

Dentons Flashpoint

Daily Global Situation Report

December 17, 2020

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

World stocks scaled new peaks, and oil rose on Thursday as investors were buoyed by hopes of a US fiscal stimulus.

China was a no-show at the annual meeting with the US on Military Maritime Consultative Agreement.

The US reported record level coronavirus deaths and hospitalizations as inoculations are administered across the nation.

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Global

US intelligence and security agencies have warned that the cyber attack on the government and companies revealed at the weekend was “*ongoing*.”

- A WHO team set up to investigate the **origins of the coronavirus pandemic** will go to China in January, amid criticism from the US over the probe's scope and transparency.
- Pfizer Inc delivered the results of the Phase 3 **clinical trial** for its COVID-19 vaccine to Brazilian health regulator Anvisa.
- **The World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report** concludes that countries with advanced digital economies and digital skills, robust social safety nets and previous experience dealing with epidemics have better managed the impact of the pandemic on their economies and citizens.”

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Saudi Arabia began administering the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine Thursday, as part of an initial stage of vaccinations that will include people who are older than 65, obese or immunodeficient.

- **Brazil's** federal government will purchase 46 million doses of the CoronaVac vaccine being developed by China's Sinovac Biotech Ltd.
- **Germany** will roll out the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against COVID-19 on December 27, with priority given to the elderly in care homes.
- The **US** FDA said pharmacists can draw additional doses from vials of the Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine, potentially expanding the country's vaccine supply by millions of doses.

Markets

World stocks scaled new peaks and oil rose on Thursday as investors, buoyed hopes of a US fiscal stimulus and the Federal Reserve's pledge to keep pumping cash into markets.

- On Thursday, **European stocks** and the euro rallied for the fourth straight session as investors built up positions in riskier assets, anticipating a sharp economic recovery in 2021 backed by wider vaccine rollouts and ultra-easy monetary policy.
- **Asian stocks** also closed up.
- On Wednesday, **US markets** closed mixed.
- **Bitcoin** hit another all-time high after first shattering the \$20,000 level on Wednesday.

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Business

Texas and nine other states sued Google, accusing it of working with Facebook Inc in an unlawful manner that violated antitrust law to boost its already-dominant online advertising business.

- **Luckin Coffee** Inc has agreed to pay a \$180 million penalty to settle accounting fraud charges for "*intentionally and materially*" overstating its 2019 revenue and understating a net loss.
- Germany will make a 1.5 million euro (\$1.83 million) contribution to **Thyssenkrupp's** planned hydrogen electrolysis plant in Saudi Arabia, the second commitment this month under a broader national strategy to support hydrogen technology.

Africa

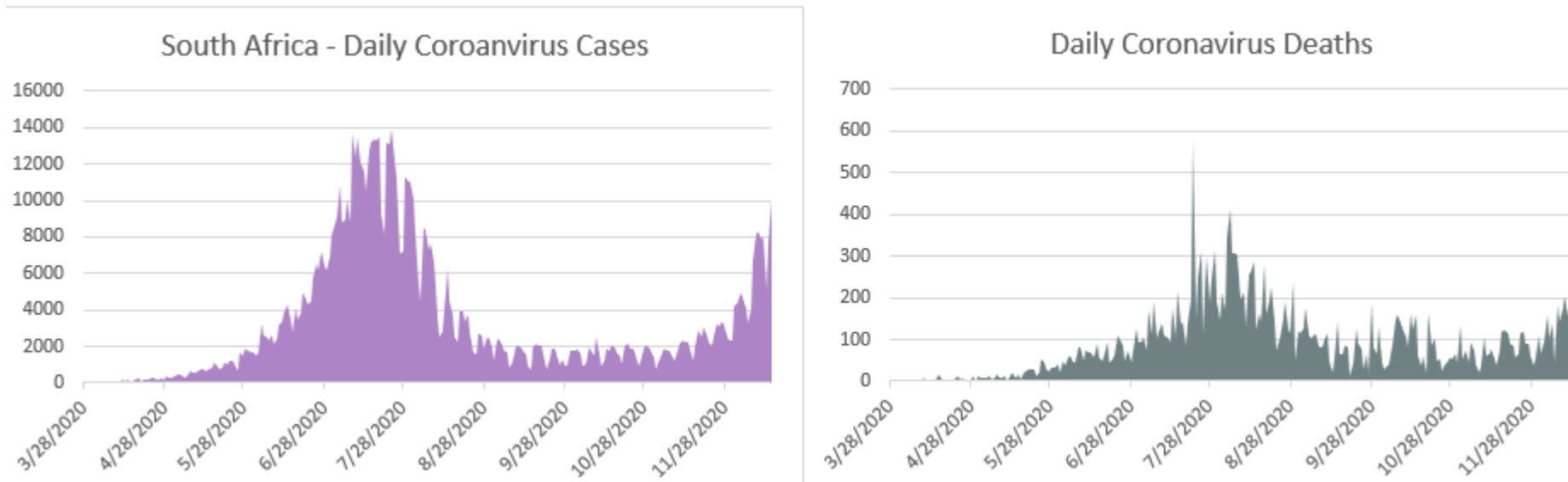
- The EU delayed almost €90 million in funds to **Ethiopia** over the Tigray conflict. The money will only be given if the federal government meet the **EU's** conditions.
- **South Africa** missed the December 15 deadline to make a deposit to secure vaccines through the Covax program. On Wednesday, South Africa reported over 10,000 new virus cases, seeing a resurgence in infections.
- At least 17 **Nigerian** students were rescued from Boko Haram and two were killed in the operation.
- The **Democratic Republic of Congo** will impose a curfew and mandatory mask wearing in public spaces to counter a new surge in coronavirus infections.



