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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Global

Overnight, confirmed coronavirus cases grew to 30,373,761 in 213 countries and territories, with 950,965 deaths.

- **Healthcare workers** make up 1 in 7 of global COVID-19 cases, according to the WHO.
- An Oxfam report found that rich nations, whose populations comprise 13 percent of the global total, have bought over half of prospective **vaccine supplies**. The report further finds that even if all five leading vaccine trials are successful, 61 percent of the global population will not have access until 2022.
- Moderna said it would take until December, longer than expected, to analyze data from its **vaccine trials**; rival Pfizer/BioNTech has estimated October. Moderna also released a 135-page protocol describing how its trials are being conducted in an attempt to build vaccine trust.
- Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche said on Friday that late-stage trials of its coronavirus treatment showed that it reduced the likelihood of patients requiring **mechanical ventilation**.
- A **90-minute Covid-19 test** that the UK government has spent £161m on has been deemed highly effective in an academic review.
- Several Latin American countries requested more time to sign up for the **WHO's vaccine distribution facility Covax**, bringing total membership up to 170 countries.
- Egyptian, Mexican, and Moldovan candidates are reportedly out of the running to lead the **WTO**.
- The coronavirus pandemic has pushed an additional 150 million children into "**multidimensional poverty**" – defined as deprived of education, health, housing, nutrition, sanitation or water – a new UN study has found.
- OPEC+ will complete all compensations **for oil overproduction** by the end of 2020.

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Markets

Oil rose 2 percent on news that OPEC+ announced it will crack down on countries that did not comply with production cuts.

- On Friday, **European stocks** opened flat, as investors weighed accommodative monetary policy against weakening economic data.
- **Asian stocks** struggled for direction, closing mixed.
- Thursday, sliding tech shares led a second day of small losses on the **US stock market**.
- South Africa's central bank kept **interest rates** at 3.5 even as it forecasted that the economy would contract by 8 percent rather than 7 as previously predicted.
- The **British pound** slid after the Bank of England announced it would consider negative interest rates.
- The European Central Bank allocated €73bn in further **capital relief** for eurozone banks to encourage continued lending.

Business

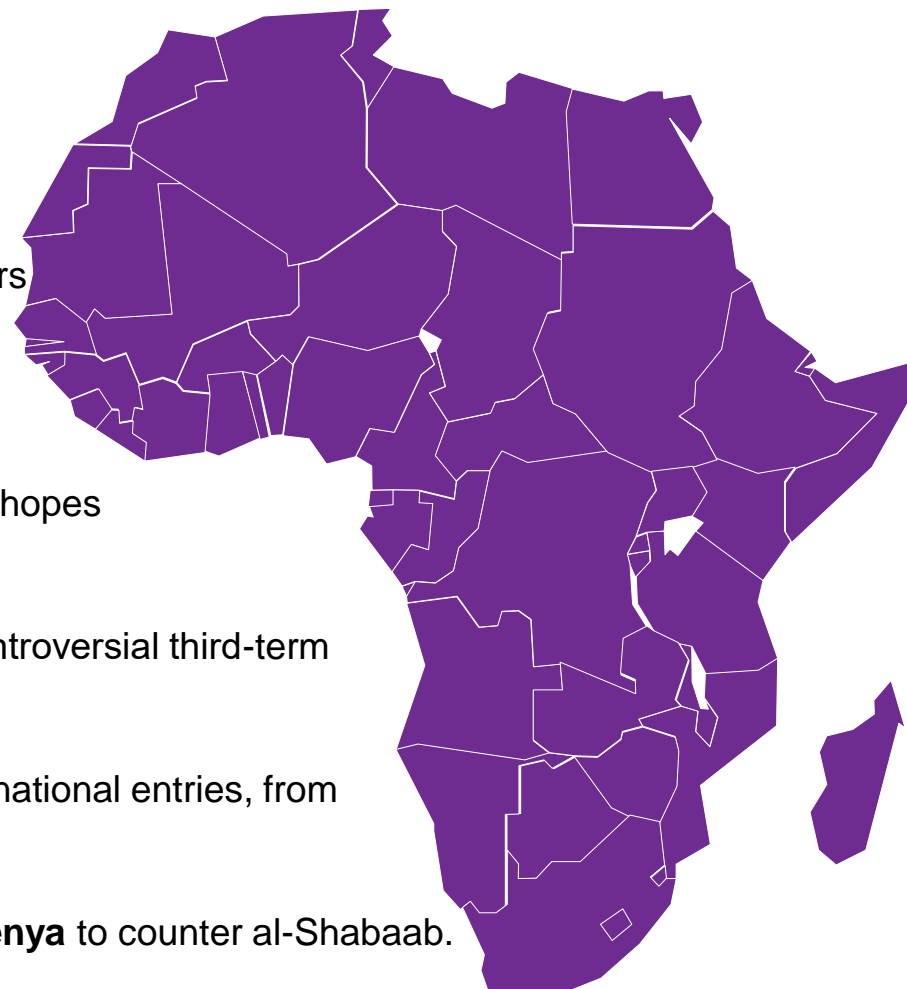
Investment flows between China and the US fell to their lowest level in almost a decade in the first half of the year.

- **Moderna** shares fell on the news that vaccine data analysis would be delayed.
- **CVS** will double its drive through test sites in the US. Ryanair shareholders revolted against a pay plan including continued executive bonuses.
- **Walmart** joined the fray in seeking a significant share in TikTok. **ByteDance** said China would have to approve any sale and is reportedly planning an American TikTok IPO if one goes through.
- **DeutscheBank** told US employees working from home will remain an option until July 2021.
- **Herman Miller** posted much higher than expected Q3 results and reinstated dividends.
- Chinese tech giant **Tencent Holdings** has changed the name of its WeChat Work office collaboration app to WeCom, setting it up as a potential alternative to its messaging app WeChat ahead of a U.S. ban.
- **SoftBank Group Corp** plans to sell US cellphone distributor **Brightstar** for an undisclosed price, marking the latest sale of telecoms assets as the Japanese conglomerate builds a cash pile.
- **Ericsson** has agreed to buy US-based wireless networking company Cradlepoint in a \$1.1 billion deal, as part of plans to expand its 5G-related products for business customers.

