

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

December 22, 2020

# Global Situation Update: December 22, 2020

---

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

The EU's EMA approves the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

Businesses across the English Channel scramble to organize shipping amid new travel restrictions.

Congress passes a new \$892 billion stimulus bill.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Global

---

**Countries in Asia, the Middle East and Africa have joined European nations banning flights to and from the UK in hopes of containing a mutated coronavirus that might be more contagious.**

- WHO officials called UK **virus mutations** a “*normal part of virus evolution*” and said there is no evidence to suggest that the new variant is deadlier or more severe.
- The first coronavirus cases were reported on **Antarctica** — the last COVID-free continent on Earth.
- Significant disruption on both sides of the **English Channel ports** has sent international companies scrambling to organize air freight to help them leapfrog problems at the border.
- The US National Institutes of Health is planning a study on how people with **serious allergies** react to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# COVID-19 Vaccine

---

**BioNTech's CEO said he is “*confident*” that the company's vaccine will work against the new UK coronavirus variant and that a new version could be developed within six weeks if necessary.**

- The **European** Medicines Agency approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Shipments of the Moderna vaccine, the second to be approved in the **US**, began to arrive at healthcare facilities.
- The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a Vatican body, approved the use of available coronavirus vaccines for **Catholics**.
- The *Wall Street Journal* reported that Sinovac's CoronaVac vaccine has proven effective in **Brazilian** trials; Butantan Institute, which is running the trials, called such claims “*mere speculation*,” and will announce more on December 23.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Markets

---

## Global index publisher FTSE Russell will remove two U.S.-sanctioned Chinese companies from the FTSE China A50 Index and the FTSE China 50 index.

- **European stocks** steadied on Tuesday, after heavy losses a day earlier sparked by fears over a highly infectious new strain of COVID-19, as Washington approved an \$892 billion pandemic relief package.
- Negative market sentiment over the new virus strain in England and South Africa led **Asian stocks** lower, outweighing positive news.
- **US stocks** joined a global sell-off prompted by concerns about the new UK coronavirus strain, trimming losses later in the day but still closing down.
- **Energy stocks** saw some of the largest losses Monday and oil prices declined, ending a rally of almost 40 percent in the last two months driving by vaccine optimism.

# Business

---

## Facebook Inc and Alphabet Inc's Google agreed to “*cooperate and assist one another*” in case of an anti-trust investigation into their pact to work together in online advertising.

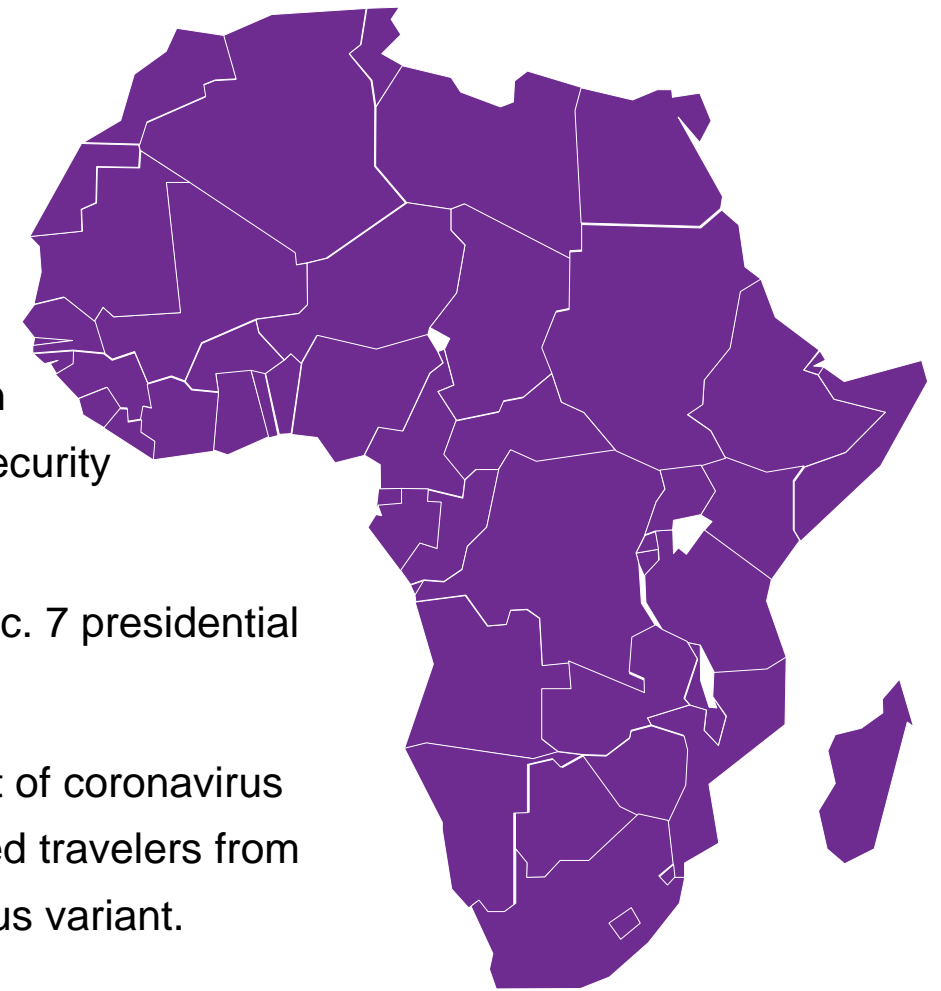
- Companies across the English Channel are scrambling to organize **air freight** amid new transportation restrictions. Ferry operator **Stella Line** doubles its Ireland-France freight capacity due to the closure of the Calais-Dover route. **Duetsche Post DHL** said it would stop deliveries to the UK due to new transport restrictions.
- **Diamondback Energy** has agreed to buy Texas shale rival **QEP Resources** in a deal valued at \$2.2 billion.
- **Shell** said it would further write down the value of assets by as much as \$4.5 billion as the oil and gas industry continues to struggle.
- The UK's Financial Conduct Authority has fined **Charles Schwab UK** \$12.1 million for failing to protect client assets
- **Microsoft, Alphabet, Cisco and VMWare** joined **Facebook's** suit against Israeli hacking company **NSO Group**.
- **American Airlines and United** said they would recall thousands of furloughed employees after the passage of a stimulus bill.
- **Apple Inc** is moving forward with self-driving car technology and is targeting 2024 to produce a passenger vehicle that could include its own breakthrough battery technology.
- South Korean carmaker **Ssangyong Motor** has filed for bankruptcy after failing to repay creditors, a move analysts said signals that the government was unlikely to bail out pandemic-hit companies that have foreign backers.
- **Amazon** closed a New Jersey warehouse after workers tested positive.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Africa

