

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

January 19, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

President-elect Biden's transition team is outlining plans to reverse many of President Trump's policies during the first 10 days of the new administration.

Last year, the number of people in extreme poverty went up for the first time in two decades.

Supplies of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine face disruption due to an upgrade at Pfizer's European factory.

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# Global

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**Over the weekend, confirmed coronavirus infections surpassed 95 million and 2 million deaths; global vaccinations reached 40.4 million.**

- Last year, the number of people in **extreme poverty** went up for the first time in two decades—by 90 million—wiping out four years of progress, according to the World Bank. This year, most emerging economies will grow, but few will recoup what they lost last year. Poverty will remain flat or rise.
- **Oil demand recovery** will take a hit from a spike in new coronavirus cases before vaccine roll-outs and stimulus measures help in the second half of the year, International Energy Agency assessed.

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# Global

**Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 95 million, with deaths at 2.04 million. The rate of new infections over the past week has slightly eased, while deaths continue to trend up.**

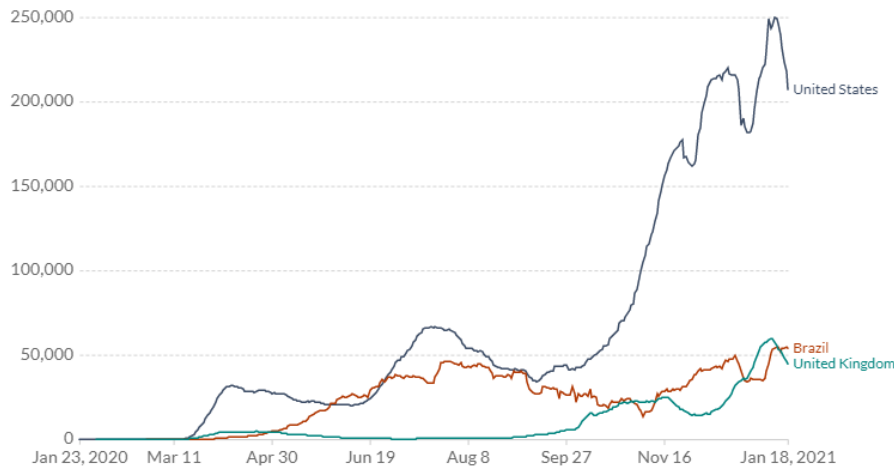
**The number of daily new cases in the US and UK dropped, while remaining high. The US averaged 209,000 daily new cases, compared to 253,000 the previous week. UK averaged 45,100 daily new cases compared to 59,800. Conditions are not improving in Brazil, which averaged 54,300 new cases last week.**

## Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases

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

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## Daily confirmed COVID-19 deaths, rolling 7-day average

Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.

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Note: The rolling average is the average across seven days - the confirmed deaths on the particular date, and the previous six days. For example, the value for 27th March is the average over the 21st to 27th March.

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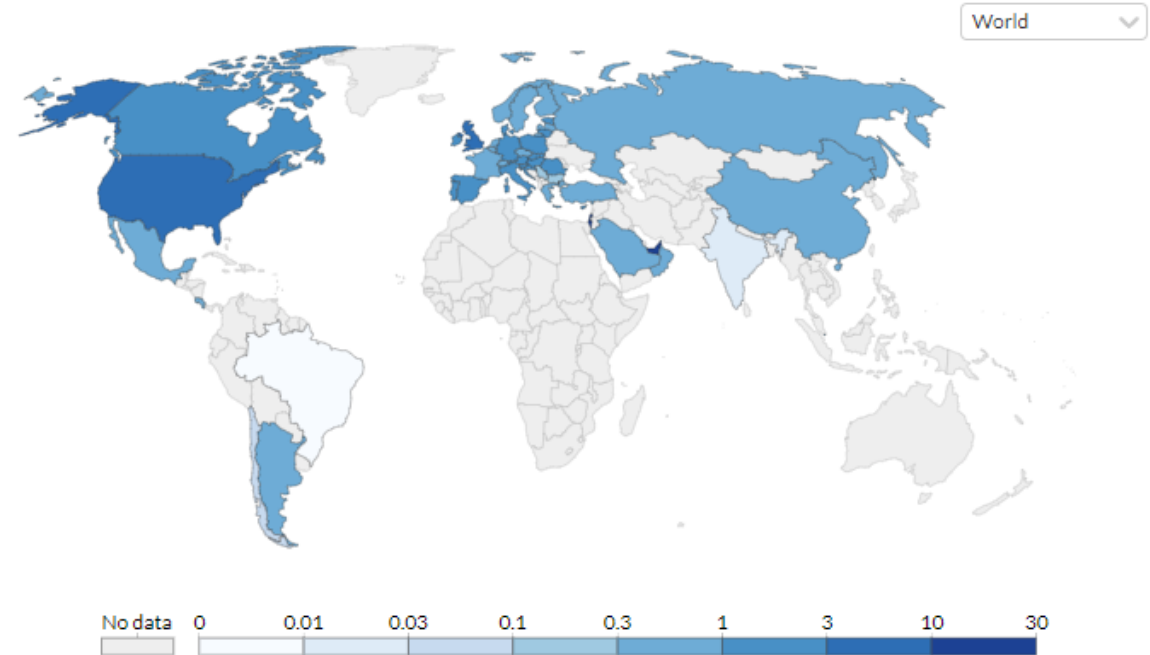
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# COVID-19 Vaccine

As of January 18, 40.4 million people have received one dose of vaccine. In some countries, such as the US and UK, second doses are beginning to be administered.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Jan 18, 2021  
Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**The WHO Director-General again warned of a “*catastrophic moral failure*” on distributing COVID-19 vaccines, urging countries and manufacturers to share doses more fairly around the world.**

- The European Union, Canada and some other countries will receive fewer doses next week of the Covid-19 vaccine made by **Pfizer and BioNTech** due to an upgrade at Pfizer’s European factory. The delay will not affect the US, which is supplied by a Pfizer factory in Michigan.
- **Moderna Inc.** is exploring whether giving people a third dose of its Covid-19 vaccine would prolong protection against the viral disease beyond the two doses that are currently recommended.
- Brazilian regulators returned drugmaker Uniao Quimica’s application for emergency use of the **Sputnik V** vaccine they did not meet its minimum criteria, lacking information on Phase III clinical trials.

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# Markets

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**Nearly 90 percent of respondents in Deutsche Bank's monthly investor survey said financial markets now had a number of price bubbles, with cryptocurrency Bitcoin and US tech stocks top of the list.**

- **European stocks** inched higher on Tuesday, as extension of German lockdowns drew investors into defensive sectors such as healthcare and telecoms.
- **Wall Street** may be facing an uncomfortable four years after President-elect Joe Biden's team confirmed plans to nominate two consumer champions to lead the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, signaling a tougher stance on the industry than many had anticipated.
- The **London Metal Exchange** is set to propose permanently shutting its Ring, where metals have been traded since its founding in 1877, a move that would mark the end of in-person trading of commodities in Europe.

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# Business

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**Virgin Orbit flew a rocket into orbit on Sunday in a test flight that marks the introduction of a new method for low-cost satellite launches and the likely shake-up of the aerospace industry.**

- **Fiat Chrysler and PSA** sealed their long-awaited merger on Saturday to create **Stellantis**, the world's fourth-largest auto group.
- **Facebook Inc** will ban advertisements for weapon accessories and protective equipment in the US with immediate effect until at least two days after US President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on January 20.
- **Amazon** will open two new logistics centers in Italy this year, investing over 230 million euros (\$278 million).
- Canada's **Alimentation Couche-Tard** and European retailer **Carrefour SA** have decided to work on partnership opportunities after takeover talks failed due to French government opposition.
- **Total** is paying \$2.5 billion for a share in Indian renewable energy firm **Adani Green Energy Limited** and a portfolio of solar power assets, marking the latest step in the French energy company's drive to reduce its dependence on oil.
- **Cisco Systems Inc's** purchase of **Acacia Communications Inc** has been approved by China's antitrust regulator.