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Africa

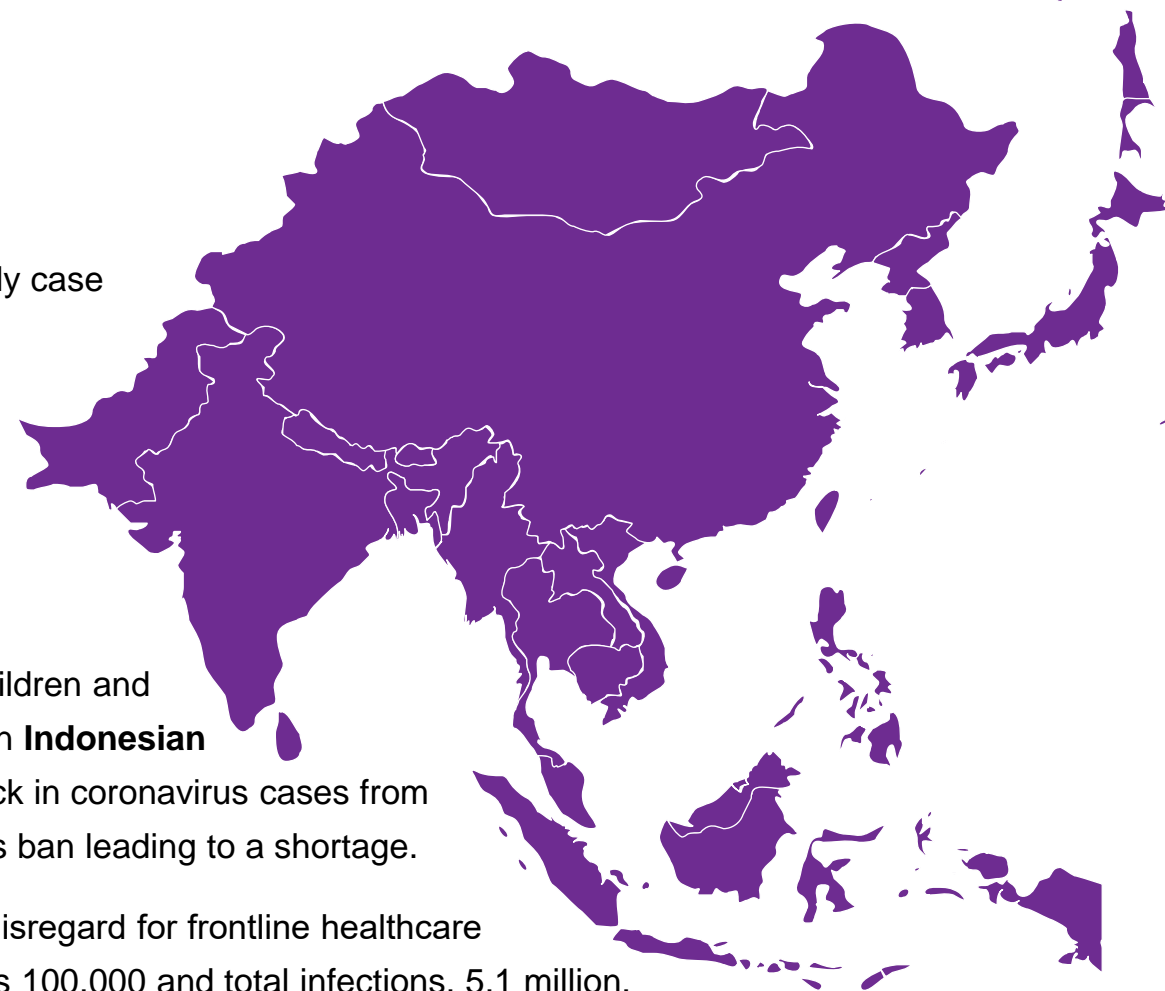
- The Islamic State claimed credit for the high-profile killing of French aid workers in a nature reserve in **Niger** last month.
- **Ugandan** forces are searching for over 200 prisoners who escaped jail.
- The UN reported that human rights abuses are persisting in **Burundi**, despite hopes that the new president, elected in May, would affect positive change.
- **Guinea's** opposition announced new protests ahead of President Conde's controversial third-term bid in October.
- **South Africa** will ease coronavirus travel restrictions, including a ban on international entries, from October 1.
- The US is reportedly seeking expanded powers to conduct drone strikes in **Kenya** to counter al-Shabaab.
- The UN called for the release of an **Algerian** journalist imprisoned in what many see as government repression.
- **Namibia**, which surpassed 10,000 virus cases yesterday, will reopen for international travel from September 18.



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Asia

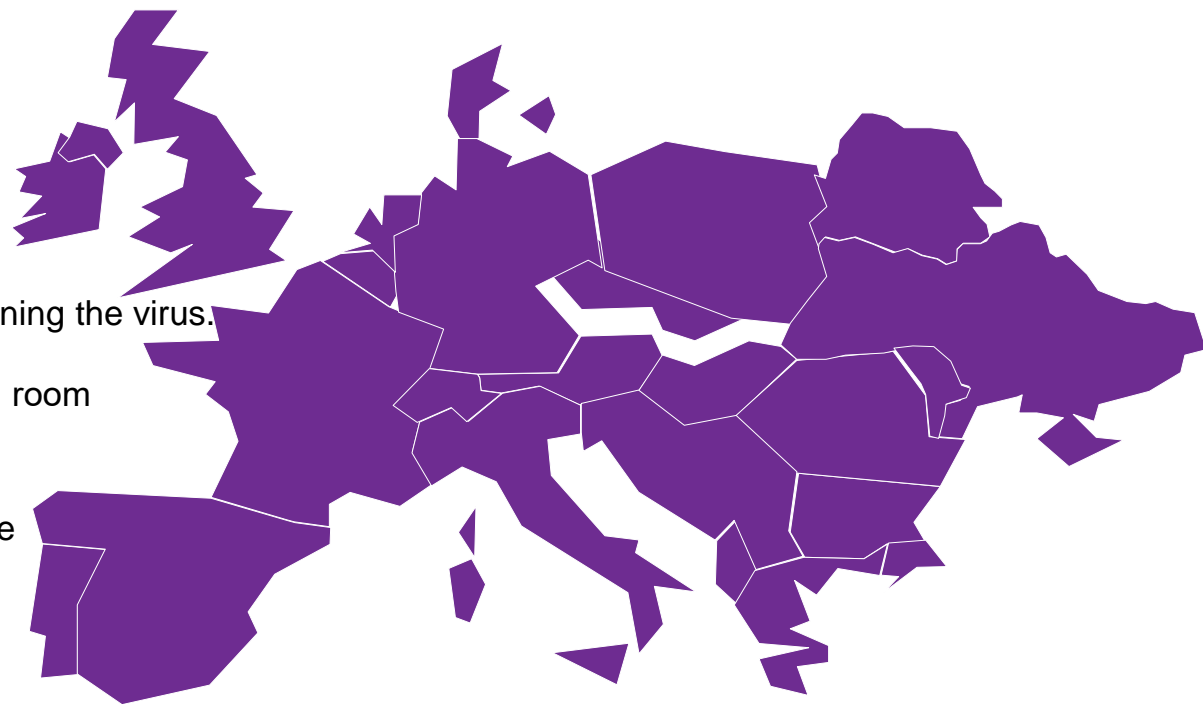
- The outbreak in **Australia's** Victoria state is easing, with the smallest daily case increase since June 24; officials loosened rules on gatherings.
- The **Thai** prime minister called for an end to anti-government protesters, citing coronavirus risk.
- **South Korea** approved Celltrion's vaccine candidate for Phase II and III trials in the country.
- **Chinese** vaccine maker Sinovac Biotech plans to start human trials in children and adolescents later this month. China has halted frozen fish imports from an **Indonesian** company and suspended some flights from the **Philippines** after an uptick in coronavirus cases from abroad. Huawei phone prices rose in China amid fears of a **US** chip sales ban leading to a shortage.
- **Indian** doctors have accused Narendra Modi's government of a callous disregard for frontline healthcare workers battling coronavirus as the number of daily infections approaches 100,000 and total infections, 5.1 million.
- **Taiwan** scrambled fighter jets on Friday as 18 **Chinese** aircraft buzzed the island, crossing the sensitive mid-line of the Taiwan Strait, in response to a senior U.S. official holding talks in Taipei. Taiwan's central bank will revise up its outlook for the year, raising GDP growth to 1.68 percent from 1.52.



