

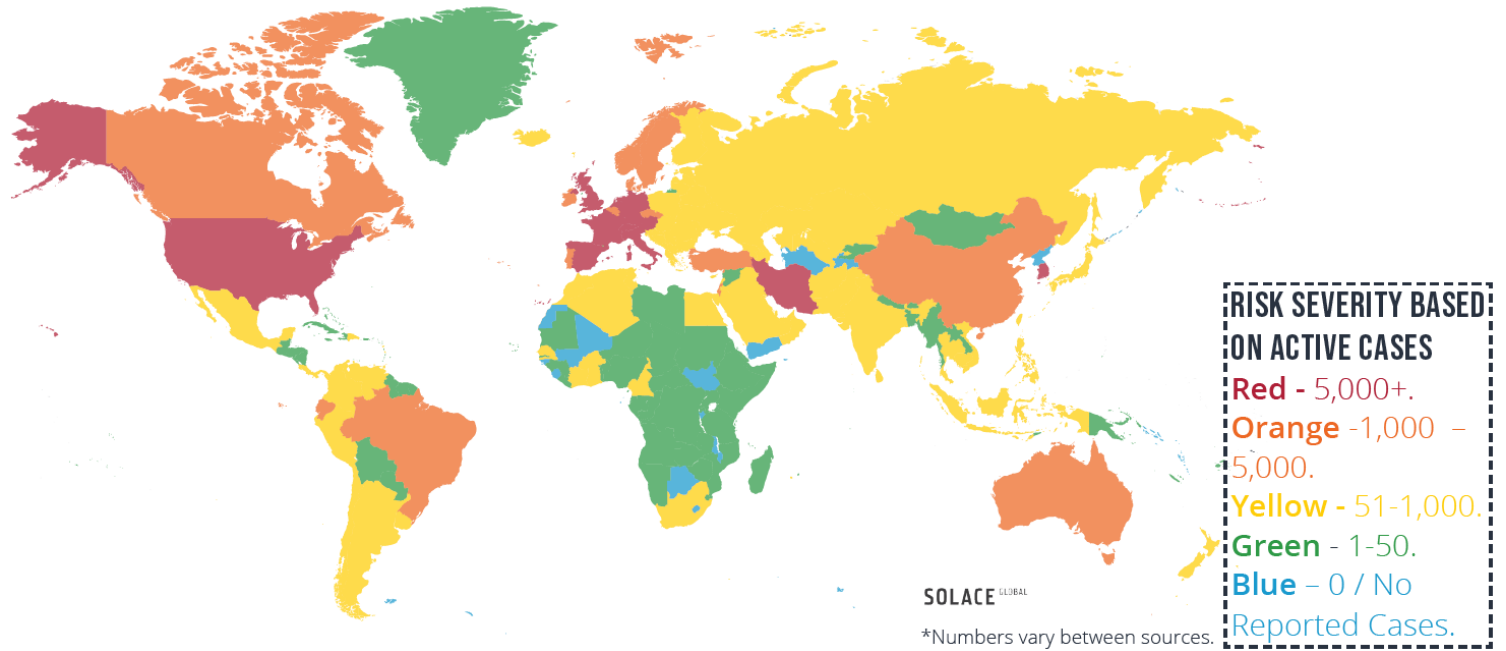
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**COVID-19 Outbreak Update**  
**25 March**

**Executive Summary**

There are now just over 390,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 17,000 deaths and around 103,000 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 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.



(Please note. We have changed our mapping matrix; we are now mapping risk severity based on active cases in countries to better reflect the ever-evolving situation.)

**Latest Updates**

After much global speculation, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach have agreed to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games due to COVID-19 concerns. The IOC president and the Prime Minister concluded that the games must be rescheduled to a date beyond 2020 but no later than summer 2021.

The first known death of a child due to COVID-19 in the United States has been reported, despite the virus not typically being severe for juveniles. The minor was from Lancaster, just north of Los Angeles. No further information has yet been given, including the victim's age or sex, or whether they had pre-existing health conditions. The incident shows that youth is no guarantee of safety from the virus.

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office has issued a statement via Twitter strongly advising British nationals currently travelling overseas to return to the UK immediately. The country’s health minister, Matt Hancock, also announced that a new temporary hospital would open next week at the Excel exhibition centre in London to treat as many as 4,000 people. The move is designed to help relieve pressure on the National Health Service as confirmed cases in the UK continue to rise. In other news, Clarence House, the official London residence of The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall, has released a statement confirming that Prince Charles has tested positive for the virus and is displaying “mild symptoms”.

