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Daily Global Situation Report

April 15, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Though only April, many parts of the Western US are already seeing levels of dryness more commonly expected in July. The drought forecast is raising alarms that the Western US could face another severe fire season on the heels of 2020's historic run of wildfires.



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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus infections topped 138.1 million with more than 2.9 million deaths.

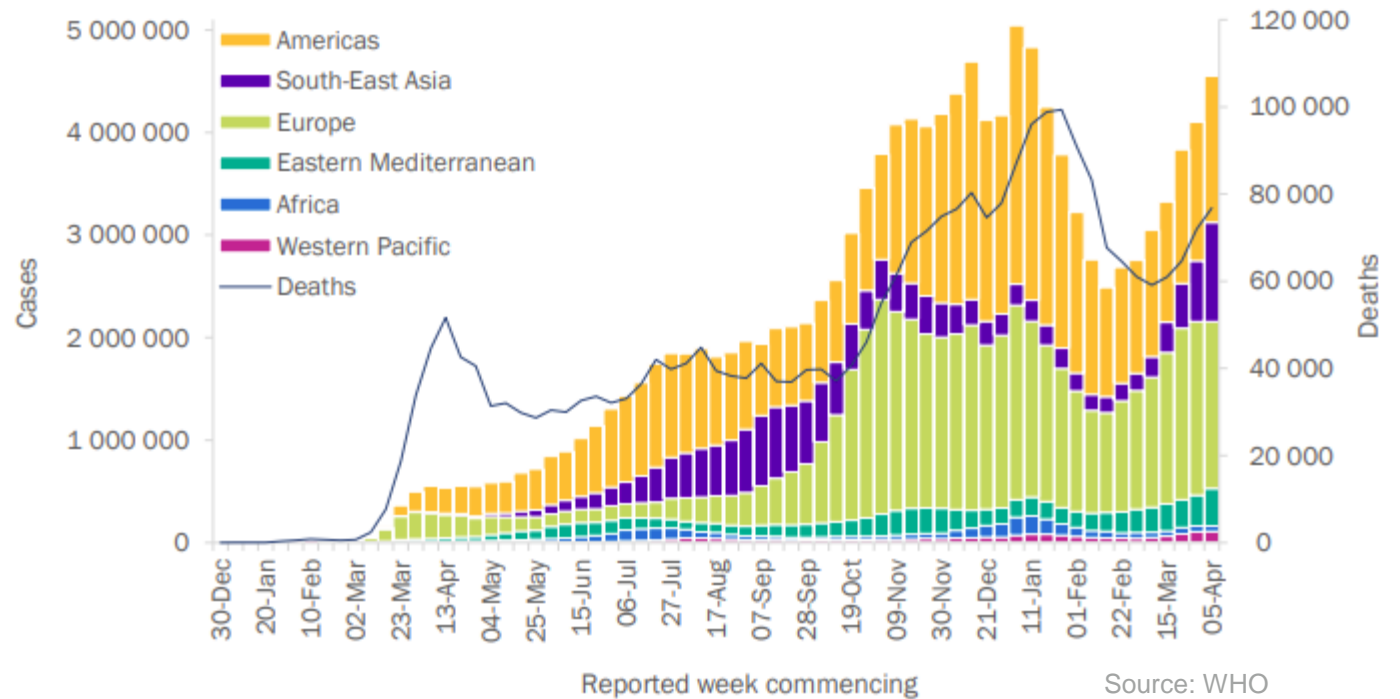
- Research from public health institute Fiocruz indicates that **Brazil's P1 coronavirus variant** may be mutating in ways that will allow it to better resist antibodies.
- Corporate executives and investors say they want world leaders at next week's climate summit to embrace a unified and market-based approach to slashing their **carbon emissions**.
- A senior Japanese ruling party official said on Thursday that cancelling this year's **Olympic Games** in Tokyo remains an option if the coronavirus crisis becomes too dire, fueling speculation that the global sporting event will be cancelled.

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Global

Globally, new COVID-19 cases rose for a seventh consecutive week, with over 4.5 million new cases reported in the last week. The number of new deaths increased for the fourth consecutive week, increasing by 7 percent compared to last week, with over 76,000 new deaths reported.

The largest increases in case incidence were observed in the South-East Asia (most notably in India) and the Eastern Med regions. All regions, except for the African and Americas Regions, reported increases in the number of deaths, with the largest increase of 189 percent from the Western Pacific Region (largely driven by a steep increase in new deaths in the Philippines) followed by 47 percent in South-East Asia.



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COVID-19 Vaccine

A group of 175 former world leaders and Nobel laureates urged the US to suspend intellectual property rights for COVID-19 vaccines to help boost global inoculation rates.

- Less effective vaccines may outperform those with high **efficacy** if the former can be distributed more quickly, per a new research paper.
- The new draft paper from Oxford University found that the risk of **cerebral venous thrombosis** is a hundred times greater for COVID-19 patients than for the normal population, and eight to 10 times higher than it is with vaccination. About 30 per cent of these cases occurred in the under 30s.
- The **EU** unveiled plans to massively increase its supply of the **Pfizer vaccine** as the **AstraZeneca vaccine** continues to face hurdles. Ireland said it will offer alternatives to the AstraZeneca vaccine to all high-risk individuals and people under 60.
- **Denmark** halted the use of the **AstraZeneca vaccine** altogether.
- **Canada** announced it would not restrict the use of the **Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine** and that the benefits of the dose outweighed its potential risks.
- **France** will continue to offer the **Johnson & Johnson vaccine** despite its suspension in the US.
- **Russia's** healthcare watchdog said it has found no cases of blood clots arising from **Sputnik V**. Separately, Russia's Gamelaya Center published a statement underlining the differences between Sputnik V and the **AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines**, though all are based on adenoviral vector platforms.

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Markets & Business

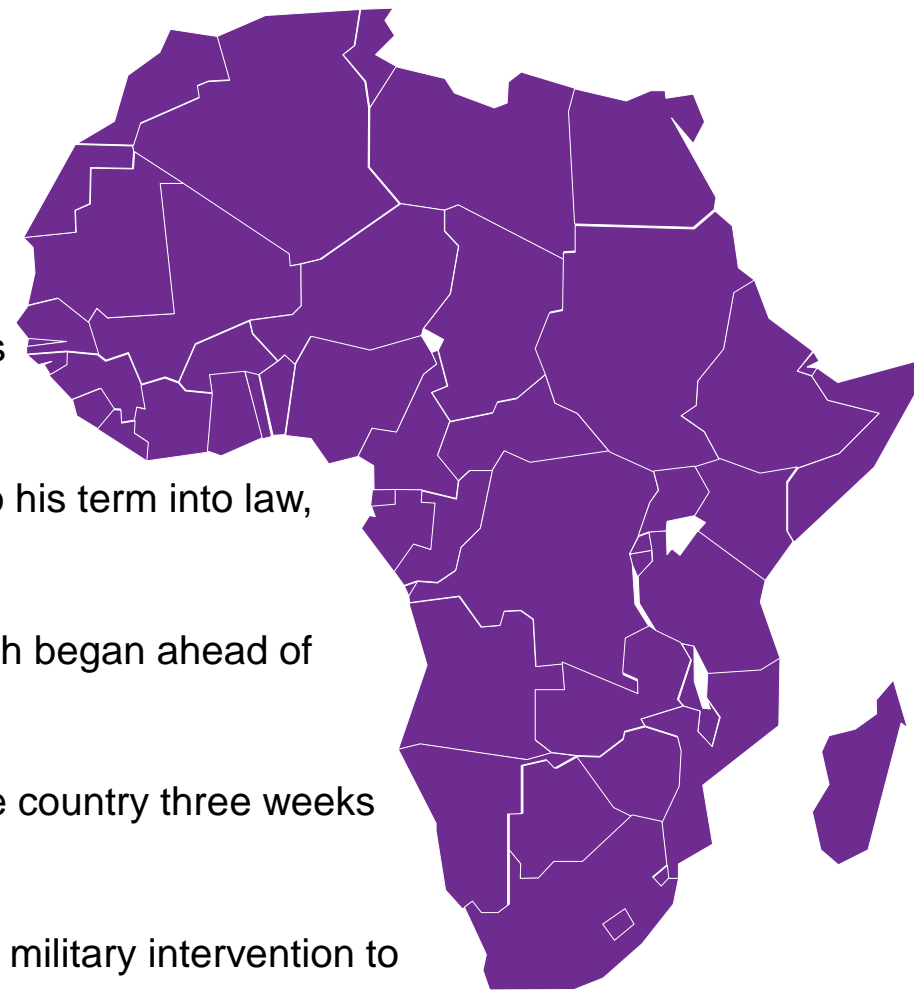
A new paper from the CDC posited that blocking middle seats may cut the risk of catching COVID-19 on a flight by over 50 percent; the findings come as most major US airlines have already stopped blocking middle seats.

- **World stocks** were on course to extend a five-day run of record highs on Thursday, while Russia's markets tumbled at the prospect of the harshest US sanctions in years.
- **Oil prices** rose sharply in the US Wednesday as refiners draw down crude stocks to meet rising fuel demand as the economy reopens.
- **Coinbase** fetched a \$85 billion valuation in its Wednesday market debut, in a landmark moment for cryptocurrencies.
- Federal Reserve Chairman Powell said the central bank would begin to slow the pace of its **bond purchases** "well before" increasing interest rates.
- A series of NFT works **by digital artist Pak** sold for over \$17 million at Sotheby's.
- Wall Street's biggest banks reported record quarterly profits, as a run of IPOs and the reddit-driven retail investor boom of recent months benefited the likes of **JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs**.
- **Facebook** is facing investigation for possible breach of EU privacy laws over its leak of data from 530 million users.
- The US Department of Justice stepped up its antitrust probe of the partnership between **American Airlines and JetBlue Airways**.