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Europe

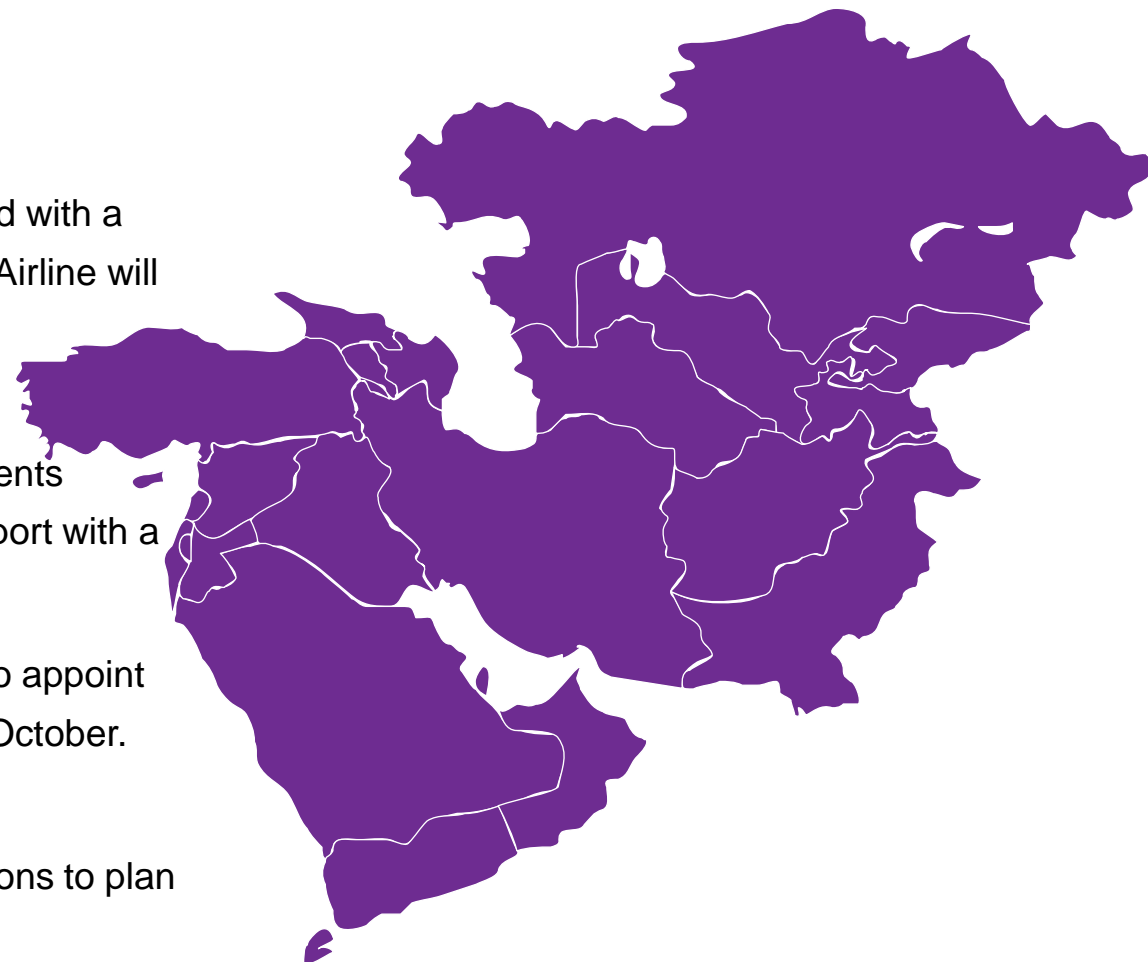
- Cases in the **Czech Republic** are surging after early success in containing the virus.
- Navalny's team say that he was poisoned via a water bottle in his hotel room in **Russia**.
- Two Afghan migrants were charged with arson for starting the fire at the migrant camp on **Greece's** Lesbos island.
- **France** will apply stricter restrictions to Lyon and Nice as a result of a case surge in big cities that saw tightened rules in Marseille and Bordeaux earlier this week; France reported over 10,000 new infections yesterday.
- An aide to **Turkish** President Erdogan said that talks with **Greece** over Eastern Med tensions will resume soon.
- US State officials alleged that **Lebanese** Hizballah had smuggled ammonium nitrate, the chemical that caused the Beirut port explosion, throughout **Europe**.
- **Belarus** will close its borders with **Poland and Lithuania**. **EU** discussions on imposing sanctions on Belarus have reportedly ended in "diplomatic standoff."
- The **UK** health secretary has refused to rule out the prospect of a second national lockdown, warning that case numbers are accelerating. Retail sales in Britain rose in August for the fourth consecutive month, helped by demand for home improvement goods.



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Middle East

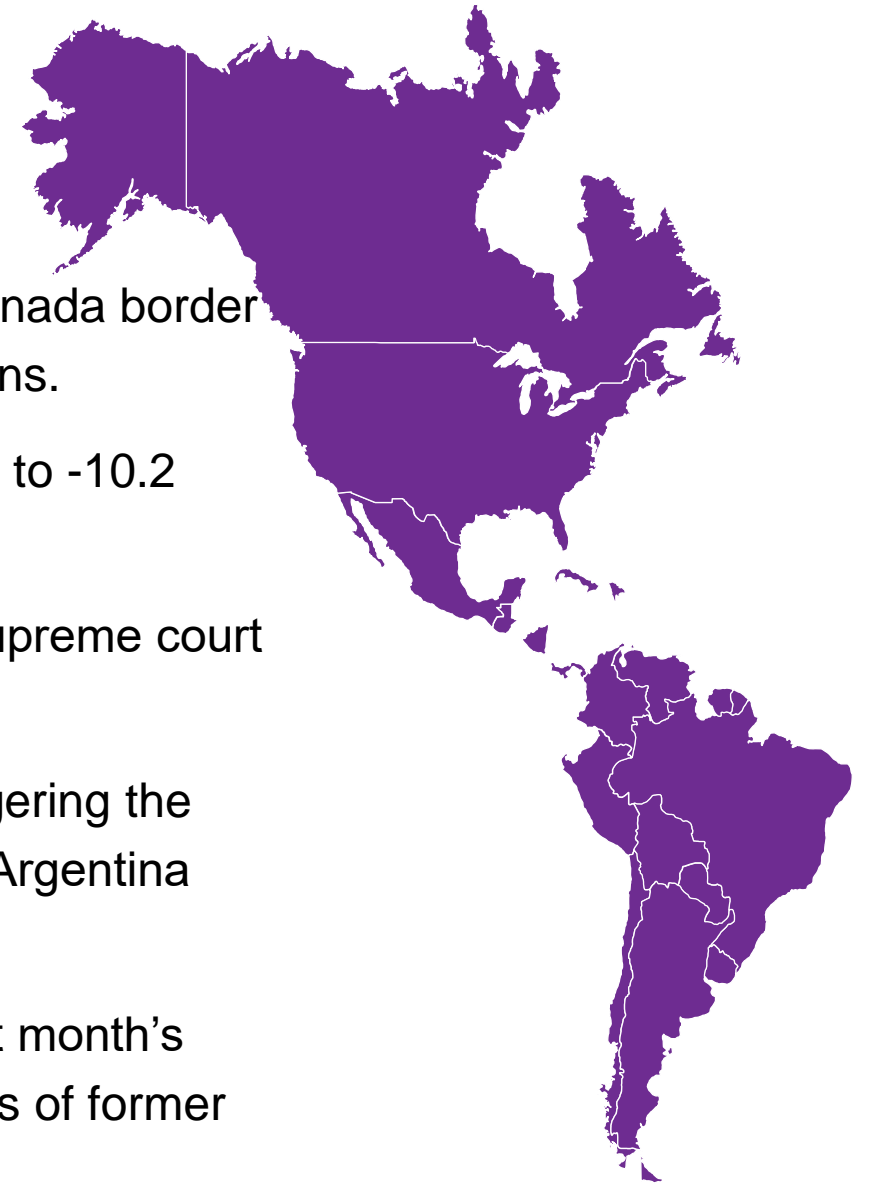
- Abu Dhabi airport will require international arrivals to wear a wristband with a tracking device to enforce a 14-day quarantine in the **UAE**. Emirates Airline will resume flights to 15 **African** destinations in October.
- **Saudi Arabia** announced \$200mn in aid to the UN for **Yemen** days after the UN reported that the Kingdom was short on its aid commitments to the country. Yemen's Houthis said that they had hit Saudi Abha airport with a drone; the coalition said it had been intercepted.
- PM Sarraj of the UN-backed **Libyan** GNA called on his government to appoint his successor, reiterating his intent to resign no later than the end of October. Libya surpassed 25,000 reported coronavirus cases.
- **Jordan** will implement jail time for those who flout COVID-19 restrictions to plan large gatherings.
- **Afghanistan's** government hopes to reach a ceasefire with the Taliban in Doha talks.