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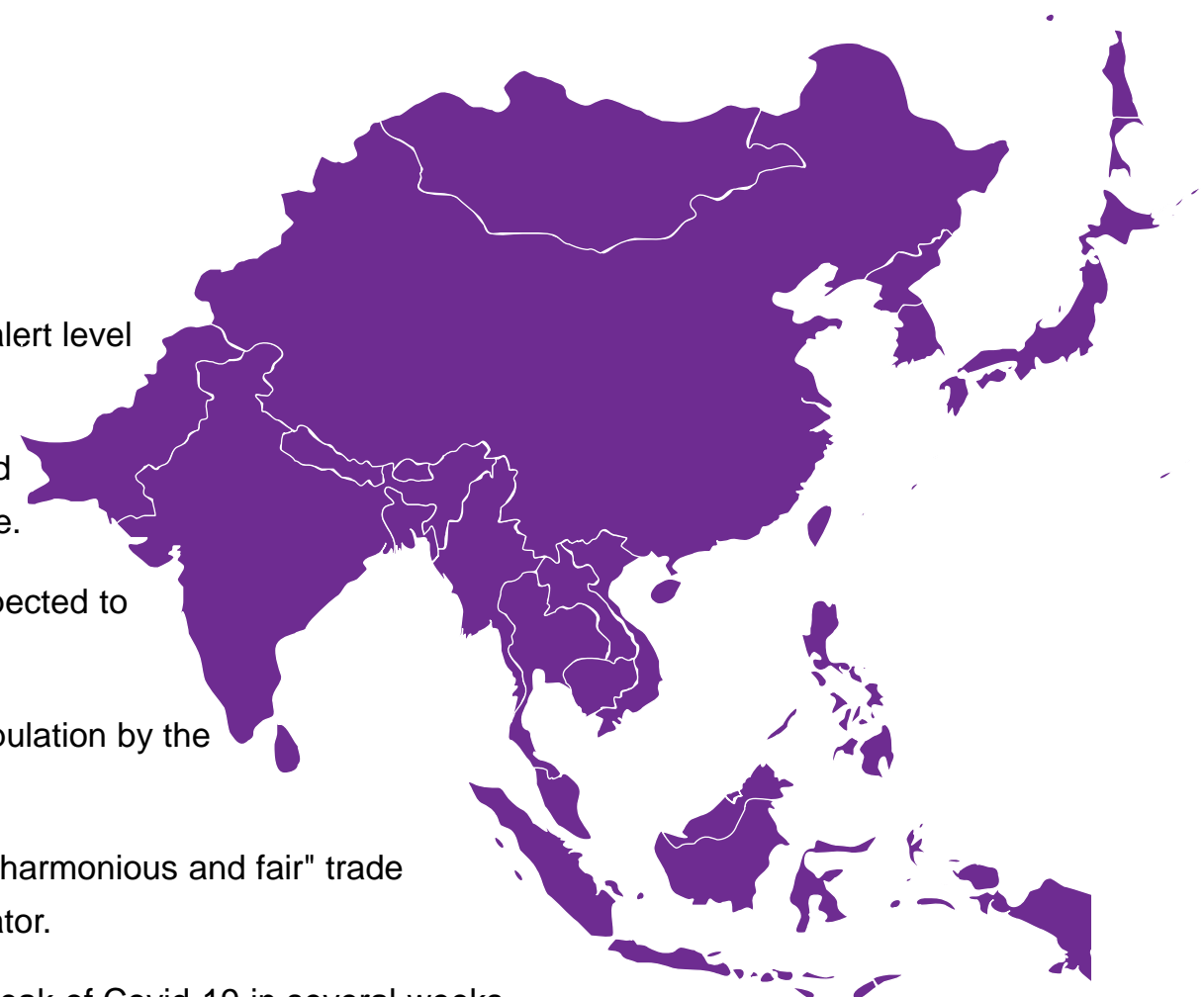
South Africa is experiencing a second wave of coronavirus infections, seeing new caseloads last reported over the summer. The government responded on Monday, closing down beaches on the eastern coast and limiting large public gatherings ahead of the festive season.



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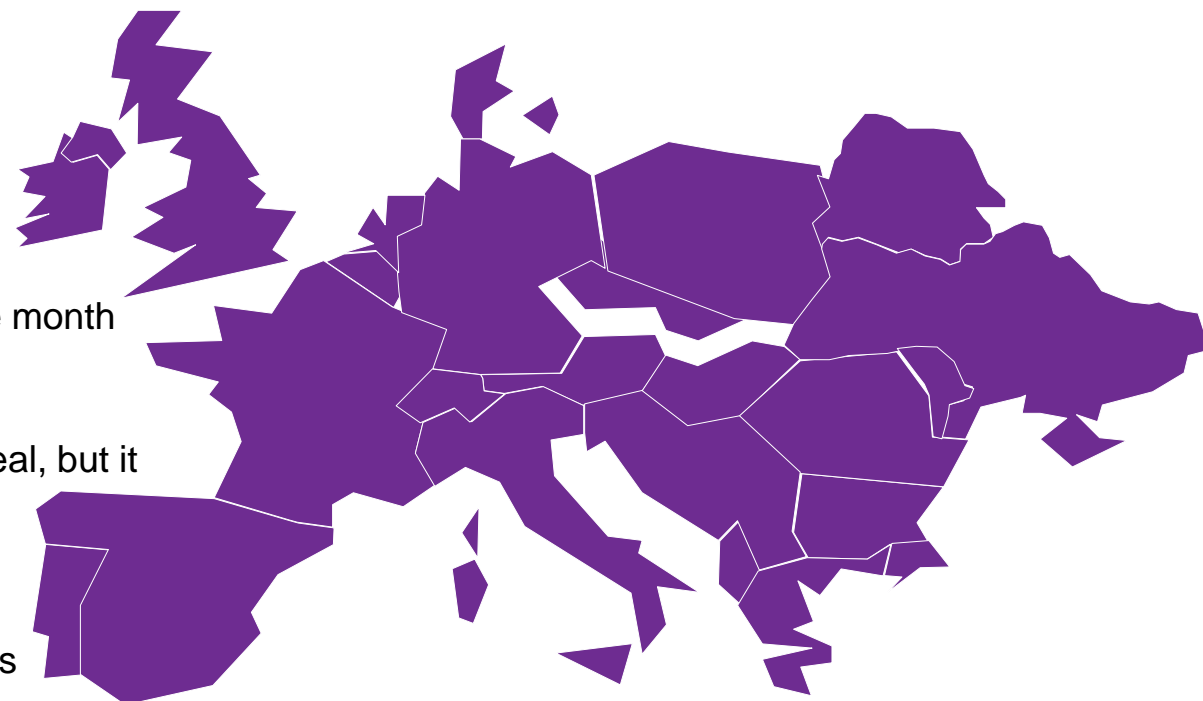
Asia

- With new virus cases surging, the **Japanese** capital of Tokyo raised its alert level to the highest of four stages.
- The **US** has warned **Pacific island nations** about security threats posed by a Chinese company's cut-price bid to build an undersea internet cable.
- **Fiji** ordered its entire population to take shelter in the path of what is expected to be the worst storm in its recorded history.
- **New Zealand** will begin to offer free COVID-19 vaccines to its entire population by the middle of next year.
- **Vietnam's** central bank said it will work with **US** authorities to ensure a "harmonious and fair" trade relationship, a day after Washington called Vietnam a currency manipulator.
- **Australian** authorities are scrambling to control the first significant outbreak of Covid-19 in several weeks.
- **Hong Kong** set new climate disclosure rules, requiring financial institutions and listed companies to disclose the financial impact of climate change on their businesses, aligning regulations with global standard. **China** did not participate in December 14-16 meetings with the **US** related to the Military Maritime Consultative Agreement focused on maritime safety, without offering an explanation; the MMCA is partly designed to review any unsafe military incidents that have occurred between US and PLA forces, including in the South China Sea.