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Africa

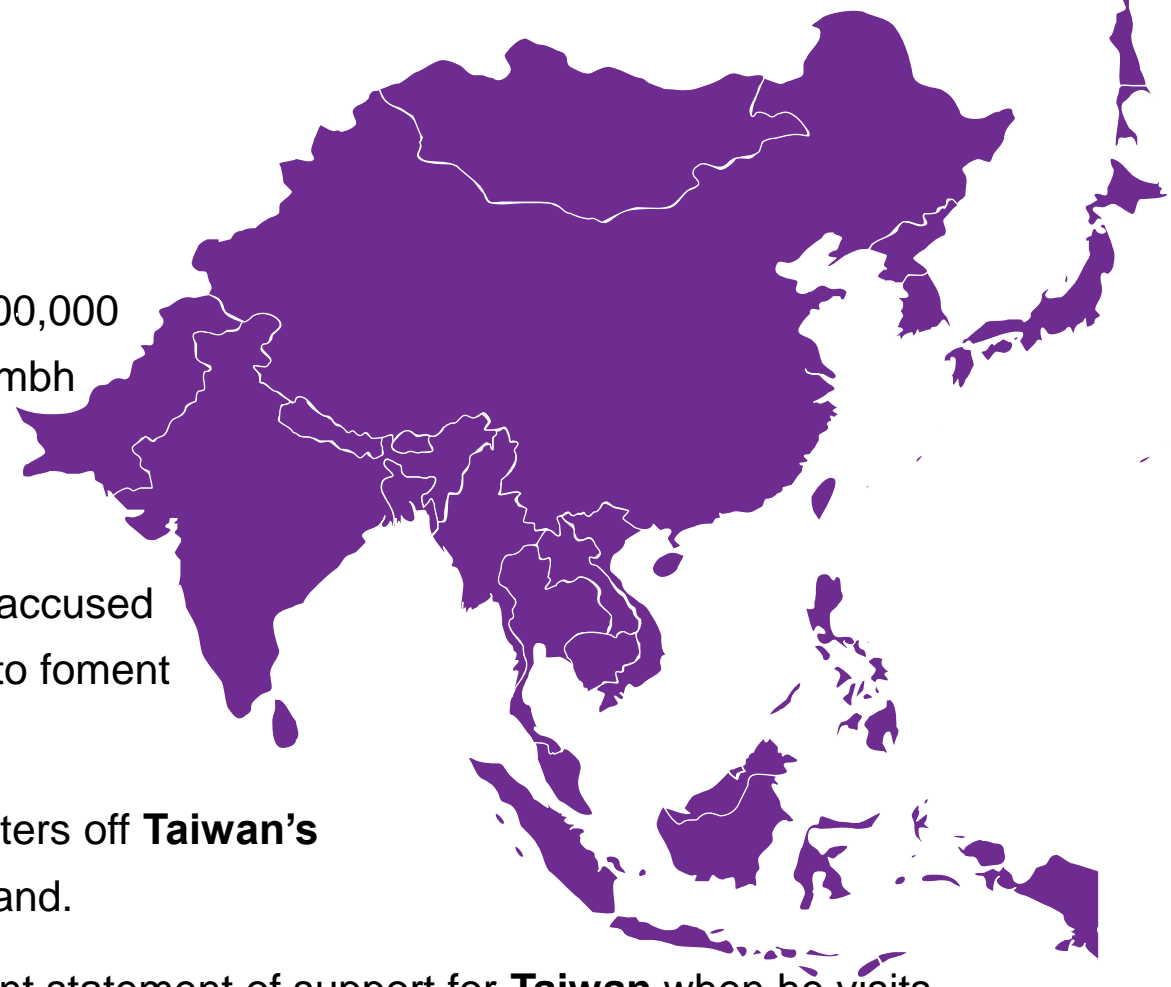
- Amnesty International found that **Eritrean** soldiers killed three civilians this week in the Tigray region of **Ethiopia**.
- **Somalia's** President Farmajo signed a controversial two-year extension to his term into law, despite the objections of the Somali parliament's upper house.
- The Un urged **Uganda** to end a crackdown on the political opposition which began ahead of January elections and has resulted in the death of 50 people.
- **Malawi** will destroy approximately 16,000 vaccine doses that arrived in the country three weeks ago and expired before they could be used.
- **Mozambican** leader Nyusi suggested that would not accept even regional military intervention to assist in quelling the Islamist threat in the country's northwest. The UN warned that the country is facing a long-lasting humanitarian and protection crisis.



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Asia

- Daily COVID-19 cases in **India** hit a record high of almost 200,000 as groups of pilgrims gather for a Hindu religious festival Kumbh Mela despite curbs on movement. Hospitals are being overwhelmed and oxygen supplies are drying up.
- **Chinese** Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesman Zhao Lijian accused the **US** of funding and training Muslim minorities in Xinjiang to foment unrest in the region.
- **China's** military will begin six-days of live-fire drills in the waters off **Taiwan's** southwest coast, as an unofficial **US** delegation visits the island.
- The **US** is urging **Japan's** Prime Minister Suga to issue a joint statement of support for **Taiwan** when he visits Washington tomorrow.
- **Myanmar** security forces arrested one of the main leaders of the campaign against military rule after ramming him with a car as he led a motorbike protest rally.



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How do You Manage Incident Response?

2021 has already seen business disrupted by extreme weather, ransomware attack, the ongoing pandemic and more. The common refrain “It’s not if, but when” rings truer than ever for disruptive incidents that will impact business as usual.

Working with Dentons, you can effectively develop an organizational incident-behavior adopted by all your team members. Dentons will help you build muscle memory through tabletop exercises, which are crafted to fit the business strategy of every client.

Our team plays events and incidents of different severities and complexities and accounts for real-world factors such as inconclusive evidence, mistakes by responders, and the business impact of eradication steps. Our tech-savvy lawyers continuously revise the playbooks per the evolving sector-specific threat landscape.

Dentons tabletop sessions are fluid, and designed to enhance preparedness with services, including:

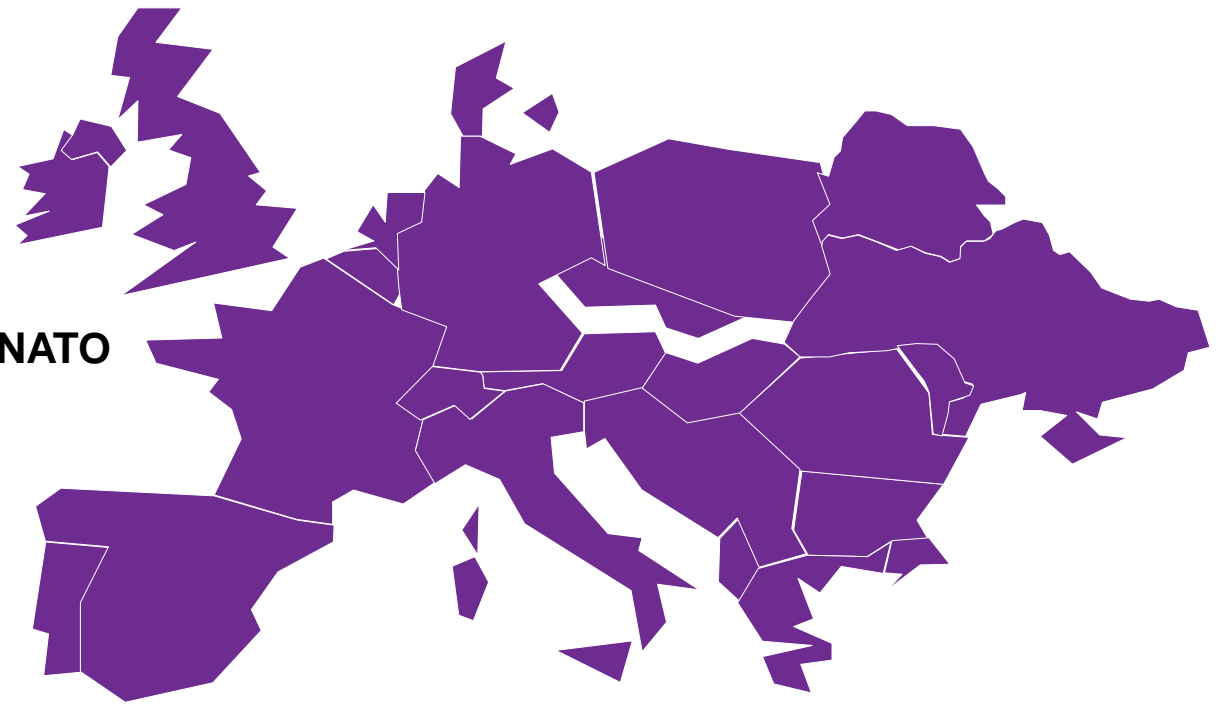
- ❖ Ransomware tabletop exercises
- ❖ Post-tabletop action reports
- ❖ Maturity assessments for preparedness
- ❖ Supply-chain attack simulation
- ❖ Comprehensive incident response plan
- ❖ Threat analysis and monitoring