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Americas

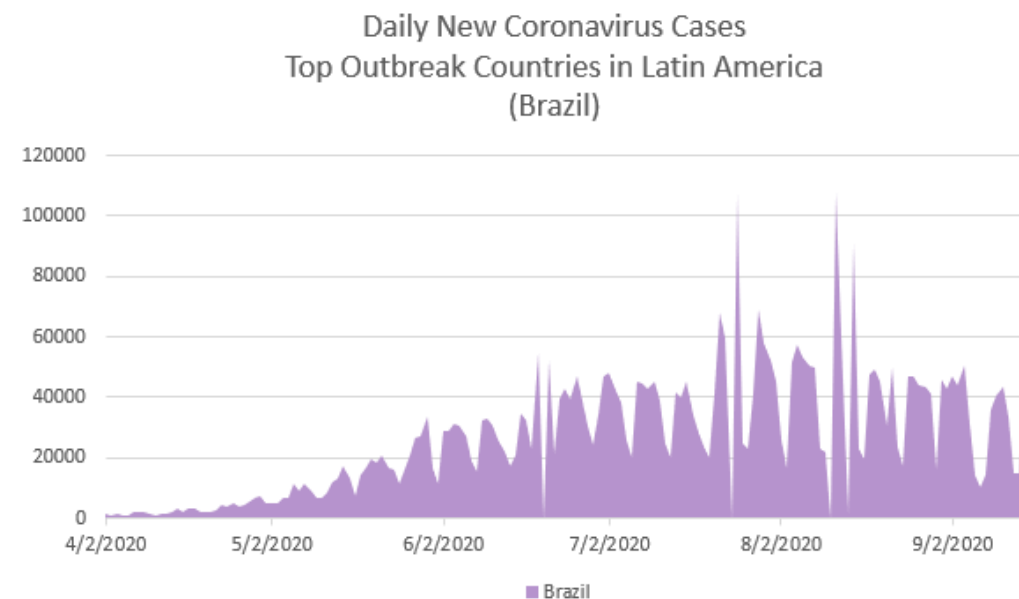
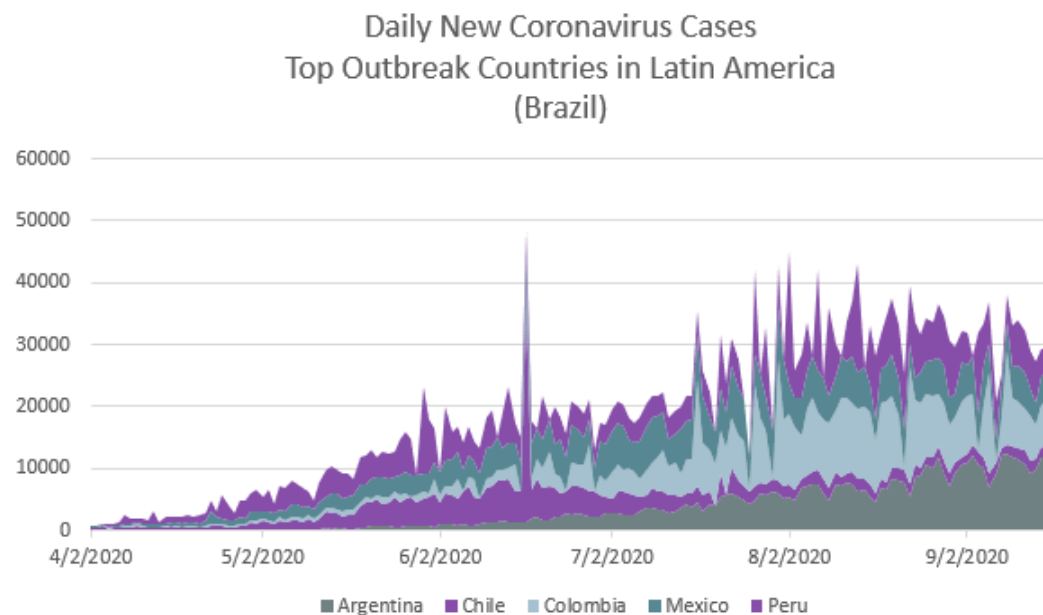
- Rural cross-border communities, largely virus-free, on the US-Canada border are pushing the government to exempt them from travel restrictions.
- The OECD lowered its 2020 growth forecast for Mexico from -7.5 to -10.2 percent.
- Peru's president will face an impeachment vote today after the supreme court denied his motion to delay the vote.
- Argentina moved to restrict dollar withdrawals, potentially endangering the country's international economic standing. Coronavirus cases in Argentina surpassed 600,000, with 12,701 reported yesterday.
- Bolivia's interim president has pulled out of the campaign for next month's election to avoid splitting the vote and thereby allowing supporters of former leader Evo Morales back into power.



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Latin America

Within the top 10 countries with the highest number of reported coronavirus cases there are four countries in Latin America: Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Colombia. Of the ten countries, Argentina has the highest 7-day percent average for increasing new cases, 10.97 percent, and for few deaths, 10.53 percent.