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# Africa

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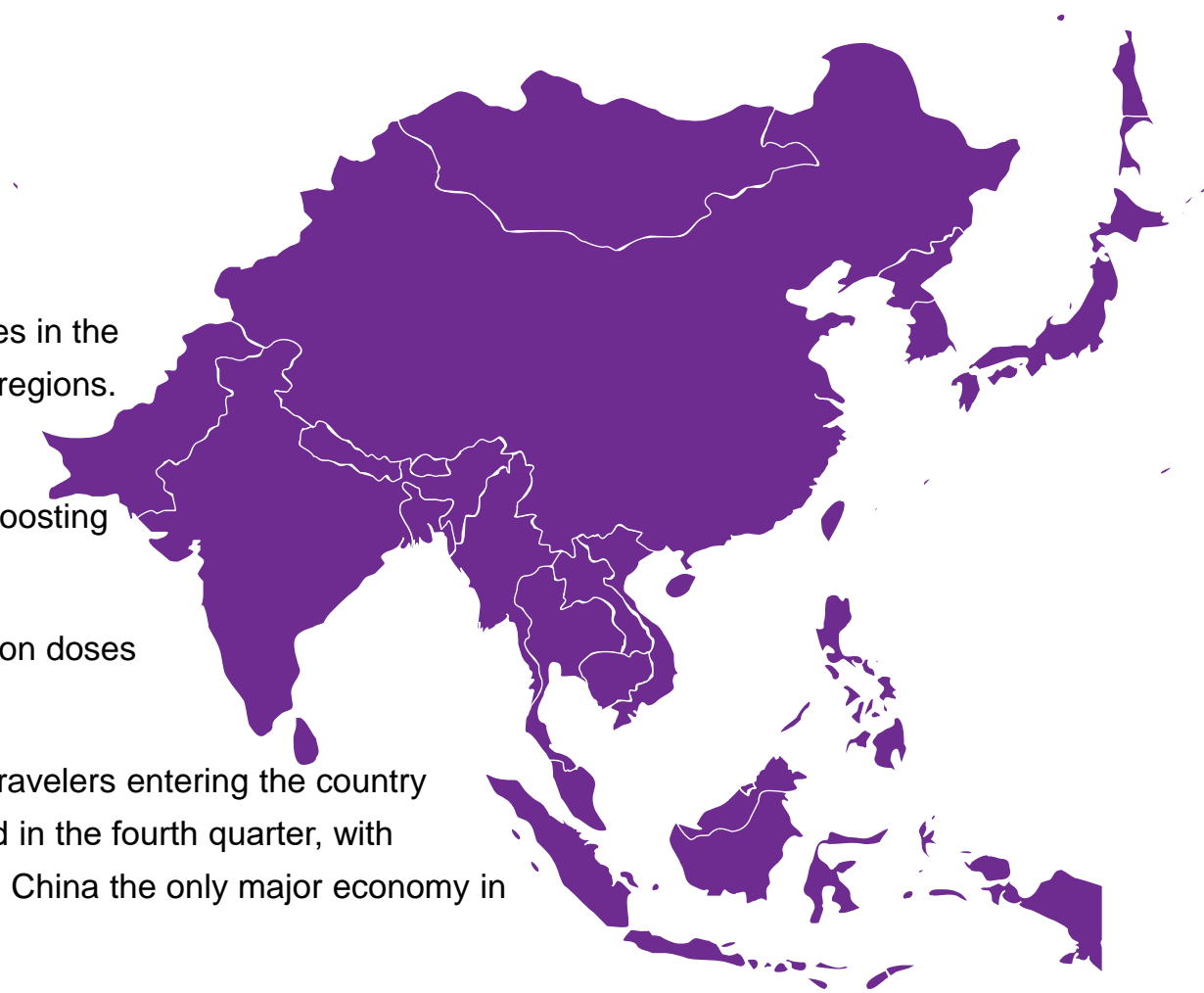
- A growing coronavirus second wave is threatening to overwhelm fragile healthcare systems across Africa, as authorities in **Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo** say hospital capacity and oxygen supplies are running out as the continent-wide death rate this month surpassed the global average for the first time.
- **Ugandan** opposition leader Bobi Wine remains under "*house arrest*," after a disputed election returned President Yoweri Museveni to office for a sixth term. The election was marred by violence and accusations of fraud. Uganda's government accused the **US** of trying to subvert last week's presidential elections after the US ambassador attempted to visit Bobi Wine.



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# Asia

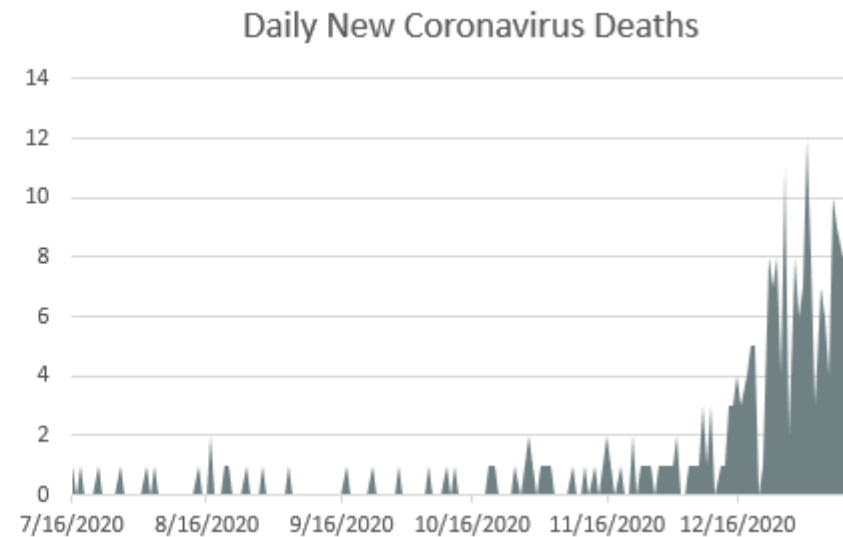
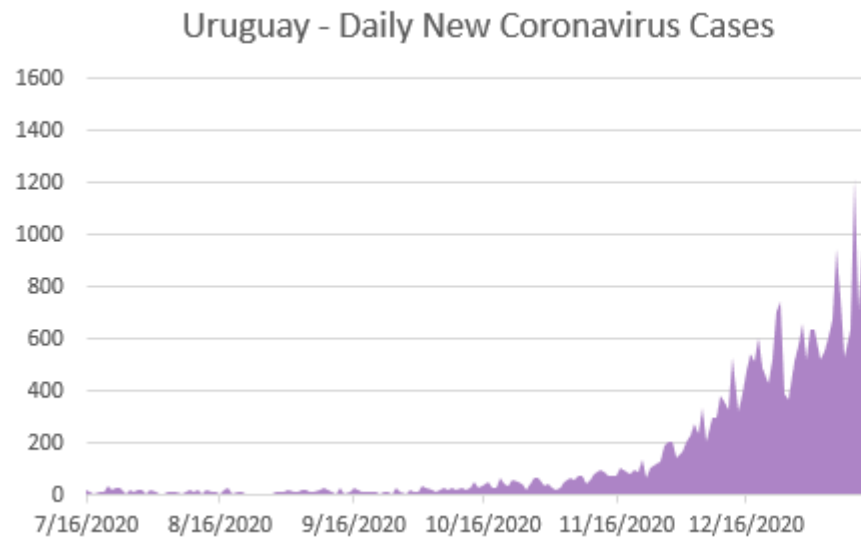
- **India** got off to a slow start in its vaccination program because of glitches in the Co-Win app alert system failing to notify designated recipients in some regions.
- **China** promised to donate 500,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to the **Philippines** as the two countries signed infrastructure deals aimed at boosting post-pandemic recovery efforts.
- **Cambodian** Prime Minister Hun Sen said that **China** will provide a million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to be used for inoculating 500,000 people.
- **China's** recent COVID-19 outbreaks in the northeast have come from travelers entering the country or contaminated frozen food imports. China's economy picked up speed in the fourth quarter, with growth beating expectations; in 2020 GDP grew by 2.3 percent, making China the only major economy in the world to avoid a contraction last year.
- Suicide rates in **Japan** have jumped 16 percent in the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among women and children.
- **Malaysia** is taking legal action at the WTO against the **EU** and member states **France and Lithuania** for restricting palm oil-based biofuels.
- **Indonesia** surpassed 900,000 confirmed virus cases.



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# Asia

Indonesia is seeing a strong spike of coronavirus cases, prompting President Widodo to ban foreign tourists and to name a new Minister of Health, a scientist who has been working on COVID-19 research since March, giving experts hope that a more effective program will be adopted. The country has a very low testing rate, and infections and deaths are believed to be widely under-reported. Indonesia is the first country outside China to approve for emergency use the CoronaVac vaccine. Religious authorities have ruled the vaccine “*halal*,” a significant positive step as some vaccines contain pork gelatin as a stabilizer, and in 2018, a new measles-rubella vaccine was declared haram, or forbidden, in Indonesia for that reason.