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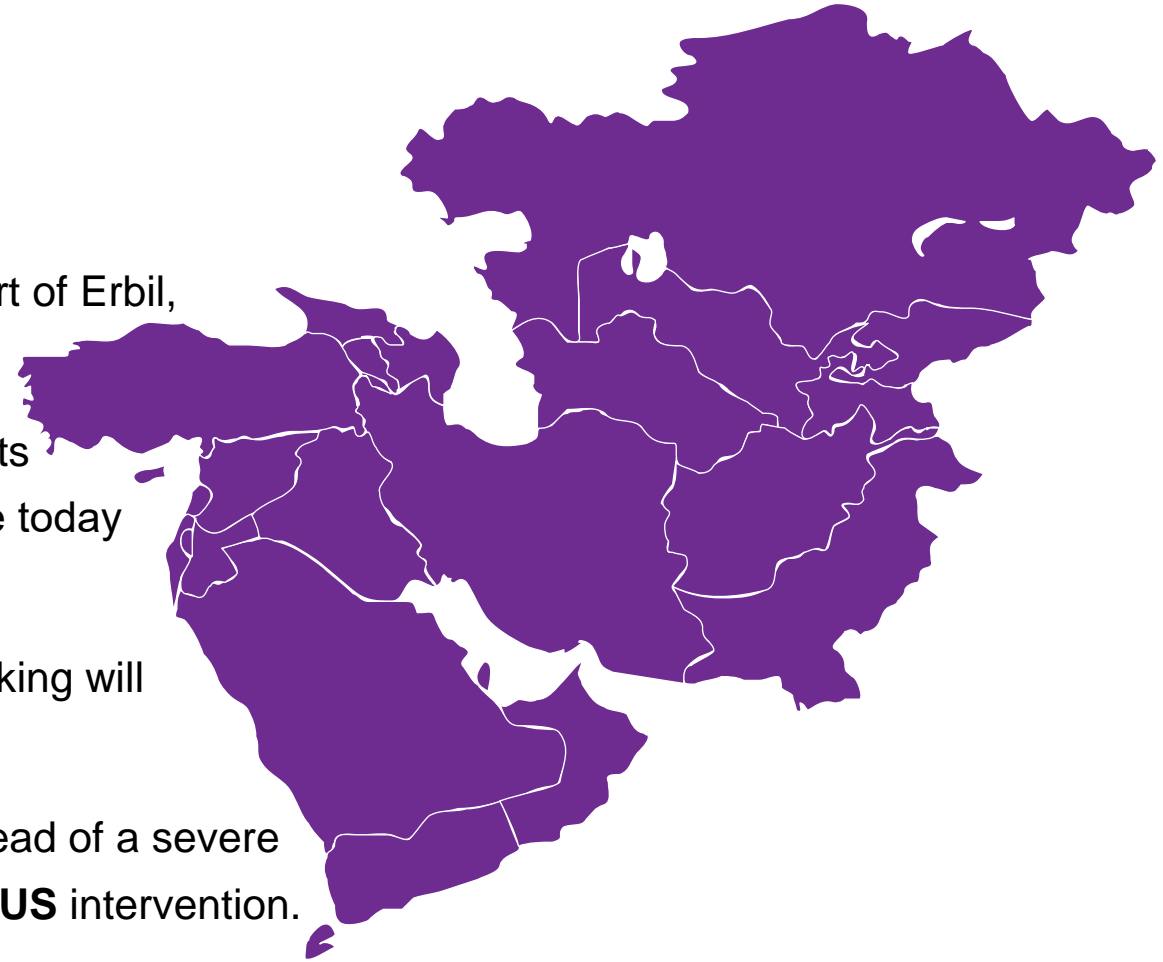
Europe

- **Russia and Ukraine** held simultaneous military drills as **NATO** members met to denounce the Russian troop build-up.
- **NATO** unanimously backed the **US** decision to withdraw from **Afghanistan**.
- The **UK** government revealed a quasi-insurance scheme in which it will pay up to £300,000 to organizers of live sporting events that must cancel due to COVID-19.
- **Turkey** freed a prominent journalist, Ahmet Altan, one day after the **European** Court of Human Rights ruled that he had been wrongfully detained on charges related the 2016 coup attempt in Turkey.
- Despite rising coronavirus cases, **Switzerland's** government announced a broad range of reopening measures, drawing contrast with European neighbors. **Turkey** surpassed 4 million infections, with yesterday's new cases exceeding 62,000 and the its highest daily death toll yet of 279.



Middle East

- Security officials reported rocket attacks near the main airport of Erbil, the capital of the Kurdish region of **Iraq**.
- **Iran's** Supreme Leader dismissed initial US negotiating points in Vienna as “*not worth looking at.*” Indirect talks will resume today in Vienna.
- The suspects in an alleged plot to overthrow the **Jordanian** king will stand trial in the kingdom's State Security Court on Monday.
- **Jordan** obtained additional supplies of water from **Israel** ahead of a severe drought “*after several weeks of waiting*” and amid reports of **US** intervention.
- The **US** will go through with a \$23 billion arms sale to the **UAE**, including drones and the F-35 fighter jet, following a period of review.
- **Lebanon** surpassed 500,000 virus infections.



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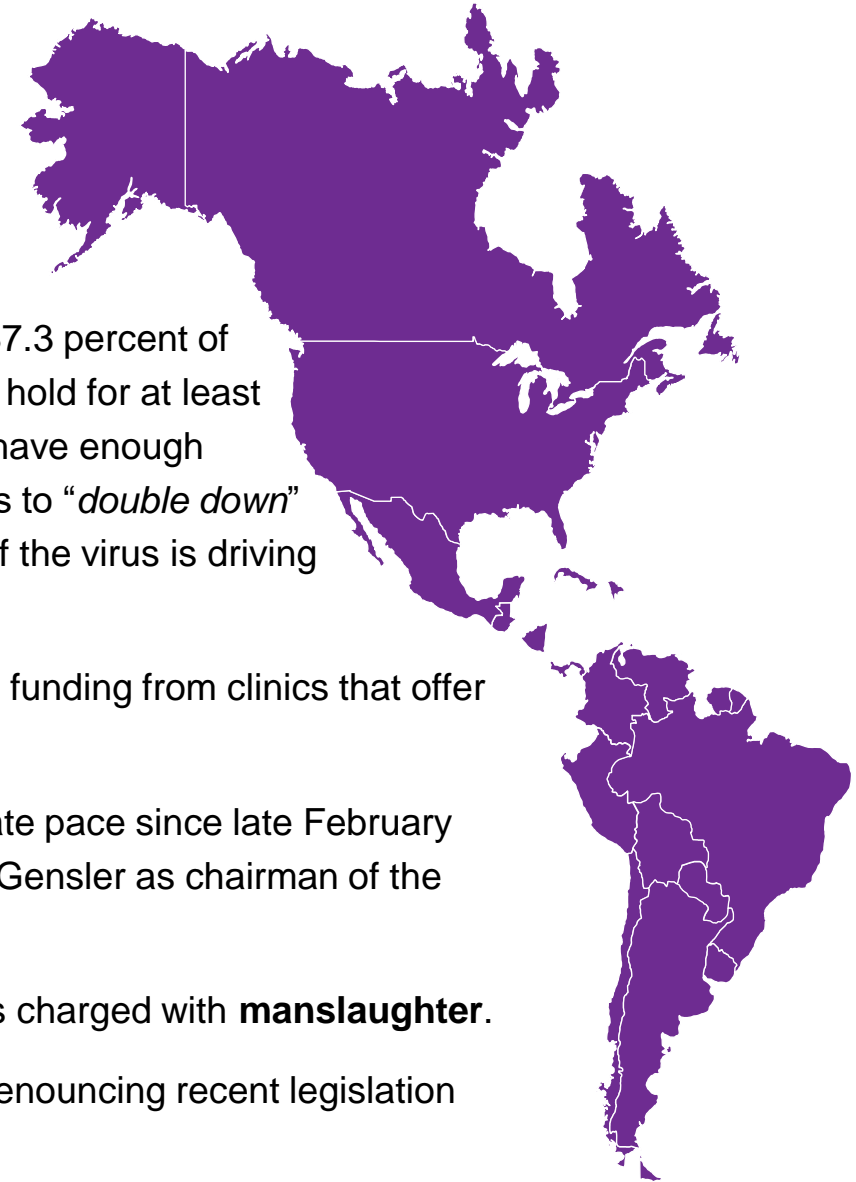
Americas

- **Haitian** Prime Minister Joseph Jouthe resigned Wednesday; he did not give an immediate reason. President Moïse has nominated Claude Joseph to replace him.
- A UN official warned that the potential for humanitarian crisis in **St. Vincent**, as volcanic eruptions have now displaced about 20 percent of the island's people.
- **Brazil's** Supreme Court gave the go-ahead for a Senate investigation into President Bolsonaro's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Guatemala's** Congress refused to swear in judge Gloria Porras, known internationally for her hard line against corruption, to the country's supreme court.



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Americas: US



- Across the nation, 123.9 million people have received at least one **dose of vaccine**, or 37.3 percent of the total population. **Johnson & Johnson's** COVID-19 vaccines are likely to remain on hold for at least another week after members of a government advisory committee decided they did not have enough information to recommend it be restarted. **Michigan** Governor Whitmer called on citizens to “*double down*” on COVID-19 restrictions but resisted calls for another state lockdown. The UK variant of the virus is driving up infection rates.
- The Biden Administration took initial steps to reverse a Trump-era policy denying federal funding from clinics that offer **abortions**.
- The Fed’s latest Beige Book showed that **US economic activity** has grown at a moderate pace since late February and that New York in particular saw an increase in tourism. The Senate confirmed Gary Gensler as chairman of the **Securities and Exchange Commission**.
- The former police officer who shot and killed Daunte Wright in a Minneapolis suburb was charged with **manslaughter**.
- Over 100 US companies including Apple, Amazon, Ford and Starbucks signed a letter denouncing recent legislation in several states that would **limit voting access**.
- The US will announce sanctions on **Russia** as soon as Thursday for alleged election interference and malicious cyber activity.

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Science Under the Scope: Post-COVID Inflammatory Syndrome in Children

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During the late spring and summer of 2020 an alarming trend began to emerge in children who had experienced, and recovered from, COVID-19 infection. This trend was a late-onset inflammatory syndrome that landed most sufferers in hospital intensive care units and led to the deaths of several hundred children across the country. The mystery inflammatory disease, later named MIS-C, even occurs in children who were asymptomatic during infection.¹

MIS-C is a multisystem inflammatory disease that presents with symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock syndrome. The syndrome was first identified in the United Kingdom in April 2020 and later appeared in several countries throughout the world.² To gain a better understanding of how MIS-C is impacting children, a group of scientists from the CDC and a number of state health departments in the United States conducted a study of 1,733 individuals who experienced MIS-C.

