

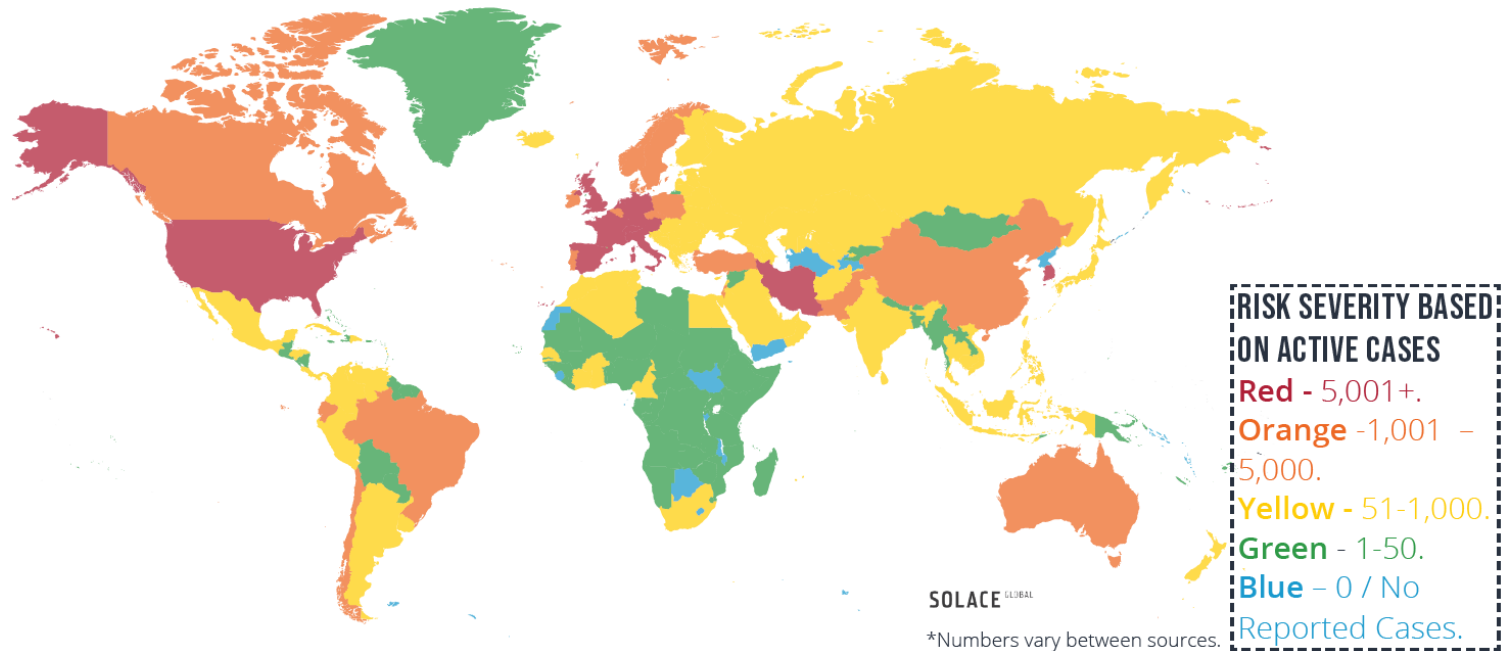
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**COVID-19 Outbreak Update**  
**26 March**

**Executive Summary**

There are now just over 480,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally, with approximately 22,000 deaths and around 118,000 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**

In Europe, as case numbers appear to be beginning to slow in Italy, those in Spain continue to grow at a rapid rate. Both countries’ death toll is higher than China, with Spain’s confirmed deaths passing 4,000. Additionally, US confirmed case numbers are growing faster than the two Mediterranean countries. In Italy, the rate of new infections has slowed again, and authorities have stated that they believe that almost half of all the country’s provinces have already hit the peak of the outbreak. However, while there are positives in the country’s north, with containment measures working in Lombardy, the worst-hit region in the north, poorer parts of the country’s central and southern areas are seeing a notable rise in deaths.

In China, state media has announced that no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported on Wednesday in Wuhan, Hubei Province, formerly the hardest-hit city where the virus is believed to have originated. The news indicates that the strict quarantine measures implemented in the city are enjoying some success in fighting the spread of the virus.