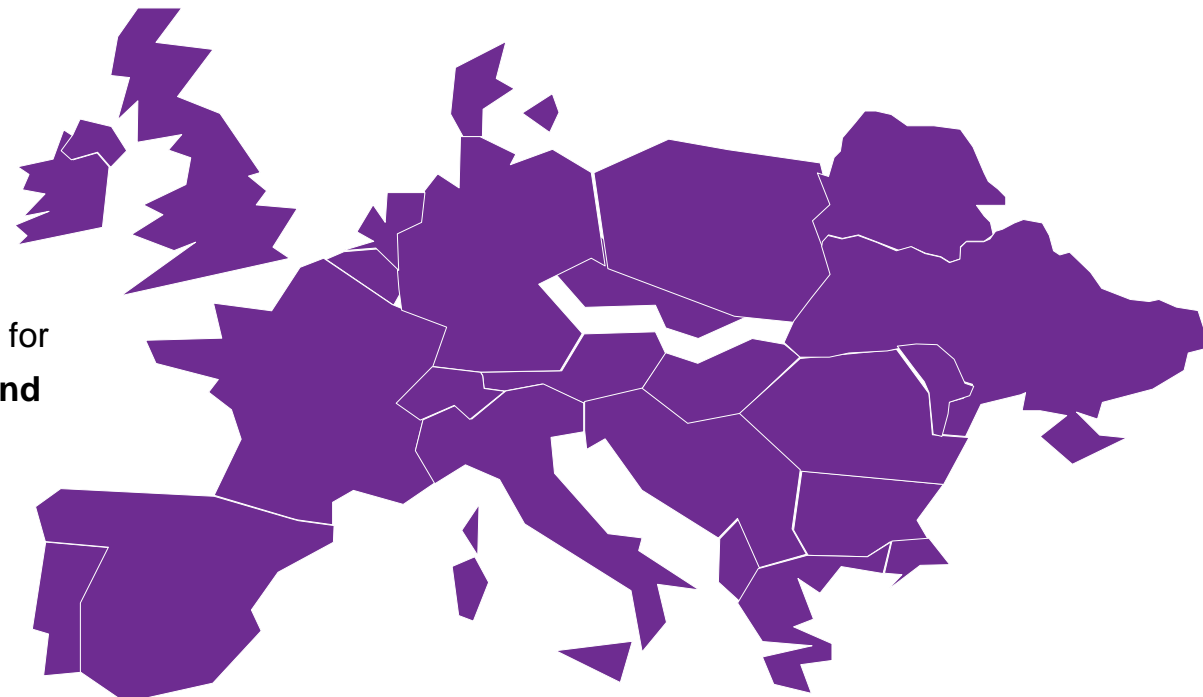


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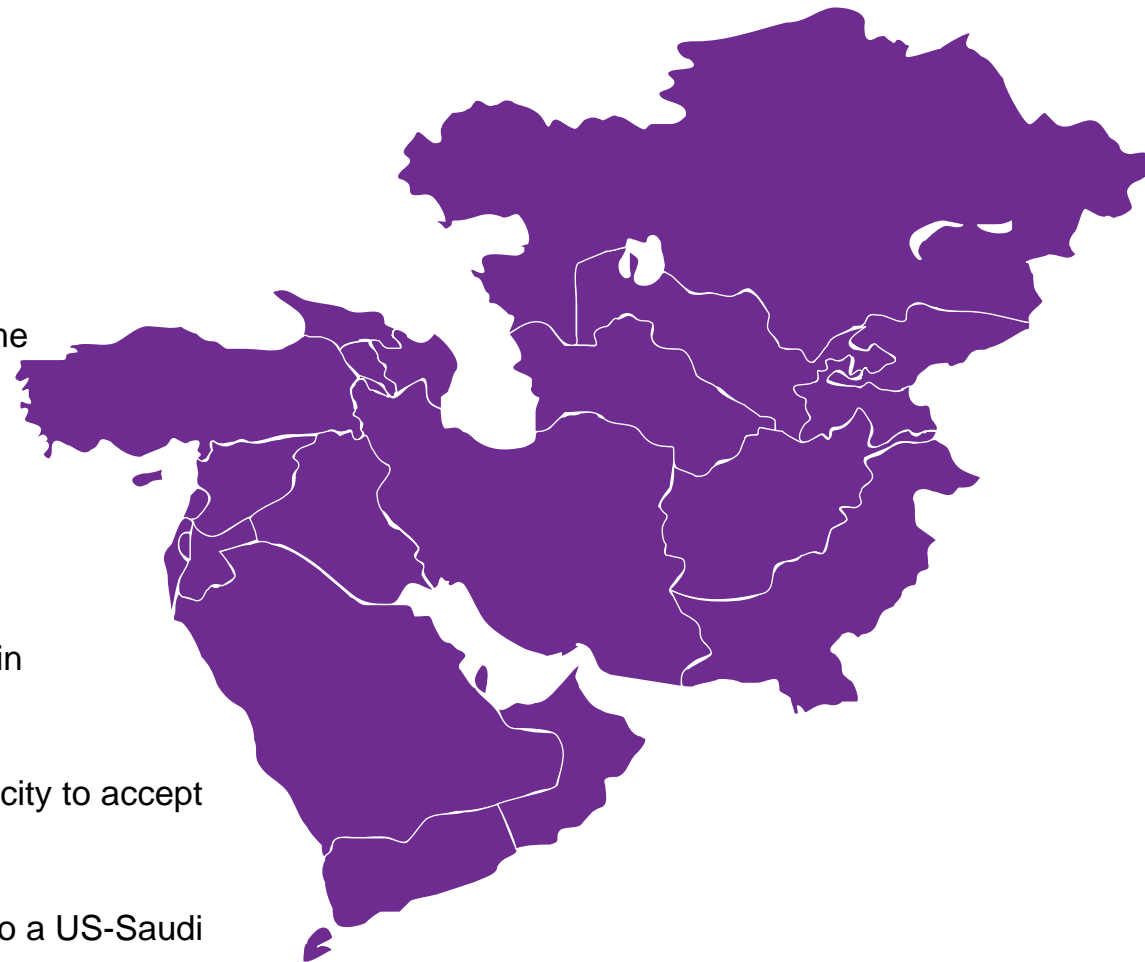
- **Britain** announced plans to hold the first in-person meeting of the G7 for nearly two years in June. Johnson has also invited **Australia, India and South Korea** to attend.
- **Eurozone** nations' escalating restrictions to tackle the coronavirus pandemic have significantly slowed economic activity, fueling fears that the bloc faces a double-dip recession.
- Western nations told **Russia** to immediately free detained Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny after he was detained at a Moscow airport after flying home for the first time since he was poisoned last summer.
- **Italy** is suspending flights from **Brazil**, Health Minister Roberto Speranza said on Saturday, in response to a new coronavirus variant. One million doses of Sinopharm's COVID-19 vaccine arrived in **Serbia**, making it the first European country to receive the Chinese vaccine for mass inoculation programs. **Russian** authorities said on Saturday that flights between Moscow and the capitals of **Finland, Vietnam, India and Qatar**, suspended since the early weeks of the pandemic, would restart from January 27. In the **Netherlands**, thousands protested in Amsterdam against the country's coronavirus lockdown; the government closed schools and most shops in December to try to stem a surge in new cases, and this week extended the lockdown by at least three more weeks. **Germany** will extend a lockdown for most shops and schools until mid-February. The UK surpassed 90,000 virus deaths. A consensus is emerging in **Europe** that children are a considerable factor in the spread of COVID-19—and more countries are shutting schools for the first time since the spring.



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# Middle East

- Unidentified gunmen killed two female judges from **Afghanistan's** Supreme Court on Sunday morning.
- A **Libyan** political dialogue arranged by the UN has made progress towards agreeing a new transitional government to oversee the run-up to elections in December.
- AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for emergency use in **Pakistan**, the first coronavirus vaccine to get approval in the country.
- **Lebanese** medical officials report that hospitals have exceeded their capacity to accept COVID-19 patients, with critical ill people dying in their homes.
- A **Saudi** appeals court has nearly halved a six-year jail sentence handed to a US-Saudi physician and suspended the rest of his term, meaning he will not have to serve any more time in prison.
- **Jordan** has denounced **Israel's** decision to construct more than 780 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank and to recognize two additional outposts. Israel's military struck Hamas facilities in the **Gaza Strip** after Palestinians fired rockets into southern Israel.
- More than 80 people have been killed in two days of ongoing clashes in **Sudan's** restive Darfur, just over two weeks since a long-running peacekeeping mission ended operations.