The study, which is the largest study to date to examine MIS-C, found that 75 percent of the children did not experience symptoms during their COVID-19 infection.³ Additionally, 90 percent of children

in the study had at least 4 organ systems impacted by the syndrome and 58 percent required treatment in the ICU. Of the 1,733 children in the study, 24 died (1.4 percent).⁴

Overall, the study found that 53-67 percent of the children experienced gastrointestinal symptoms, rash, or conjunctival hyperemia (dilation and redness of the blood vessels in the eye). Fifty-four percent of the children experienced hypertension or shock and 31 percent experienced cardiac dysfunction. Approximately 17 percent experienced myocarditis, though this was more common in older children.

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With regards to heart complications like myocarditis, the study found that the children in the study who did not experience COVID-19 symptoms during infection were much more likely than those that did to experience heart problems during MIS-C. Concerningly, the study found that children who were asymptomatic during COVID-19 infection were admitted to the ICU with MIS-C at higher rates than children who had been symptomatic during infection.

When examining the impact of age on the severity of MIS-C symptoms, the researchers found that older children were more likely to experience severe symptoms than children in the 0-4 age group. This youngest age group had the lowest risk of experiencing any of the severe heart complications and they were the least likely of all the age groups to be admitted to the ICU. Children 10 and older in the study were most likely to experience shock, low blood pressure, and myocarditis.

Aside from the age differences, there were demographic differences as well. The Northeast and the South had the highest rates of MIS-C cases per population. Additionally, 58 percent of the children in the study were male and 73 percent were Hispanic or non-Hispanic Black, reflecting preliminary data from previous months that indicate

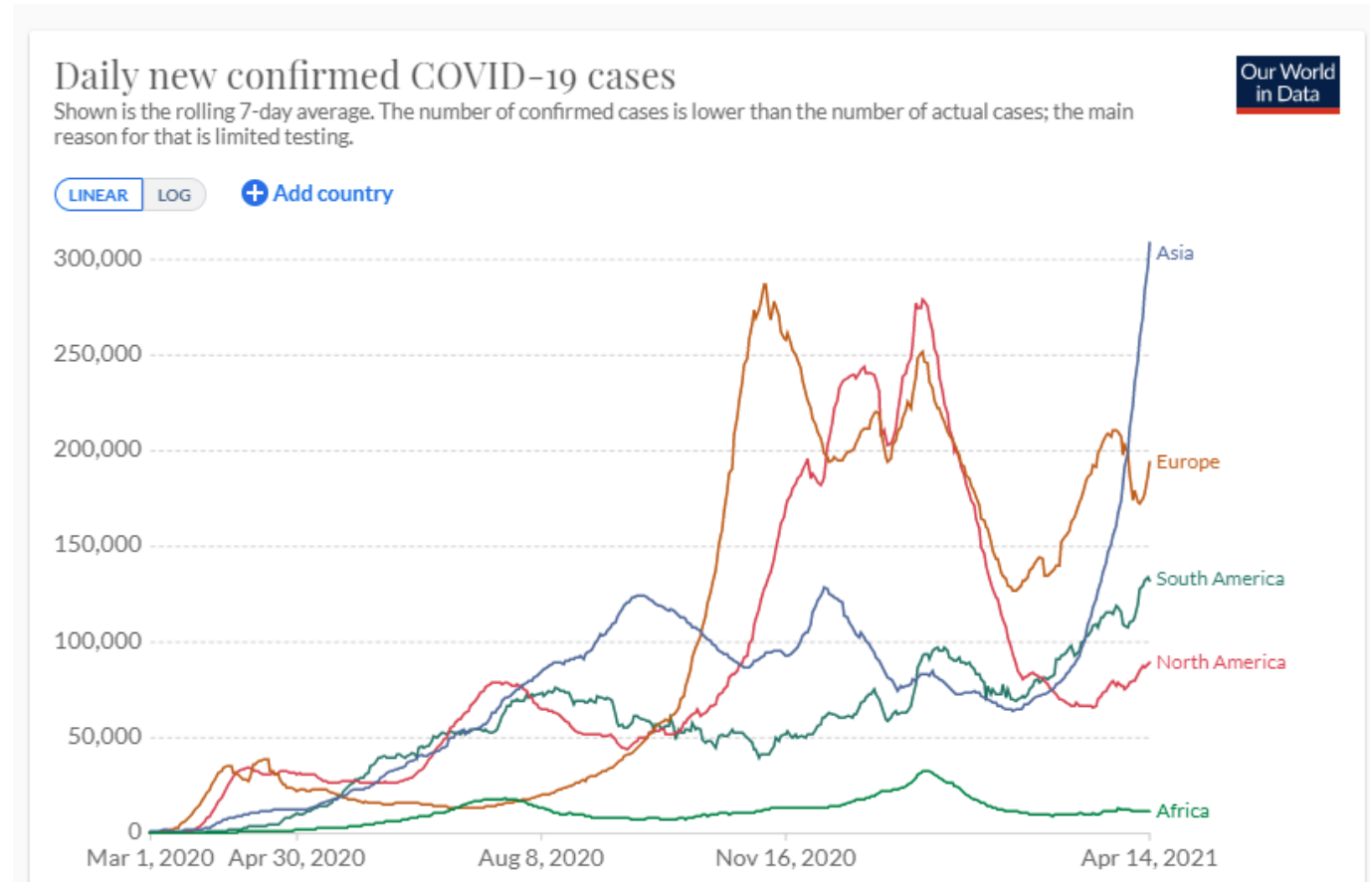
that Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black children are at higher risk of developing MIS-C than non-Hispanic white children.

The authors conclude by cautioning pediatricians to be aware of and on the lookout for potential symptoms of MIS-C. They state that their study found an increase in MIS-C cases after the two primary peaks of COVID-19 and that they expect this trend will continue when there are future peaks of the disease.

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Region in Charts: Europe's Fourth Wave

The promising signs earlier in the month have faded. While Eastern Europe, except Turkey is improving, new hotspots in Western Europe are once again driving infection rates up. Europe is no longer the epicenter of the pandemic, with India and Brazil earning this grim placement.



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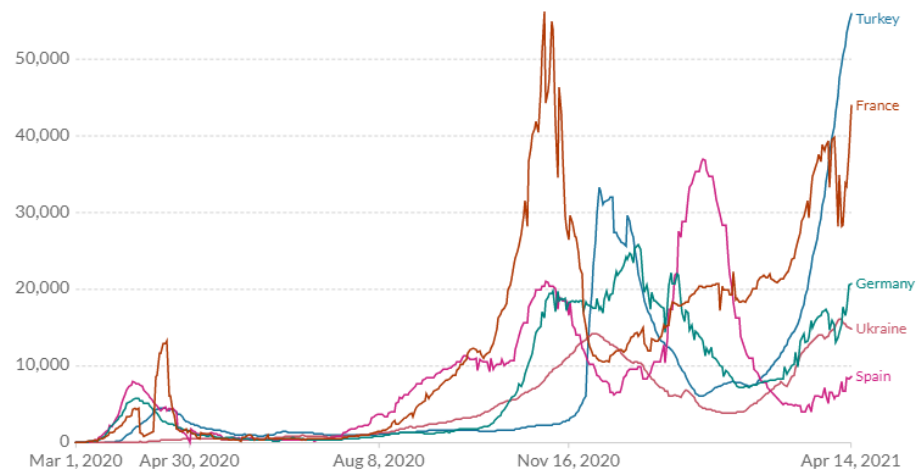
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Western Europe and Turkey are seeing the negative impact of reopening too soon, with new infections surging once again.

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases

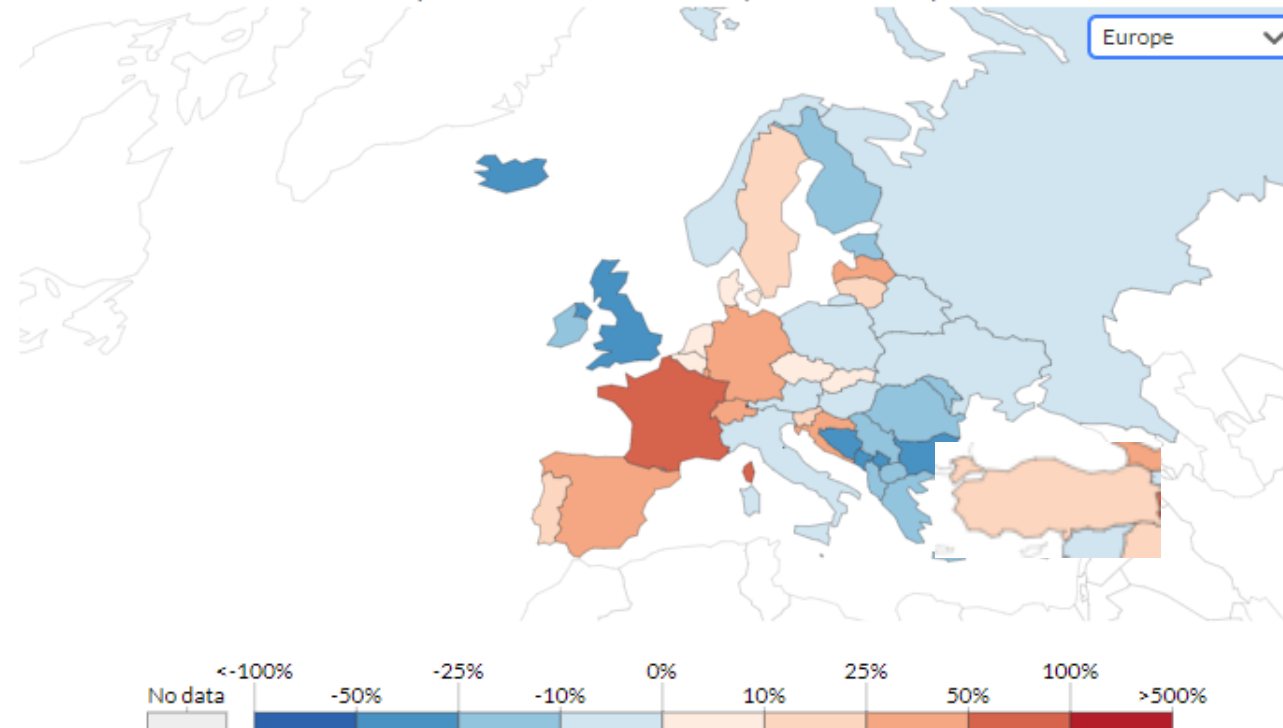
Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.

