



COVID-19 Outbreak Update

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Executive Summary

There are now over 1.6 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with approximately 96,000 deaths and around 357,000 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

Countries across the world have continued to implement or extend restrictions as part of efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Authorities in Cambodia have announced individuals arriving in-country will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. Cambodian migrant workers, who have been encouraged to stay in Thailand and not to attempt to return to the country, are also included in this measure. In Japan, Aichi's governor has asked residents to stay at home and requested the prefecture be added to the regions placed under a state of emergency. However, no legally enforceable orders have been made at the present time. President Mario Abdo Benitez has announced Paraguay's lockdown is to be extended until at least Sunday 19 April. Similarly, authorities in Lebanon have announced the extension of lockdown measures now expected to persist until Sunday 26 April. President Cyril Ramaphosa has extended South Africa's lockdown by two weeks to the end of April. The country has so far reported 1,934 confirmed cases of the virus, the highest number in Africa.

The Prime Minister of Poland has announced that borders will be closed until 3 May, and that businesses will remain under lockdown until 19 April. Restrictions placed on schools, as well as rail and air transport, will be extended for another two weeks. Citizens have also been told to cover their mouth and nose when leaving home as of Thursday next week. In addition, restrictions on church masses will continue over the Easter period, with gatherings of more than 5 people prohibited. In the US, residents of Florida's Miami-Dade County have also been told to wear face coverings in public places, as global medical consensus gives more credit to the efficacy of face masks in stemming the spread of the virus.

Health services across the world are feeling the strain of the pandemic. At least three private hospitals in Mumbai have denied their services to new patients because of concerns about medical staff being exposed to COVID-19. These moves are likely to increase stress on the city's health system. Mumbai, with 775 cases, is so far the worst-affected city in India. At the same time, Amazonas State in Brazil has warned that its health system has been overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, with all intensive care beds and ventilators already taken. The state has reported 40 fatalities out of around 900 confirmed cases, 800 of which were reported in the state capital of Manaus, the only city in the state with intensive care units.

Uganda is bracing for the possibility of food shortages after two locust swarms entered the country from neighbouring Kenya last week. The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation has warned of an unprecedented threat to food security and livelihoods as the swarms coincide with the beginning of the long rains and planting season. The situation has also been aggravated by flight restrictions imposed to slow the spread of COVID-19, significantly delaying the delivery of pesticides in countries across the region.

In the UK, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is reported to have been moved out of intensive care but remains in hospital. The Prime Minister has been receiving treatment at St Thomas' Hospital in London since Sunday 5 April after becoming infected with the virus. In a statement released yesterday, a spokesperson said, "The prime minister has been moved this evening from intensive care back to the ward, where he will receive close monitoring during the early phase of his recovery."

The South Korean city of Daegu, which endured the first large COVID-19 outbreak outside of China, has reported zero new cases for the first time since late February, as new infections across the country dropped to record lows. Daegu accounts for more than half of South Korea's 10,450 infections, with at least 6,807 confirmed cases. Only 27 cases were reported nationwide, a new low since February.

In other good news, the daytime curfews imposed across Male, Hulhumale and Villingili in the Maldives on 1 April have now been lifted. There are now only six active cases of the virus remaining in the country. Travellers and residents are, however, warned against complacency, as secondary outbreaks are possible.

The Thai government has relaxed visa rules for foreign visitors unable to leave the country due to recently imposed travel restrictions. Despite this, foreigners living in the country will have to apply for visa extensions as usual. Foreign tourists unable to leave Thailand and whose visas expired after 26 March can stay until 30 April, but are required to inform authorities of where they are staying. Visitors from neighbouring countries who hold a temporary border pass and are stuck in Thailand following the border closures can stay in the country until the borders have been reopened. Such individuals are required to leave within seven days of borders reopening.

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	<p>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.</p>
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Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Current Total Cases	1,605,732 (+84,702)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	357,003 (+25,871)	Total Confirmed Deaths	95,766 (+7,201)
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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	468,895	USA	33,536	Italy	18,279	China	77,455
Spain	153,222	Spain	5,002	USA	16,697	Germany	52,407
Italy	143,626	Germany	4,939	Spain	15,447	Spain	52,165
Germany	118,235	France	4,799	France	12,210	Iran	32,309
France	117,749	UK	4,344	UK	7,978	Italy	28,470
China	81,907	Italy	4,204	Iran	4,110	USA	25,928
Iran	66,220	Turkey	4,056	China	3,336	France	23,206

UK	65,077	Brazil	1,957	Germany	2,607	Switzerland	10,600
Turkey	42,282	Iran	1,634	Belgium	2,523	S. Korea	7,117
Belgium	24,983	Belgium	1,580	Netherlands	2,396	Canada	5,311
Switzerland	24,051	Russia	1,459	Brazil	957	Austria	5,240
Netherlands	21,762	Canada	1,327	Switzerland	948	Belgium	5,164
Canada	20,765	Netherlands	1,213	Turkey	908	Australia	2,987
Brazil	18,176	Peru	914	Sweden	793	Turkey	2,142
Portugal	13,956	Portugal	815	Canada	509	Denmark	1,736
Austria	13,306	India	809	Portugal	409	Malaysia	1,608
Russia	11,917	Switzerland	771	Austria	295	Peru	1,438
S. Korea	10,450	Sweden	722	Indonesia	280	Chile	1,274
Israel	9,968	Japan	680	Ecuador	272	Thailand	1,013
Sweden	9,141	Israel	564	Ireland	263	Israel	1,011
India	6,771	Ecuador	515	Romania	248	Russia	795
Ireland	6,574	Ireland	500	Denmark	237	Pakistan	727
Norway	6,219	Romania	441	Algeria	235	Iceland	688
Australia	6,152	Chile	426	India	228	Japan	685
Chile	5,972	Belarus	420	S. Korea	208	Saudi Arabia	666
Denmark	5,635	Mexico	396	Philippines	203	Romania	647
Czechia	5,589	Poland	370	Mexico	194	India	635
Poland	5,575	Saudi Arabia	355	Poland	174	Mexico	633
Japan	5,530	Indonesia	337	Peru	138	Diamond Princess	619
Peru	5,256	UAE	331	Dominican Republic	118	Bahrain	519
Romania	5,202	Austria	302	Egypt	118	Luxembourg	500
Ecuador	4,965	Singapore	287	Czechia	113	Iraq	496
Pakistan	4,601	Czechia	257	Norway	108	Singapore	460
Malaysia	4,228	Dominican Republic	238	Japan	99	New Zealand	373
Philippines	4,076	Denmark	233	Morocco	97	Argentina	365
Mexico	3,441	Pakistan	226	Russia	94	Egypt	348
Indonesia	3,293	Panama	224	Greece	87	Algeria	347
Saudi Arabia	3,287	Ukraine	224	Israel	86	Ecuador	339
Luxembourg	3,115	Philippines	206	Argentina	79	Poland	318
UAE	2,990	Serbia	201	Hungary	77	Czechia	309



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