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Europe



- **Euro zone** annual inflation was negative for a fourth consecutive month in November.
- **Britain and the EU** have moved closer to sealing a new trade deal, but it is still unclear if they would succeed.
- Chancellor Rishi Sunak is planning to extend the **UK's** £68bn coronavirus emergency loan schemes to help support businesses struggling with the combination of further pandemic restrictions and a disruptive end to the Brexit transition.
- **French** President Macron has tested positive for COVID-19 and self-isolates, cancelling Lebanon trip. The **UK** reported the highest daily number of new COVID-19 cases since November 14 after the number of new positive tests rose above 25,282. **Sweden's** king admitted that the Scandinavian country has failed with its coronavirus strategy, which has left it with a far higher death toll from the pandemic than its Nordic neighbors.
- **Turkey** warned it will take reciprocal steps after evaluating **US** sanctions imposed over the acquisition of Russian S-400s.
- President Putin said that **Russia** would ramp up its economic support for **Ukraine's** rebel-controlled eastern Donbass region. According to the World Bank, the Russian economy contracted in the second quarter by 8 per cent, by 3.4 per cent in Q3 and is expected to remain in decline in Q4 amid a resurgence in the pandemic.

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Middle East

- The UN Security Council is planning to discuss **Western Sahara**, after the US recognized **Morocco's** sovereignty over the disputed region.
- **Kuwait** has signed a six-year, \$106 million contract with Greek gas grid operator DESFA for the group to operate a liquefied natural gas import terminal in Kuwait.
- Two former **Lebanese** ministers, Ghazi Zaiter and Ali Hassan Khalil, have refused to appear before Lebanon's judicial investigator as part of criminal proceedings following the Beirut explosion.
- The **UAE** will join the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum, as an observing state.



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Americas

- Tired of months of confinement, Christmas shoppers in **Mexico** City have been crowding stores despite a recent spike in coronavirus cases that has strained hospitals in the capital.
- **Brazil** registered over 70,000 new virus cases, a daily record, bringing the country's total caseload above 7 million as a second wave of infections slams the South American country.
- **Peru's** government told people in the country not to invite friends and family who live outside the home to Christmas and New Year celebrations. Clinical trials of **China's** Sinopharm vaccine resumed, just days after Peruvian authorities suspended the tests to better understand why a volunteer had fallen ill.



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Americas: US



- Congress continued to haggle over details of a \$900 billion **COVID-19 aid bill** as a Friday deadline looms. The Federal Reserve vowed to keep funneling cash into financial markets until the US **economic recovery** is secure.
- The nation saw a record number of **coronavirus deaths** yesterday, 3,638. For the third day of over 11,000 **hospitalizations**, some hospital systems to near breaking points, with many scrambling to reconfigure themselves to handle a crush of patients streaming in after holiday gatherings and the arrival of flu season. An Alaskan health worker had a **serious allergic reaction** after getting Pfizer Inc and BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine but is now stable. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** is quarantining after being exposed to a person who tested positive.
- **New York** surpassed 800,000 confirmed virus cases. **California** reported a record-breaking 63,000-plus new cases and surpassed 1.7 million confirmed cases.
- **President-elect Biden** is expected to pick Brenda Mallory, current head of a regulatory affairs at the green advocacy group, to lead the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

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Science Under the Scope: Vaccine Approval and Distribution in the UK

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This week the United Kingdom became the first country to begin distribution of the much anticipated Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.¹ Pfizer's vaccine, along with the Moderna vaccine, which is expected to receive approval soon, was developed using an entirely new technology: mRNA.²

The new and relatively untested nature of the technology has raised several questions about the vaccine's effectiveness in preventing infections and transmission, given that such data was never collected during the clinical trial phase.³ The data that was collected shows that the vaccine is safe and highly efficacious in preventing symptoms of COVID-19. As vaccine administration begins, however, it is still unknown whether the vaccine prevents a person from becoming infected and shedding the virus. "In the worst-case scenario, you have people walking around feeling fine, but shedding virus everywhere," says virologist Stephen Griffin at the University of Leeds, UK."⁴

Regardless of the vaccine's potential short-comings, its availability is a significant step in the fight against COVID-19 and a great

accomplishment for science. To prepare for its distribution the British government has created vaccine centers at numerous locations across the country including stadiums, libraries, and parking lots.⁵ They have also been said to have enlisted military planners to help coordinate the logistics and they are hoping to distribute tens of millions of vaccines to people throughout the next few months.

In order to accommodate such large scale distribution, the UK has chosen 50 hospitals as vaccine hubs⁶ and is training tens of thousands of workers in vaccine administration.⁷ The largest remaining logistical challenges are determining how to divide up the doses into smaller amount and get them to nursing homes -- something the country has still not figured out how to do -- and making sure there is enough dry ice to keep the operation running smoothly.

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The UK's distribution plan prioritizes individuals living in nursing homes⁸ and the individuals who care for them.⁹ Next in line are those over the age of 80 and frontline healthcare workers. From there vaccine administration is mostly prioritized by age. Level three is all those over the age of 75. Level four is all those over the age of 70 and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals. Level five is those 65 and older. Level six is all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions that put them at high risk. Level seven is individuals 60 and older. Level eight is individuals 55 and older and level nine is individuals 50 and older. It is assumed that distribution by age in the UK will continue until all are vaccinated.

The distribution prioritization in the UK differs from what the CDC has described for the United States, which prioritizes those living in nursing homes and healthcare workers first, followed by essential workers and school staff, and then individuals 65 and older and those at high risk due to underlying conditions.¹⁰ Following these three groups¹¹ the US then prioritizes individuals who work in schools, transportation and housing facilities, followed by children and young adults. The last group that will receive vaccines is everyone else that does not fall into any of the aforementioned categories. It is important

to note, however that the Pfizer vaccine has not yet received emergency use authorization in the United States.