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Week by week change in confirmed COVID-19 cases, Apr 14, 2021

The weekly growth rate on any given date measures the percentage change in the number of new confirmed cases over the last seven days relative to the number in the previous seven days.



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European death rate continued to increase for the 5^h week. The highest number of new deaths were in Poland which continues to see its hospitals overrun with COVID-19 cases.

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths

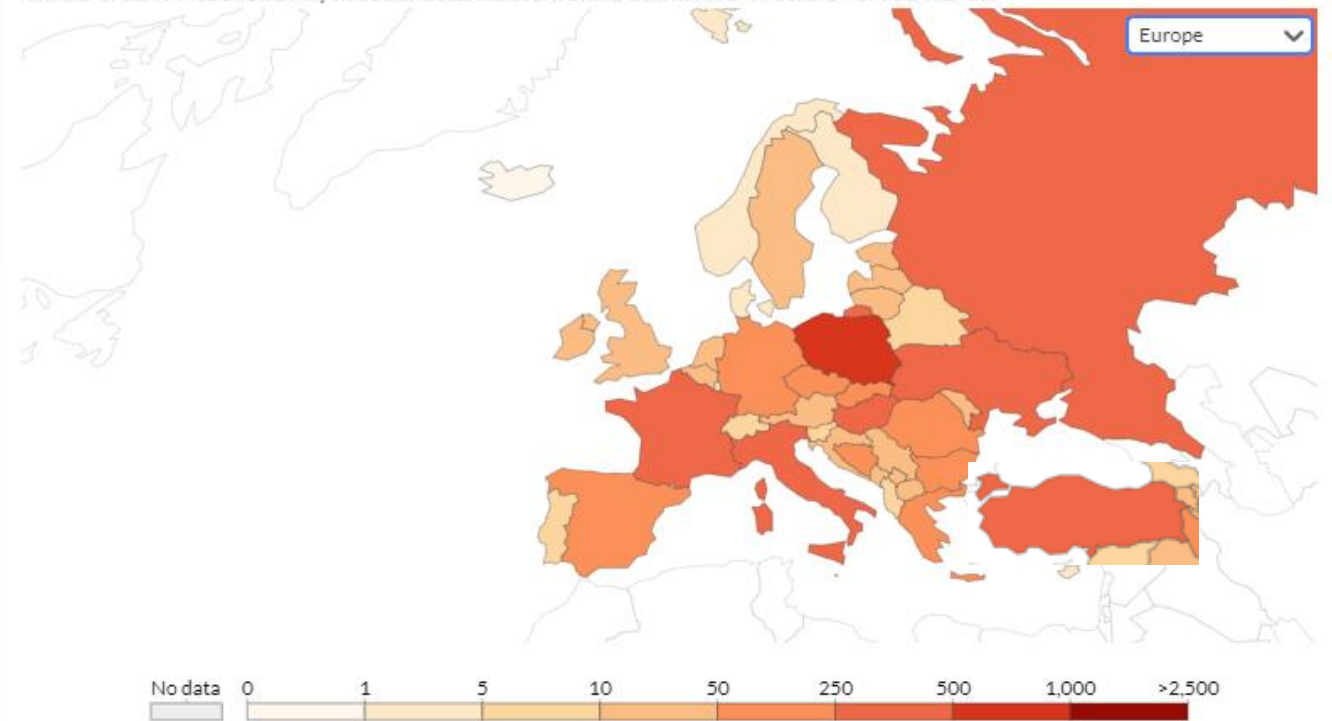
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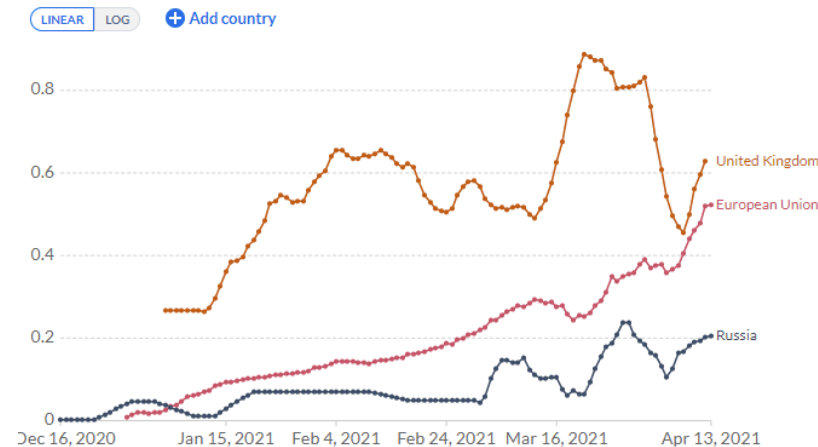


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In Europe, 165.24 million have received at least one dose of vaccine. New efforts to increase vaccination rates saw some success in the UK and EU, but the decision to pause or stop using vaccines with higher incidence of blood clotting have created new headwinds for the weeks ahead.

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people
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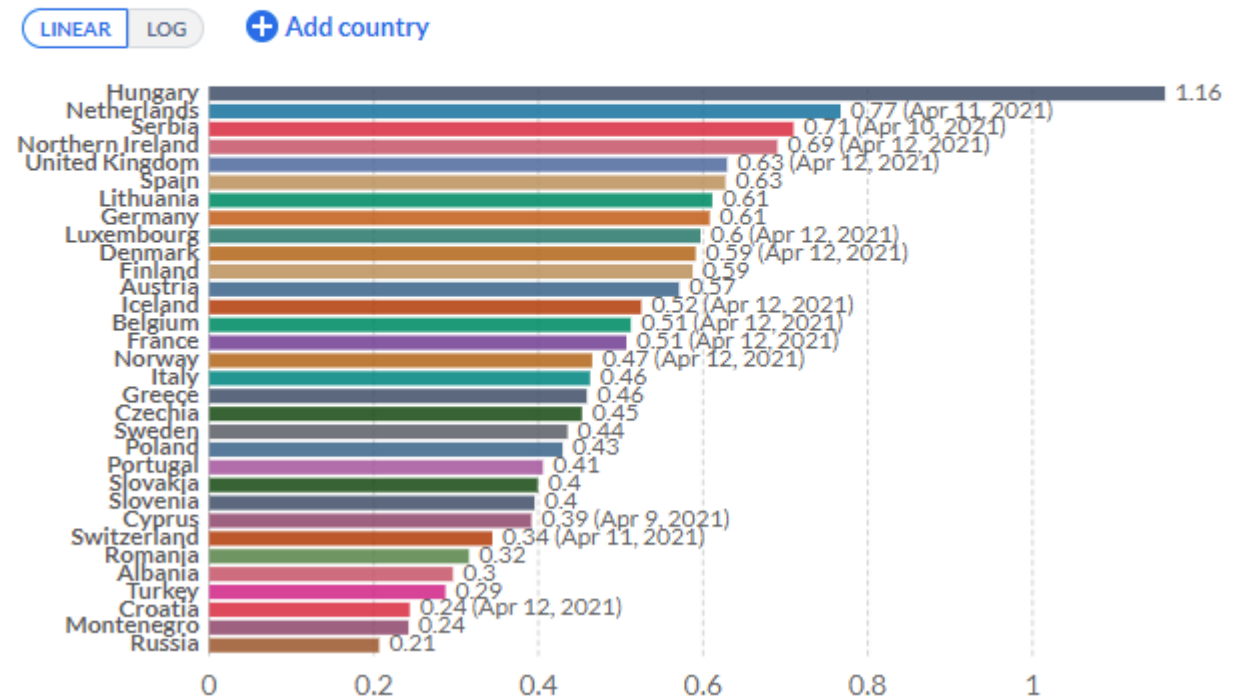


Our World in Data

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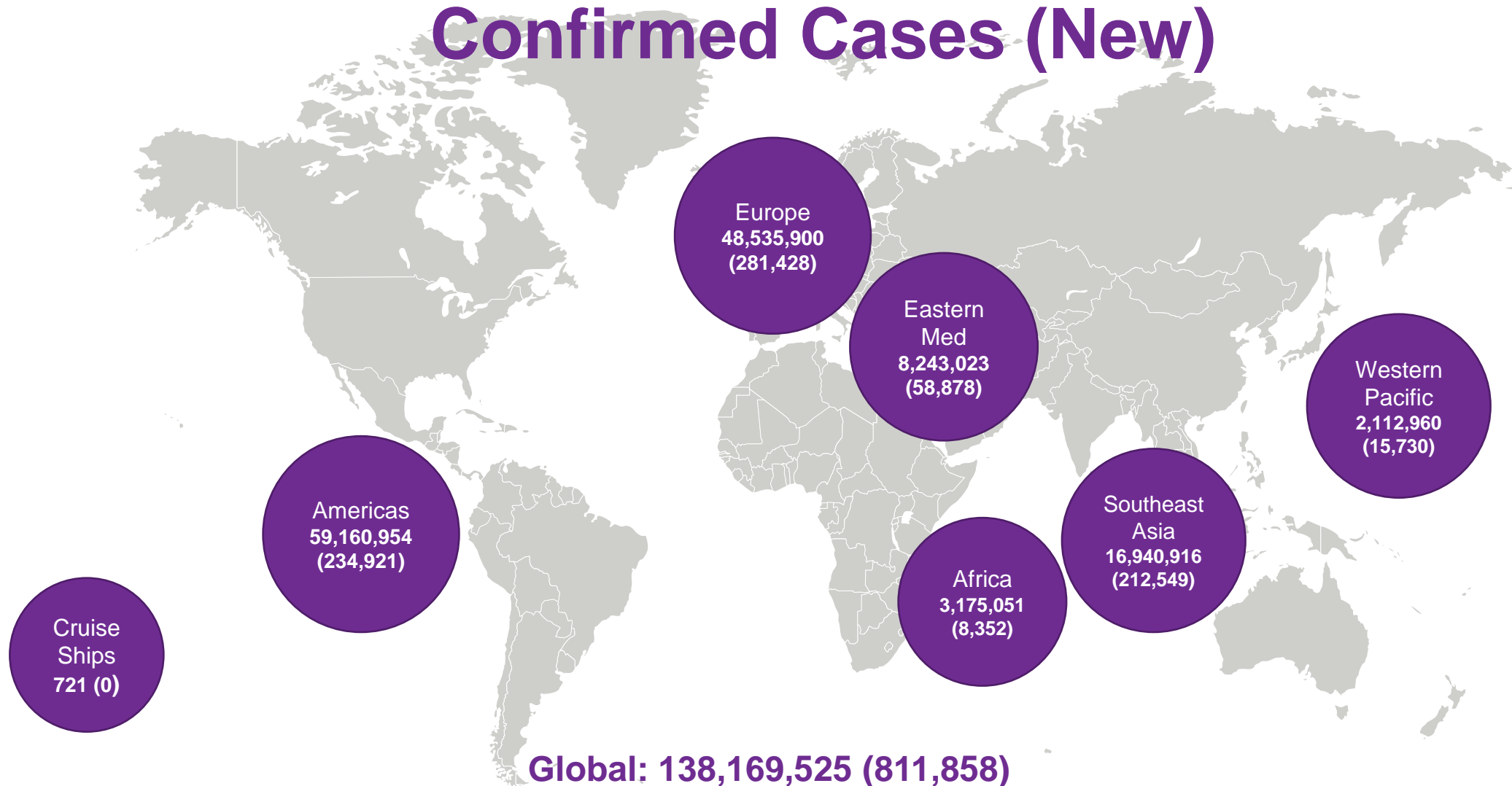