---

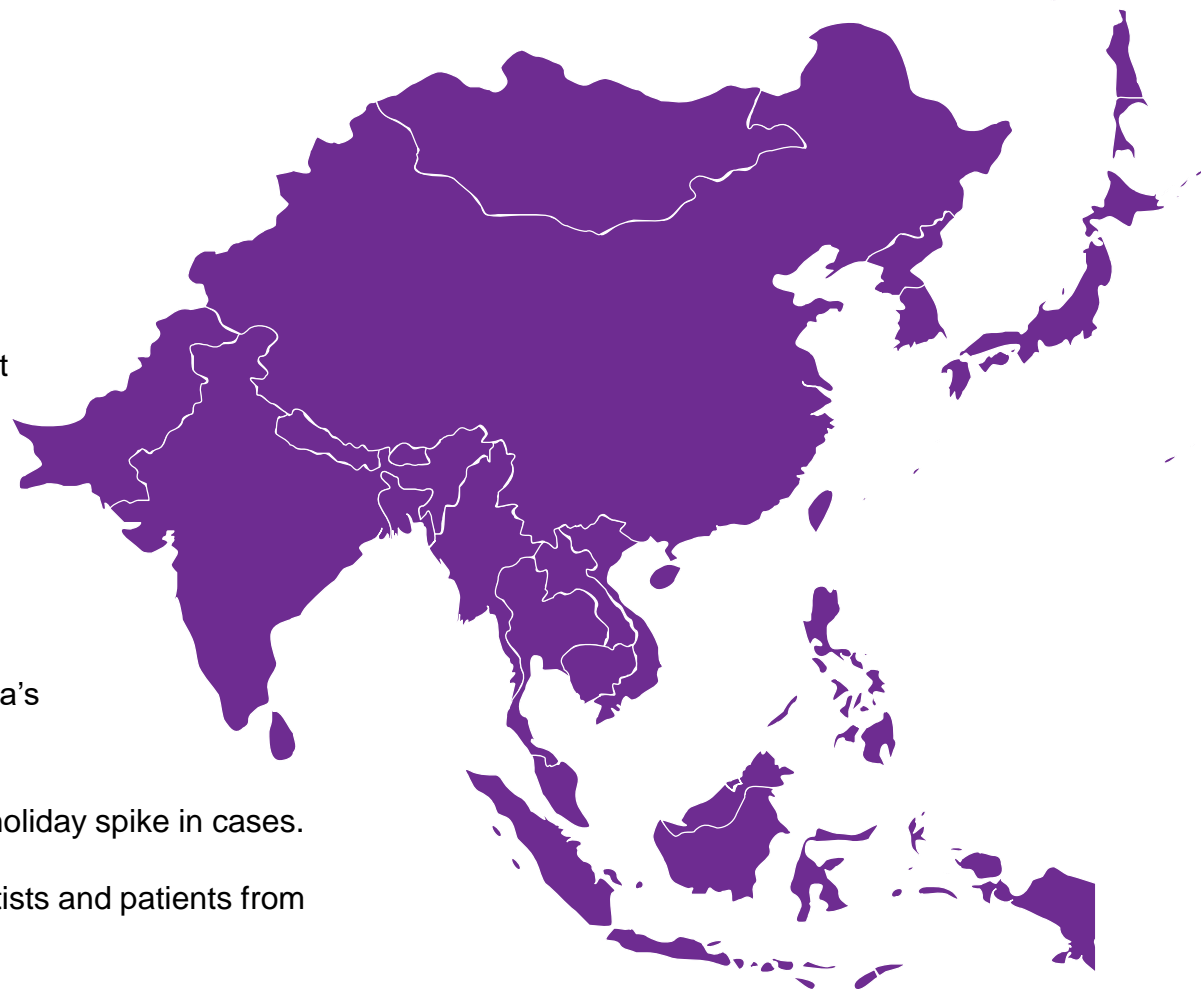
- **Central African Republic** President Touadera called for the presidential election to go on despite the announcement of a coalition of rebel groups; **Russia and Rwanda** agreed to send troops to aid security efforts.
- **Ghana's** opposition party held protest calling for the results of the Dec. 7 presidential election to be overturned.
- **South Africa's** health minister Mkhize confirmed that the new variant of coronavirus is present in South Africa. **Germany, Turkey and Switzerland** banned travelers from South Africa after the nation warned of the presence of the coronavirus variant.
- A long-threatened doctor's strike over lack of PPE began in **Kenya**.



*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Asia

- Prominent **Hong Kong** pro-democracy activist Nathan Law has applied for asylum in the UK. **China** called on the **US** to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal without pre-conditions and lift all sanctions on **Iranian** and linked entities.
- **Indonesia** surpassed 20,000 coronavirus deaths.
- A video of an off-duty police officer shooting a mother and son in front of a small crowd has sparked outrage in the **Philippines**.
- **South Korea** scrambled fighter jets in response to an intrusion into South Korea's air defense identification zone by 19 **Russian and Chinese** military aircraft.
- **Myanmar** closed public parks and gardens in Yangon in an effort to prevent a holiday spike in cases.
- Researchers in **Singapore** have invented a new tent-like device to protect dentists and patients from catching COVID-19.
- Mumbai and other **Indian** cities in the state of Maharashtra imposed a new night curfew in a sign of alarm over the more infectious coronavirus strain.
- **Japan's** health regulator delayed a decision on approving the use of Fujifilm's Avigan for COVID-19 treatment. Japan's cabinet approved a budget draft of a record \$1.03 trillion for the next fiscal year starting in April 2021. Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group will extend \$520 million in government-backed loans to aid **African nations** in COVID-19 response. Japan surpassed 200,000 virus infections.



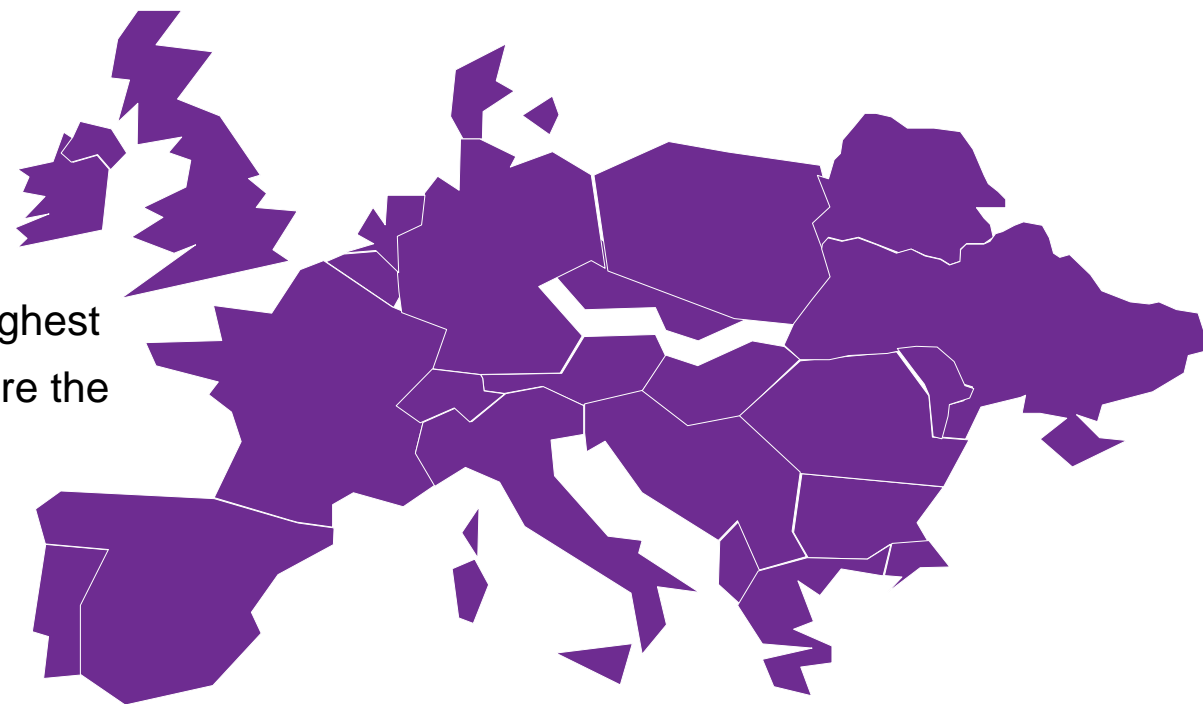
*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*