In the US, the Senate has unanimously passed a 2 trillion USD stimulus plan to prop up the US economy as it attempts to withstand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan is the largest in modern American history. The legislation intends to send direct payments of 1,200USD to Americans earning up to 75,000USD, with an additional 500USD per child; it will then gradually phase out for higher earners. It will also substantially expand the amount of jobless aid. The US is bracing itself for a record number of jobless claims with millions of Americans believed to have lost their jobs in the last week.

The airline industry is continuing to see a sharp decline as a result of the outbreak, both Paris Orly and London City airports have announced the complete suspension of flight operations. Kenya Airways has suspended operations as the number of confirmed cases in Africa has increased from fewer than 200 a week ago to 2,412 as of Wednesday. Besides Kenya Airways, carriers in Uganda, Tunisia, Sudan, Senegal, Rwanda, Ghana, Egypt, Sudan, Cameroon, Algeria and Nigeria have also halted their international flights. Additionally, from midnight on 26 March until at least 16 April, South African airspace will close to commercial flights.

In Mali, after reporting the first confirmed cases of COVID-19, the government will now enforce a curfew between 21:00 to 05:00 and close the country’s land borders. Freight will still be allowed into Mali and markets will remain open. The cases were two Malian nationals who had recently arrived from France.

The Russian government is also suspending all international flights starting Friday, except those bringing citizens home, as part of increased measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. At least 652 confirmed cases of the virus have been registered in Russia, with more than half of the infected located in Moscow. The cabinet has also requested the Foreign Ministry to assist Russian citizens stranded abroad until they return home. Russian embassies around the world will receive additional funds to be able to provide such support.

Bolivia has declared a state of emergency. From 00:01 on 26 March, restrictions on movement will be increased. All international flights to and from the country

have been suspended and the country's land border crossings closed. The government of Santiago, Chile has announced a 7-day quarantine beginning at 10:00 pm on Thursday, 26 March, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The quarantine will affect the Santiago neighbourhoods (comunas) of Santiago Centro, Independencia, Providencia, Nunoa, Las Condes, Vitacura, and Lo Barnechea. People will be allowed to leave their residences only under certain circumstances, including for medical reasons, basic services, public services, and others to be announced in the coming hours. At least 1,142 cases have been reported in Chile, along with three fatalities.

A state of emergency has also been declared in Thailand, with social gatherings and foreign travellers banned, there are also restrictions on domestic travel with only essential services being provided. The decree gives increased powers to PM Prayuth Chan-ocha to deal with disorder, many of which are similar to those when he was chief of the military junta council after the 2014 coup.

Syria has implemented a nationwide curfew from 18:00 to 06:00 as lockdown measures are extended. Incoming and outgoing passenger flights have also been suspended with only pharmacies and bread deliveries being allowed. Similarly, Saudi Arabia has tightened its nationwide curfew, barring entry to and exit from the capital Riyadh and the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, as well as movement between all provinces. Mosques, schools, malls and restaurants have all been closed with authorities stating they will fine or jail those who violate restrictions.

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

**Asia**

Nearly all countries in Asia have implemented some form of restriction on travel.

China has announced that it 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).

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.

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.

**Europe**

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.

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 & 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.

**Americas**

The United States 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. In countries where commercial departure options remain available, US citizens who live in the United States should arrange for an immediate return, unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period. US citizens who live abroad should avoid all international travel. Repatriation flights do still continue for the time being. Restrictions within the US 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.

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 & Tobago do also have varying level of restrictions. Additionally, restrictions vary on many Caribbean islands.

**Africa**

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.

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.

**Middle East**

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.

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.

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.

**Australia/Oceania**  
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.

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

Current Total Cases	487,012 (+58,064)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	117,563 (+7,516)	Total Confirmed Deaths	22,025 (+2,873)
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**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.

