

A photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, featuring several tall skyscrapers. In the foreground, a large white hospital ship with red crosses is docked at a pier. The ship has "U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL SHIP COMFORT" written on its side. The water is visible in the lower portion of the image.

COVID-19 Outbreak Update

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Executive Summary

There are now over 1.7 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with approximately 102,000 deaths and around 376,000 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

Fatalities from the pandemic in Italy increased by 570 on Friday, down from 610 the previous day. The number of new cases also decreased slightly from 4,204 to 3,951. The latest figures seem to confirm what experts describe as a plateau of new cases and deaths, which are no longer accelerating but are still not falling significantly, giving hope that the outbreak may finally be reaching a peak in the country.

Elsewhere, lockdown measures continue to be extended. In the Maldives, the public health emergency declared on 12 March has been extended until 30 April. Travel from and to resorts from all inhabited islands remains suspended. All excursion activities from all islands, resorts, safaris and guesthouses are banned. Public spaces are closed and hotels are banned from accepting new bookings. Meanwhile, lockdown measures in Ireland have been extended until Tuesday 5 May. The Government has said that citizens should only leave home for essential work, food shopping, brief individual exercise, medical reasons and emergency situations. All public transport is limited to essential workers. Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announced on Friday that the Government is extending the nationwide lockdown until 3 May. However, a few types of shops will be allowed to re-open from 14 April, including book shops and children’s clothing stores. In Portugal, President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa announced on Friday that he would next week propose extending the national lockdown until 1 May. Parliament is likely to approve his request as the number of confirmed cases has risen above 15,000. Air Belgium officials have announced that the airline will suspend its commercial operations until 3 June but added that it is still operating repatriation flights.

In the United States, now the epicentre of the pandemic with over half a million cases, stay-at-home measures in Los Angeles County have been extended to 15 May. Each essential business is required to implement and document a social distancing and sanitation plan, which is to be visibly posted at the front of individual business locations. Meanwhile, in Utah, authorities are pioneering a geo-targeted electronic alert system. When motorists cross the state border, they will receive a text message asking them to fill out a COVID-19 declaration.

The French aircraft carrier *Charles de Gaulle* has reported at least 50 cases of COVID-19 among the crew members. Three sailors have been evacuated by air to a military hospital in Toulon. In similar news, the US Navy has removed over 3,000 sailors from the aircraft carrier *USS Theodore Roosevelt* after a COVID-19 outbreak onboard. At least 447 sailors have tested positive for the virus so far. The ship's commanding officer was recently relieved of duty after his letter urging the Navy to take decisive action and quickly evacuate the carrier's crew leaked to the media.

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

<p>Asia</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>Europe</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>Americas</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, 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	1,700,770 (+95,038)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	376,615 (+19,612)	Total Confirmed Deaths	102,775 (+7,009)
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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	503,177	USA	+33,752	Italy	18,849	China	77,525
Spain	158,273	UK	+8,681	USA	18,761	Spain	55,668
Italy	147,577	France	+7,120	Spain	16,081	Germany	53,913
France	124,869	Spain	+5,051	France	13,197	Iran	35,465
Germany	122,171	Turkey	+4,747	UK	8,958	Italy	30,455
China	81,953	Italy	+3,951	Iran	4,232	USA	27,314
UK	73,758	Germany	+3,936	China	3,339	France	24,932
Iran	68,192	Ecuador	+2,196	Belgium	3,019	Switzerland	11,100
Turkey	47,029	Iran	+1,972	Germany	2,736	S. Korea	7,117
Belgium	26,667	Russia	+1,786	Netherlands	2,511	Austria	6,064
Switzerland	24,551	Belgium	+1,684	Brazil	1,074	Canada	6,013
Netherlands	23,097	Brazil	+1,644	Turkey	1,006	Belgium	5,568
Canada	22,148	Portugal	+1,516	Switzerland	1,002	Australia	3,141
Brazil	19,943	Ireland	+1,515	Sweden	870	Turkey	2,423
Portugal	15,472	Canada	+1,383	Canada	569	Malaysia	1,830
Austria	13,586	Netherlands	+1,335	Portugal	435	Denmark	1,773
Russia	11,917	India	+875	Austria	319	Chile	1,571
S. Korea	10,450	Japan	+658	Indonesia	306	Peru	1,569
Israel	10,408	Peru	+641	Ecuador	297	Israel	1,183
Sweden	9,685	Sweden	+544	Ireland	287	Thailand	1,135
Ireland	8,089	Chile	+529	Romania	270	Russia	795
India	7,600	Switzerland	+500	Algeria	256	India	774
Ecuador	7,161	Belarus	+495	India	249	Pakistan	762
Chile	6,501	Israel	+440	Denmark	247	Iceland	751
Norway	6,314	Poland	+380	Mexico	233	Romania	729
Australia	6,238	UAE	+370	Philippines	221	Japan	685
Japan	6,005	Saudi Arabia	+364	S. Korea	208	Saudi Arabia	685
Poland	5,955	Austria	+316	Poland	181	Mexico	633
Peru	5,897	Ukraine	+311	Peru	169	<i>Diamond Princess</i>	619
Denmark	5,819	Dominican Republic	+271	Egypt	135	Bahrain	551
Czechia	5,735	Romania	+265	Dominican Republic	126	Iraq	550
Romania	5,467	Mexico	+260	Czechia	123	Luxembourg	500
Pakistan	4,788	Colombia	+250	Norway	113	Singapore	492
Malaysia	4,346	Serbia	+238	Morocco	107	New Zealand	422
Philippines	4,195	Panama	+222	Japan	99	UAE	418
Mexico	3,844	Indonesia	+219	Israel	95	South Africa	410

Saudi Arabia	3,651	Hungary	+210	Russia	94	Algeria	405
Indonesia	3,512	Pakistan	+206	Greece	92	Egypt	384
UAE	3,360	Singapore	+198	Hungary	85	Sweden	381
Luxembourg	3,223	Denmark	+184	Argentina	82	Argentina	375



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