# Europe

---

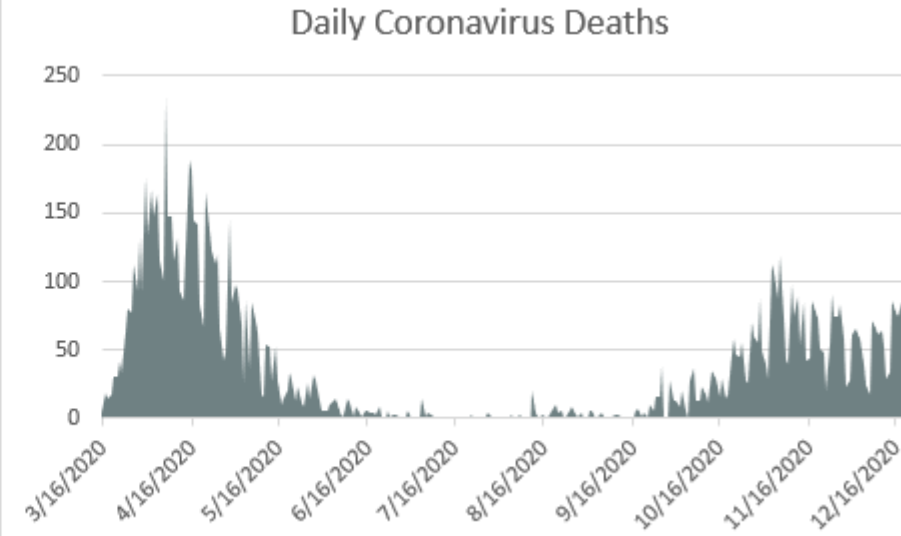
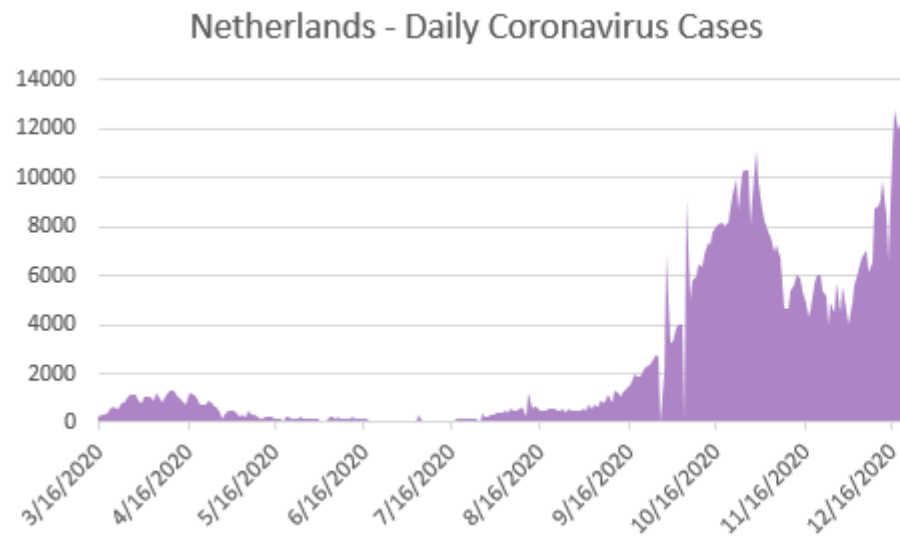
- **European** consumer confidence had rebounded to its highest levels in nine months, boosted by coming vaccines, before the latest round of European holiday lockdowns.
- Officials suggested that the **EU and UK** are nearing a compromise on fisheries in progress towards a Brexit deal.
- **Russian** opposition figure Navalny said that he tricked a Kremlin agent into giving him details of his own poisoning.
- UK scientists are exploring whether the **new coronavirus strain** is more infectious among children. The British territory **Gibraltar** will require all incoming travelers from the UK to provide a negative COVID-19 test. While **UK** PM Johnson said that disruption of supplies to the UK is limited, effecting only 20 percent of total food supplies, the UK is working intensely to get **France** to lift the cross-channel freight ban. **Spain** became the latest country to block flights from the UK. Health officials in **Ireland** have warned that a “*third wave*” of COVID-19 is underway in the country.



*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Europe

Yesterday, the Netherlands surpassed 700,000 coronavirus cases. The Dutch had largely avoided the worst of the first wave of infections in March but struggled to contain the summer and fall outbreaks. Last week the government imposed a tough new five-week nationwide lockdown and urged people to receive a maximum of two guests over the age of 13 per day, with a slight easing of restrictions over the Christmas weekend. Like many European countries, the Dutch also imposed a ban on air travel to/from the UK.

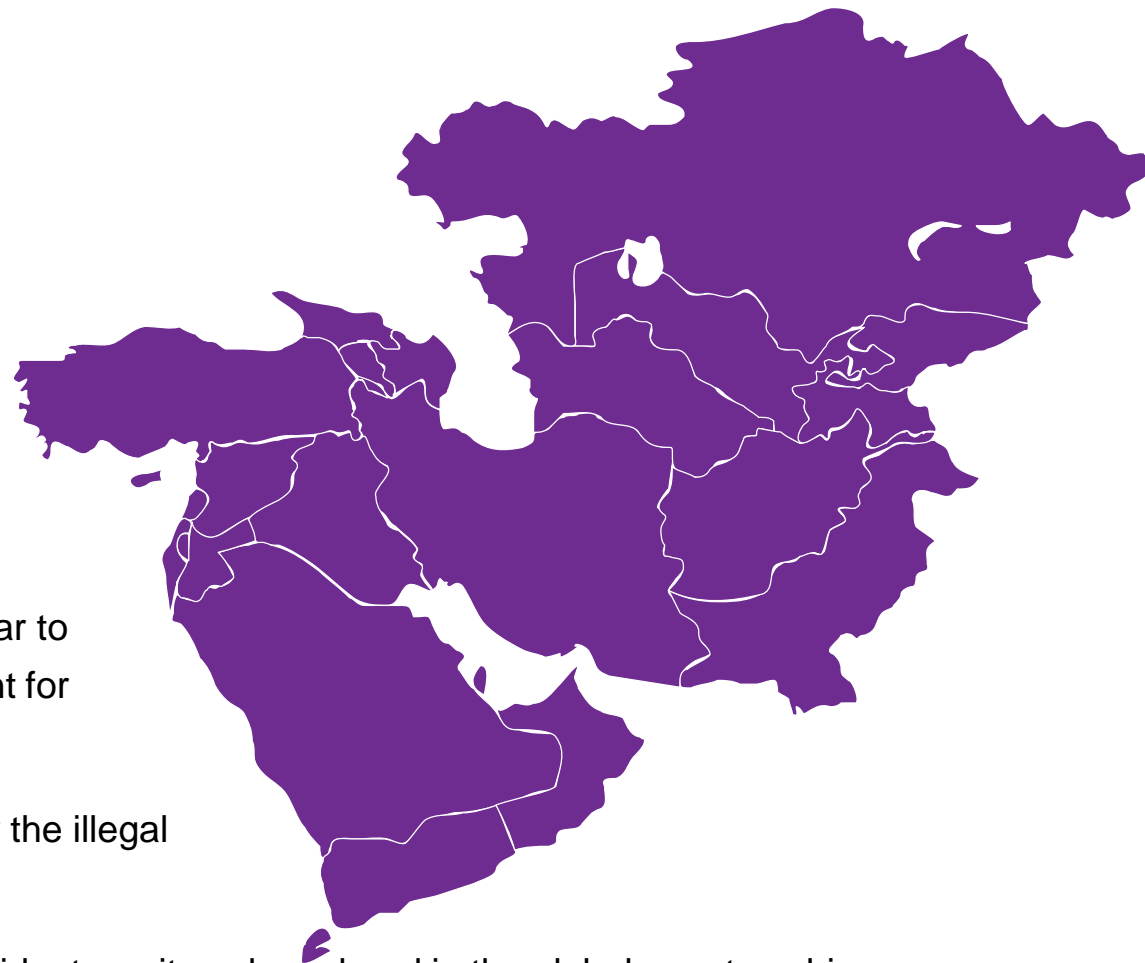


Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Middle East

- **Iraq** devalued its currency, the dinar, by over a fifth over the weekend, prompting nation-wide protests.
- In a direct flight, **Israel** sent envoys to **Morocco** to meet its king and hammer out an upgrade of ties.
- **Lebanon's** parliament passed a law lifting banking secrecy for one year to clear the way for a forensic audit of the central bank, a key requirement for foreign aid.
- **Tunisian** environment minister Aroui was dismissed and arrested over the illegal export of hazardous waste.
- The **UAE** is offering free COVID-19 vaccinations to all citizens and residents as it pushes ahead in the global race to achieve nationwide immunity against the coronavirus.
- **Kuwait** suspended all commercial flights and closed its land and sea borders; **Sudan** banned travel from countries reporting cases of the new coronavirus variant; **Tunisia** banned air travel with the **UK, Australia and South Africa**. The **Pakistani** government imposed a one-week travel ban on passengers from the UK.



