A photograph of a city street corner. On the right is a grand, multi-story building with classical architectural features like columns and arched windows. A black digital sign on a pole in the foreground displays the text "STAY HOME PROTECT THE NHS SAVE LIVES" in red. Below it is a blue sign for taxis. The street is paved with asphalt and has white markings. In the background, there are traffic lights, orange traffic cones, and a blue circular sign with a white arrow pointing left. A modern glass-fronted building is visible on the left side of the street.

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COVID-19 Outbreak Update

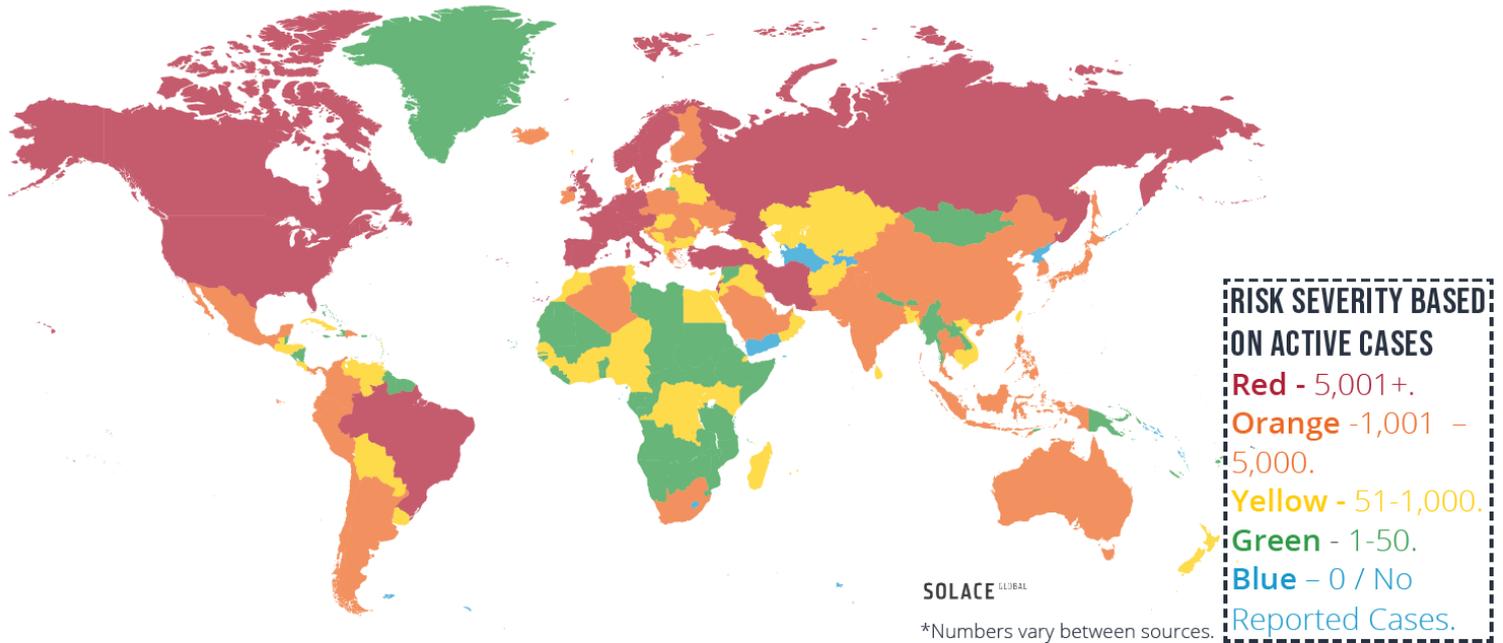
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Executive Summary

There are now just over 1,282,00 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 70,000 deaths and around 269,000 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

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been admitted to hospital as a precautionary measure after continuing to experience symptoms persistent with the virus. Mr Johnson first experienced symptoms 10 days ago and has been in self-isolation, but still leading the government. It is thought he will continue to run the government; however Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab – who has been designated to take over prime ministerial duties should Johnson fall too ill – will chair the next COBRA meeting on the 6 April. The announcement was made shortly after Her Majesty the Queen, Queen Elizabeth II, delivered a pre-recorded public speech urging everyone to follow the government’s advice. In what has been seen as an echo of the nations World War II spirit, she used an extract of Dame Vera Lynn’s wartime song and promised the nation ‘we will meet again’.

In France, the government has now launched an online form to replace the printed ones, which people travelling outside for essential work, exercise and to pick up groceries have to have on them at all times. It is hoped that the form will make it easier for those out to show the police what their business is, without handing forms of paper around. France has one of the strictest lockdowns in Europe, with people only allowed out to pick up essential goods and medicine, exercise for a maximum of one hour within 2km of their house and for essential work. Despite this, the country is optimistic that these measures will soon be lifted, gradually.

The Greek government has extended the nationwide lockdown for three weeks, until the 27 April. As part of the lockdown, citizens are only allowed to leave their homes to go to work, buy groceries and visit banks; however, as similar to France they must carry identification and a signed form giving permission for them to travel. The government also announced further restrictions for the islands of Mykonos and Santorini for a 14-day period. In Mykonos, a curfew will be enforced between 20:00hrs and 08:00hrs local time and a ban on outdoor exercise has been implemented. Residents with dogs can only walk the animals for 15 minutes. In Santorini, all construction projects have been banned.