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# Americas

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- **Venezuelan** Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza on Saturday criticized a US court ruling authorizing a sale of the shares in the parent company of U.S. refiner Citgo Petroleum Corp, calling it the result of a “fraudulent judicial process.”
- **Guatemalan** authorities escalated efforts to stop thousands of **Hondurans**, many of them families with children, traveling in a migrant caravan bound for the **US**.
- **Mexico** has registered its worst week yet of the pandemic, with a record number of infections from the new coronavirus and more than 7,000 COVID-19 deaths.
- **Brazil's** government will not seek to bar **Chinese** telecom equipment maker Huawei Technologies Co Ltd from 5G network auctions slated for June this year, according to media reports. Brazilian health regulator Anvisa approved emergency use of COVID-19 vaccines from China's Sinovac Biotech Ltd and Britain's AstraZeneca, clearing the way for immunizations as the pandemic enters a deadly second wave.
- Responding to **US** President-elect Joe Biden's expected move to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline, **Canadian** Prime Minister Trudeau warned scrapping the project would threaten Canadian jobs and the US-Canadian relationship.

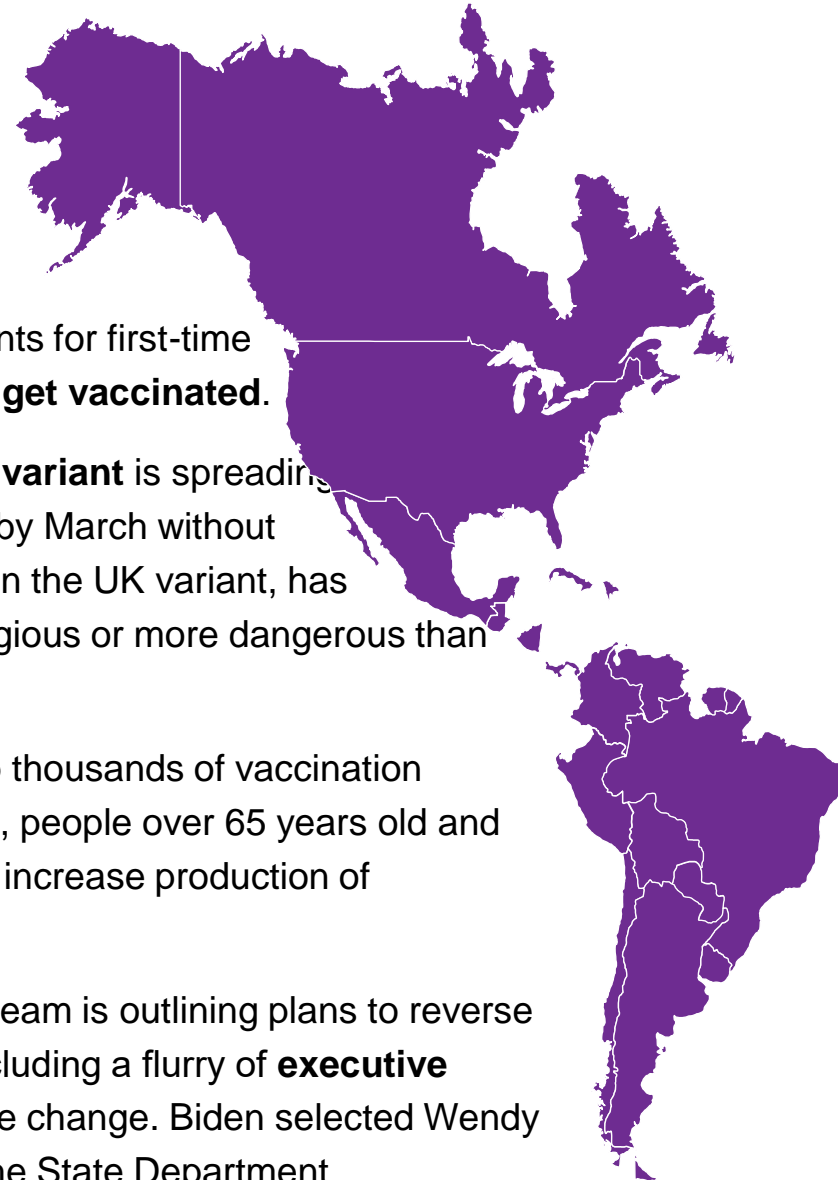


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# Americas: US

- **Supply gaps** in some states prompted some healthcare systems to suspend appointments for first-time vaccine seekers. Trader Joe's and Instacart joined Dollar General in **paying workers to get vaccinated**.
- The nation surpassed **24 million infections**. The CDC said a **highly transmissible UK variant** is spreading rapidly across the nation is likely to become the dominant strain circulating domestically by March without measures to slow it. A coronavirus **variant first identified in Denmark**, and different than the UK variant, has ripped through Northern California, with health officials now investigating if it more contagious or more dangerous than the virus already broadly circulating; **California** registered 3 million infections.
- Under President-elect **Biden's COVID-19 plan**, federal disaster-relief workers will set up thousands of vaccination centers, where retired doctors would administer shots to teachers, grocery store workers, people over 65 years old and other groups who do not currently qualify. The Defense Production Act will be invoked to increase production of equipment needed to distribute the vaccines, such as glass vials, needles and syringes,
- Today is President Trump's last full day in office. President-elect Joe Biden's **transition** team is outlining plans to reverse many of President Trump's policies during the first 10 days of the new administration, including a flurry of **executive actions** focused on COVID-19, the economy, borders and international travel and climate change. Biden selected Wendy Sherman, a key negotiator of the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, to be the No. 2 official at the State Department.
- The US imposed sanctions on companies in **Iran, China and the UAE** for doing business with the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and on three Iranian entities over conventional arms proliferation.

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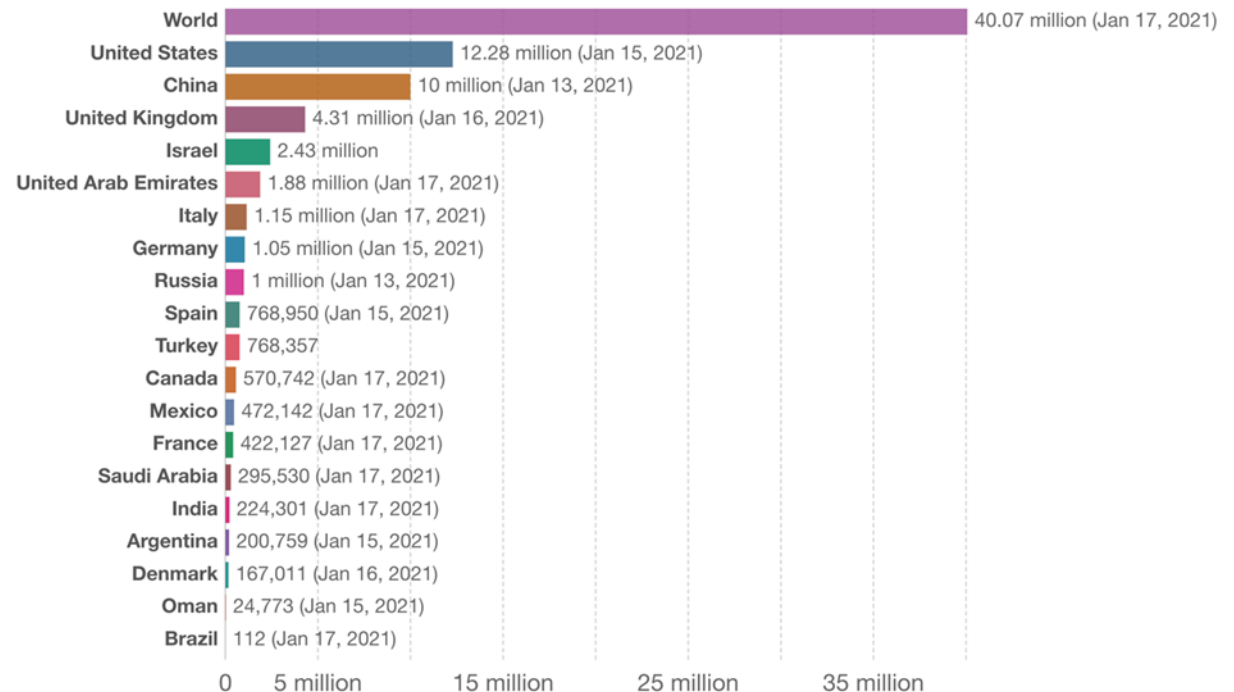
# Vaccine Update: New Timelines across Asia, Africa, and the Middle East

As we enter the third week of 2021, global vaccination rollout has advanced significantly – and unevenly – across different parts of the world. Though most of the vaccines administered thus far have been in North America and Europe, the past few weeks have seen announcements of vaccine procurement deals, government rollout plans, and progress in immunization campaigns that have provided a clearer idea of how and when vaccinations will proceed across Asia, the Middle East, and Africa, collectively home to the vast majority of the world's population.