As the UK moves forward with vaccine distribution, they still face a number of logistical challenges in disseminating and administering the vaccine. One large concern put forth by Europol and Interpol is the threat from organized crime groups. Both organizations have warned that criminal groups might target trucks carrying the vaccine and either steal the vaccine or hijack it in return for concessions from the government. They have also noted that the Pfizer vaccine is especially vulnerable to sabotage because of its cold storage requirements. There are further concerns that either state actors or terrorist groups may attempt to disrupt the distribution of the vaccine.¹² Such concerns stem from IMB's announcement that they have suffered a series of cyberattacks that were aimed at getting information on vaccine distribution plans.

Despite these concerns and the logistical obstacles that are yet to be overcome, the first week of vaccine administration in the UK has gone smoothly. If everything continues to move along as planned, 400,000 people will be vaccinated during this first phase.

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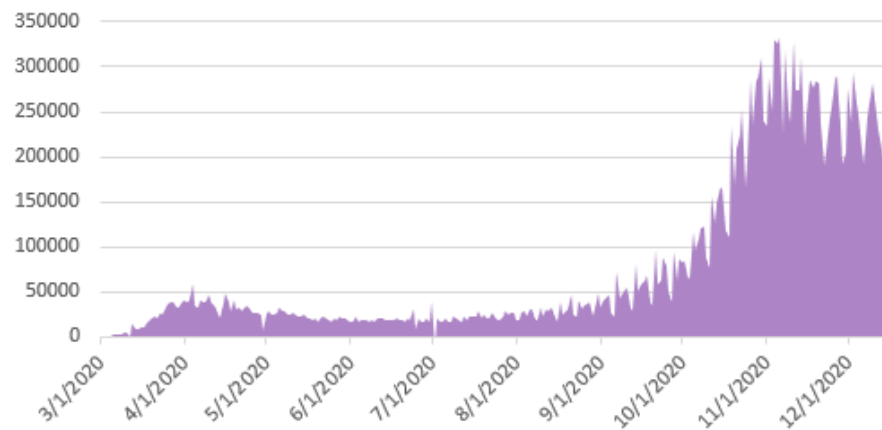
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Charts in Focus: Europe's Second Wave

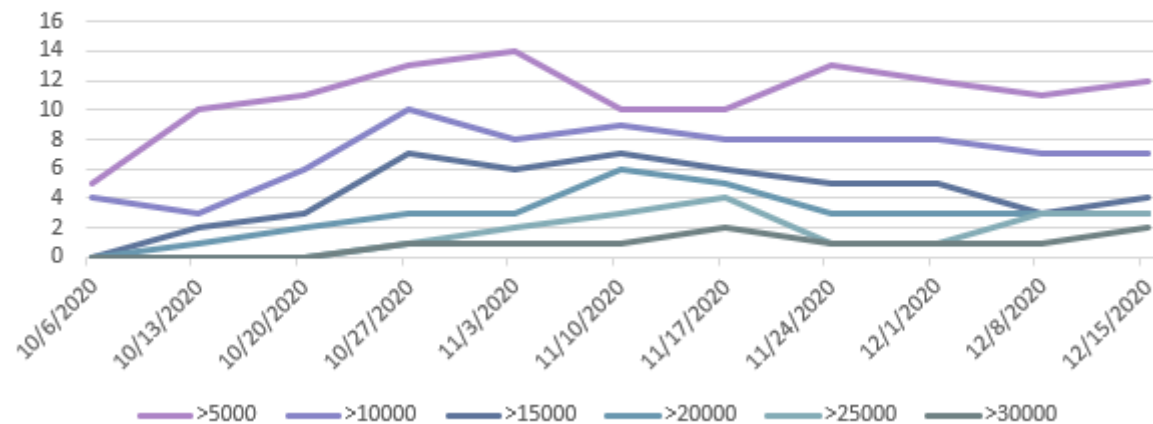
The impact of European countries imposing targeted lockdowns is apparent in the curve in many nations. However, Germany, Turkey and Russia continue to report very high daily new cases each day over the past week, with the UK, France and Italy also not showing much of a downward trend. Spain is the bright spot, appearing to have turned the corner.

Europe - Daily New Coronavirus Infections



Source: Johns Hopkins University

European Countries Reporting Daily New Cases of Coronavirus over 5,000 in October 6 - December 15



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Change in COVID-19 cases - Past Week

% change of 7-day average of cases from Dec. 11 - 17



Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 11-17
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Lithuania	19.34%
Denmark	18.72%
Latvia	17.02%
Estonia	16.69%
Serbia	14.43%
Croatia	12.93%
Sweden	12.56%
Slovakia	12.43%
Germany	11.90%
Albania	10.76%

Liechtenstein	10.50%
Slovenia	10.28%
Luxembourg	10.20%
Hungary	10.04%
Finland	9.85%
Netherlands	9.81%
San Marino	9.43%
Ukraine	8.17%
Belarus	8.10%
Bulgaria	7.92%
Switzerland	7.81%

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 11-17
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UK	7.67%
N. Macedonia	7.46%
Portugal	7.32%
Moldova	7.18%
Russia	7.03%
Romania	6.95%
Montenegro	6.94%
Norway	6.59%
Kosovo	6.44%
Czechia	6.26%
Italy	6.25%