Indian Prime Minister Modi has announced that the country will be placed under a lockdown order for 21 days. India had already banned incoming international flights for a week from Sunday, grounded domestic flights, suspended rail transport and shut sea and river ports. Similarly, Panama has enacted nationwide movement restrictions beginning Wednesday, 25 March at 5:01am. The movement restrictions will include regular windows of time for people to grocery shop, get medicines, or deal with medical emergencies based on the last digit of their cedula number or passport if an individual does not have a cedula.

The Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has also introduced a curfew. People under 18 will only be able to go outside between 12pm and 9pm and people over 67 between 5am and 11am. Additionally, the historic Grand Bazaar in Istanbul has been completely closed to visitors. Until 23 March, people could visit the venue between 10am and 4pm.

Despite the optimistic targets of President Trump to have the US return to normal daily routine by Easter, many experts have speculated that the country may soon become the epicentre of the epidemic, with more states/cities issuing stay-at-home orders. Washington DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has ordered the temporary closure of the on-site operation of all non-essential businesses and prohibited gatherings of 10 or more people in the city. Non-essential business activities include tour guides, gyms, theatres, auditoriums, nightclubs, barbershops, tattoo parlours, sales not involved in essential services, clothing stores and professional services not devoted to assisting essential business operations. The order goes into effect on 25 March at 10:00pm until 24 April. Similar measures have been adopted in Vermont and Montana.

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

<b>Asia</b>	<p>Nearly all countries in Asia have implemented some form of restriction on travel.</p> <p>China has announced that its plans to lift the travel restrictions on Hubei province after months of lockdown, with the exception of the city of Wuhan. There are also mounting restrictions on entry into China, as the authorities try to curb the risk of re-importing the virus. In Hong Kong, all non-residents have been banned (the measure will be implemented from 25 March).</p> <p>Thailand has implemented a state of emergency after previously ordering the closure of malls in Bangkok and now requires all travellers to acquire a health certificate before entering the country. Malaysia is due to deploy its military on Sunday to aid in enforcing a national movement control order, which is scheduled to last until the end of March. The Philippines have implemented a complete lockdown.</p> <p>Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan have complete border closures for non-residents. Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkmenistan and Vietnam have at least partial restrictions on some countries/regions.</p>
<b>Europe</b>	<p>Italy remains the hardest-hit country by the virus. However, both Spain and Switzerland are now seeing strong new case growth. Nearly all travel to and from as well as inside Europe has been curbed. The EU has closed the bloc's external borders. The UK has advised all its citizens against all but essential travel abroad. 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. Travel from many other European nations is now also being restricted, with the US banning all travel from the Schengen area, as well as Norway, Ireland and the UK.</p> <p>At this time, Belarus, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine all have complete border closures to non-residents. Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia &amp; H., Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep. (Czechia), Cyprus, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, N. Macedonia, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey have some form of restrictions on inbound travel.</p>
<b>Americas</b>	<p>The United States has implemented a level 4: Do Not Travel global advisory. The Department of State advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19. In countries where commercial departure options remain available, U.S. citizens who live in the United States should arrange for an immediate return, unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period. U.S. citizens who live abroad should avoid all international travel. Repatriation flights do still continue for the time being. Restrictions within the United States are also being implemented, with many states looking to apply for shelter-in-place orders. The United States has also ordered a border closure for all non-essential travel from both Canada and Mexico, which will come into effect on Sunday, 22 March.</p> <p>At this time, Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Rep., Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Paraguay, United States and Uruguay all have at least some form of restriction on inbound travel. Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Suriname and Trinidad &amp; Tobago do also have varying level of restrictions. Additionally, restrictions vary on many Caribbean islands.</p>
<b>Africa</b>	<p>A number of countries in Africa have implemented travel restrictions on people arriving from affected countries. Currently, this includes most of Europe, China and the US. South Africa will enter a national lockdown this week.</p> <p>At this time, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Egypt, Kenya, Sudan and Tunisia have all barred all inbound travel. Algeria, Angola, Congo, Djibouti, Mali, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda all have at least some restrictions on inbound travel.</p>
<b>Middle East</b>	<p>The Middle East also has some significant restrictions, Saudi Arabia, has implemented a ban on all foreign arrivals, including pilgrims (a measure they hope will be lifted prior to Hajj). Both Saudi Arabia and the UAE are also imposing strict internal movement restrictions.</p> <p>Most countries have also closed schools and non-essential businesses, banned large gatherings, including prayers at mosques. Lebanon is currently under a two-week-long lockdown to prevent its health facilities to be overwhelmed by the number of cases. On 21 March, Jordan has initiated a three-day-long lockdown, after which the government is set to announce the plan for the upcoming months.</p> <p>Additionally, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman and Yemen all have restrictions on inbound travel by all non-GCC travellers and permanent residents. Additionally, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Qatar and the UAE have varying levels of restrictions.</p>
<b>Australia/Oceania</b>	<p>Australia and New Zealand have closed their borders to anyone who is not a citizen or resident. The Australian Prime Minister has also announced a lockdown, though at this time the lockdown is not as strict as those seen in the UK, France or Italy. Most Pacific Island nations have also imposed border control measures and quarantine requirements on travellers arriving from affected countries.</p>

**Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)**

Current Total Cases	428,948 (+36,662)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	110,047 (+6,658)	Total Confirmed Deaths	19,152 (+1,902)
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<b>Solace Global Advice</b>	<p>At this time, travellers should <b>reconsider their need to travel globally, with only business-critical travel being advised.</b> 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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**Statistics**

Current Confirmed cases per country										
China	81218	Russia	658	North Macedonia	148	Channel Islands	39	Bahamas	5	
Italy	69176	Iceland	648	Albania	146	Paraguay	37	Fiji	5	
USA	54941	Philippines	636	Vietnam	134	Honduras	36	Greenland	5	
Spain	42058	India	562	Faeroe Islands	132	Mayotte	36	Congo	4	
Germany	33952	Singapore	558	Moldova	125	Bolivia	32	Guinea	4	
Iran	27017	Qatar	526	Cyprus	124	Macao	30	Vatican City	4	
France	22304	Slovenia	480	Burkina Faso	114	Jamaica	25	Eswatini	4	
Switzerland	10171	Panama	443	Tunisia	114	French Polynesia	25	Cabo Verde	3	
S. Korea	9137	Croatia	418	Ukraine	113	Kenya	25	Gambia	3	
UK	8077	Peru	416	Malta	110	Monaco	23	Sudan	3	
Netherlands	5560	Hong Kong	410	Brunei	109	French Guiana	23	Zimbabwe	3	
Austria	5494	Mexico	405	Sri Lanka	102	Isle of Man	23	Nepal	3	
Belgium	4937	Estonia	404	Oman	99	Guatemala	21	Angola	3	
Norway	2868	Egypt	402	Senegal	99	Togo	20	Antigua and Barbuda	3	
Canada	2792	Bahrain	392	Réunion	94	Madagascar	19	CAR	3	
Australia	2423	Argentina	387	Cambodia	93	Barbados	18	Chad	3	
Portugal	2362	Colombia	378	Venezuela	91	Aruba	17	Djibouti	3	
Sweden	2300	Lebanon	333	Azerbaijan	87	Gibraltar	15	Liberia	3	
Brazil	2271	Iraq	316	Belarus	86	New Caledonia	14	Mozambique	3	
Israel	2030	Dominican Republic	312	Kazakhstan	79	Maldives	13	Myanmar	3	
Turkey	1872	Serbia	303	Afghanistan	74	Ethiopia	12	St. Barth	3	
Malaysia	1796	Armenia	265	Guadeloupe	73	Tanzania	12	Saint Lucia	3	
Denmark	1715	Algeria	264	Georgia	73	Mongolia	10	Zambia	3	
Czechia	1497	Lithuania	255	Ivory Coast	73	El Salvador	9	Bhutan	2	
Ireland	1329	UAE	248	Cameroon	66	Equatorial Guinea	9	Laos	2	
Japan	1193	Taiwan	235	Palestine	62	Uganda	9	Mauritania	2	
Luxembourg	1099	Hungary	226	Martinique	57	Saint Martin	8	Nicaragua	2	
Ecuador	1082	Latvia	221	Trinidad and Tobago	57	Niger	7	Sint Maarten	2	
Pakistan	1000	Bulgaria	220	Uzbekistan	55	Dominica	7	Belize	1	
Thailand	934	Slovakia	216	Ghana	53	Haiti	7	Eritrea	1	
Poland	927	New Zealand	205	Montenegro	52	Namibia	7	Grenada	1	
Chile	922	Kuwait	195	Liechtenstein	51	Seychelles	7	Libya	1	
Finland	841	Uruguay	189	Mauritius	48	Suriname	7	Montserrat	1	
Romania	794	San Marino	187	Cuba	48	Cayman Islands	6	Papua New Guinea	1	
Indonesia	790	Costa Rica	177	Nigeria	46	Curaçao	6	St. Vincent Grenadines	1	
Saudi Arabia	767	Morocco	170	DRC	45	Gabon	6	Somalia	1	
Greece	743	Bosnia and Herzegovina	168	Kyrgyzstan	44	Benin	6	Syria	1	
Diamond Princess	712	Andorra	164	Rwanda	40	Bermuda	6	Timor-Leste	1	
South Africa	709	Jordan	154	Bangladesh	39	Guyana	5	Turks and Caicos	1	
Yesterday's increase										
USA	+11100	Thailand	+106	Andorra	+31	Mayotte	+12	Namibia	+3	
Spain	+6922	New Zealand	+103	Hong Kong	+30	Vietnam	+11	Vatican City	+3	
Italy	+5249	Ecuador	+101	Lithuania	+30	Guadeloupe	+11	Kuwait	+2	
Germany	+3935	Colombia	+101	Ukraine	+29	Kazakhstan	+10	Bolivia	+2	
France	+2448	Panama	+98	Uruguay	+27	Cameroon	+10	Jamaica	+2	
Iran	+1762	Pakistan	+97	Morocco	+27	Isle of Man	+10	Togo	+2	
UK	+1427	Finland	+92	Jordan	+27	Georgia	+9	New Caledonia	+2	
Switzerland	+1082	Philippines	+90	Ghana	+26	DRC	+9	Suriname	+2	
Netherlands	+811	Argentina	+86	Kyrgyzstan	+26	Kenya	+9	Curaçao	+2	
Austria	+809	China	+78	Qatar	+25	Cyprus	+8	El Salvador	+2	
Canada	+701	S. Korea	+76	Tunisia	+25	Cuba	+8	Mozambique	+2	
Belgium	+526	Croatia	+67	Réunion	+23	Aruba	+8	Laos	+2	
Israel	+488	Dominican Republic	+67	Peru	+21	Senegal	+7	Palestine	+1	
Australia	+430	Japan	+65	Taiwan	+21	French Polynesia	+7	Guatemala	+1	
Turkey	+343	Iceland	+60	Hungary	+20	Trinidad and Tobago	+6	Barbados	+1	
Brazil	+323	Russia	+57	Montenegro	+20	Mauritius	+6	Ethiopia	+1	
Portugal	+302	Serbia	+54	Costa Rica	+19	Bangladesh	+6	Haiti	+1	
Sweden	+253	Mexico	+51	Albania	+19	Sri Lanka	+5	Cayman Islands	+1	
Norway	+241	Lebanon	+51	Slovakia	+18	Paraguay	+5	Bahamas	+1	
Luxembourg	+224	Iraq	+50	Oman	+18	Madagascar	+5	Greenland	+1	
Romania	+218	UAE	+50	Estonia	+17	Dominica	+5	Fiji	+1	
Saudi Arabia	+205	Singapore	+49	Bulgaria	+17	Faeroe Islands	+4	Gambia	+1	
Ireland	+204	Greece	+48	Latvia	+17	Cambodia	+4	Sudan	+1	
Chile	+176	Ivory Coast	+48	Moldova	+16	Martinique	+4	Chad	+1	
Czechia	+158	Slovenia	+38	Bahrain	+15	Uzbekistan	+4	Myanmar	+1	
Poland	+152	India	+37	Burkina Faso	+15	Nigeria	+4	Libya	+1	
South Africa	+152	Egypt	+36	Azerbaijan	+15	Rwanda	+4			
Denmark	+131	Algeria	+34	Armenia	+14	Macao	+4			
Indonesia	+107	Afghanistan	+34	Brunei	+13	Malta	+3			
Malaysia	+106	Bosnia and Herzegovina	+32	North Macedonia	+12	French Guiana	+3			
Current confirmed deaths										