Our World in Data, one of the world's largest scientific open-access publications, is run by researchers at the University of Oxford and has emerged as one of the most authoritative trackers of global vaccinations. However, it lacks data for some countries that have already begun vaccinations, such as Kuwait, and relies on official reporting of vaccine numbers – which are often not updated consistently. Therefore, the listed total of about 40 million global vaccines administered can be seen as a minimum estimate of total vaccinations.

## COVID-19 vaccine doses administered, Jan 18, 2021

Total number of vaccination doses administered. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).



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## Asia

Many Asian nations have taken a deliberately slower approach than other regions of the world, which have either rushed into vaccine rollout or do not have the resources to begin vaccinations. As infection rates are quite low in many Asian countries, some governments are waiting to see how international vaccine drives play out – though other lower-income countries have no choice but to wait. Australia, for example expects to approve the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine this month and begin vaccinations in February. Hong Kong and South Korea also both plan to begin inoculations in February. New Zealand, which has repeatedly eliminated COVID-19 within its borders, may not begin vaccinations for months, as some officials have noted that countries with rising death tolls should have higher priority. Another factor in waiting for more vaccine data from abroad is the low confidence in vaccines among some Asian populations. One Lancet study in Japan, for example, found that less than 30 percent of people strongly agreed that vaccines in general were safe and important. Given this hesitancy and the luxury of time bought by effective pandemic response measures, many health experts see merit in not rushing vaccination

campaigns. However, this does not hold true across the entire region and many countries are eager to vaccinate, with the three most populous nations leading the way.

## China

Over 10 million doses of vaccine have been administered so far in China, according to a health official's January 13 remarks. China has prioritized people who are at the highest risk of contracting the disease, including medical workers, transportation workers and cold chain workers. As the country approaches the Chinese New Year holiday, the biggest travel event of the year, health officials will seek to mitigate risk of hundreds of millions of people traveling and spreading the virus. The approaching holiday has already factored into the government's decision to place over 20 million people in lockdown due to an outbreak in Hebei province. Speeding vaccine delivery is another policy lever the government can pull to mitigate risk in the coming month.

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## Indonesia

Indonesia's vaccination campaign, beyond being one of the largest in the world given the country's population of 270 million, has two key features that should draw the attention of international audiences. First, Indonesia stands in contrast with many other nations in who it has chosen to vaccinate first: instead of the elderly or most vulnerable to severe infections, Indonesia will prioritize its young population (after vaccinating its approximately 1.5 million health workers). This is mainly because the vaccine Indonesia is using, Sinovac's CoronaVac, lacks sufficient data about its efficacy for the elderly – but the strategy also targets working people as the most likely to be exposed to the virus, whereas the elderly are thought more likely to stay at home. The government has also taken novel approaches to vaccine communications, like vaccinating social media influencers in the first priority group (Indonesians are among the top global users of social media).

One reason for Jakarta to prioritize vaccine communications is wariness around the CoronaVac vaccine specifically, as many doctors

and health experts have raised concerns about lack of transparency around trial data, as well as the varying efficacy results announced by different countries (50.4 from Brazil, 65.3 percent from Indonesia itself, and 91.25 percent from Turkish researchers). Indonesia is a key case in China's vaccine diplomacy efforts, an impression reinforced by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's travel throughout Southeast Asia last week and his frequent focus on vaccine cooperation. On the same day of Wang's visit to Indonesia, in which he pledged continued Chinese vaccine supply, President Joko Widodo received the first non-trial dose of CoronaVac administered in the nation. However, continuing concerns about data transparency and efficacy results have undermined China's vaccine diplomacy efforts. CoronaVac, which at present is the Chinese vaccine with the broadest global reach in terms of international deals, took a reputational hit from Brazil's announcement of an efficacy rate of barely 50 percent. Though CoronaVac will still play a key role in global vaccination efforts, the higher efficacy rate of and trust in leading western vaccines has solidified their status as the preferred options – at least for now.

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## India

On Saturday, India began what it calls the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination drive, initially targeted at immunizing 300 million people within the next eight months, starting with 30 million medical and frontline workers to be followed by 270 million elderly and medically vulnerable people. On the first day of vaccinations alone, officials announced that over 160,000 people received the shot, and by the end of the weekend 224,301 doses have been administered. International health experts are largely optimistic about India's vaccination prospects; though COVID-19 is an unprecedented challenge, India has long been home to the world's largest universal immunization program, which equips India with cross-country cold storage and distribution points. To help handle the additional logistical challenges, the government will use a digital platform called Co-WIN to manage vaccine stock, storage, and distribution information. India has approved both the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine and a national vaccine made by Bharat Biotech, which has not been approved by any international authorities due to incomplete trial data. As even the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is being manufactured by the Serum

Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, both vaccines are being branded by Prime Minister Modi's government as "Made in India."

## Middle East

In the Middle East, vaccine timelines vary greatly from country to country. While Arab Gulf States and Israel lead the world in vaccinations, Iranian officials say vaccines may arrive in late March, while Syria expects rollout could begin as late as June. As Syria, Iran, and many other nations wait for Covax vaccines to arrive (the initiative has promised to deliver enough doses for health and social care workers in the first half of 2021), some governments have secured additional bilateral deals. In the past week, Lebanon signed for 2.1 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, scheduled to arrive in February and paid for primarily from a World Bank loan. Egypt and Morocco have both invested in the Chinese vaccine from Sinopharm, in addition to expected vaccines from AstraZeneca. Morocco has ordered 66 million doses from Sinopharm and AstraZeneca (enough to immunize most of Morocco's 36 million people) and hopes to reach herd immunity in a 12-week vaccination campaign – but vaccine doses

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have yet to arrive. Egypt, with the region's largest population, has signed a contract for 40 million doses of Sinopharm's vaccine, which has been approved for emergency use. Egypt received first shipment of Sinopharm vaccine in December and expects further doses soon, with plans to begin vaccine rollout later this month or in February. Both Morocco and Egypt are also participants in the Covax facility; while Egypt's health minister announced that another 40 million of the country's expected doses will come through the facility (primarily from AstraZeneca), Morocco's government has not specified whether Covax was involved in its AstraZeneca deal. Sinopharm and Pfizer-BioNTech are not included in the Covax facility.

## **Gulf States and Israel**

Vaccinations are already well underway in Israel; about 25 percent of the country's 9 million people have received one dose of vaccine, and almost 4 percent have been fully vaccinated, keeping Israel on track to be the likely first country in the world to fully vaccinate its population, possibly as soon as March. So far, Israelis have all been receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech shot, as the Israeli government struck a deal for 10 million doses on a quick timetable in exchange for citizen's data that

will help Pfizer and the WHO further assess the vaccines efficacy and possible side effects. In addition to Pfizer-BioNTech, Israel has made deals with Moderna and AstraZeneca to ensure full coverage of its population. However, it still faces international criticism for failing to provide vaccines to Palestinians.

The UAE and Bahrain have also drawn global attention for the speed of their vaccination campaigns, both of which rely on a combination of China's Sinopharm vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine; the two small Gulf nations have vaccinated (with a first dose) 16 percent and 8 percent of their populations, respectively. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman have also received doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine; according to Our World in Data, Saudi Arabia has administered 295,530 doses, and Oman 24,773. Qatar's precise number of administered doses is less clear, but health officials have said the first phase of national vaccinations (including healthcare workers, the elderly, and people with underlying health conditions) is expected to continue to the end of January. Kuwait's minister of health said last week that over 20,000 people have received the vaccine, and some have begun getting the second dose.

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## Africa

While Africa overall lags behind other regions in expected vaccination timelines, last week brought positive news, as South African President and current African Union Chairman Cyril Ramaphosa announced the African Union (AU) has secured an additional 270 million vaccine doses to supplement those secured through the Covax program. These vaccines will come from Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and Johnson & Johnson, with the African Export Import Bank (Afreximbank) set to support member states with payment. All 270 million doses will be available this year, with at least 50 million delivered between April and June. Ramaphosa said that doses will be allocated according to population size, in consult with the AU's CDC. In a follow-on news interview, Ramaphosa suggested that the AU will also seek vaccine deals with China at a later time. Though the AU's entrance as a major vaccine dealmaker will certainly aid member states' prospects for widespread vaccinations, most of Africa still does not expect vaccinations to begin until the spring. Moreover, 270 million shots in 2021, assuming most are Pfizer or AstraZeneca and require two doses, will only cover around 10 percent of the AU's 1.3 billion people.

