium	3,247
Belgium	18,431	Brazil	+1,166	Switzerland	666	Canada	2,595
Netherlands	16,627	Netherlands	+904	Turkey	501	Austria	2,507
Canada	14,018	Switzerland	+899	Brazil	445	Denmark	1,283
Austria	11,781	Portugal	+638	Sweden	373	Malaysia	915
Portugal	10,524	Russia	+582	Portugal	266	Peru	914
Brazil	10,360	India	+529	Canada	233	Turkey	786
S. Korea	10,237	Romania	+430	Indonesia	191	Thailand	674
Israel	8,018	Chile	+424	Austria	186	Mexico	633
Sweden	6,443	Israel	+423	S. Korea	183	Diamond Princess	619
Australia	5,635	Ireland	+331	Ecuador	172	Australia	585
Norway	5,550	Denmark	+320	Denmark	161	Chile	528
Russia	4,731	Sweden	+312	Romania	146	Japan	514
Ireland	4,604	Czechia	+282	Philippines	144	Luxembourg	500
Czechia	4,475	Finland	+267	Ireland	137	Israel	427
Chile	4,161	Austria	+257	Algeria	130	Bahrain	423
Denmark	4,077	Qatar	+250	India	99	Saudi Arabia	420
Poland	3,627	Poland	+244	Poland	79	Iceland	396
Romania	3,613	UAE	+241	Mexico	79	Russia	333
India	3,588	Japan	+204	Japan	77	Romania	329

Malaysia	3,483	Norway	+180	Dominican Republic	77	Finland	300
Ecuador	3,465	Mexico	+178	Peru	73	Singapore	297
Japan	3,139	Moldova	+161	Egypt	71	Argentina	279
Philippines	3,094	Ukraine	+153	Greece	68	Iraq	259
Pakistan	2,880	Peru	+151	Norway	62	Netherlands	250
Luxembourg	2,729	Malaysia	+150	Czechia	62	Egypt	241
Saudi Arabia	2,370	Serbia	+148	Morocco	59	India	229
Thailand	2,169	Saudi Arabia	+140	Malaysia	57	Sweden	205
Indonesia	2,092	Colombia	+139	Iraq	56	Hong Kong	173
Finland	1,927	Pakistan	+132	Israel	46	Indonesia	150
Mexico	1,890	Panama	+128	Panama	46	UK	135



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