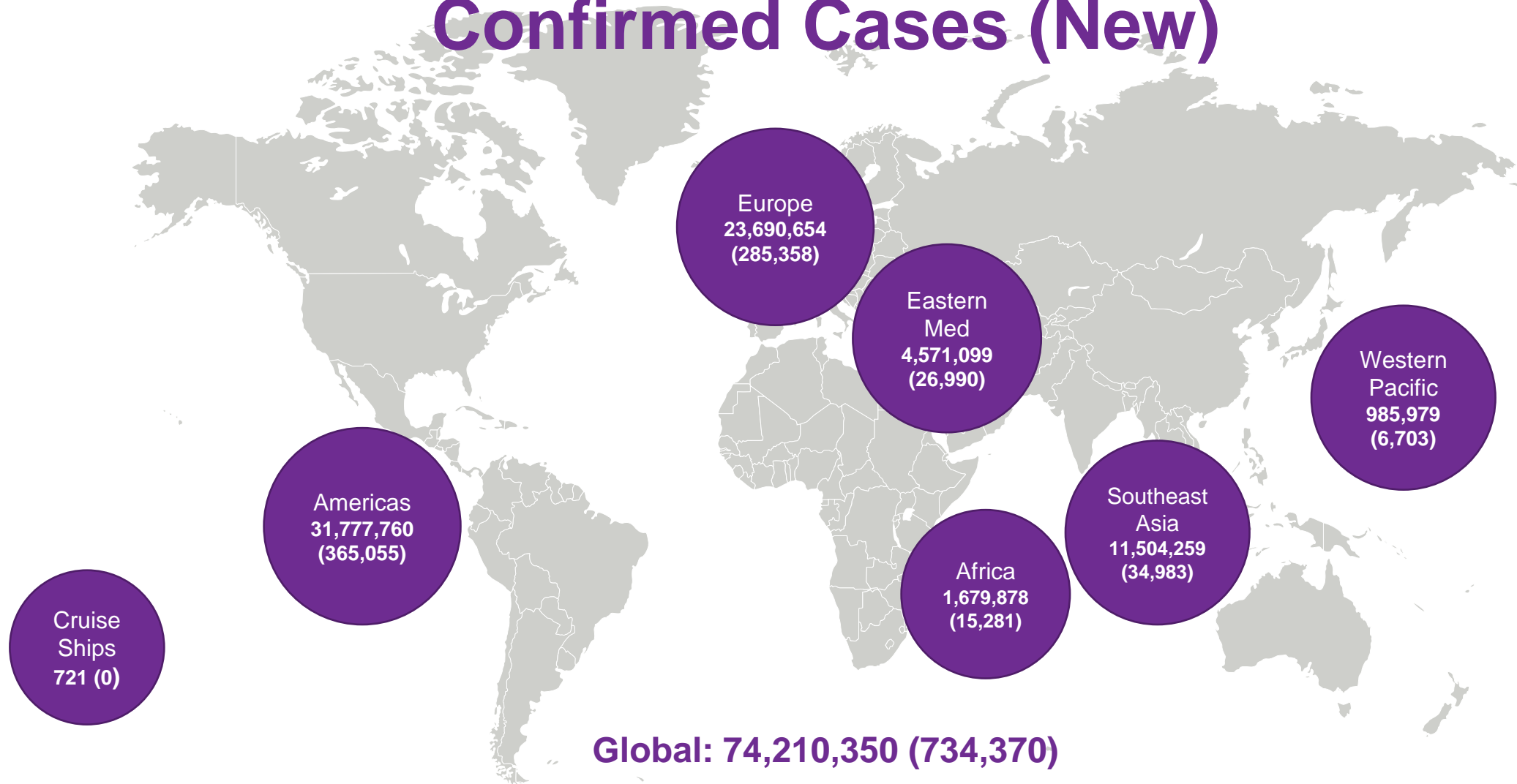
Poland	6.17%
Greece	6.14%
Austria	5.85%
Bosnia	5.73%
Monaco	4.38%
Andorra	3.81%
France	3.57%
Spain	3.45%
Ireland	2.98%
Belgium	2.83%

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on December 16

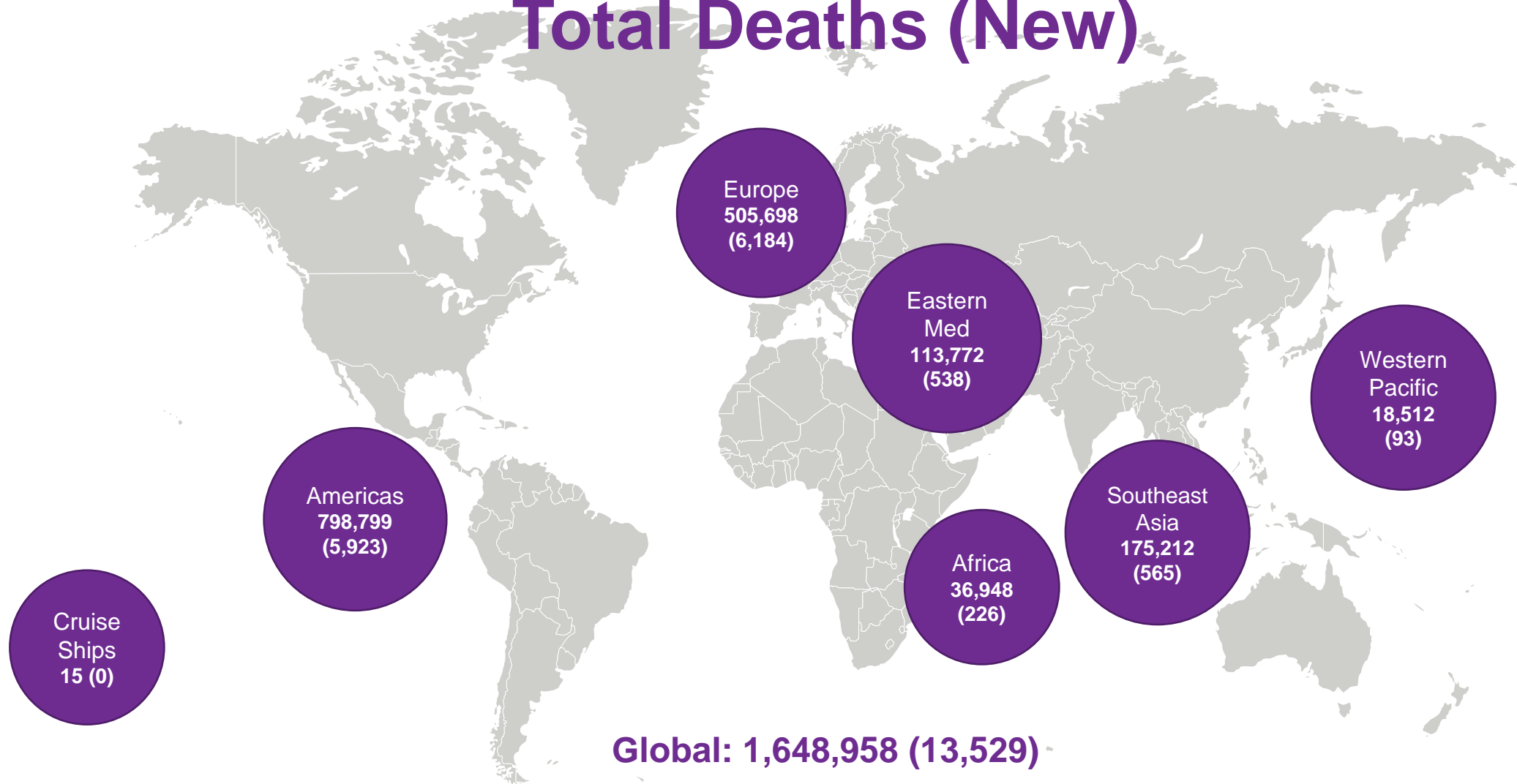
Confirmed Cases (New)