With the addition of Covax's hoped for 20 percent coverage, and additional bilateral deals by member states like Morocco and Egypt, and the region is still far from herd immunity. However, more vaccine deals may yet expand coverage, from both the AU and individual governments.

### Fact Box: A Sample of Vaccination Timelines

#### Vaccinations Already Underway

*China, India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Israel*

#### Vaccinations to Start in January or February

*Australia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Morocco, Egypt, Lebanon*

#### Vaccinations Beginning in Spring

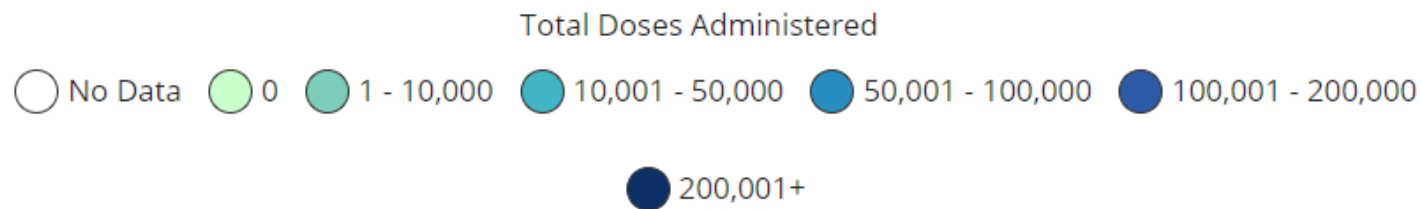
*Iran, Syria, Most African Union States*

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# Country in Charts: United States

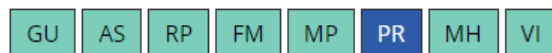
Since December 14, 12.3 million vaccine doses have been administered across the nation, of which 1.6 are second doses; 7.2 million are Pfizer-BioNTech while 5.1 are Moderna vaccines.

Shortages of vaccine supplies for targeted groups are being reported in some states.

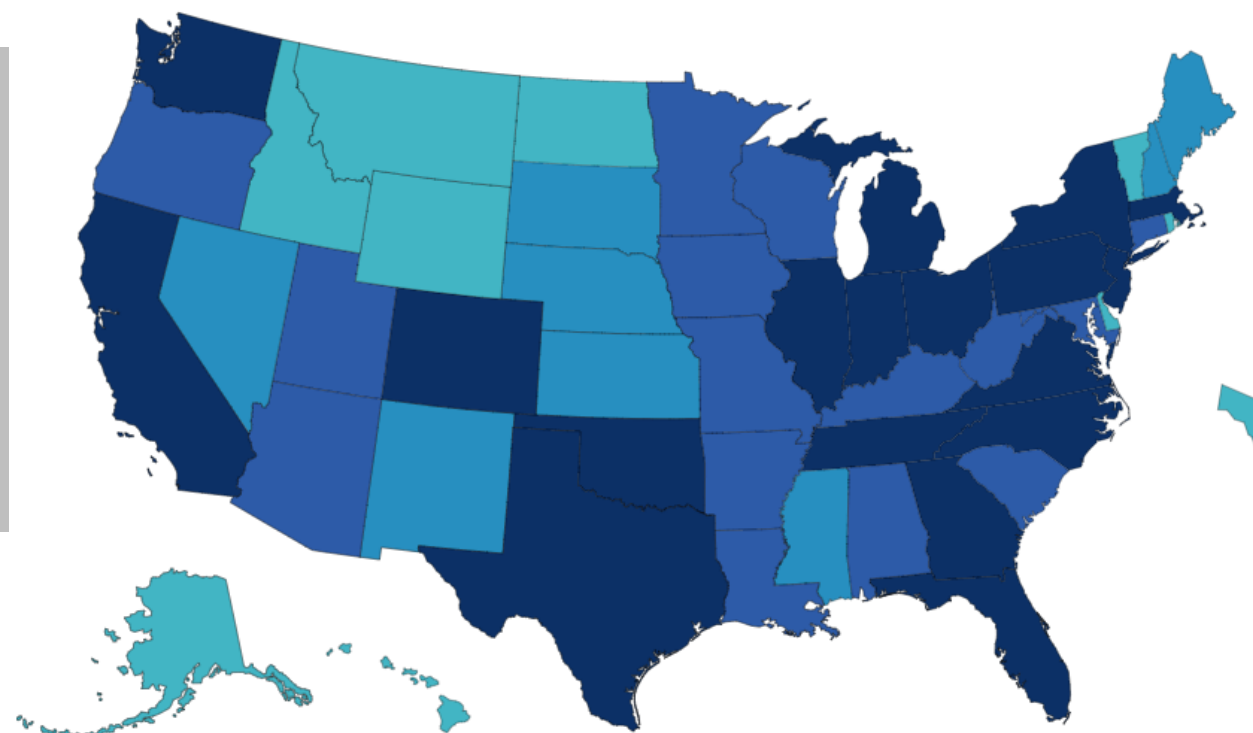


Total Doses Administered Reported to the CDC by State/Territory and for Selected Federal Entities

Territories



Federal Entities



Source: CDC

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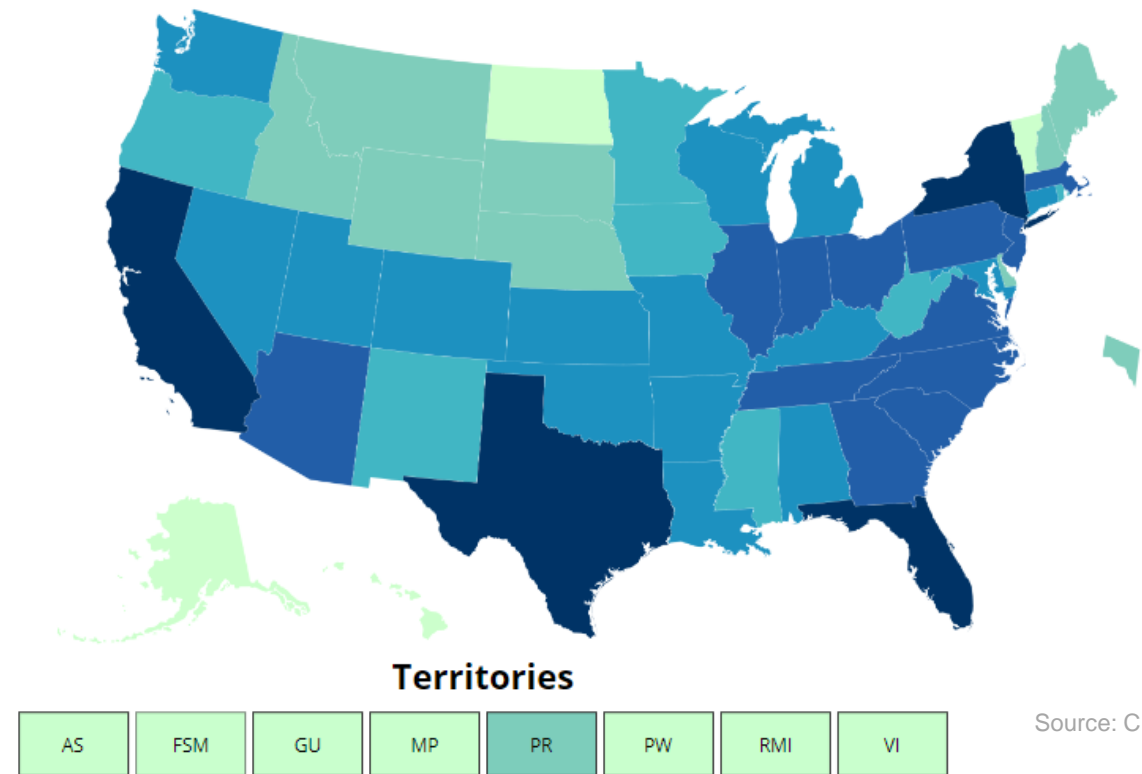
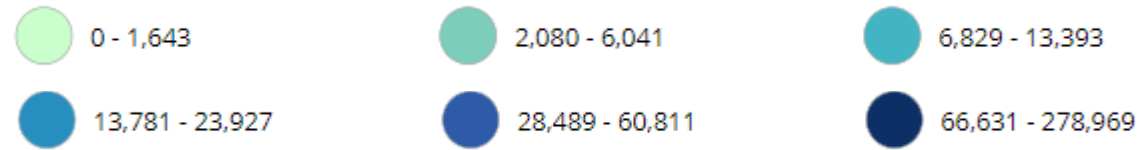


# Country in Charts: United States

Last week, the rate of daily new cases eased, but with California, Texas, New York and Florida still reporting more than 10,000 cases most days. There were 30 states with 7-day averages of new cases above 5 percent; the week before there were 40 states.