*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Americas

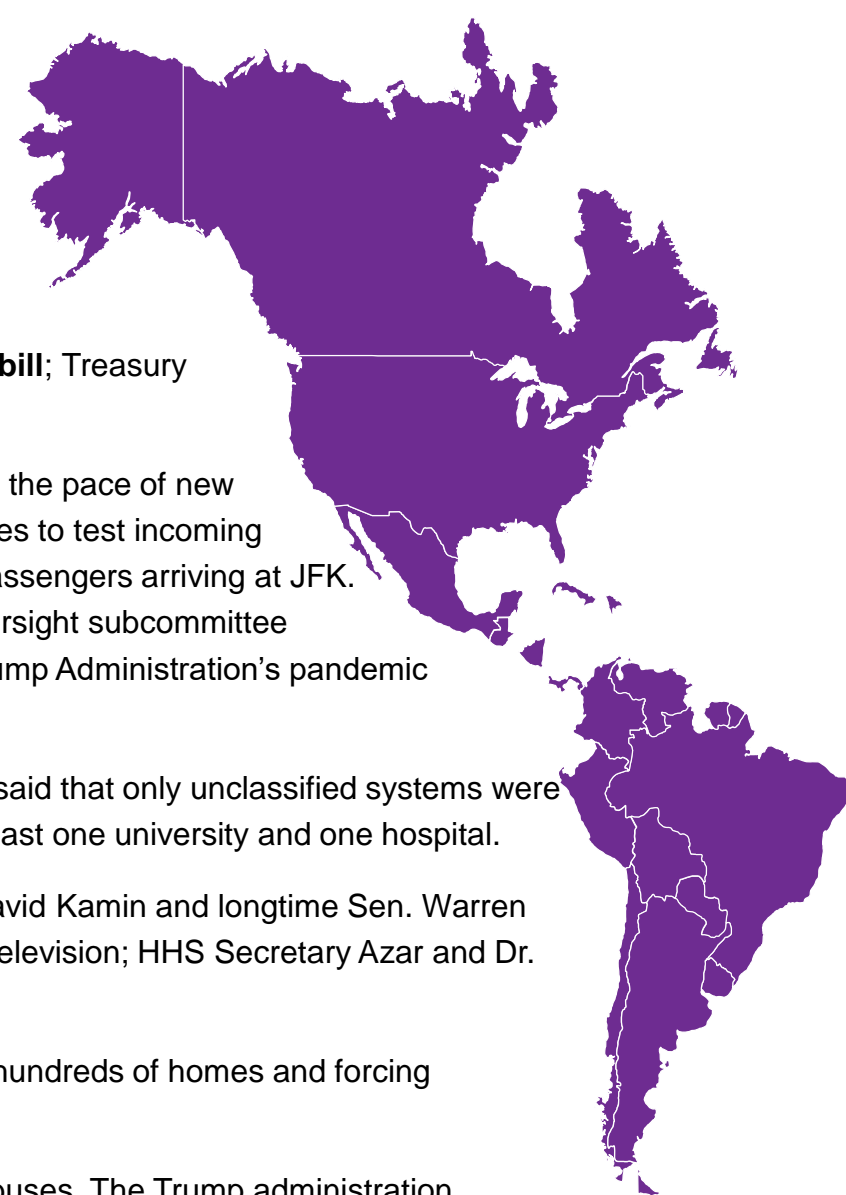
---

- **Colombia, Argentina, Peru and Chile** all imposed new restrictions on passengers flying to and from the **UK**. **Mexico** has said it will analyze suspending UK flights.
- **Nicaragua's** Congress, dominated by the current ruling party, passed a law that will essentially ban opposition candidates from the 2021 elections.
- **Brazilian** Sao Paulo's Gov. Doria said the state will receive another 5.5 million doses of Sinovac's CoronaVac vaccine on December 24.
- **Colombia's** health ministry said the country would receive its first 1.7 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in February.
- **Mexican** President Lopez Obrador said Monday that he expects friendly relations with the Biden Administration.
- **Paraguay** reported 100,000 coronavirus cases and tiny **Belize**, 10,000.



*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Americas: US



- After months of negotiation, Congress introduced its FY21 appropriations **and coronavirus stimulus bill**; Treasury Secretary Mnuchin said \$600 stimulus checks will be delivered to Americans starting next week.
- The number of Americans admitted to **hospital** with COVID-19 rose to a new high near 115,000, while the pace of new infections eased to its lowest level since the start of December. New York Gov. Cuomo urged US airlines to test incoming **travelers** from the UK for COVID-19; British Airways and Delta have already said they will do so for passengers arriving at JFK. **Armed protesters** opposing virus restrictions attempted to enter the Oregon statehouse. A House oversight subcommittee subpoenaed HHS Sec. Azar and CDC Director Redfield to investigate **political interference** in the Trump Administration's pandemic response.
- The Treasury confirmed that **hackers** had accessed its systems in this week's major cyber-attack but said that only unclassified systems were breached. *Wall Street Journal* analysis found that the SoladWinds hackers also gained access to at least one university and one hospital.
- **President-elect Biden** announced further additions to his economic team, including Obama official David Kamin and longtime Sen. Warren (D-MA) aide Bharat Ramamurti. President-elect Biden received his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on television; HHS Secretary Azar and Dr. Fauci will follow today.
- **Kilauea Volcano** on the big island of Hawaii erupted. The volcano last erupted May 2018, destroying hundreds of homes and forcing thousands of residents and visitors to flee.
- The US announced new visa restrictions on **Chinese** officials believed responsible for human rights abuses. The Trump administration published a list of **Chinese and Russian** companies with alleged military ties that restrict them from buying a wide range of US goods and technology.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Russia's Cyberattack & Implications for US Policy

By Alex Lucaci

***Reporting over the last several weeks has revealed that the US government is in an ongoing battle against one of the largest cyberattacks in world history. The extent of the attack is still being investigated, with some 18,000 US organizations in both government and the private sector believed to be compromised by malicious malware in their networks.***

The hacking operation, which has been attributed to Russian foreign intelligence services, targeted the US Treasury, Departments of Homeland Security State, and Defense, as well as the National Institutes of Health and other critical agencies. The primary vector for the attack was (and continues to be) trojanized updates to the IT monitoring and management software of Texas-based software company SolarWind, which is a prominent government contractor and claims to have more than 300,000 customers worldwide, including more than 400 of the US Fortune 500 companies. Cybersecurity firm FireEye discovered the hack.