Elsewhere in Europe, Italy and Spain are seeing a drop in case growth. As a result, politicians are optimistic that they are passing, or close to passing, the peak of the virus. Despite these positives, the two countries still lead the world in confirmed case deaths.

The Japanese Prime Minister is expected to declare a state of emergency in the coming hours. It is expected that Tokyo and 6 other prefectures (including Osaka) will be placed under the motion. The move is set to give regional governments the ability to call on people to stay at home and businesses to close; however, it is not likely that the order will involve the kind of lockdowns seen in China, Italy and the UK. There are currently no plans to implement penalties for ignoring requests, with enforcement likely to rely more on peer pressure and people’s respect for authority, at this time.

China has received more political backlash from world politicians stating that the country was hindering the fight against the virus with lies and disinformation. The comments made by MPs in the UK mirror the intelligence report released in the US last week. This comes as China itself is seeing a rise in cases over the past two days. On Sunday, 78 new, asymptomatic, cases were reported compared to the 47 on Saturday. This resurgence in case numbers, even asymptomatic ones, does pose a worry for the country’s leaders as they prepare to all people in Wuhan to leave the city for the first time on 8 April since it was locked down in

late January.

In Africa, Senegalese President Macky Sall has announced that the state of emergency will be extended for a further 30 days. The measure was first announced on the 23 March and allows the government to impose a curfew between 20:00hrs and 06:00hrs local time. Other measures include the banning of public gatherings and the suspension of flights. Meanwhile, in South Sudan, the vice-president confirmed that one person has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, the first case in the country. The patient had recently travelled to Ethiopia and is receiving treatment in isolation. It is expected that more cases of the virus will be reported in the near term.

In Haiti, the government confirmed that one person has died as a result of the COVID-19 virus, the first confirmed fatality in the country. The government has implemented several measures designed to prevent the spread of the virus and has banned groups of more than 10 people; however, this is frequently ignored by the public.

Finally, in the United States, President Donald Trump has expressed hope that case numbers were “levelling off” in the hardest-hit areas. On Sunday, New York reported a drop in the number of new infections and deaths. This drop in case numbers was also mirrored nationwide, with almost 10,000 fewer cases being reported on 5 April compared with 4 April. However, it is still too early to confirm whether the numbers are the beginning of a downward trend or a statistical outlier.

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	1,282,383 (+79,091)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	269,494 (+22,720)	Total Confirmed Deaths	70,183 (+5,436)
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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	336,851	USA	+25,316	Italy	15,887	China	77,078
Spain	135,032	UK	+5,903	Spain	13,055	Spain	40,437
Italy	128,948	Spain	+5,478	USA	9,620	Germany	28,700
Germany	100,132	Italy	+4,316	France	8,078	Iran	24,236
France	92,839	Germany	+4,031	UK	4,934	Italy	21,815
China	81,708	Turkey	+3,135	Iran	3,603	USA	18,002
Iran	58,226	France	+2,886	China	3,331	France	16,183
UK	47,806	Iran	+2,483	Netherlands	1,766	Switzerland	7,298
Turkey	27,069	Canada	+1,600	Belgium	1,632	S. Korea	6,598
Switzerland	21,282	Belgium	+1,260	Germany	1,584	Belgium	3,986
Belgium	20,814	Netherlands	+1,224	Switzerland	734	Austria	3,463
Netherlands	17,851	Brazil	+894	Turkey	574	Canada	2,942
Canada	15,512	Portugal	+754	Brazil	487	Australia	2,432
Austria	12,083	India	+701	Sweden	401	Denmark	1,378
Brazil	11,281	Russia	+658	Portugal	295	Malaysia	1,241
Portugal	11,278	Switzerland	+595	Canada	280	Turkey	1,042
S. Korea	10,284	Israel	+579	Austria	220	Peru	989
Israel	8,611	Peru	+535	Indonesia	209	Thailand	793
Sweden	6,830	Japan	+515	S. Korea	186	Mexico	633
Russia	6,343	Poland	+475	Ecuador	180	Diamond Princess	619
Australia	5,795	Ireland	+390	Denmark	179	Chile	618
Norway	5,760	Sweden	+387	Philippines	163	Israel	585
Ireland	4,994	Pakistan	+339	Ireland	158	Japan	575
Denmark	4,647	Chile	+310	Romania	157	Saudi Arabia	551
Czechia	4,591	UAE	+294	Algeria	152	Luxembourg	500
Chile	4,471	Denmark	+292	India	118	Iceland	460
India	4,314	Serbia	+284	Poland	98	Bahrain	451
Poland	4,201	Qatar	+279	Mexico	94	Russia	406
Romania	4,057	Austria	+270	Japan	85	Romania	406
Malaysia	3,793	Romania	+251	Peru	83	India	328
Philippines	3,660	Saudi Arabia	+223	Dominican Republic	82	Argentina	325
Japan	3,654	Mexico	+202	Egypt	78	Singapore	320
Ecuador	3,646	Australia	+200	Norway	73	Finland	300
Pakistan	3,277	Ecuador	+181	Greece	73	Iraq	279
Luxembourg	2,804	Indonesia	+181	Czechia	72	Pakistan	257
Indonesia	2,491	Malaysia	+179	Morocco	71	Netherlands	250
Saudi Arabia	2,463	Dominican Republic	+167	Malaysia	62	Egypt	247
Peru	2,281	Philippines	+152	Iraq	61	Hong Kong	216
Thailand	2,220	Norway	+137	Panama	54	Sweden	205
Finland	2,176	Belarus	+122	Israel	51	Indonesia	192



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