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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on April 14, 2021

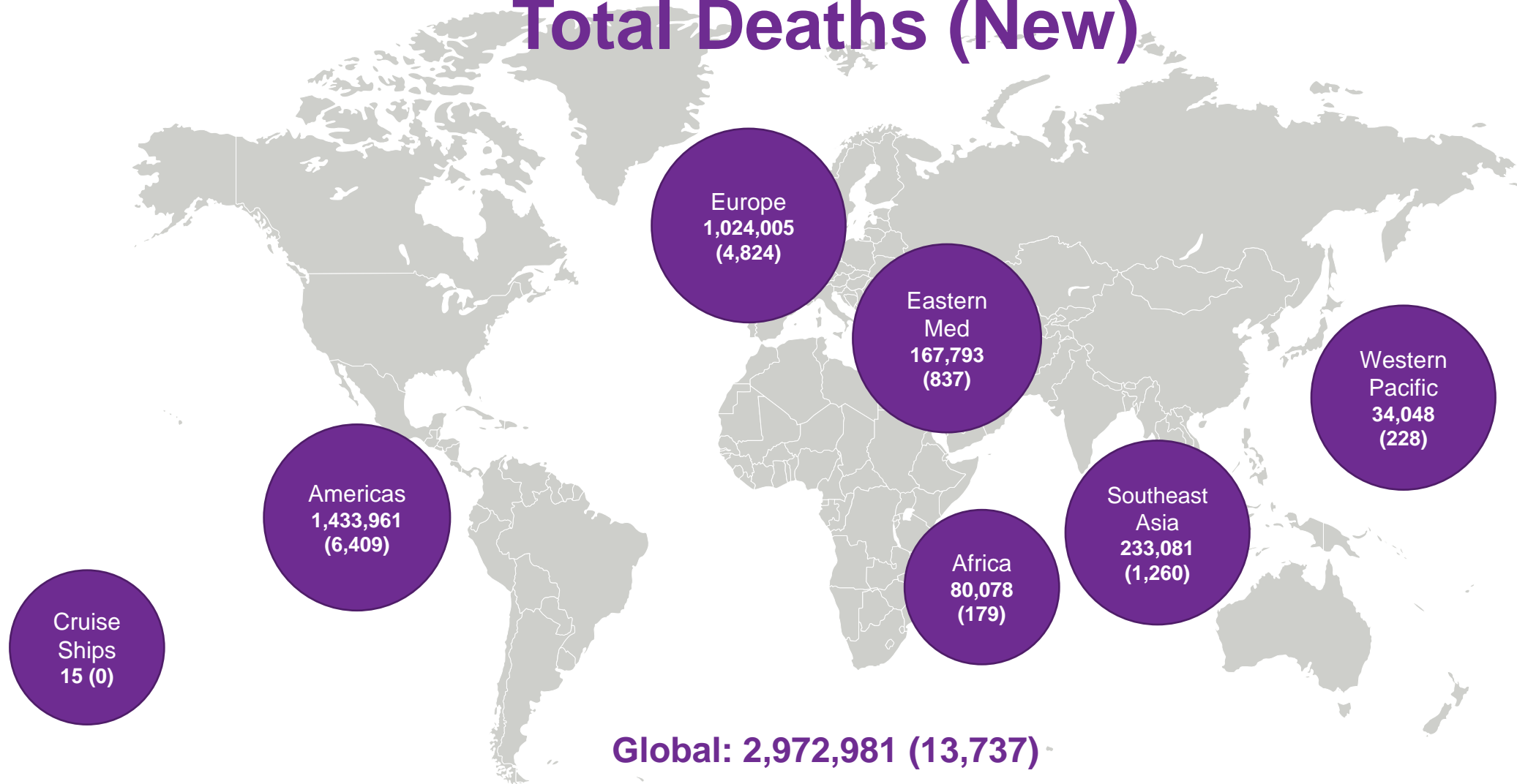
Confirmed Cases (New)



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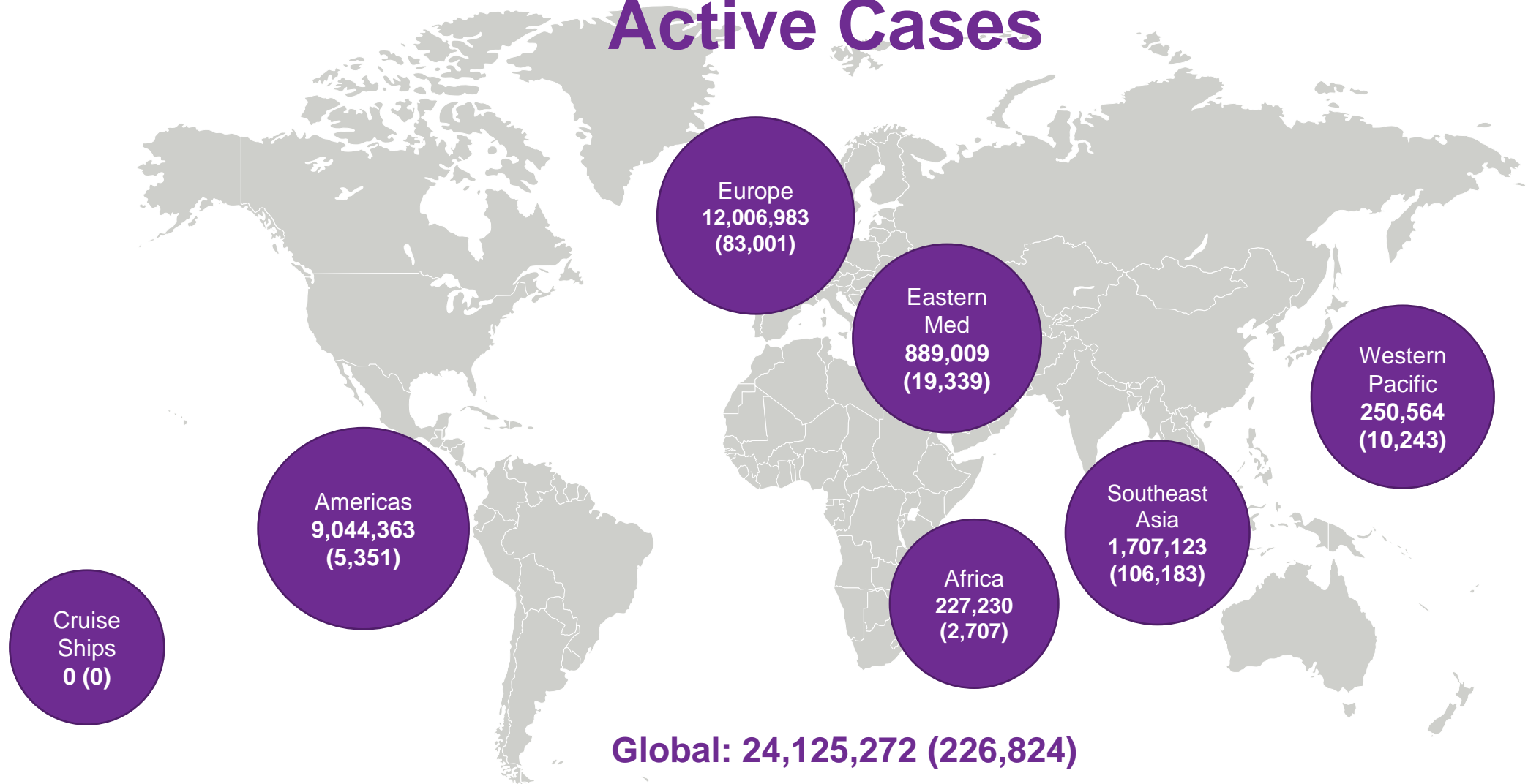
Total Deaths (New)