The hacks, which are believed to have started over a year ago in October 2019 are assumed to involve data removal and manipulation, corporate espionage, and the potential theft of US state security secrets including information about the US's nuclear

arsenal. On December 19, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo directly accused Russia of the breaches, saying that *"it is pretty clear that it was [Moscow] engaged in this activity."* Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, attributed the attacks to Russian intelligence and called it *"the gravest cyber intrusion in our history,"* a sentiment that was shared by the chair of the House Intelligence Committee Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA). Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT), a longtime critic of the Kremlin, called the cyberattacks an *"invasion,"* likening the hacks to *"Russian bombers flying undetected"* over the US mainland. In a tweet, President Trump sought to downplay Russia's role in the hacking operation, saying that *"everything is well under control"* and that there was *"a possibility that it may be China."* Attorney General Barr, speaking after Trump's comment, backed Pompeo's assessment.

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Russia's Cyberattack & Implications for US Policy

---

Although we will likely not know the full extent and damage of the cyberattacks in the short term, policymakers are already beginning to grapple with the political and diplomatic implications of the unprecedented breach. Some on Capitol Hill are calling for the US to establish a clear list of consequences for those who would hack American interests in the future. Meanwhile, US-Russia relations, already at a low in the wake of Moscow's interference in the 2016 election and resulting geopolitical tensions, are set to deteriorate even further as US lawmakers consider additional sanctions and other punitive measures for the cyberattack. The revelations of the hacks come at a time when Washington and Moscow will need to (nominally) work together on numerous geostrategic issues. Most pressing is the looming February 2021 expiration of the New START Treaty, which limits the number and structure of strategic nuclear arms and forces deployed around the world. The Trump Administration, which has already withdrawn from the joint US-Russia Open Skies and Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces arms control treaties in the last four years, has yet to begin serious negotiations with Moscow on New START and is unlikely to make any meaningful process in the next 30 days. Furthermore, although

the incoming Biden Administration had previously stated their intention to agree to a clean 5-year extension of New START, that policy may now be in jeopardy as a result of the cyberattacks on US national security agencies and institutions.

In 2021, there will likely continue to be bipartisan support for punitive measures against Russia in the form of economic sanctions, diplomatic drawdowns, and other forms of political pressure. The State Department has already announced the permanent closures of the two remaining US consulates in Russia, including in the strategic far-east city of Vladivostok and in Ekaterinburg, the country's fourth largest metropolitan area. Other potential flashpoints include competing US-Russian interests in the Eastern Mediterranean, where Moscow and Washington are vying for influence in Libya and Syria, as well as in the Persian Gulf, where the Kremlin remains party to the Iran nuclear deal despite the Trump Administration's decision to withdraw. The incoming Biden Administration will also likely take a harder line on simmering conflicts on Russia's borders, including bolstering support for opposition movements in Belarus and hardening military capabilities for Ukraine's conflict against

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Russia's Cyberattack & Implications for US Policy

---

against Russian-backed militias in the country's east. The fallout from the cyberattacks will cast a dark cloud over any hopes that President-elect Biden harbored of making significant diplomatic progress with Russia, with wide-ranging implications for conflicts that have been simmering for the past four years

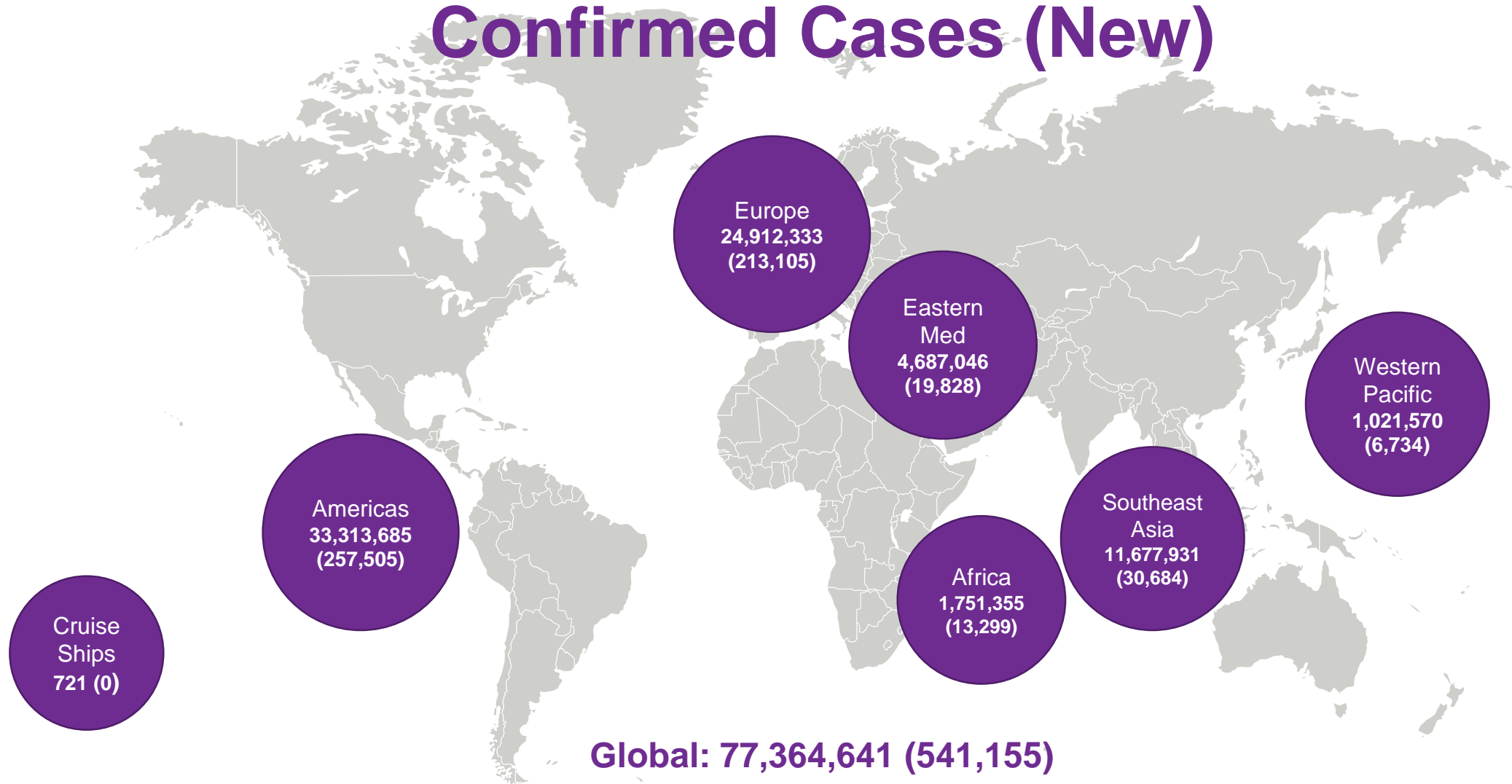
*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*



# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on December 21

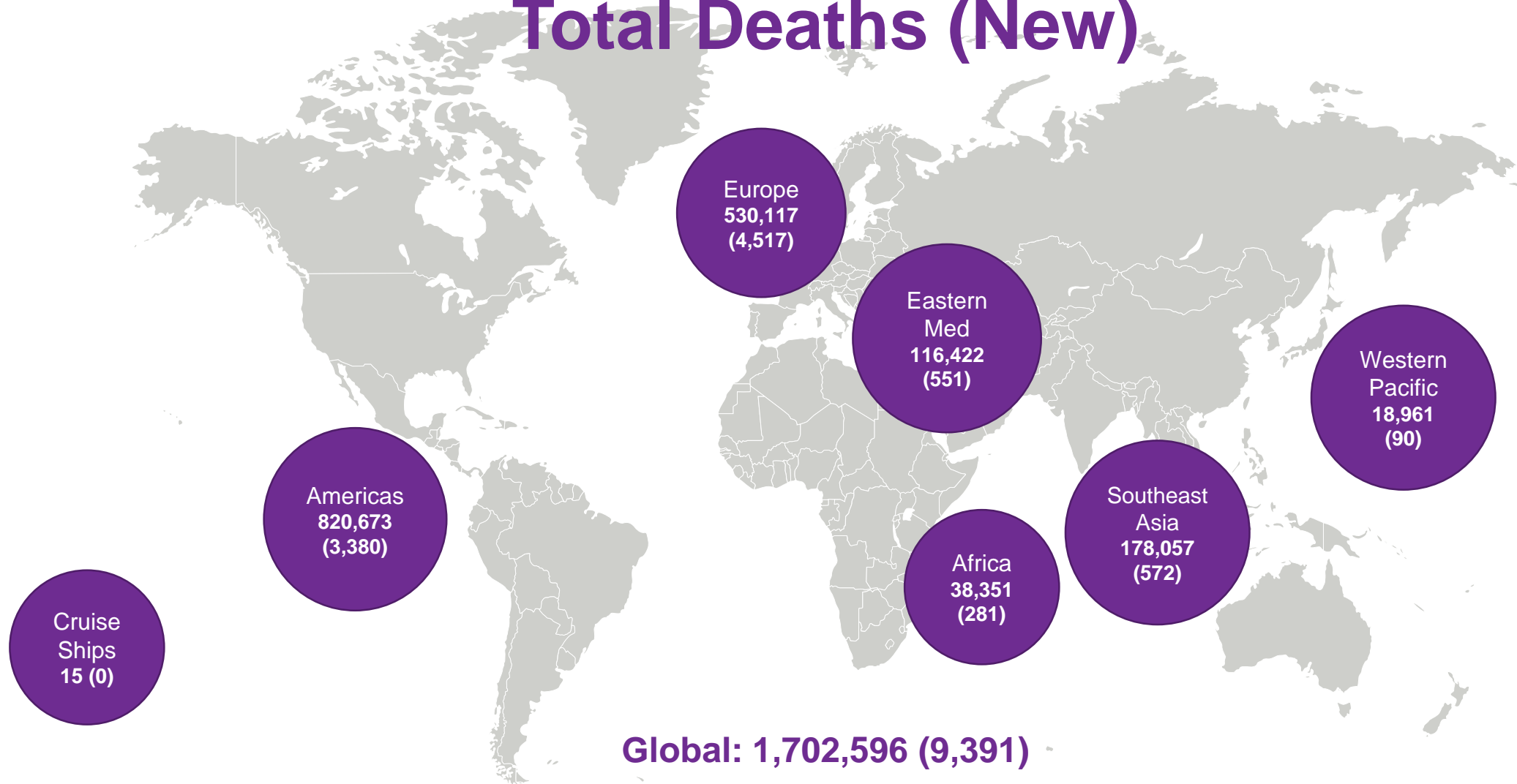
# Confirmed Cases (New)



Reflects data as of 2100 hours the evening before the date of the situation report.  
Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

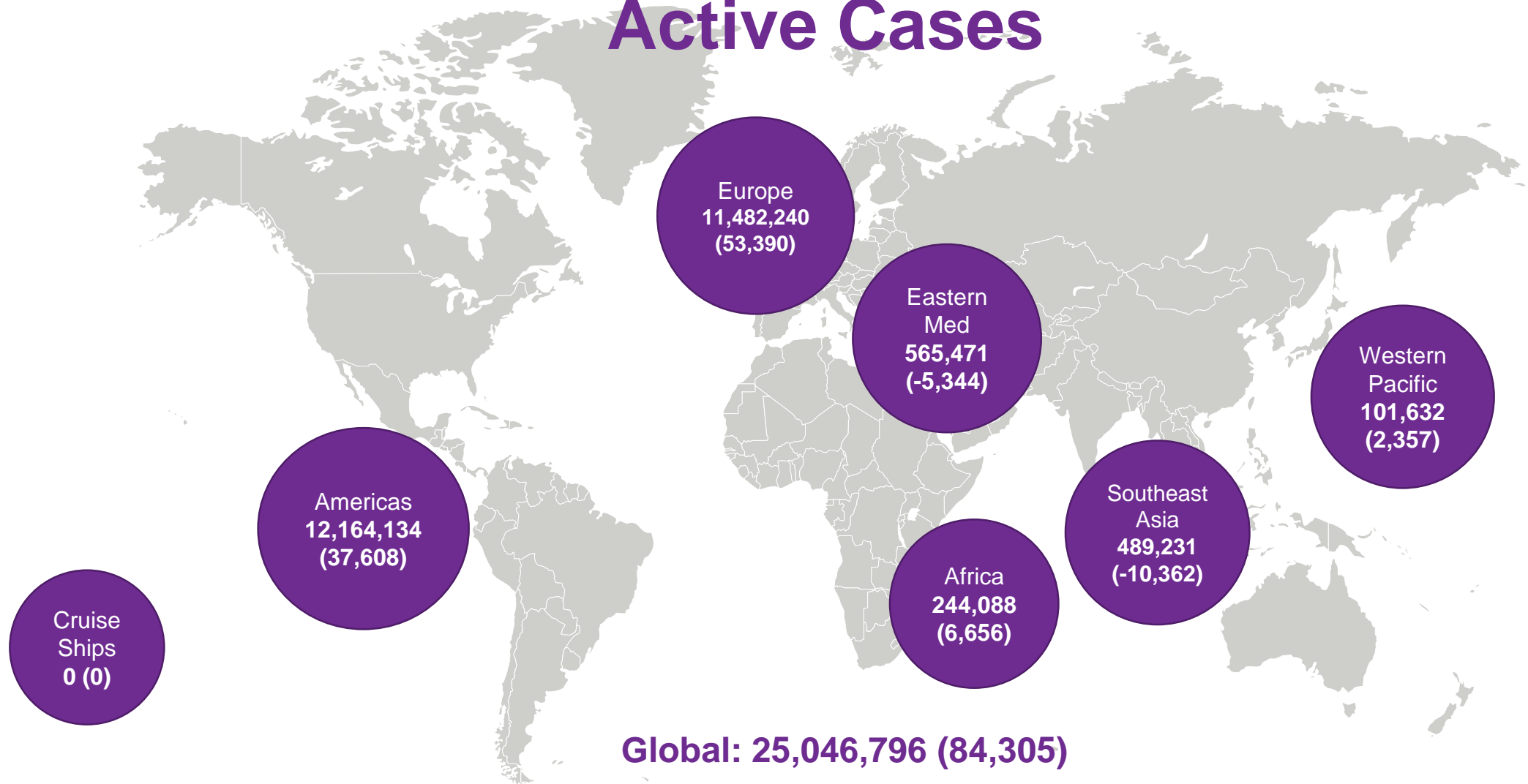
# Total Deaths (New)



Reflects data as of 2100 hours the evening before the date of the situation report.  
Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Active Cases