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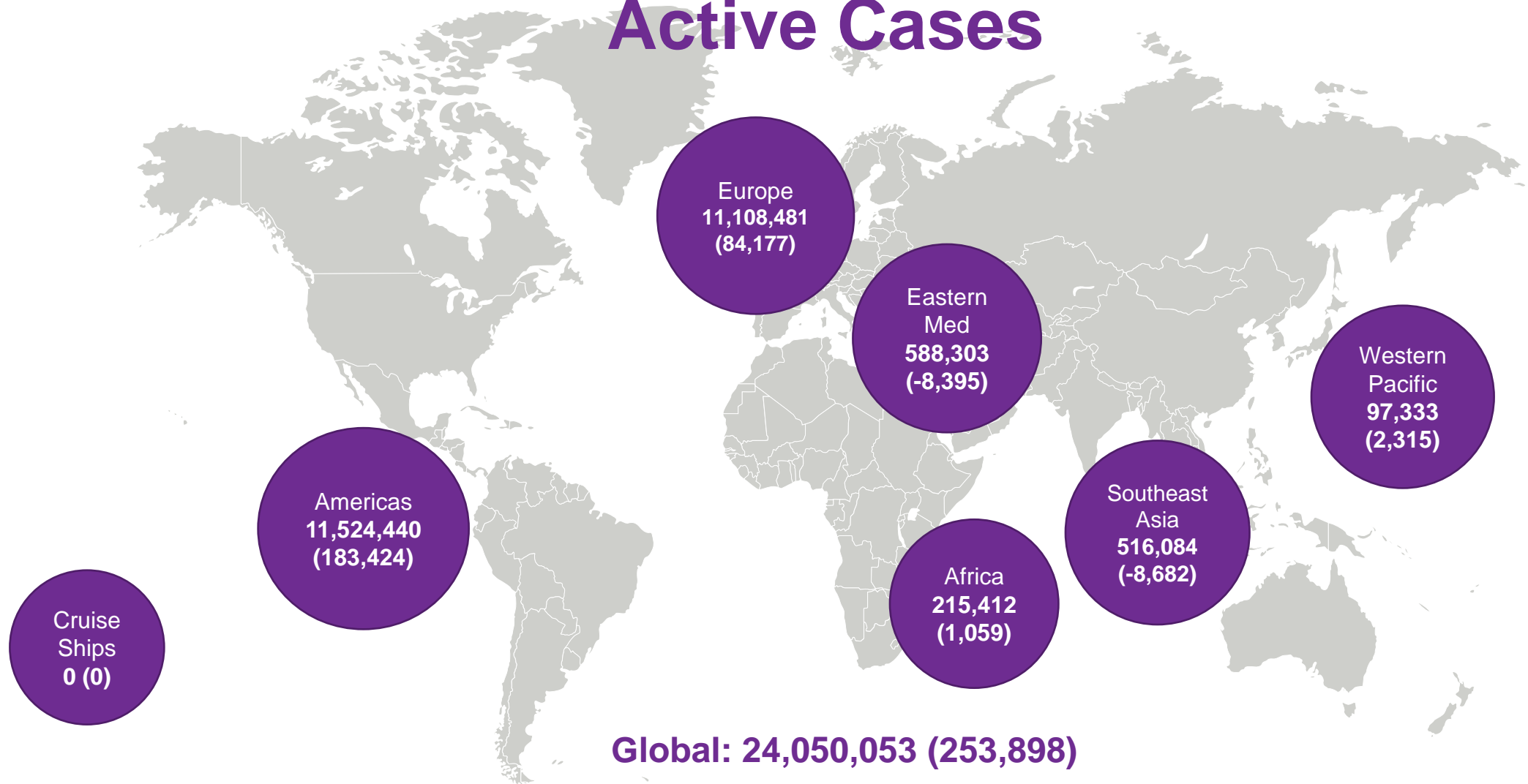
Total Deaths (New)



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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 Change 7-Day Av
US	10115045	16891385 (247117)	305973 (3638)	52409	948	9.31%
France	2192007	2407983 (17564)	59001 (289)	36869	908	3.57%
UK	1848739	1917067 (25282)	65599 (612)	28116	963	7.67%
Spain	1574318	1773290 (11078)	48596 (195)	38119	1039	3.45%
Italy	645706	1888144 (17568)	66537 (680)	31250	1101	6.25%
Netherlands	629500	639746 (11169)	10246 (78)	37298	597	9.81%
Brazil	617681	7040608 (70574)	183735 (936)	33025	862	4.43%
Belgium	596780	615058 (3636)	18278 (100)	52650	1565	2.83%
Russia	505104	2708940 (26074)	47994 (584)	18734	333	7.03%
Ukraine	373229	945218 (11057)	16314 (276)	21089	361	8.17%
Germany	343080	1423830 (32744)	24273 (729)	16774	291	11.90%
Sweden	340783	348585 (7556)	7802 (135)	35294	777	12.56%
India	322366	9956557 (24010)	144451 (355)	7178	104	1.90%
Serbia	280119	282601 (5353)	2482 (49)	32405	285	14.43%

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Poland	243337	1159901 (12455)	23914 (605)	30663	632	6.17%
Iran	233764	1131077 (7603)	52883 (213)	13388	626	5.17%
Turkey	219931	1928165 (29718)	17121 (240)	22750	202	52.01%
Mexico	216057	1277499 (10297)	115769 (670)	9781	888	5.66%
Hungary	197246	288567 (2804)	7381 (144)	29906	765	10.04%
Argentina	127767	1517046 (6843)	41365 (161)	33425	911	2.76%
Greece	100613	127557 (1185)	3870 (85)	12266	372	6.14%
Indonesia	94922	636154 (6725)	19248 (137)	2315	70	6.80%
Bulgaria	89540	186246 (1959)	6196 (191)	26898	895	7.92%
Romania	88388	571749 (5991)	13862 (164)	29813	723	6.95%
South Africa	85275	883687 (10008)	23827 (166)	14814	399	6.23%
Colombia	80873	1456599 (11953)	39560 (204)	28487	774	4.43%
Switzerland	76574	394453 (5625)	6379 (113)	45424	735	7.81%
Canada	74544	485576 (6512)	13815 (130)	12710	364	9.56%