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Active Cases



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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| US | 6739519 | 31421328 (76013) | 564402 (954) | 96682 | 1738 | 1.59% |
| France | 4795720 | 5250368 (43635) | 100574 (298) | 78759 | 1526 | 5.94% |
| India | 1471592 | 14070890 (199569) | 173152 (1037) | 10118 | 125 | 8.14% |
| Netherlands | 1357026 | 1394873 (5582) | 17059 (32) | 79781 | 982 | 3.70% |
| Brazil | 1144613 | 13677564 (75998) | 362180 (3462) | 63990 | 1694 | 3.51% |
| Sweden | 871665 | 885385 (0) | 13720 (36) | 87241 | 1352 | 4.92% |
| Belgium | 847073 | 930603 (3374) | 23566 (63) | 80023 | 2026 | 2.79% |
| Italy | 514660 | 3809193 (16168) | 115557 (469) | 63075 | 1913 | 2.86% |
| Turkey | 510677 | 4025557 (62797) | 34734 (279) | 47331 | 408 | 9.73% |
| Ukraine | 406495 | 1887338 (14553) | 38225 (467) | 43361 | 878 | 5.44% |
| Iran | 339433 | 2143794 (25582) | 65359 (304) | 25270 | 770 | 7.44% |
| Poland | 331385 | 2621116 (21283) | 59930 (803) | 69316 | 1585 | 5.70% |
| Hungary | 272066 | 731675 (3597) | 24265 (285) | 75892 | 2517 | 5.19% |
| Russia | 270986 | 4666209 (8326) | 104000 (399) | 31964 | 712 | 1.29% |

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| Argentina | 267129 | 2604157 (25157) | 58542 (368) | 57208 | 1286 | 5.92% |
| Germany | 265869 | 3064382 (32546) | 79813 (405) | 36483 | 950 | 4.46% |
| Mexico | 260602 | 2286133 (4293) | 210294 (592) | 17586 | 1618 | 1.30% |
| UK | 251472 | 4393375 (2529) | 127407 (38) | 64230 | 1865 | 0.26% |
| Ireland | 213929 | 242105 (421) | 4812 (9) | 48606 | 966 | 1.15% |
| Spain | 191829 | 3387022 (10474) | 76756 (131) | 72420 | 1641 | 1.78% |
| Philippines | 173047 | 892880 (8122) | 15447 (162) | 8064 | 140 | 8.26% |
| Honduras | 115750 | 196704 (618) | 4873 (12) | 19616 | 486 | 2.18% |
| Indonesia | 108384 | 1583182 (5656) | 42906 (124) | 5741 | 156 | 2.26% |
| Slovakia | 107009 | 373107 (1069) | 10798 (82) | 68313 | 1977 | 1.67% |
| Iraq | 102695 | 949050 (7972) | 14836 (40) | 23189 | 363 | 5.63% |
| Bangladesh | 101884 | 703170 (5185) | 9987 (96) | 4237 | 60 | 6.24% |
| Colombia | 99717 | 2585801 (16487) | 66819 (337) | 50398 | 1302 | 4.11% |
| Lebanon | 82346 | 502299 (2460) | 6778 (40) | 73853 | 997 | 3.26% |

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| Canada | 80201 | 1087152 (8590) | 23445 (53) | 28608 | 617 | 5.44% |
| Czechia | 78665 | 1590150 (5050) | 28184 (79) | 148271 | 2628 | 1.84% |
| Pakistan | 76757 | 734423 (4503) | 15754 (135) | 3275 | 70 | 4.66% |
| Serbia | 74741 | 651899 (3154) | 5846 (38) | 74848 | 671 | 3.45% |
| Romania | 70191 | 1016449 (4076) | 25605 (164) | 53116 | 1338 | 2.74% |
| Bulgaria | 68707 | 380576 (2517) | 14871 (125) | 55099 | 2153 | 4.25% |
| Ethiopia | 56562 | 234405 (1893) | 3252 (22) | 2000 | 28 | 5.49% |
| Switzerland | 54042 | 627968 (2601) | 10488 (16) | 72145 | 1205 | 2.45% |
| Jordan | 51092 | 676175 (4085) | 7987 (50) | 65759 | 777 | 3.77% |
| Kenya | 46128 | 148128 (981) | 2420 (26) | 2708 | 44 | 4.57% |
| Chile | 42785 | 1094267 (5557) | 24548 (30) | 56860 | 1276 | 4.68% |
| Egypt | 39360 | 212961 (831) | 12570 (44) | 2051 | 121 | 2.66% |
| Paraguay | 38648 | 242161 (2020) | 5040 (62) | 33628 | 700 | 6.21% |
| Dominican Republic | 38572 | 259260 (623) | 3402 (5) | 23713 | 311 | 1.67% |

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| Bolivia | 38041 | 284183 (1099) | 12496 (27) | 24088 | 1059 | 2.57% |
| Tunisia | 37493 | 276727 (2123) | 9480 (84) | 23224 | 796 | 4.24% |
| Finland | 36083 | 82964 (400) | 881 (4) | 14955 | 159 | 3.07% |
| Kazakhstan | 35322 | 276054 (2229) | 3286 (26) | 14565 | 173 | 6.21% |
| Bosnia | 34786 | 186372 (708) | 7642 (76) | 57087 | 2341 | 3.82% |
| Ecuador | 34535 | 350539 (2950) | 17400 (49) | 19635 | 975 | 3.12% |
| Greece | 33873 | 304184 (3081) | 9135 (81) | 29297 | 880 | 6.30% |
| Algeria | 32905 | 118975 (176) | 3141 (4) | 2675 | 71 | 0.82% |
| West Bank & Gaza | 32476 | 274690 (1923) | 2923 (22) | 52887 | 563 | 5.66% |
| Azerbaijan | 32052 | 291894 (2293) | 4009 (31) | 28587 | 393 | 5.29% |
| Japan | 31693 | 512169 (3367) | 9469 (44) | 4059 | 75 | 4.41% |
| Uruguay | 31054 | 152089 (2659) | 1647 (52) | 43664 | 473 | 16.50% |
| Austria | 29437 | 584205 (2942) | 9779 (31) | 64576 | 1081 | 3.11% |
| Albania | 27187 | 128959 (207) | 2331 (5) | 44850 | 811 | 1.37% |

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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Costa Rica | 26239 | 225343 (0) | 3044 (0) | 43921 | 593 | 2.44% |
| Portugal | 25457 | 828857 (684) | 16931 (8) | 81474 | 1664 | 0.46% |
| Jamaica | 23114 | 43054 (130) | 692 (10) | 14490 | 233 | 3.84% |
| Qatar | 21227 | 192963 (984) | 348 (8) | 68724 | 124 | 3.50% |
| South Africa | 21188 | 1561559 (1599) | 53498 (75) | 26072 | 893 | 0.51% |
| N Macedonia | 20106 | 144111 (949) | 4322 (33) | 69174 | 2075 | 4.43% |
| Peru | 18988 | 1667737 (8030) | 55812 (323) | 50035 | 1674 | 3.59% |
| Oman | 18181 | 175633 (1269) | 1807 (9) | 33725 | 347 | 5.09% |
| Lithuania | 17450 | 229294 (1318) | 3721 (7) | 85168 | 1382 | 3.17% |
| Armenia | 17091 | 205128 (1075) | 3794 (19) | 69123 | 1278 | 3.04% |
| Malaysia | 16696 | 365829 (1889) | 1353 (8) | 11191 | 41 | 3.11% |
| Estonia | 16683 | 115629 (549) | 1057 (8) | 87120 | 796 | 3.43% |
| Norway | 15949 | 105607 (599) | 706 (18) | 19361 | 129 | 4.28% |
| Venezuela | 15640 | 178094 (1122) | 1834 (19) | 6277 | 65 | 4.44% |

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Kuwait | 15199 | 251675 (1402) | 1423 (4) | 58258 | 329 | 4.06% |
| UAE | 14556 | 489495 (1798) | 1541 (4) | 49028 | 154 | 2.75% |
| Cyprus | 13916 | 53254 (602) | 277 (3) | 43857 | 228 | 7.30% |
| Croatia | 13880 | 297973 (3099) | 6399 (41) | 72938 | 1566 | 5.18% |
| Slovenia | 13456 | 229076 (1233) | 4135 (5) | 110177 | 1989 | 3.14% |
| Guatemala | 12144 | 207127 (1805) | 7089 (32) | 11397 | 390 | 4.23% |
| Libya | 12094 | 170045 (541) | 2834 (4) | 24486 | 408 | 2.80% |
| Moldova | 11574 | 243365 (1001) | 5466 (28) | 60440 | 1357 | 2.32% |
| Bahrain | 11302 | 159964 (1175) | 569 (3) | 91541 | 326 | 5.02% |
| Kosovo | 10488 | 76070 (0) | 1688 (0) | | | 0.00% |
| Saudi Arabia | 8935 | 401157 (929) | 6781 (8) | 11384 | 192 | 1.55% |
| Georgia | 8630 | 291214 (1085) | 3901 (7) | 73112 | 979 | 1.91% |
| Denmark | 8401 | 240225 (664) | 2448 (1) | 41240 | 421 | 1.92% |
| Mozambique | 8161 | 68927 (56) | 794 (0) | 2158 | 25 | 0.72% |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change 7-Day Av |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Papua New Guinea | 8067 | 8984 (170) | 71 (2) | 989 | 8 | 15.03% |
| Nigeria | 7669 | 164000 (89) | 2061 (0) | 781 | 10 | 0.31% |
| South Korea | 7654 | 111419 (731) | 1782 (7) | 2172 | 35 | 4.06% |
| Mongolia | 7541 | 17823 (1220) | 29 (2) | 5369 | 9 | 31.40% |
| Myanmar | 7525 | 142605 (9) | 3206 (0) | 2607 | 59 | 0.04% |
| Thailand | 7491 | 35910 (1335) | 97 (0) | 513 | 1 | 16.72% |
| Belarus | 7283 | 338801 (1166) | 2383 (10) | 35864 | 252 | 2.44% |
| Latvia | 7229 | 109088 (733) | 2019 (17) | 58344 | 1080 | 3.59% |
| Somalia | 6835 | 12837 (271) | 656 (38) | 791 | 40 | 6.69% |
| Lesotho | 5366 | 10709 (0) | 315 (0) | 4968 | 146 | 0.02% |