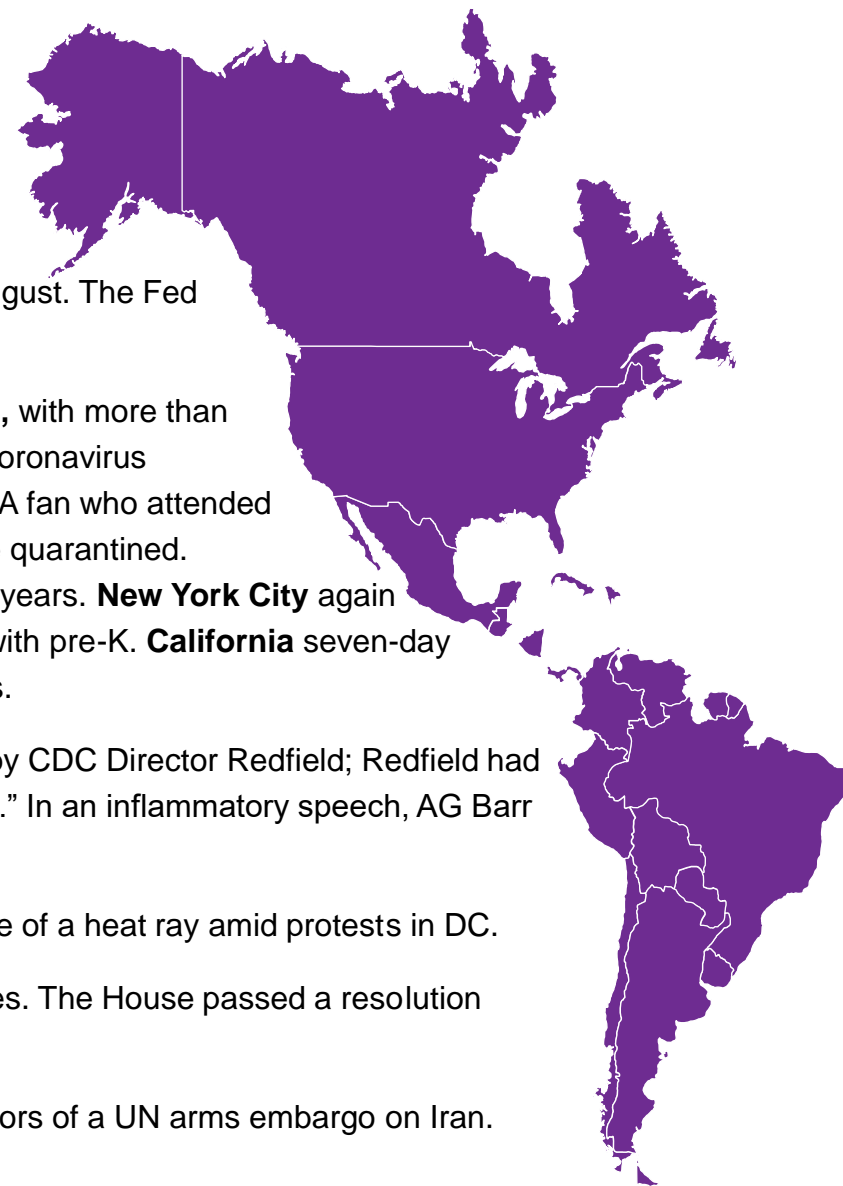


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Americas: US

- New **unemployment claims** fell last week, although the rate has remained almost flat since early August. The Fed predicted a “*long road*” to maximum employment.
- **Georgia** becomes the fifth state to report 300,000 confirmed virus cases, and **Texas** joins **California**, with more than 700,000 cases. The **New York tri-state area** has removed **California** and five other states from its coronavirus quarantine list. President Trump said he intervened to convince Big Ten **football** to put on a season. A fan who attended the opening NFL game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, **Missouri**, tested positive, and 10 were quarantined. Registered nurses in **North Carolina** unionized, forming the largest Southern healthcare union in 45 years. **New York City** again delayed the start of in-person instruction and will move to start classes on a rolling basis, beginning with pre-K. **California** seven-day testing average fell below 100,000 per day for the first time since early July due to wildfire disruptions.
- The White House Chief of Staff joined President Trump in rejecting the **vaccine timeline** estimated by CDC Director Redfield; Redfield had estimated approval in mid 2021, while the White House has continually estimated “*a matter of weeks.*” In an inflammatory speech, AG Barr likened **stay-at-home orders** to slavery.
- Law enforcement whistleblowers reported that DC police stockpiled munitions and considered the use of a heat ray amid protests in DC.
- The US accused Chinese hackers of infiltrating and extorting over 100 US businesses and universities. The House passed a resolution condemning anti-Asian rhetoric, including the phrase “*China virus.*”
- President Trump is reportedly planning an executive order allowing him to impose sanctions on violators of a UN arms embargo on Iran.



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Ransomware on the Rise amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Six months into most organizations' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most visible trends in cybersecurity has been an explosion in ransomware activity.

Ransomware is the encryption of data within a network, or the encryption of a portion of the network itself, by unauthorized users (normally criminals) who have penetrated that computer network, conducted reconnaissance within it to identify critical information or key network infrastructure, and then uploaded a malware program which encrypts that information or infrastructure so that it cannot be accessed by authorized users. Payment - ransom - is then demanded for the key that unlocks the encryption, thus making the data or infrastructure again accessible by authorized users.

Ransomware has been identified as a major cybersecurity threat for several years, so this is not entirely new. Many of the techniques and

malware used or vulnerabilities exploited by these criminal actors are also known. What has changed is that COVID-19 has driven an increased number of organizations to transition to a more distributed or virtual work model. This shift has created significantly greater attack space for cyber criminals and other actors to exploit - think, for example, of the explosion in remote accessing of organizational networks from a proliferation of new end point devices, like personal home computers, which often have lower levels of cybersecurity than traditional workplace systems.

The shift to this new distributed model was often done very quickly and executed with a primary focus on ensuring necessary connectivity and convenience for a now physically dispersed set of users. In such a scenario, redundancy and resiliency are often significantly constrained and the ability of organizations to respond to and deal with the effects of intrusions and associated disruptions to network operations quickly and efficiently becomes even more constrained. Remember, cyber security and IT personnel have also been forced to quit their security center workspaces.

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Financial margins are also tight for many organizations at the moment, and the business and reputational costs of significant disruptions to operations caused by ransomware are even higher. Adding another level of risk, users desperate to remain healthy as well as understand the coronavirus and other developments are much more inclined to access or click on links, visit sites or click on images seemingly associated (or at least labeled as such) with the COVID-19 disease. Those links, images and sites are often used as the vector to upload the necessary malware to gain and exploit access to the user's system.

Bottom-line, criminal actors realize that right now there is an increased probability of success in gaining remote access to data and critical infrastructure within organizations and likely an increased willingness on the part of network owners in this pandemic environment to pay a ransom to regain access or control of their data. And they are responding accordingly.

So, what are we seeing out there with respect to malware?

- Ransomware attacks up 148 percent since March (1)

- Average ransom payout in Q1 2020 was \$111,605 a 33 percent increase from Q4 2019 (2)
- Average cost of ransomware caused downtime per incident has doubled in the past year to \$283,800 (3)
- The most successful method of infection remains spam or spear phishing emails (almost double the next most common method which is taking advantage of poor cyber security practices like weak passwords) (4)
- Windows Operating systems are the most frequently targeted (vice Mac/Android or iOS) but threats against Mac devices are on the rise. (5)
- A broad range of industries are being attacked (attacks on banks up 238 percent in the past year, attacks against healthcare and life sciences industries up 350 percent in the past year) (6)
- The largest single sector targeted in Q1 2020 was professional service firms (law firms, CPA firms, IT service providers) (7)

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- Small to medium size organizations, regardless of sector, are becoming a focus of ransomware activity (8)
- It's not just businesses - government organizations (local and state in particular) are also prime targets as well as educational institutions like public schools and universities (9)
- Criminal actors engaging in this activity range from the very sophisticated and experienced, who use strong cyber trade craft and good knowledge of the victims' business to generate a high level of success and a high profit, to those who are relatively inexperienced and who often fail.
- That inexperienced element has spawned a significant business in ransomware as a service – individuals willing to sell their expertise and the necessary tools and techniques in ransomware to those who want to get into this activity but have limited knowledge or experience of their own.
- This activity spans the globe. About half the businesses in the US (54 percent) reported ransomware attack in the past year while 8 other major nations (Saudi Arabia, Turkey, China, Spain, South Africa, Mexico, Italy and the UK) reported an even greater percentage (10)
- Cost of ransomware to businesses has been identified as more than \$75 billion a year (11)
- Businesses lose an average of \$8,500 per hour due to ransomware-related downtime (12)
- Public leaking of data, in addition to encrypting it so as to preclude its access by the system owner, is becoming more common. Such leaking activity or the threat to do so often increases the willingness of the organization to pay a ransom as they may not want the fact of penetration or the data itself exposed to the public or to competitors (13)
- We are starting to see more cooperation among ransomware actors (the gangs themselves as well as tool developers) (3)

In future editions, we will look at what organizations and individuals can do to deal with it.