The UK strain of the virus has been discovered in at least 15 states, nearly double from last week. The CDC warns it could become the dominant strain by March.

## Cases in Last 7 Days



Source: CDC

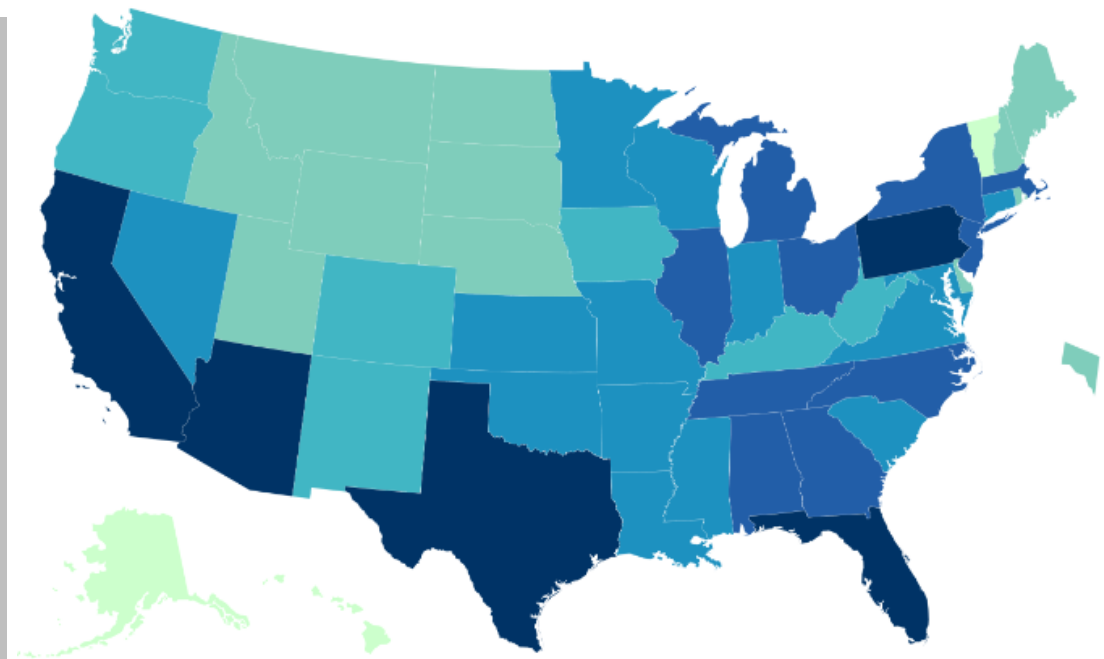
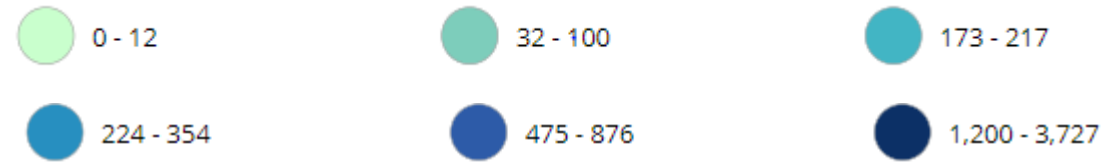
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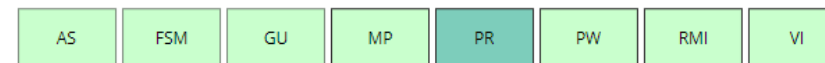
Daily deaths while fewer over the holiday weekend, still averaged 3,275 over the week (slightly up from the previous week at 3,250). Arizona and Pennsylvania are seeing surges in deaths. Arizona has the worst per-capita new case numbers in the world.

There are now more than 123,848 people hospitalized, trending down nationally. Hospitalizations are rising throughout the South, but most sharply in the South Atlantic, reflecting rises in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

## Deaths in Last 7 Days



## Territories



Source: CDC

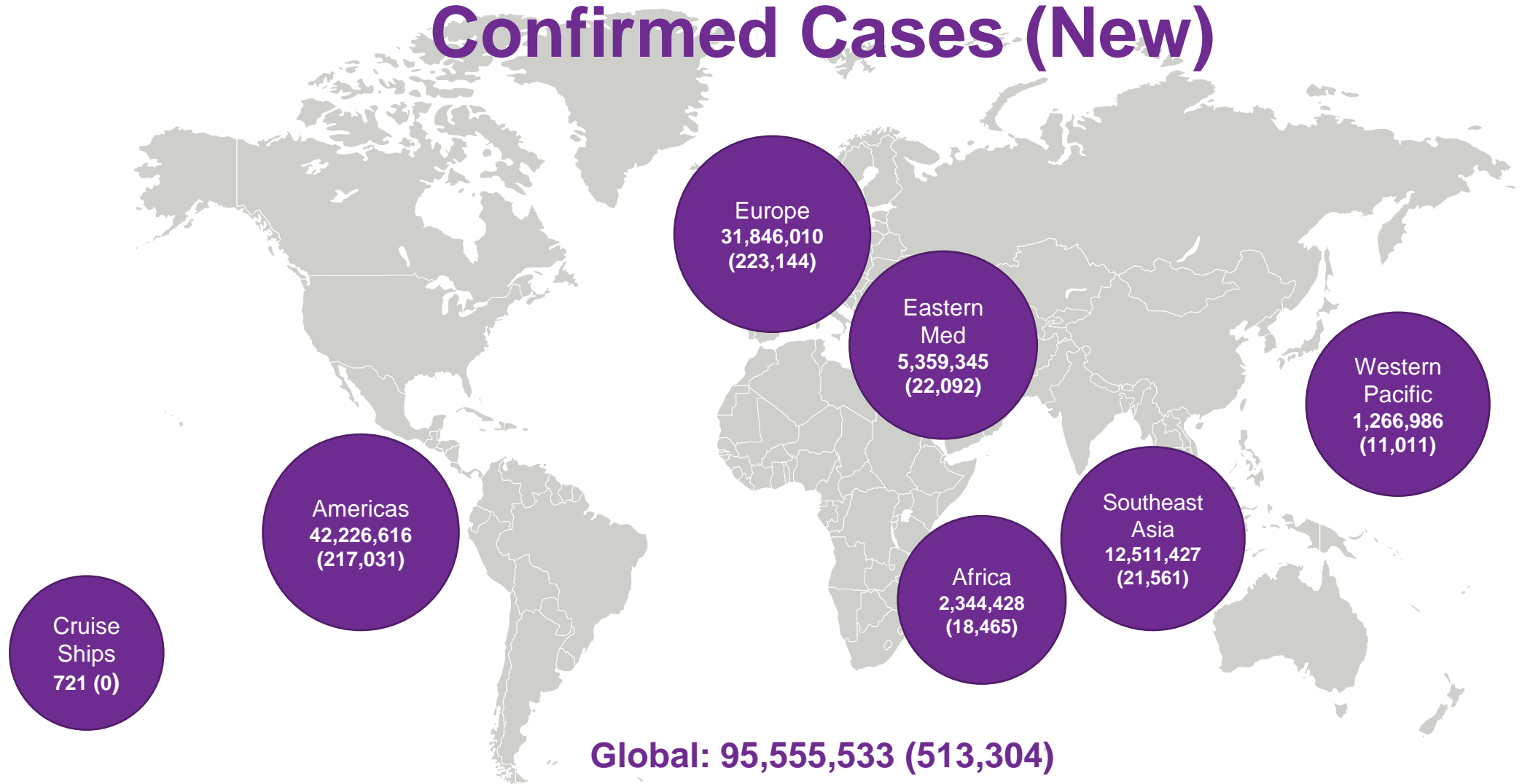
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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on January 18, 2021

