

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 is labeled 'U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL SHIP COMFORT'. 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 108,000 deaths and around 404,000 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 United States has overtaken Italy as the country with the most coronavirus deaths, meaning the US has now recorded more fatalities associated with the virus than any other country. All 50 US states are now under disaster declarations, the first time in the country’s history. Territories including the US Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico have also made the declaration, which allows them to use federal funds to combat the pandemic.

In Europe, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said he owes his life to the country’s National Health Service (NHS) and is reported to be making progress in his recovery from the virus. Health Secretary Matt Hancock has announced that, despite the death toll in British hospitals reaching 9,000, the pandemic has yet to reach its peak. In Spain, the number of fatalities associated with the novel coronavirus has continued to fall for the third consecutive day. France has recorded a spike in deaths, thought to be due in part to a delay in statistics emerging from nursing homes. However, fewer people are reported to be in intensive care, indicating the country’s stringent lockdown measures are beginning to take effect. The rate of infection is also slowing significantly in Italy, where Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has defended extending lockdown measures until 3 May, saying “if we gave up now, we would put all the positive results achieved so far at stake and restart with a new rise in the death toll”.

Several African countries have called on Chinese authorities to explain rising levels of xenophobia in Guangzhou. Reports are emerging of Africans being evicted, discriminated against, or having test results for COVID-19 withheld. An anti-foreigner sentiment is rising across the country amid fears over a rising number of cases, predominantly stemming from Chinese nationals fleeing the pandemic in Europe. Earlier this week, Chinese President Xi Jinping urged authorities to monitor for imported cases from other countries.

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has continued to sabotage his own health ministry’s efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, shaking hands with supporters and publicly challenging social isolation measures, saying they needlessly harm the economy. Concern is mounting the virus will spiral out of control in the country, particularly in crowded favelas where basic sanitation and social distancing is hard to implement. Following the first confirmed death of an indigenous person in the Amazon, experts also believe Brazil’s native communities could be devastated by the pandemic, due to the fact they have fewer natural defences to external diseases and limited access to healthcare.

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</p>

	all inbound travel and implementing some form of lockdown.
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	1,780,903 (+80,133)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	404,497 (+27,882)	Total Confirmed Deaths	108,838 (+6,063)
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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	533,115	USA	+30,003	USA	20,580	China	77,525
Spain	163,027	UK	+5,233	Italy	19,468	Spain	59,109
Italy	152,271	Turkey	+5,138	Spain	16,606	Germany	57,400
France	129,654	France	+4,785	France	13,832	Iran	41,947
Germany	125,452	Spain	+4,754	UK	9,875	Italy	32,534
China	82,052	Italy	+4,694	Iran	4,357	USA	30,453
UK	78,991	Germany	+3,281	Belgium	3,346	France	26,391
Iran	70,029	Iran	+1,837	China	3,339	Switzerland	12,100
Turkey	52,167	Russia	+1,667	Germany	2,871	S. Korea	7,243
Belgium	28,018	Belgium	+1,351	Netherlands	2,643	Austria	6,604
Switzerland	25,107	Netherlands	+1,316	Brazil	1,140	Canada	6,428
Netherlands	24,413	Brazil	+1,173	Turkey	1,101	Belgium	5,986
Canada	23,318	Canada	+1,170	Switzerland	1,036	Australia	3,265
Brazil	20,964	Peru	+951	Sweden	887	Turkey	2,965
Portugal	15,987	India	+846	Canada	653	Malaysia	1,995
Austria	13,806	Ireland	+839	Portugal	470	Denmark	1,955
Russia	13,584	Japan	+743	Austria	337	Chile	1,864
Israel	10,743	Switzerland	+556	Indonesia	327	Peru	1,739
S. Korea	10,512	Romania	+523	Ireland	320	Israel	1,341
Sweden	10,151	Portugal	+515	Ecuador	315	Thailand	1,135
Ireland	8,928	Sweden	+466	Romania	291	Russia	1,045
India	8,504	Chile	+426	India	288	India	969
Ecuador	7,257	Mexico	+403	Algeria	275	Iceland	841
Chile	6,927	Poland	+401	Denmark	260	Japan	762
Peru	6,848	Saudi Arabia	+382	Philippines	247	Pakistan	762
Japan	6,748	UAE	+376	Mexico	233	Romania	758
Norway	6,409	Israel	+335	S. Korea	211	Saudi Arabia	720
Poland	6,356	Indonesia	+330	Poland	208	Mexico	633
Australia	6,303	Pakistan	+316	Peru	181	Diamond Princess	619
Denmark	5,996	Ukraine	+308	Egypt	146	Iraq	601
Romania	5,990	Serbia	+275	Dominican Republic	135	UAE	588
Czechia	5,902	Panama	+260	Czechia	129	Bahrain	555
Pakistan	5,038	Austria	+246	Norway	119	Singapore	528
Malaysia	4,530	Belarus	+245	Morocco	111	Luxembourg	500
Philippines	4,428	Colombia	+236	Japan	108	Algeria	460
Mexico	4,219	Philippines	+233	Russia	106	Argentina	440

Saudi Arabia	4,033	Qatar	+216	Israel	101	Egypt	426
Indonesia	3,842	Singapore	+191	Colombia	100	New Zealand	422
UAE	3,736	Malaysia	+184	Greece	93	Ecuador	411
Serbia	3,380	Denmark	+177	Argentina	89	Czechia	411



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