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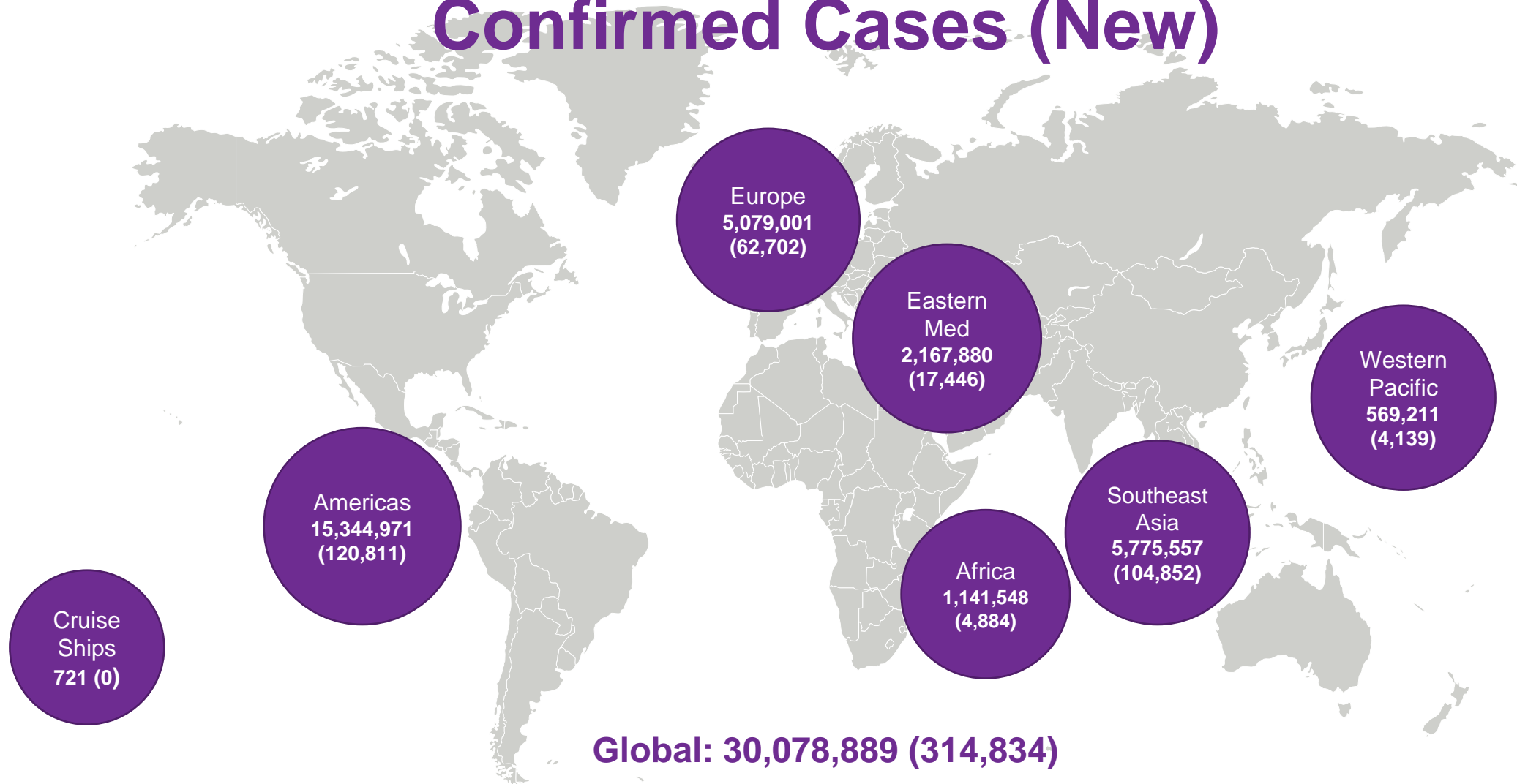
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Coronavirus Condition Updates

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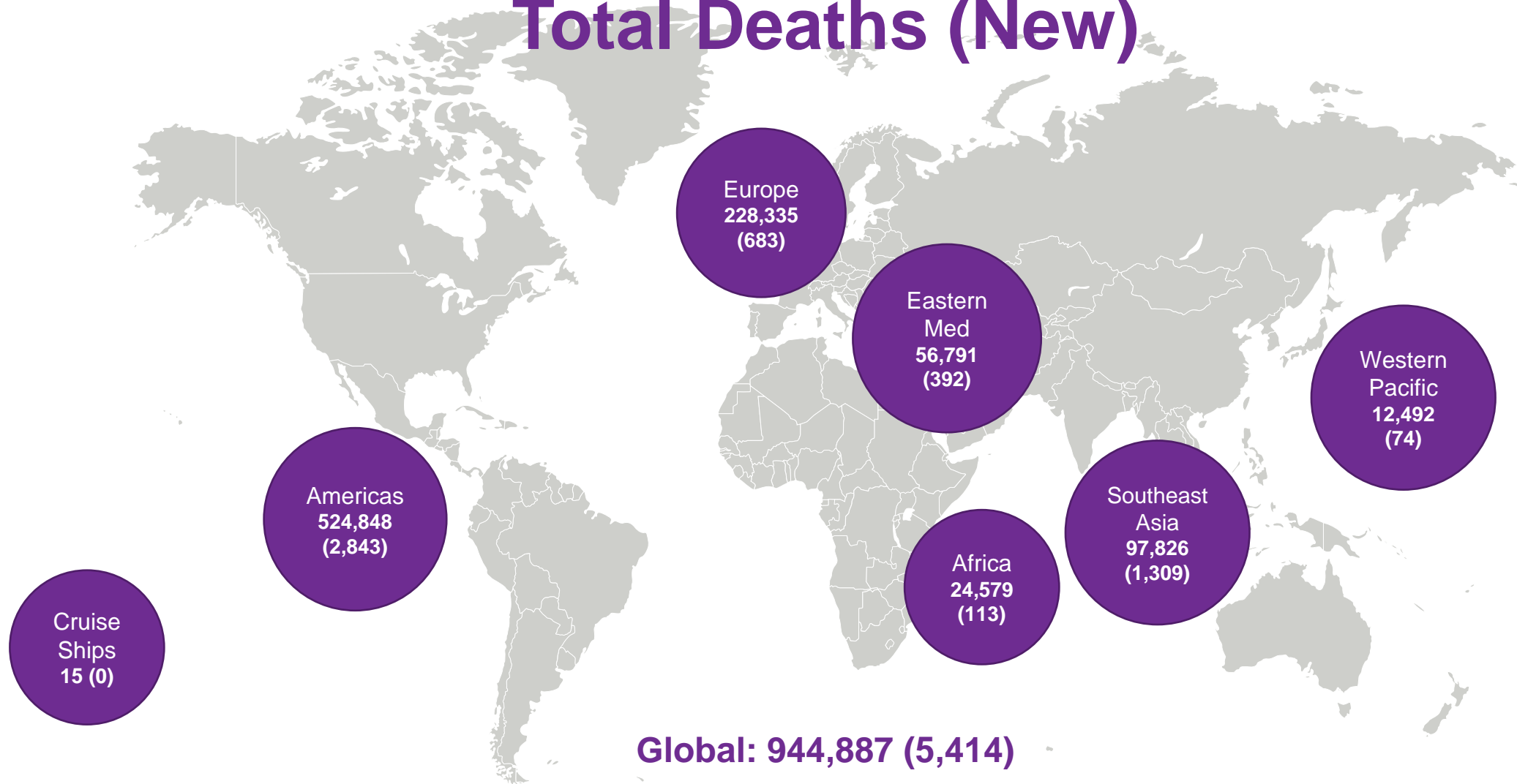
Confirmed Cases (New)