**Statistics**

**Current Confirmed Cases Per Country**

China	81,285	South Africa	709	Jordan	172	Bolivia	39	Bahamas	5
Italy	74,386	Philippines	707	Ukraine	156	Mayotte	36	Fiji	5
USA	68,581	India	694	Vietnam	153	Macao	31	Mozambique	5
Spain	56,188	Singapore	631	Moldova	149	Monaco	31	Syria	5
Germany	39,502	Panama	558	Burkina Faso	146	French Guiana	28	Cabo Verde	4
Iran	29,406	Estonia	538	Faeroe Islands	140	Kenya	28	Congo	4
France	25,233	Qatar	537	Ghana	132	Jamaica	26	Eritrea	4
Switzerland	11,125	Slovenia	528	Cyprus	132	Gibraltar	26	Guinea	4
UK	9,529	Argentina	502	Malta	129	French Polynesia	25	Vatican City	4
S. Korea	9,241	Croatia	481	Réunion	115	Isle of Man	25	Eswatini	4
Netherlands	6,412	Peru	480	Brunei	114	Guatemala	24	Gambia	3
Belgium	6,235	Mexico	475	Kazakhstan	109	Togo	23	Sudan	3
Austria	6,001	Colombia	470	Oman	109	Aruba	19	Zimbabwe	3
Canada	3,409	Egypt	456	Venezuela	106	Madagascar	19	Nepal	3
Norway	3,191	Hong Kong	453	Senegal	105	Barbados	18	Angola	3
Portugal	2,995	Bahrain	419	Sri Lanka	102	New Caledonia	14	Antigua and Barbuda	3
Australia	2,799	Dominican Republic	392	Cambodia	96	Uganda	14	CAR	3
Brazil	2,563	Serbia	384	Azerbaijan	93	El Salvador	13	Chad	3
Sweden	2,554	Lebanon	368	Belarus	86	Maldives	13	Liberia	3
Israel	2,495	Iraq	346	Afghanistan	84	Tanzania	13	Mauritania	3
Turkey	2,433	UAE	333	Palestine	84	Ethiopia	12	Myanmar	3
Malaysia	2,031	Algeria	302	Ivory Coast	80	Zambia	12	St. Barth	3
Denmark	1,851	Lithuania	290	Georgia	77	Djibouti	11	Saint Lucia	3
Czechia	1,775	Armenia	290	Cameroon	75	Dominica	11	Sint Maarten	3
Ireland	1,564	New Zealand	283	Guadeloupe	73	Mongolia	11	Belize	2
Luxembourg	1,333	Hungary	261	Montenegro	67	Saint Martin	11	Bhutan	2
Japan	1,307	Taiwan	252	Martinique	66	Equatorial Guinea	9	British Virgin Islands	2
Ecuador	1,211	Latvia	244	Uzbekistan	65	Cayman Islands	8	Guinea-Bissau	2
Chile	1,142	Bulgaria	243	Trinidad and Tobago	60	Haiti	8	Mali	2
Pakistan	1,106	Slovakia	226	Cuba	57	Suriname	8	Nicaragua	2
Poland	1,085	Morocco	225	Mauritius	52	Gabon	7	Saint Kitts and Nevis	2
Thailand	1,045	Uruguay	217	Honduras	52	Niger	7	Somalia	2
Romania	1,029	San Marino	208	DRC	51	Bermuda	7	Grenada	1
Finland	915	Kuwait	208	Nigeria	51	Namibia	7	Libya	1
Saudi Arabia	900	Costa Rica	201	Liechtenstein	51	Seychelles	7	Montserrat	1
Indonesia	893	Andorra	188	Channel Islands	46	Curaçao	6	Papua New Guinea	1
Russia	840	Bosnia and Herzegovina	185	Bangladesh	44	Benin	6	St. Vincent Grenadines	1
Greece	821	North Macedonia	177	Kyrgyzstan	44	Greenland	6	Timor-Leste	1
Iceland	737	Albania	174	Paraguay	41	Laos	6	Turks and Caicos	1
Diamond Princess	712	Tunisia	173	Rwanda	41	Guyana	5		

**Yesterday's Increase**

USA	+13,355	Panama	+115	Burkina Faso	+32	Uzbekistan	+10	DRC	+3
Spain	+7,457	Argentina	+115	Iraq	+30	Channel Islands	+10	Bolivia	+3
Italy	+5,210	Japan	+114	North Macedonia	+29	Paraguay	+10	Kenya	+3
Germany	+4,332	Romania	+112	Uruguay	+28	Kazakhstan	+9	Guatemala	+3
France	+2,929	Thailand	+107	Bahrain	+27	Cameroon	+9	Togo	+3
Iran	+2,206	Indonesia	+104	Hong Kong	+24	Martinique	+9	Saint Martin	+3
UK	+1,452	S. Korea	+100	Bulgaria	+24	Cuba	+9	Eritrea	+3
Switzerland	+1,020	Colombia	+92	Latvia	+24	Zambia	+9	Kyrgyzstan	+2
Netherlands	+852	Pakistan	+91	Costa Rica	+24	Bosnia & H.	+8	Macao	+2
Belgium	+668	Iceland	+89	Andorra	+24	Cyprus	+8	Aruba	+2
Portugal	+633	Finland	+88	Moldova	+24	Monaco	+8	Madagascar	+2