Data Source: WorldOMeter

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change 7-Day Av |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Syria | 4818 | 20555 (120) | 1402 (10) | 1153 | 79 | 3.86% |
| Morocco | 4817 | 503674 (703) | 8921 (5) | 13520 | 239 | 0.79% |
| Mali | 4810 | 12467 (288) | 419 (2) | 602 | 20 | 13.04% |
| Cuba | 4803 | 89404 (959) | 487 (11) | 7897 | 43 | 7.61% |
| Madagascar | 4133 | 29348 (583) | 520 (8) | 1039 | 18 | 10.98% |
| Nepal | 4056 | 281564 (580) | 3061 (3) | 9530 | 104 | 0.99% |
| Sudan | 4043 | 31790 (90) | 2208 (14) | 712 | 49 | 5.28% |
| Panama | 4021 | 359516 (395) | 6177 (4) | 82309 | 1414 | 0.62% |
| Cameroon | 3886 | 61731 (0) | 919 (0) | 2281 | 34 | 7.12% |
| Botswana | 3858 | 43444 (0) | 663 (0) | 18187 | 278 | 3.99% |
| Montenegro | 3839 | 94859 (216) | 1405 (14) | 151018 | 2237 | 1.63% |
| Luxembourg | 3347 | 64334 (272) | 784 (7) | 101482 | 1237 | 2.40% |
| Gabon | 3215 | 21566 (595) | 132 (3) | 9514 | 58 | 6.03% |
| Israel | 3008 | 836504 (170) | 6312 (3) | 90948 | 686 | 0.15% |

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Country Risk Assessment

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Kyrgyzstan | 2992 | 90839 (240) | 1534 (2) | 13746 | 232 | 1.54% |
| Afghanistan | 2979 | 57534 (42) | 2533 (1) | 1452 | 64 | 1.03% |
| Sri Lanka | 2966 | 95719 (99) | 602 (0) | 4455 | 28 | 1.89% |
| Maldives | 2636 | 25844 (85) | 67 (0) | 47162 | 122 | 2.53% |
| Burundi | 2554 | 3333 (71) | 6 (0) | 274 | 1 | 9.48% |
| Togo | 2554 | 12214 (89) | 117 (0) | 1449 | 14 | 5.84% |
| Cambodia | 2549 | 4874 (178) | 35 (2) | 288 | 2 | 40.19% |
| Nicaragua | 2373 | 6778 (0) | 180 (0) | 1014 | 27 | 0.75% |
| Yemen | 2371 | 5582 (75) | 1083 (10) | 184 | 36 | 9.58% |
| Guinea | 2348 | 21299 (193) | 136 (0) | 1588 | 10 | 3.50% |
| Australia | 2152 | 29442 (5) | 910 (0) | 1144 | 35 | 0.22% |
| Congo (Kinshasa) | 2128 | 28714 (49) | 745 (0) | 313 | 8 | 1.06% |
| Rwanda | 1761 | 23672 (69) | 317 (1) | 1793 | 24 | 2.67% |

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Congo (Brazzaville) | 1737 | 10084 (0) | 139 (2) | 1793 | 25 | 0.00% |
| Cabo Verde | 1692 | 19525 (294) | 188 (1) | 34821 | 335 | 6.71% |
| Uzbekistan | 1605 | 85503 (212) | 634 (0) | 2526 | 19 | 1.61% |
| El Salvador | 1563 | 66816 (159) | 2057 (3) | 10261 | 316 | 1.98% |
| Djibouti | 1505 | 10202 (125) | 106 (4) | 10210 | 106 | 8.78% |
| Ghana | 1413 | 91477 (67) | 763 (2) | 2897 | 24 | 0.51% |
| Namibia | 1297 | 46051 (102) | 592 (6) | 17871 | 230 | 2.20% |
| Guyana | 1234 | 11374 (97) | 260 (2) | 14406 | 329 | 5.77% |
| Angola | 1140 | 23841 (144) | 557 (3) | 708 | 17 | 3.49% |
| Sierra Leone | 1102 | 4013 (4) | 79 (0) | 495 | 10 | 0.50% |
| Malawi | 1082 | 33891 (19) | 1134 (1) | 1737 | 58 | 0.51% |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| State & Territory | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| California | 1679532 | 3708681 (2725) | 60717 (176) | 93884 | 1537 | 0.58% |
| New York | 596938 | 1973308 (6060) | 51350 (92) | 103688 | 2653 | 2.44% |
| Virginia | 576893 | 640211 (1301) | 10510 (4) | 75006 | 1231 | 1.73% |
| Florida | 438643 | 2141686 (6772) | 34164 (44) | 99717 | 1591 | 2.10% |
| Maryland | 411814 | 430351 (1552) | 8493 (9) | 71183 | 1405 | 2.28% |
| Kentucky | 378068 | 434922 (774) | 6285 (24) | 97349 | 1407 | 0.93% |
| South Carolina | 317284 | 564931 (803) | 9304 (15) | 109723 | 1807 | 1.12% |
| Georgia | 245636 | 1078379 (1735) | 19600 (52) | 101567 | 1846 | 0.94% |
| Michigan | 245606 | 850583 (9349) | 17694 (37) | 85170 | 1772 | 6.48% |
| New Jersey | 204161 | 963484 (3563) | 25006 (61) | 108474 | 2815 | 2.65% |
| Washington | 190250 | 380339 (1283) | 5357 (17) | 50294 | 710 | 2.15% |
| Alabama | 184319 | 520780 (277) | 10728 (6) | 106213 | 2188 | 0.64% |
| Rhode Island | 132014 | 143251 (477) | 2642 (2) | 135224 | 2494 | 2.25% |
| Colorado | 114064 | 483820 (2326) | 6173 (5) | 84015 | 1097 | 2.41% |

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| State & Territory | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Missouri | 101676 | 590452 (826) | 8995 (25) | 95435 | 1501 | 0.77% |
| Pennsylvania | 96592 | 1090228 (6275) | 25502 (51) | 85416 | 2003 | 3.04% |
| Texas | 87686 | 2840869 (3709) | 49359 (70) | 98092 | 1710 | 0.91% |
| Illinois | 84012 | 1288844 (3546) | 23865 (39) | 101717 | 1883 | 1.82% |
| Idaho | 78976 | 184347 (437) | 2006 (6) | 102912 | 1119 | 0.99% |
| Wisconsin | 68914 | 648094 (1003) | 7402 (8) | 100913 | 1150 | 1.00% |
| Nebraska | 46863 | 215074 (392) | 2226 (0) | 111183 | 1151 | 1.06% |
| Maine | 41654 | 55374 (547) | 757 (4) | 41194 | 563 | 4.87% |
| Ohio | 39260 | 1045945 (2216) | 18917 (0) | 89480 | 1618 | 1.44% |
| Connecticut | 37866 | 327298 (1609) | 7984 (10) | 91801 | 2239 | 2.61% |
| Massachusetts | 35786 | 664943 (2244) | 17427 (14) | 96473 | 2528 | 2.16% |
| Hawaii | 31798 | 32271 (71) | 473 (2) | 21881 | 334 | 2.19% |
| North Carolina | 26285 | 938784 (2359) | 12325 (20) | 89510 | 1175 | 1.49% |
| Indiana | 23055 | 701971 (1196) | 13187 (20) | 104270 | 1959 | 1.21% |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| State & Territory | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases / 1M Pop. | Deaths / 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Puerto Rico | 17984 | 117836 (470) | 2182 (8) | 65705 | 642 | 6.07% |
| Nevada | 17321 | 309150 (395) | 5353 (14) | 100368 | 1738 | 1.04% |
| Minnesota | 17202 | 547101 (1697) | 7056 (16) | 97010 | 1249 | 2.64% |
| Arizona | 16938 | 851265 (419) | 17109 (4) | 116953 | 2351 | 0.59% |
| Oregon | 16541 | 172206 (808) | 2449 (3) | 40829 | 581 | 2.37% |
| New Mexico | 14782 | 194378 (214) | 3996 (8) | 92701 | 1906 | 0.71% |
| Iowa | 13447 | 358395 (656) | 5857 (0) | 122783 | 1856 | 0.99% |
| Tennessee | 13413 | 827579 (1208) | 12032 (10) | 121183 | 1762 | 0.98% |
| District of Columbia | 12494 | 46209 (193) | 1088 (3) | 65475 | 1542 | 1.91% |
| Alaska | 10720 | 65536 (200) | 314 (0) | 85950 | 424 | 1.88% |
| Louisiana | 10474 | 450673 (394) | 10264 (9) | 96944 | 2208 | 0.67% |
| Oklahoma | 10091 | 444228 (346) | 6697 (28) | 112280 | 1692 | 0.52% |
| Utah | 8764 | 391177 (530) | 2161 (0) | 122016 | 674 | 0.70% |
| Delaware | 8388 | 99515 (380) | 1591 (4) | 102196 | 1634 | 2.49% |

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| State & Territory | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| West Virginia | 7309 | 147203 (413) | 2756 (9) | 82138 | 1538 | 1.92% |
| Kansas | 7177 | 306886 (623) | 4900 (5) | 105064 | 1705 | 0.51% |

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

| State & Territory | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change7-Day Av |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Mississippi | 3627 | 308111 (275) | 7122 (3) | 103527 | 2393 | 0.49% |
| Vermont | 3556 | 21488 (100) | 237 (4) | 34437 | 380 | 4.87% |
| New Hampshire | 3544 | 89983 (378) | 1261 (4) | 66178 | 927 | 3.39% |
| Virgin Islands | 2979 | 3005 (0) | 26 (0) | | | 2.00% |
| South Dakota | 2391 | 120379 (225) | 1948 (1) | 136074 | 2202 | 1.17% |
| Arkansas | 1765 | 332666 (220) | 5680 (7) | 110234 | 1882 | 0.35% |
| North Dakota | 1124 | 105215 (176) | 1505 (1) | 138066 | 1934 | 1.00% |

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