Italy	6820	Austria	30	Panama	6	Lithuania	3	Moldova	1
China	3281	Ecuador	27	Argentina	6	Bulgaria	3	Azerbaijan	1
Spain	2991	Iraq	27	Dominican Republic	6	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	Guadeloupe	1
Iran	2077	Canada	26	Israel	5	Cyprus	3	Cameroon	1
France	1100	San Marino	21	Mexico	5	Paraguay	3	Martinique	1
USA	784	Greece	20	Morocco	5	Chile	2	Montenegro	1
UK	422	Egypt	20	Albania	5	Iceland	2	Cuba	1
Netherlands	276	Malaysia	19	Bangladesh	5	Singapore	2	Nigeria	1
Belgium	173	Algeria	19	Thailand	4	UAE	2	Jamaica	1
Germany	171	Norway	13	Slovenia	4	Taiwan	2	Guatemala	1
Switzerland	135	Romania	13	Hong Kong	4	Costa Rica	2	Niger	1
S. Korea	126	Poland	12	Lebanon	4	North Macedonia	2	Cayman Islands	1
Indonesia	58	Diamond Princess	10	Serbia	4	Afghanistan	2	Curaçao	1
Brazil	47	India	10	Burkina Faso	4	Ghana	2	Gabon	1
Turkey	44	Hungary	10	Tunisia	4	Mauritius	2	Guyana	1
Japan	43	Australia	8	Ukraine	4	DRC	2	Cabo Verde	1
Sweden	40	Luxembourg	8	Czechia	3	Saudi Arabia	1	Gambia	1
Philippines	38	Ireland	7	Finland	3	Russia	1	Sudan	1
Portugal	33	Pakistan	7	Bahrain	3	Croatia	1	Zimbabwe	1
Denmark	32	Peru	7	Colombia	3	Andorra	1		



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