Canada	+617	UAE	+85	Albania	+23	Djibouti	+8	Cayman Islands	+2
Turkey	+561	Philippines	+84	Venezuela	+22	Ivory Coast	+7	Mozambique	+2
Israel	+439	Serbia	+81	Honduras	+22	Nigeria	+7	British Virgin Islands	+2
Australia	+359	Dominican Republic	+80	San Marino	+21	Azerbaijan	+6	Guinea-Bissau	+2
Brazil	+307	Greece	+78	Taiwan	+19	Montenegro	+6	Mali	+2
Austria	+305	New Zealand	+78	Malta	+19	Mauritius	+6	Saint Kitts and Nevis	+2
Czechia	+260	Singapore	+73	Jordan	+18	Brunei	+5	Rwanda	+1
Ireland	+235	Lithuania	+65	Réunion	+17	Cambodia	+5	Tanzania	+1
Luxembourg	+234	Peru	+64	Armenia	+16	Belarus	+5	Haiti	+1
Sweden	+227	Croatia	+60	Lebanon	+15	Georgia	+5	Suriname	+1
Chile	+220	Tunisia	+59	Oman	+15	French Guiana	+5	Bermuda	+1
Norway	+218	Morocco	+55	Ghana	+15	Jamaica	+5	Greenland	+1
Malaysia	+172	Egypt	+54	Vietnam	+14	Uganda	+5	Fiji	+1
Russia	+163	Slovenia	+48	Senegal	+13	Kuwait	+4	Cabo Verde	+1
South Africa	+155	China	+47	Slovakia	+12	New Caledonia	+4	Nepal	+1
Poland	+150	Ukraine	+43	Qatar	+11	Dominica	+4	Laos	+1
Denmark	+133	Hungary	+39	Palestine	+11	El Salvador	+4	Sint Maarten	+1
Saudi Arabia	+133	Mexico	+38	Gibraltar	+11	Niger	+4	Belize	+1
Ecuador	+129	Algeria	+38	Faeroe Islands	+10	Syria	+4		
India	+121	Estonia	+35	Afghanistan	+10	Trinidad and Tobago	+3		

**Current Confirmed Deaths**

Italy	7,503	Denmark	34	Argentina	8	Russia	3	Cameroon	1
Spain	4,089	Ecuador	29	Czechia	6	Bulgaria	3	Guadeloupe	1
China	3,287	Iraq	29	Mexico	6	Bosnia & Herzegovina	3	Montenegro	1
Iran	2,234	Malaysia	23	Serbia	6	North Macedonia	3	Martinique	1
France	1,331	Greece	23	Lebanon	6	Cyprus	3	Trinidad and Tobago	1
USA	1,036	Egypt	21	Morocco	6	DRC	3	Cuba	1
UK	465	Algeria	21	Albania	6	Paraguay	3	Nigeria	1
Netherlands	356	San Marino	21	Tunisia	6	Saudi Arabia	2	Channel Islands	1
Germany	222	Romania	17	Israel	5	Iceland	2	Jamaica	1
Belgium	220	Norway	14	Finland	5	Singapore	2	Guatemala	1
Switzerland	165	Poland	14	Slovenia	5	UAE	2	Cayman Islands	1
S. Korea	131	India	14	Ukraine	5	Taiwan	2	Gabon	1
Indonesia	78	Australia	13	Bangladesh	5	Costa Rica	2	Niger	1
Sweden	64	Diamond Princess	10	Thailand	4	Azerbaijan	2	Curaçao	1
Brazil	60	Dominican Republic	10	Colombia	4	Afghanistan	2	Guyana	1
Turkey	59	Hungary	10	Hong Kong	4	Mauritius	2	Cabo Verde	1
Japan	45	Ireland	9	Bahrain	4	Estonia	1	Gambia	1
Philippines	45	Peru	9	Lithuania	4	Croatia	1	Sudan	1
Portugal	43	Luxembourg	8	Burkina Faso	4	Andorra	1	Zimbabwe	1
Austria	42	Pakistan	8	Ghana	4	Moldova	1		
Canada	36	Panama	8	Chile	3	Palestine	1		



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