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Portugal	68762	358296 (4720)	5815 (82)	35186	571	7.24%
Czechia	65843	594148 (7897)	9882 (139)	55436	932	6.00%
Azerbaijan	62427	187336 (4077)	2050 (43)	18400	201	15.88%
Honduras	59359	115317 (374)	3013 (12)	11521	301	2.48%
Bangladesh	59334	495841 (1632)	7156 (27)	2997	43	2.82%
Lithuania	55583	99869 (3417)	907 (44)	36927	335	19.73%
Iraq	52875	578916 (1553)	12636 (22)	14248	311	1.60%
Ireland	51693	77197 (421)	2140 (6)	15554	431	2.73%
Lebanon	45492	150933 (2056)	1234 (11)	22159	181	4.45%
Pakistan	42851	448522 (2545)	9080 (70)	2001	40	6.54%
Slovakia	36195	139088 (3565)	1309 (58)	25470	240	6.75%
Denmark	35003	119779 (3692)	975 (14)	20646	168	5.98%
Austria	34537	330343 (2664)	4764 (116)	36583	528	4.84%
Jordan	33846	267585 (2561)	3465 (28)	26107	338	12.02%

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Morocco	33386	406970 (3351)	6749 (38)	10966	182	4.62%
Dominican Republic	32225	156585 (788)	2372 (5)	14368	218	4.10%
Bosnia	31476	103232 (902)	3511 (54)	31557	1073	5.73%
Costa Rica	30349	155263 (1167)	1967 (11)	30352	385	4.23%
Panama	29908	199947 (2960)	3439 (28)	46009	791	8.49%
Japan	29737	187751 (2999)	2623 (42)	1457	21	9.76%
Georgia	29184	198387 (3487)	1922 (39)	49776	482	12.10%
Algeria	29176	93507 (442)	2631 (8)	2115	60	3.74%
Libya	28533	92577 (560)	1324 (5)	13390	191	4.38%
Paraguay	25537	96209 (856)	2014 (23)	13413	281	6.30%
Kazakhstan	25335	188837 (947)	2613 (0)	7613	114	3.27%
Peru	25256	986130 (0)	36754 (0)	29819	1111	0.96%
Philippines	24873	452988 (1149)	8833 (21)	4109	80	1.95%
Norway	23912	42312 (460)	402 (7)	7777	74	6.59%

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Albania	23216	50637 (637)	1040 (12)	17605	362	10.76%
Tunisia	22666	114547 (1306)	3997 (41)	9646	337	6.71%
Croatia	22402	183045 (3327)	2870 (92)	44716	701	12.93%
UAE	22170	188545 (1278)	626 (4)	18958	63	4.45%
N Macedonia	21910	75597 (865)	2194 (25)	36287	1053	7.46%
Belarus	21233	165897 (1838)	1291 (9)	17559	137	8.10%
Israel	20791	365042 (4412)	3034 (20)	39689	330	4.05%
Slovenia	20758	100401 (2120)	2190 (41)	48291	1053	10.28%
Myanmar	19101	111900 (1233)	2346 (27)	2050	43	7.81%
Armenia	18968	150218 (1098)	2556 (27)	50650	862	4.10%
Uganda	18438	28733 (565)	225 (0)	619	5	12.79%
Ethiopia	18219	118006 (464)	1818 (5)	1015	16	2.69%
Kenya	16836	92853 (394)	1614 (10)	1710	30	3.44%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Moldova	15002	130329 (1673)	2650 (25)	32343	658	7.18%
Malaysia	14751	87913 (1295)	429 (7)	2700	13	13.25%
Cyprus	14048	16190 (401)	85 (1)	13365	70	17.94%
Bolivia	12235	148214 (498)	9029 (3)	12576	768	1.45%
South Korea	12209	46453 (1011)	634 (22)	886	12	13.68%
Ecuador	11595	203461 (1105)	13915 (19)	11453	783	2.08%
Kosovo	11318	47499 (296)	1225 (5)			6.44%
French Polynesia	11034	15974 (104)	98 (1)	56715	348	3.52%
Chile	10920	576731 (1402)	15959 (10)	30051	832	2.07%
Nepal	10604	250916 (736)	1743 (13)	8542	59	2.58%
Egypt	10444	123153 (544)	6990 (24)	1193	68	2.80%
Montenegro	9403	42563 (415)	610 (13)	67764	971	6.94%
Latvia	8960	27495 (1023)	382 (25)	14653	204	17.02%
Sri Lanka	8925	34737 (616)	160 (6)	1619	7	13.43%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Finland	8898	31870 (411)	472 (6)	5748	85	9.85%
Afghanistan	8675	49161 (209)	2011 (16)	1271	51	2.66%
Luxembourg	8504	42845 (595)	421 (3)	67940	668	10.20%
Sudan	7945	22082 (218)	1384 (12)	498	32	9.05%
Nigeria	7087	75062 (930)	1200 (0)	360	6	5.85%
Guatemala	7030	130828 (746)	4510 (34)	7241	250	2.83%
Estonia	6994	19271 (589)	160 (3)	14523	121	16.69%
Puerto Rico	6910	63686 (267)	1312 (18)	32841	387	7.42%
Angola	6834	16407 (45)	379 (7)	492	11	3.68%
Oman	6619	126835 (116)	1480 (5)	24555	287	1.06%
Guadeloupe	6104	8498 (0)	152 (0)	21302	385	0.31%
Kyrgyzstan	5564	78151 (0)	1317 (0)	11889	200	2.74%
Martinique	5461	5601 (0)	42 (0)	15019	112	0.46%