Reflects data as of 2100 hours the evening before the date of the situation report.  
Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# 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	10727157	17957112 (190085)	317837 (1681)	55657	984	8.41%
France	2255772	2477255 (5797)	60537 (351)	37941	932	4.04%
UK	2007256	2077905 (33512)	67699 (215)	30468	994	9.85%
Spain	1619613	1819249 (22013)	49260 (334)	39136	1053	3.70%
Netherlands	690354	700873 (11168)	10519 (28)	40860	613	11.26%
Italy	613582	1964054 (10869)	69214 (415)	32507	1146	5.51%
Belgium	608214	626911 (981)	18697 (71)	53896	1604	2.82%
Brazil	607018	7263619 (25019)	187291 (527)	34060	878	4.63%
Russia	525809	2850042 (28917)	50723 (481)	19715	352	6.79%
Ukraine	373265	998678 (6978)	17293 (92)	22266	382	7.35%
Germany	359165	1534218 (19256)	27110 (710)	18283	325	11.53%
Sweden	359127	367120 (0)	7993 (0)	36244	789	12.81%
Serbia	301014	303747 (3685)	2733 (47)	34831	313	10.66%
India	292518	10075116 (19556)	146111 (301)	7267	105	1.68%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Poland	235842	1207333 (4633)	25474 (77)	31917	673	5.53%
Mexico	219989	1325915 (5370)	118598 (396)	10192	912	5.27%
Iran	216353	1164535 (6151)	53816 (191)	13781	637	4.19%
Hungary	193886	305130 (2141)	8282 (183)	31624	858	6.97%
Turkey	190648	2043704 (19103)	18351 (254)	24109	216	8.68%
Argentina	130740	1547138 (5853)	41997 (184)	34084	925	2.84%
South Africa	109458	930711 (8789)	24907 (216)	15600	417	6.94%
Indonesia	104809	671778 (6848)	20085 (205)	2444	73	7.22%
Greece	104266	131597 (525)	4257 (85)	12655	409	4.88%
Switzerland	95710	413991 (10002)	6781 (159)	47670	781	7.11%
Colombia	95047	1518067 (10845)	40680 (205)	29685	795	5.50%
Bulgaria	83041	192472 (1277)	6765 (156)	27800	977	5.68%
Czechia	82426	627523 (3383)	10411 (80)	58549	980	7.40%
Romania	77406	593783 (2489)	14481 (87)	30965	755	5.76%

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# 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
Canada	75607	519325 (7577)	14346 (101)	13597	378	8.95%
Portugal	70426	376220 (2099)	6191 (57)	36948	608	6.72%
Lithuania	62585	114487 (2128)	1039 (20)	42340	384	17.00%
Honduras	59852	117190 (168)	3034 (7)	11727	303	2.17%
Azerbaijan	58533	203593 (1505)	2253 (43)	19995	221	12.09%
Bangladesh	55177	502183 (1470)	7312 (32)	3035	44	1.96%
Ireland	54745	80267 (725)	2158 (0)	16170	435	4.76%
Iraq	49998	585345 (1200)	12710 (13)	14402	313	1.60%
Lebanon	44044	159286 (1182)	1294 (13)	23387	190	7.33%
Denmark	43365	137632 (3198)	1053 (18)	23722	181	17.83%
Slovakia	41130	152555 (1219)	1618 (63)	27936	296	12.50%
Pakistan	40261	460672 (1704)	9474 (82)	2059	42	3.78%
Panama	35490	214038 (1699)	3597 (31)	49241	828	9.07%
Dominican Republic	33736	161052 (666)	2385 (1)	14776	219	3.64%

## 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	31079	159893 (2421)	2037 (41)	31253	398	4.21%
Bosnia	30968	106222 (698)	3706 (81)	32473	1133	4.48%
Japan	30884	201074 (1804)	2833 (49)	1572	23	9.33%
Morocco	30868	418002 (877)	7000 (43)	11262	189	4.11%
Tunisia	29635	121718 (1031)	4199 (41)	10248	354	8.51%
Algeria	29340	95659 (456)	2675 (9)	2163	60	3.20%
Austria	29280	340373 (1519)	5435 (84)	37690	602	4.50%
Libya	28299	95200 (640)	1369 (16)	13767	198	4.04%
Peru	28119	997517 (1618)	37103 (69)	30085	1120	1.26%
Jordan	27676	277448 (2499)	3604 (36)	27065	352	5.40%
Israel	26274	378259 (3499)	3111 (12)	41126	338	4.96%
Norway	25933	44336 (431)	405 (1)	8148	74	6.77%
Paraguay	25788	100612 (823)	2103 (15)	14025	293	6.35%
Kazakhstan	25179	192579 (929)	2626 (4)	7797	114	2.92%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# 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
UAE	24173	194652 (1077)	639 (2)	19569	64	4.42%
Albania	23575	53425 (422)	1098 (10)	18574	382	7.93%
Philippines	23341	461505 (1716)	8957 (10)	4185	81	2.33%
West Bank & Gaza	23229	123945 (1302)	1169 (28)	24035	227	10.36%
Georgia	22654	209462 (824)	2140 (46)	52556	537	8.78%
Belarus	21153	175416 (1893)	1333 (9)	18567	141	7.56%
N Macedonia	20965	78434 (129)	2314 (22)	37648	1111	5.84%
Uganda	20597	31384 (197)	238 (7)	676	5	11.53%
Slovenia	19938	106294 (395)	2379 (26)	51126	1144	8.98%
Armenia	18233	154065 (240)	2656 (26)	51946	896	3.49%
Myanmar	17832	116982 (848)	2465 (22)	2143	45	6.39%
Kenya	16910	94614 (114)	1644 (5)	1742	30	2.70%
Malaysia	16496	95327 (2018)	438 (1)	2928	13	10.99%
Croatia	16105	195728 (766)	3257 (80)	47818	796	9.39%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Cyprus	15851	18004 (316)	96 (5)	14861	79	14.19%
South Korea	14810	51460 (869)	722 (24)	986	14	13.79%
Ethiopia	14806	120348 (397)	1861 (8)	1035	16	2.58%
Chile	13883	587993 (2447)	16197 (43)	30608	844	2.41%
Moldova	13118	135910 (703)	2777 (25)	33729	689	6.37%
Bolivia	13034	150385 (362)	9043 (7)	12770	769	2.02%
Egypt	11981	126273 (718)	7130 (32)	1223	69	3.32%
French Polynesia	11397	16345 (163)	106 (3)	58027	376	3.66%
Kosovo	11132	49169 (264)	1262 (6)			4.60%
Ecuador	10762	206329 (72)	13949 (1)	11612	785	2.01%
Finland	10408	33414 (252)	506 (17)	6026	91	6.90%
Puerto Rico	10060	68849 (416)	1382 (14)	35186	408	8.52%
Latvia	9644	31335 (395)	443 (4)	16701	236	17.39%
Montenegro	9085	44284 (329)	630 (4)	70504	1003	5.60%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# 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
Nigeria	9070	78790 (356)	1227 (6)	378	6	6.87%
Sri Lanka	8768	37631 (370)	181 (5)	1754	8	11.04%
Afghanistan	8423	50013 (196)	2082 (15)	1294	53	2.59%
Sudan	8253	22963 (140)	1450 (16)	521	33	5.97%
Estonia	8225	22083 (289)	181 (7)	16640	136	16.75%
Nepal	7976	254514 (742)	1795 (7)	8662	61	2.07%
Luxembourg	7026	44582 (854)	450 (16)	70679	713	6.02%
Guatemala	6842	132867 (102)	4688 (32)	7352	259	2.61%
Oman	6697	127931 (264)	1489 (1)	24758	288	1.12%
Angola	6601	16686 (42)	390 (3)	500	12	2.45%
Guadeloupe	6160	8557 (0)	155 (0)	21302	385	0.99%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

## 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
Martinique*	5494	5634 (0)	42 (0)	15019	112	1.05%
Kyrgyzstan	4918	79254 (0)	1331 (0)	12054	202	1.99%
Syria	4862	10318 (123)	621 (11)	583	35	9.85%
Venezuela	4721	110513 (438)	993 (5)	3892	35	2.16%
Uruguay	4670	13477 (429)	119 (0)	3873	34	25.58%
Mauritania	3372	12567 (149)	286 (5)	2670	61	11.39%
El Salvador	3153	43772 (295)	1257 (7)	6732	193	4.32%
Kuwait	3145	148209 (230)	922 (1)	34465	214	1.19%
Namibia	3078	19299 (585)	180 (3)	7531	70	13.33%
Saudi Arabia	2958	361178 (168)	6131 (9)	10299	175	0.32%
CAR	2949	4936 (0)	63 (0)	1014	13	0.00%
Jamaica	2890	12289 (65)	286 (0)	4141	96	4.04%
Mayotte	2691	5708 (0)	53 (0)	20689	192	2.75%
Botswana	2437	13622 (608)	38 (0)	5738	16	5.50%

