



COVID-19 Outbreak Update

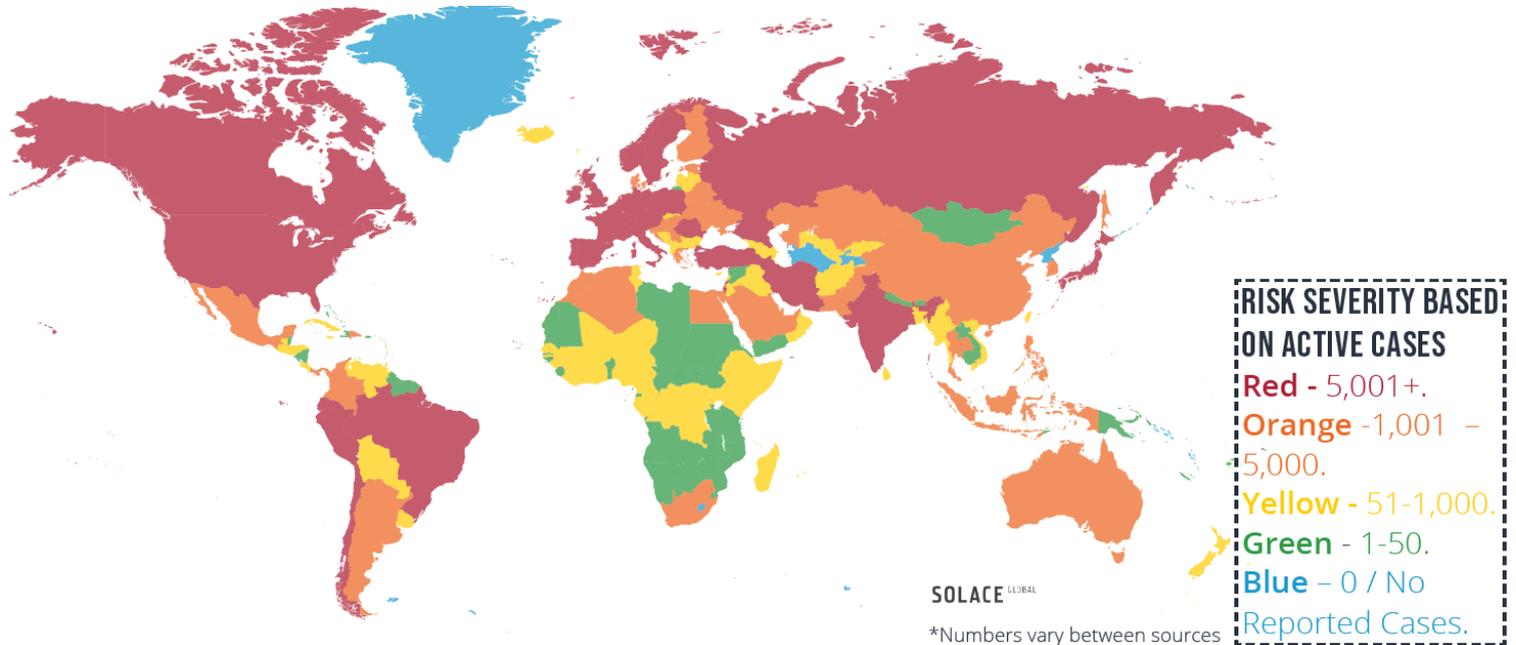
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Executive Summary

There are now over 1.9 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with approximately 120,000 deaths and around 450,000 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

In the United States, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced that the nationwide stay-at-home order will be extended until the 30 April. Governor Lee also stated that next month, he will gradually restart the local economy whilst continuing to implement the social distancing measures. Meanwhile, several Democratic governors on the East and South coasts have announced they are joining forces to combat the spread of the virus. For example, the states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Rhode Island and Massachusetts will form a new regional public and economic health group. On the West coast, the states of California, Washington and Oregon announced they would come together to design a reopening plan. However, US President Donald Trump was quick to assert his authority to override the governors’ decision, stating “when somebody’s the president of the United States, the authority is total”.

Elsewhere, COVID-19 restrictions continue to be extended and new ones implemented. French President Emmanuel Macron announced that the nationwide lockdown will be extended until the 11 May. The announcement was made as the number of cases are showing signs of slowing down. As part of the lockdown, French citizens are unable to leave their homes unless to exercise, buy groceries or seek medical attention. Despite the extension of the lockdown, the French president also announced a plan to start reopening their economies after the end of the new lockdown date.

To the south, Spain has announced the loosening of its regulations, allowing workers in “non-essential” industries such as construction, to return to their jobs after a two-week ban. However, Madrid has made it clear that these restrictions would be reimplemented should case numbers start to rise at an increasing rate again.

The Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has announced that that the lockdown for Abuja, Lagos and the Ogun states will be extended for at least 14 days. As part of the lockdown, residents are urged to stay at home. Nigeria currently has 32 confirmed cases and 10 fatalities. In Somalia, the government announced it will impose a night curfew in Mogadishu to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The curfew will begin on the 15 April and is to be enforced between 20:00 and 05:00 local time until further notice.

The Sudanese government also announced a lockdown in Khartoum, which will last for three weeks from the 18 April. The announcement was made after 10 new cases were confirmed along with two fatalities, bringing the total to 29 cases and four fatalities. Meanwhile, in Burundi, the government announced their first fatality due to the virus as well as an increase in the total number of cases which stands at five.

The Turkish government has announced that it will impose a curfew in all cities from midnight on the 17 April until midnight on 19 April. A similar curfew that was imposed last weekend prompted panic and saw residents in Istanbul rushing to the shops to panic-buy food. The government has stated that legal action will be taken against individuals or businesses that ignore the curfew.

Finally, Armenia has extended the nationwide state of emergency for a further 30 days due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. The state of emergency was announced one month ago and due to last initially until 14 April. It gives the government extra powers such as banning public events including religious rallies

and sporting competitions. Armenia has 1,039 confirmed cases and 14 fatalities.

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>

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)					
Current Total Cases	1,934,292 (+80,095)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	456,599 (+28,688)	Total Confirmed Deaths	120,438 (+6,145)

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	587,173	USA	+26,641	USA	23,644	China	77,738
Spain	172,541	UK	+4,342	Italy	20,465	Germany	68,200
Italy	159,516	France	+4,188	Spain	18,056	Spain	67,504
France	136,779	Turkey	+4,093	France	14,967	Iran	45,983
Germany	130,072	Spain	+3,268	UK	11,329	USA	36,948
UK	88,621	Italy	+3,153	Iran	4,585	Italy	35,435
China	82,249	Russia	+2,558	Belgium	4,157	France	27,718

Iran	73,303	Peru	+2,265	China	3,341	Switzerland	13,700
Turkey	61,049	Germany	+2,218	Germany	3,194	Canada	7,756
Belgium	31,119	Iran	+1,617	Netherlands	2,823	Austria	7,633
Netherlands	26,551	Canada	+1,297	Brazil	1,355	S. Korea	7,534
Switzerland	25,688	India	+1,248	Turkey	1,296	Belgium	6,868
Canada	25,680	Brazil	+1,238	Switzerland	1,138	Turkey	3,957
Brazil	23,723	Ireland	+992	Sweden	919	Australia	3,598
Russia	21,102	Netherlands	+964	Canada	780	Brazil	2,979
Portugal	16,934	Belgium	+942	Portugal	535	Peru	2,642
Austria	14,119	Saudi Arabia	+472	Indonesia	459	Malaysia	2,478
Israel	11,868	Sweden	+465	Austria	384	Chile	2,367
Sweden	10,948	Mexico	+442	Ireland	365	Denmark	2,235
Ireland	10,647	Israel	+441	India	358	Israel	2,000
S. Korea	10,564	Serbia	+424	Ecuador	355	Mexico	1,964
India	10,541	UAE	+398	Philippines	335	Russia	1,694
Peru	9,784	Singapore	+386	Romania	332	Thailand	1,405
Japan	7,645	Portugal	+349	Mexico	332	Pakistan	1,378
Ecuador	7,529	Belarus	+341	Algeria	313	India	1,205
Chile	7,525	Romania	+333	Denmark	285	Iceland	933
Poland	7,049	Ukraine	+325	Poland	251	Romania	914
Romania	6,633	Indonesia	+316	S. Korea	222	UAE	852
Norway	6,605	Chile	+312	Peru	216	Saudi Arabia	805
Denmark	6,496	Philippines	+284	Dominican Republic	177	Japan	799
Australia	6,400	Switzerland	+273	Russia	170	Iraq	717
Czechia	6,059	Pakistan	+266	Egypt	164	Diamond Princess	639
Pakistan	5,716	Poland	+260	Czechia	147	New Zealand	628
Philippines	5,223	Qatar	+252	Japan	143	Poland	618
Mexico	5,014	Japan	+248	Norway	134	Algeria	601
Malaysia	4,987	Bahrain	+225	Morocco	126	Ecuador	597
Saudi Arabia	4,934	Dominican Republic	+200	Hungary	122	Bahrain	591
Indonesia	4,839	Bangladesh	+182	Israel	117	Egypt	589
UAE	4,521	Denmark	+144	Colombia	112	Singapore	586
Serbia	4,054	Kazakhstan	+140	Greece	99	Czechia	527



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