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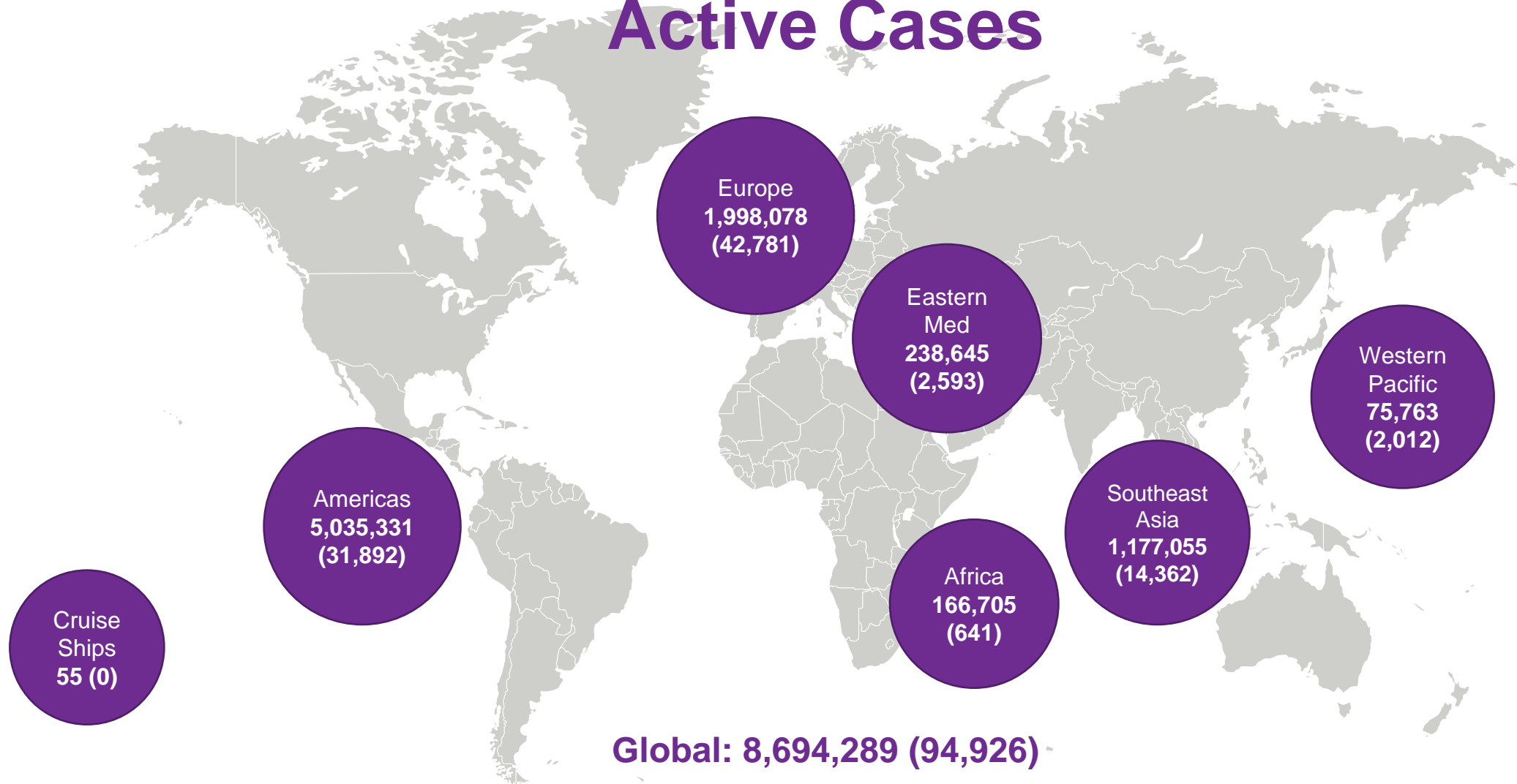
Total Deaths (New)



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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	3897499	6632199 (43738)	196994 (850)	20743	610	3.44%
India	1009976	5118253 (97894)	83198 (1132)	3769	61	8.95%
Brazil	446517	4455386 (36303)	134935 (829)	20938	634	3.89%
Spain	444870	625651 (11291)	30405 (162)	13380	650	9.48%
UK	339963	382940 (3403)	41777 (21)	5615	614	5.21%
France	325155	431966 (10105)	30931 (47)	6362	476	11.59%
Russia	169011	1081152 (5667)	18996 (143)	7436	131	3.04%
Argentina	132906	601713 (12701)	12460 (344)	13287	275	10.97%
Peru	118836	744400 (6380)	31051 (124)	22683	942	4.61%
Colombia	104823	743945 (7568)	23665 (187)	14588	464	5.63%
Ukraine	90272	170373 (3679)	3465 (61)	3806	78	10.57%
Bangladesh	88993	344264 (1593)	4859 (36)	2086	29	2.76%
Sweden	82021	87885 (310)	5864 (4)	8690	580	1.57%
Netherlands	81807	88073 (1753)	6266 (6)	5138	366	9.41%

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Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Belgium	69186	97976 (2028)	9936 (1)	8271	856	6.57%
Philippines	63408	276289 (3355)	4785 (53)	2514	44	8.44%
Romania	61134	108690 (1679)	4312 (27)	5658	224	7.01%
Iraq	57953	307385 (4326)	8332 (84)	7607	206	8.04%
Indonesia	56720	232628 (3635)	9222 (122)	849	34	9.32%
South Africa	54497	655572 (2128)	15772 (67)	11024	265	1.40%
Israel	47758	175256 (4791)	1169 (4)	19055	127	15.23%
Honduras	47321	70120 (460)	2122 (20)	7010	212	5.81%
Italy	41413	293025 (1583)	35658 (13)	4848	590	2.81%
Ethiopia	38768	66913 (689)	1060 (15)	579	9	5.30%
Puerto Rico	38279	38867 (583)	588 (18)	11476	174	5.88%
Costa Rica	37490	60818 (1302)	666 (17)	11916	130	11.26%
Iran	35493	413149 (2815)	23808 (176)	4906	283	3.71%
Bolivia	34192	129419 (547)	7511 (33)	11008	639	3.28%

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Mexico	32789	684113 (3182)	72179 (201)	5269	557	3.77%
Serbia	31957	32695 (82)	738 (2)	3745	85	1.43%
Turkey	26979	298039 (1648)	7315 (66)	3526	87	3.33%
Dominican Rep	24751	106136 (615)	2022 (13)	9763	186	3.68%
Panama	24044	104138 (672)	2213 (15)	24055	511	3.66%
Germany	21235	269048 (2179)	9376 (3)	3209	113	3.46%
Czechia	20289	44155 (3123)	489 (7)	4122	46	23.32%
Portugal	19714	66396 (770)	1888 (10)	6516	185	5.40%
Morocco	17860	94504 (2488)	1714 (28)	2554	46	13.02%
Saudi Arabia	16538	328144 (593)	4399 (30)	9395	126	1.14%
Lebanon	16288	26768 (685)	263 (4)	3926	39	14.14%
Nepal	16241	59573 (1246)	383 (4)	2037	13	12.85%
Chile	15080	441150 (1863)	12142 (84)	23035	634	2.41%
Paraguay	14216	31113 (694)	584 (18)	4351	82	14.79%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Ecuador	14165	122257 (732)	11029 (33)	6907	623	6.16%
Algeria	12865	49194 (228)	1654 (9)	1118	38	2.93%
Greece	12728	14400 (359)	325 (9)	1383	31	11.57%
Kenya	12323	36576 (275)	642 (8)	677	12	2.14%
Poland	11593	76571 (837)	2253 (16)	2024	60	4.60%
Libya	11505	25822 (886)	409 (15)	3747	59	15.16%
Venezuela	11200	64284 (868)	520 (9)	2262	18	8.74%
Moldova	10574	44983 (622)	1170 (11)	11157	290	6.22%
West Bank & Gaza	10539	33843 (837)	244 (1)	6602	48	13.55%
Hungary	10280	15170 (710)	663 (9)	1571	69	28.09%
UAE	10049	82568 (786)	402 (0)	8327	41	5.72%
Kuwait	9338	97824 (825)	575 (4)	22835	134	4.45%
Egypt	8768	101641 (141)	5715 (19)	989	56	0.92%
Canada	8646	142879 (1027)	9249 (5)	3725	243	3.64%

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Nigeria	7550	56735 (131)	1093 (2)	274	5	1.27%
Guatemala	7368	83664 (740)	3036 (27)	4652	169	3.17%
Japan	7171	77488 (491)	1490 (9)	609	12	3.78%
Austria	7051	35853 (780)	758 (0)	3976	84	11.23%
Bahrain	6885	63189 (705)	217 (1)	36877	127	6.88%
Ireland	6870	32023 (224)	1789 (1)	6470	361	4.53%
Switzerland	6853	48795 (530)	2042 (3)	5629	236	5.24%
Bosnia	6639	24605 (394)	747 (11)	7510	228	7.20%
Pakistan	6295	304386 (752)	6408 (9)	1369	29	1.13%
Oman	6287	91753 (557)	818 (13)	17874	159	3.72%
Tunisia	6095	8570 (470)	133 (4)	724	11	26.97%
El Salvador	6056	27249 (86)	801 (5)	4197	123	1.75%
Sudan	5940	13535 (0)	836 (0)	307	19	0.48%