\* Indicates moved down a risk category

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*



# 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
French Guiana	2303	12369 (0)	71 (0)	41129	235	4.16%
Mali	2149	6232 (41)	225 (3)	304	11	6.35%
Uzbekistan	2097	76048 (115)	612 (0)	2257	18	1.25%
Qatar	1989	142159 (158)	243 (0)	50630	87	0.73%
Zimbabwe	1988	12422 (97)	322 (2)	1008	20	8.57%
Mozambique	1813	17695 (127)	149 (1)	559	5	3.92%
Curacao	1679	3974 (27)	11 (0)	24171	67	7.88%
China	1656	95916 (100)	4772 (1)	60	3	0.78%
Congo (Kinshasa)	1639	15669 (174)	370 (0)	173	4	7.38%
Australia	1595	28219 (21)	908 (0)	1100	35	0.61%
Thailand	1578	5716 (809)	60 (0)	76	1	25.72%
Bahrain	1558	90450 (168)	350 (1)	52315	202	1.31%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Cameroon	1550	25849 (0)	448 (0)	963	17	2.46%
Nicaragua	1550	5938 (0)	163 (0)	891	24	0.86%
Malta	1493	11802 (88)	194 (4)	26695	439	4.64%
Belize*	1486	10145 (354)	224 (11)	25298	559	7.57%
Bahamas	1474	7765 (19)	164 (0)	19657	415	1.17%
Burkina Faso	1467	5301 (141)	76 (0)	250	4	20.60%
Rwanda	1237	7402 (109)	65 (2)	565	5	8.85%
Niger	1205	2724 (65)	87 (0)	111	4	14.76%
Haiti	1125	9763 (89)	234 (0)	851	20	1.79%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1112	6200 (0)	100 (0)	1111	18	0.00%
Lesotho	1053	2546 (0)	48 (0)	1184	22	10.57%

\* Indicates moved down a risk category

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# US Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
California	1901050	1923887 (39854)	22837 (162)	48879	580	16.24%
Florida	1191901	1212581 (11015)	20680 (112)	56458	963	6.45%
Illinois	888542	905069 (4699)	16527 (120)	71424	1304	5.41%
New York	724702	857049 (9007)	36568 (137)	46107	1880	8.50%
Georgia	581039	591438 (3520)	10399 (16)	55704	979	7.59%
Arizona	385639	461345 (7748)	7972 (1)	63383	1095	8.91%
Missouri	372860	377948 (3136)	5088 (12)	63997	887	5.78%
New Jersey	365794	435763 (3171)	18223 (29)	50235	2066	6.96%
Texas	299988	1604991 (11520)	25936 (109)	55680	902	6.98%
Colorado	290150	311036 (2146)	4378 (10)	54011	760	6.41%
Virginia	278349	310890 (4042)	4654 (4)	36423	545	8.28%
Maryland	238474	253073 (2265)	5471 (23)	41860	905	6.37%
Washington	223529	226635 (4035)	3106 (2)	30158	425	10.08%
Pennsylvania	211420	569099 (9843)	13890 (56)	44478	1098	11.23%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Kentucky	207180	244296 (1976)	2412 (15)	54681	540	7.94%
Michigan	204231	501115 (5059)	12153 (79)	50177	1217	5.65%
Nevada	203099	205884 (1939)	2785 (6)	66842	905	8.00%
Kansas	201152	207784 (4130)	2448 (107)	70993	840	7.11%
Ohio	166878	629354 (6548)	8122 (75)	53841	695	9.34%
Indiana	165099	468219 (3865)	7438 (34)	69549	1105	8.08%
Connecticut	151901	167377 (4595)	5676 (95)	46946	1592	8.00%
Alabama	136818	324832 (2380)	4389 (0)	66249	895	8.29%
South Carolina	133181	275733 (2327)	4962 (27)	53554	964	7.60%
Massachusetts	108772	327374 (3843)	11759 (42)	47497	1706	10.12%
Oregon	96538	103755 (825)	1347 (6)	24600	319	8.43%
Tennessee	85406	529578 (9891)	6136 (65)	77546	898	12.27%
Idaho	78626	130877 (917)	1301 (21)	73236	728	6.62%
North Carolina	73919	483647 (4479)	6240 (16)	46114	595	8.74%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# US Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Rhode Island	73634	80231 (2419)	1670 (45)	75735	1576	7.68%
New Mexico	72825	130808 (815)	2180 (9)	62384	1040	7.27%
Wisconsin	71015	494353 (1629)	4751 (8)	78766	760	4.67%
Nebraska	61952	157103 (721)	1511 (25)	81215	781	4.94%
Utah	57147	252783 (1819)	1161 (6)	78848	362	6.69%
Iowa	50407	268736 (1407)	3588 (0)	84983	1138	4.25%
Louisiana	47429	287261 (1116)	7107 (65)	61793	1529	6.13%
Alaska	36674	44023 (152)	184 (0)	58182	250	5.57%
Oklahoma	36544	263434 (2596)	2218 (6)	66575	561	8.98%
Mississippi	36420	195500 (1167)	4411 (2)	65689	1482	7.37%
Delaware	31334	51056 (440)	871 (9)	52432	894	9.01%
West Virginia	22877	73337 (995)	1129 (1)	40921	630	12.19%
Arkansas	22183	203107 (1457)	3295 (58)	67303	1092	7.90%
Minnesota	21079	399311 (1992)	4931 (22)	70804	874	4.38%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Hawaii	8469	20709 (132)	282 (0)	14373	199	4.51%
South Dakota	8373	95074 (347)	1381 (20)	107470	1561	3.91%
Maine	8155	19285 (339)	293 (1)	14347	218	15.22%
Montana	8003	77324 (154)	881 (16)	72348	824	5.20%
District of Columbia	6931	26740 (139)	742 (5)	37889	1051	6.36%
New Hampshire	6688	37388 (846)	656 (0)	27497	482	14.75%

## 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	2650	90116 (81)	1233 (2)	118259	1618	2.27%
Vermont	2187	6534 (91)	111 (0)	10471	178	10.36%
Wyoming	1947	42118 (456)	351 (0)	72773	606	5.56%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

*Note: This report is based on sources and information deemed to be true and reliable, but Dentons makes no representations to same.*

# Contacts

---

*This summary is based on reports sourced from among the 75 countries in which Dentons currently serves clients as well as from firms in other locations, some of which will formally join Dentons later in 2020. We are pleased to share this complimentary summary and contemporaneous assessment, with the caveat that developments are changing rapidly. This is not legal advice, and you should not act or refrain from acting based solely on its contents. We urge you to consult with counsel regarding your particular circumstances.*

*To read additional analysis, visit the [Dentons Flashpoint portal](#) for insights into geopolitics and governance; industry and markets; cyber and security; science, health and culture; and economic and regulatory issues.*

## Karl Hopkins

Partner and Global Chief Security Officer  
Dentons  
Washington, DC

D +1 202 408 9225  
[karl.hopkins@dentons.com](mailto:karl.hopkins@dentons.com)

## Melissa Mahle

Senior Analyst  
Dentons  
Washington, DC

D +1 202 408 6383  
[melissa.mahle@dentons.com](mailto:melissa.mahle@dentons.com)