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Belize	4832	9672 (161)	212 (1)	24125	529	11.92%
Syria	4501	9603 (151)	554 (11)	543	31	9.66%
Venezuela	4255	108717 (237)	970 (5)	3828	34	2.64%
Uruguay	3649	10893 (475)	102 (4)	3131	29	25.60%
Jamaica	3260	11907 (32)	276 (0)	4013	93	4.52%
Kuwait	3149	146971 (261)	913 (0)	34184	212	1.20%
Mauritania	3104	11629 (198)	244 (8)	2472	52	13.11%
Saudi Arabia	3063	360335 (180)	6080 (11)	10277	173	0.29%
CAR	2949	4936 (0)	63 (0)	1014	13	0.18%
El Salvador	2697	42397 (265)	1219 (7)	6521	188	3.91%
Mayotte	2599	5616 (0)	53 (0)	20363	192	2.08%
Botswana	2379	12873 (0)	38 (0)	5424	16	6.33%
Qatar	2133	141417 (145)	242 (1)	50366	86	0.75%
Uzbekistan	2116	75538 (297)	612 (0)	2238	18	1.57%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Mali	2058	5969 (91)	209 (4)	291	10	8.38%
Namibia	1916	17276 (363)	164 (0)	6743	64	10.44%
French Guiana	1840	11906 (51)	71 (0)	39797	235	2.57%
Curacao	1811	3767 (68)	11 (0)	22913	67	11.73%
Mozambique	1757	17143 (101)	145 (1)	542	5	4.10%
Zimbabwe	1734	11749 (227)	313 (3)	991	20	6.32%
Malta	1719	11415 (112)	180 (3)	25821	407	5.58%
Congo (Kinshasa)	1707	14930 (333)	364 (6)	164	4	7.28%
China	1673	95375 (96)	4764 (0)	60	3	0.79%
Bahrain	1561	89600 (156)	349 (1)	51848	202	1.23%
Nicaragua	1550	5938 (51)	163 (1)	892	24	0.86%
Australia	1468	28072 (12)	908 (0)	1095	35	0.26%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Bahamas	1463	7714 (16)	164 (0)	19531	415	1.67%
Burkina Faso	1288	4449 (149)	73 (0)	210	3	22.03%
Cameroon	1176	25472 (113)	445 (0)	949	17	2.00%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1112	6200 (0)	100 (0)	1111	18	2.44%
Haiti	1083	9597 (0)	234 (0)	837	20	1.70%
Ghana**	1011	53386 (116)	327 (0)	1702	10	1.43%

** Indicates moved up a risk category

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
California	1686742	1708559 (63817)	21817 (397)	43403	554	15.19%
Florida	1135131	1155335 (11541)	20204 (122)	53792	941	6.23%
Illinois	854823	870600 (7123)	15777 (190)	68704	1245	6.68%
New York	675893	804555 (9998)	35927 (96)	43403	1848	8.89%
Georgia	550391	560619 (6624)	10228 (68)	52802	963	7.64%
Arizona	357992	429219 (4837)	7530 (108)	58969	1035	10.86%
Missouri	356988	361888 (2866)	4900 (63)	61376	840	6.51%
New Jersey	347377	415075 (5661)	18003 (131)	47899	2041	8.09%
Texas	293115	1534450 (21919)	24920 (272)	53145	867	11.37%
Colorado	276864	296716 (3334)	4156 (71)	51525	722	8.21%
Virginia	260672	292240 (3931)	4508 (38)	34238	528	8.59%
Michigan	234858	482815 (4644)	11588 (93)	48345	1160	7.12%
Maryland	227531	241767 (2405)	5270 (64)	39990	872	7.91%
Pennsylvania	205404	524940 (10191)	13109 (313)	41067	1033	14.10%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Washington	202027	205069 (0)	3042 (89)	28122	409	7.42%
Kentucky	196028	230692 (2875)	2262 (23)	51636	506	9.34%
Nevada	191447	194098 (2366)	2651 (56)	63016	861	9.15%
Kansas	191364	197662 (4374)	2247 (138)	67512	773	7.63%
Ohio	160961	584766 (5409)	7777 (123)	50027	665	11.06%
Indiana	158503	440850 (6208)	7101 (133)	65484	1055	9.63%
Connecticut	142475	157781 (2319)	5506 (40)	44255	1544	10.92%
South Carolina	124414	260119 (2799)	4800 (44)	50521	932	7.95%
Alabama	117817	305640 (4107)	4198 (74)	62335	856	8.33%
Massachusetts	105378	304112 (5952)	11513 (70)	44122	1670	11.41%
Oregon	90490	97622 (1530)	1262 (49)	23146	299	9.56%
North Carolina	80622	451874 (5273)	5979 (98)	43085	570	9.15%
Idaho	76151	125452 (1433)	1231 (17)	70200	689	7.37%
Wisconsin	74596	478162 (2822)	4493 (85)	76394	721	5.43%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
New Mexico	72699	124357 (1800)	2049 (43)	59307	977	9.17%
Rhode Island	69973	76209 (972)	1590 (20)	71939	1501	10.38%
Tennessee	66774	484285 (11410)	5668 (53)	70914	830	12.66%
Nebraska	65528	152103 (1242)	1448 (10)	78630	749	5.38%
Utah	56875	240715 (2928)	1096 (19)	75084	342	7.55%
Iowa	56632	260774 (2521)	3350 (14)	82656	1063	4.02%
Louisiana	35887	275545 (3269)	6933 (38)	59272	1491	6.04%
Alaska	35127	42473 (615)	181 (2)	56102	246	8.87%
Mississippi	32883	185643 (2343)	4294 (42)	62377	1443	8.06%
Oklahoma	32194	245229 (3238)	2128 (42)	61974	538	9.07%
Delaware	28245	47929 (787)	833 (7)	49220	855	11.55%
Minnesota	25394	386412 (2248)	4634 (92)	68517	822	5.87%
West Virginia	21260	66849 (1141)	1039 (27)	37301	580	12.55%
Arkansas	20799	191504 (2306)	3074 (58)	63458	1019	7.76%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
South Dakota	10987	92603 (904)	1300 (39)	104676	1469	4.95%
Montana	9071	74644 (604)	836 (10)	69841	782	6.04%
Hawaii	7695	19931 (104)	278 (4)	13836	196	4.39%
New Hampshire	6680	33433 (888)	625 (21)	24588	460	17.47%
District of Columbia	6490	25602 (263)	720 (0)	36276	1020	6.83%
Maine	6394	17311 (551)	267 (2)	12878	199	16.50%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
North Dakota	2956	88686 (293)	1195 (25)	116376	1568	2.86%
Wyoming	2524	40310 (246)	328 (0)	69649	567	6.02%
Vermont	2128	6009 (86)	105 (5)	9630	168	12.05%

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