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
Afghanistan	4931	38872 (17)	1436 (0)	994	37	0.68%
Albania	4813	11948 (132)	347 (4)	4153	121	7.76%
Bulgaria	4404	18544 (154)	749 (10)	2673	108	4.02%
Kazakhstan	3853	107134 (78)	1671 (0)	5687	89	0.38%
Denmark	3840	21393 (822)	635 (2)	3691	110	10.18%
Armenia	3515	46671 (295)	925 (2)	15744	312	2.50%
Kosovo	3407	12683 (0)	488 (0)			0.00%
Senegal	3395	14618 (50)	300 (1)	868	18	2.91%
Myanmar	3294	4299 (405)	61 (15)	74	1	43.66%
Uzbekistan	3244	49627 (612)	413 (6)	1478	12	6.99%
Jamaica	3098	4374 (210)	51 (5)	1476	17	19.73%
CAR	2890	4782 (0)	62 (0)	987	13	0.69%
Qatar	2872	122693 (244)	208 (0)	43697	74	1.15%
Uganda	2831	5380 (114)	60 (0)	117	1	18.64%

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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	2773	45153 (81)	1063 (0)	6897	162	0.87%
Mozambique	2729	6161 (167)	39 (0)	196	1	20.18%
Slovakia	2694	6021 (161)	39 (1)	1103	7	12.77%
South Korea	2635	22783 (126)	377 (5)	442	7	3.20%
Syria	2623	3691 (37)	165 (2)	210	9	5.82%
Guadeloupe	2563	3426 (0)	26 (0)	8562	65	33.25%
Montenegro	2482	7503 (212)	129 (3)	11946	205	14.90%
Namibia	2285	10078 (114)	108 (0)	3951	42	6.36%
Angola	2240	3789 (114)	144 (1)	115	4	13.46%
Australia	2172	26861 (48)	837 (5)	1049	33	0.95%
Croatia	2108	14279 (250)	238 (2)	3483	58	8.21%
Haiti	2021	8556 (15)	220 (0)	748	19	1.16%
Norway	2007	12644 (146)	266 (1)	2328	49	5.07%
N Macedonia	1964	16274 (186)	675 (7)	7811	324	4.42%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Botswana	1930	2567 (104)	13 (2)	1087	6	12.27%
Azerbaijan	1917	38777 (119)	571 (2)	3817	56	1.91%
Trinidad & Tobago	1905	3434 (107)	60 (2)	2452	43	17.73%
Nicaragua	1901	4961 (0)	147 (0)	747	22	2.88%
Rwanda	1813	4653 (19)	23 (1)	357	2	2.56%
Jordan	1690	4131 (279)	26 (0)	404	3	28.71%
Aruba	1617	3382 (54)	23 (1)	31648	215	14.31%
Zimbabwe	1568	7633 (35)	224 (0)	512	15	2.02%
Malawi	1532	5711 (7)	179 (1)	297	9	0.74%
Georgia	1496	2937 (179)	19 (0)	737	5	34.73%
Bahamas	1482	3177 (90)	69 (0)	8062	175	11.43%
Maldives	1428	9494 (67)	33 (0)	17499	61	5.31%
Gambia	1415	3473 (33)	107 (0)	1429	44	3.20%
Reunion	1290	3099 (97)	15 (0)	3456	17	15.36%

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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
Lithuania	1268	3504 (62)	87 (0)	1291	32	7.45%
South Sudan	1260	2599 (5)	49 (0)	232	4	1.19%
Belarus	1249	74987 (224)	771 (4)	7936	82	1.60%
Madagascar	1162	15925 (54)	216 (1)	572	8	1.61%
Tajikistan	1153	9214 (43)	73 (0)	962	8	2.57%
Guinea-Bissau	1109	2275 (0)	39 (0)	1150	20	0.00%
Cameroon	1051	20303 (0)	415 (0)	761	16	1.45%
Slovenia**	1025	4058 (104)	136 (1)	1952	65	13.82%
Martinique	1006	1122 (0)	18 (0)	2990	48	16.31%

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* Indicates moved down a risk category

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US Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	760233	775037 (3716)	14804 (113)	19628	375	2.60%
Florida	661370	674456 (3255)	13086 (147)	31403	609	2.38%
New York	338230	447262 (896)	33070 (28)	24720	1705	1.00%
Georgia	294429	300903 (1847)	6474 (55)	28340	610	3.36%
Illinois	261670	270294 (2056)	8624 (25)	21331	681	3.85%
Arizona	172870	211660 (1753)	5409 (38)	29079	743	1.95%
New Jersey	147758	198361 (569)	16057 (3)	22735	1822	1.25%
Virginia	117778	137367 (1098)	2918 (36)	16104	342	4.22%
Missouri	107775	109557 (1704)	1782 (17)	18085	310	8.48%
Maryland	107347	118519 (631)	3861 (6)	19604	639	3.20%
Texas	91707	701350 (4543)	14826 (88)	24618	516	3.75%
South Carolina	80857	135446 (1324)	3158 (26)	26307	613	4.73%
Washington	79167	81198 (386)	2031 (11)	11025	267	2.69%
Alabama	78124	141757 (670)	2401 (9)	28911	490	3.57%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Nevada	71092	74595 (347)	1506 (12)	24218	489	2.40%
Colorado	54899	63125 (459)	2006 (4)	10965	348	4.22%
Kansas	48662	51164 (444)	582 (4)	17859	201	5.46%
Kentucky	47168	59370 (606)	1093 (11)	13289	245	6.17%
Connecticut	41694	55386 (220)	4488 (1)	15535	1259	1.91%
Michigan	34254	126722 (980)	6955 (12)	12689	696	3.53%
Oregon	24163	30060 (210)	521 (0)	7127	124	3.98%
Pennsylvania	23586	152775 (925)	7893 (11)	11937	624	3.32%
Rhode Island	20167	23488 (130)	1085 (4)	22172	1024	2.48%
Iowa	20120	77204 (552)	1250 (2)	24519	397	4.93%
Indiana	19834	108646 (837)	3478 (6)	16138	517	4.73%
North Carolina	19139	189576 (1552)	3180 (31)	18075	303	3.85%
Ohio	17315	141585 (1067)	4580 (25)	12122	392	4.42%
Idaho	16650	36489 (396)	434 (5)	20418	243	4.22%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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Tennessee	14269	178140 (1053)	2164 (13)	26085	317	4.65%
New Mexico	11521	27199 (158)	836 (4)	12971	399	2.34%
Wisconsin	10687	93819 (1660)	1230 (3)	16273	211	8.07%
Oklahoma	10244	73318 (1034)	930 (6)	18529	235	7.74%
Mississippi	10184	91935 (701)	2780 (24)	30891	934	3.00%
Utah	10113	60658 (911)	437 (0)	18920	136	6.57%
Nebraska	9513	39921 (502)	442 (3)	20637	228	5.19%
Delaware	8506	19318 (84)	619 (0)	19838	636	3.93%
Louisiana	8421	159304 (478)	5313 (17)	34268	1142	1.96%
Arkansas	7900	73211 (992)	1166 (9)	24260	386	7.24%
Massachusetts	7471	126128 (429)	9260 (15)	18299	1343	1.70%
Hawaii	6893	11105 (159)	107 (4)	7843	76	5.82%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Minnesota	4850	86722 (909)	1994 (9)	15377	354	4.62%
Alaska	4085	6537 (105)	44 (0)	8952	60	6.62%
West Virginia	3333	13434 (232)	297 (4)	7494	164	9.36%
North Dakota	2713	16723 (390)	182 (5)	21944	239	12.19%
South Dakota	2615	17686 (395)	193 (1)	19992	218	8.87%
District of Columbia	2408	14790 (47)	619 (2)	20956	877	2.01%
Montana	2103	9647 (216)	143 (2)	9026	134	8.94%

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