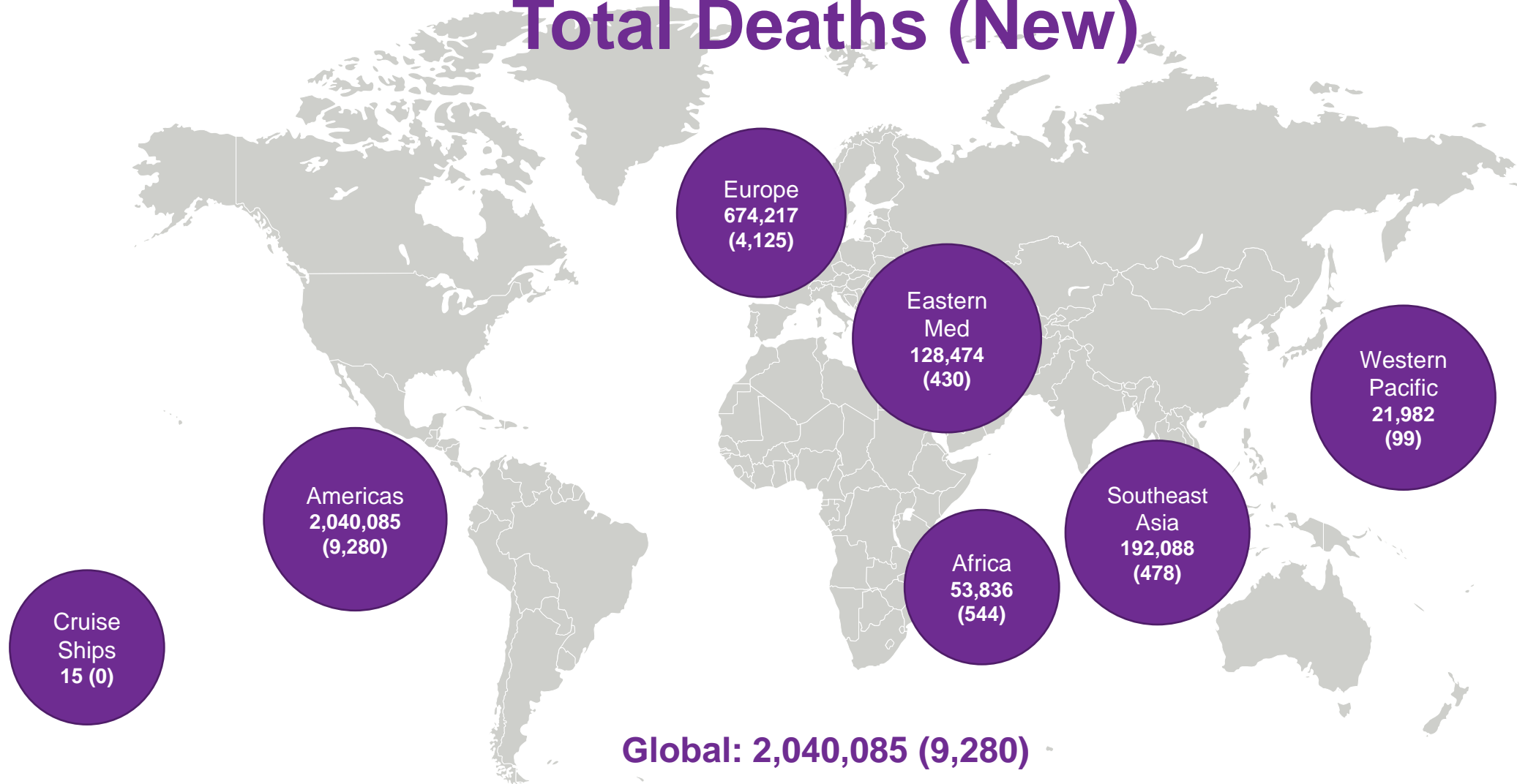
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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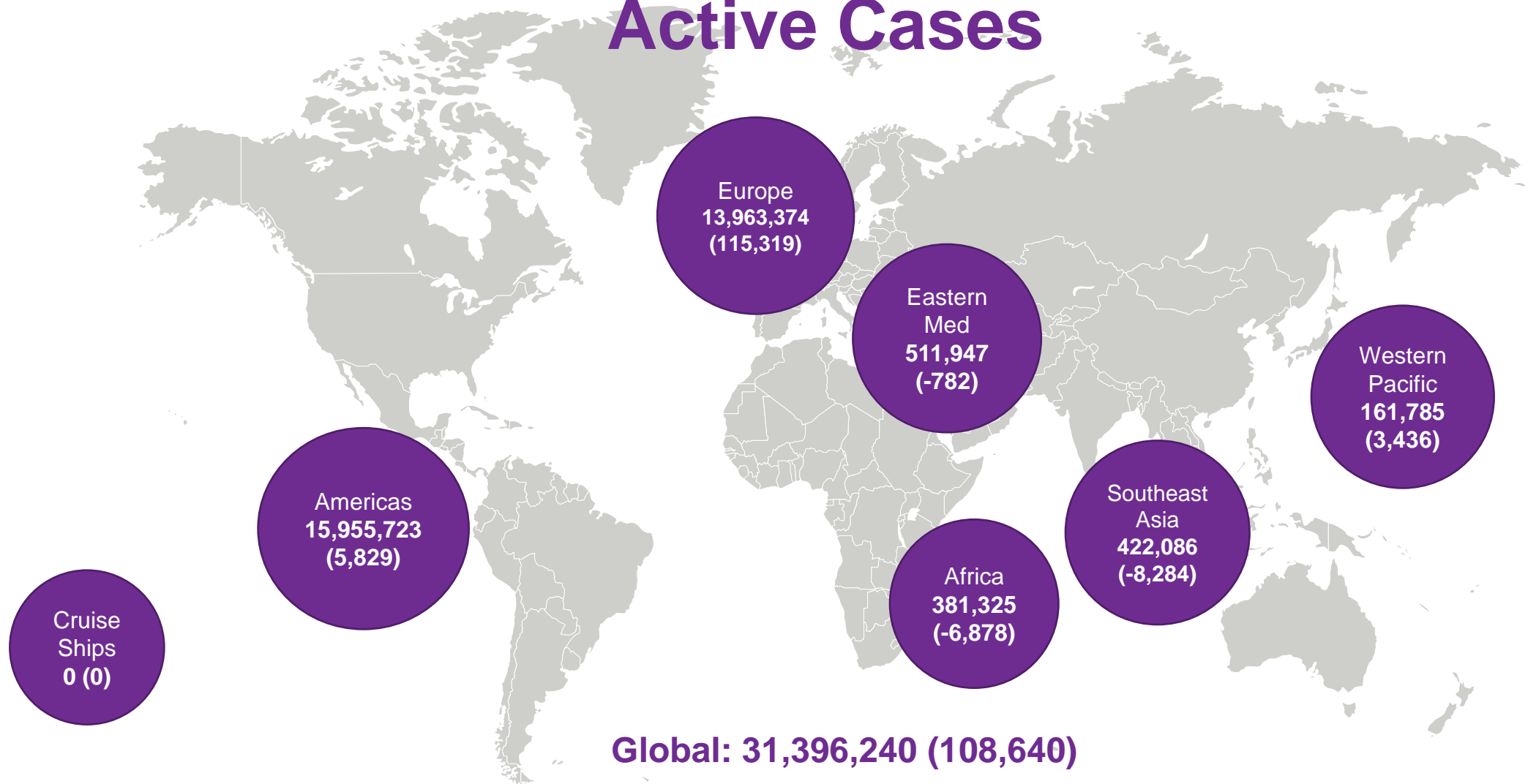
# Total Deaths (New)



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# Active Cases



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# Country Risk Assessment

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	14191354	24074658 (141290)	398981 (1407)	2313	18	6.07%
UK	3345073	3443350 (37610)	90031 (602)	26698	479	9.17%
France	2685934	2972889 (3798)	70826 (404)	44600	1082	4.31%
Spain	2132306	2336451 (84287)	53769 (455)	2504	13	9.62%
Netherlands	905007	930147 (4792)	13157 (50)	53469	761	4.26%
Brazil	741011	8511770 (23671)	210299 (452)	39890	986	4.47%
Belgium	659299	679771 (932)	20472 (37)	58433	1759	2.14%
Italy	547059	2390102 (8825)	82554 (377)	39563	1367	4.23%
Russia	540350	3552888 (22509)	65059 (458)	24602	452	4.59%
Sweden	513163	523486 (0)	10323 (0)	57533	1012	6.50%
Serbia	370340	374111 (1578)	3771 (21)	7560	20	3.30%
Germany	298923	2059382 (9253)	47263 (362)	24536	573	5.74%
Ukraine	277566	1201894 (3382)	21847 (80)	9442	92	3.91%
Mexico	270933	1649502 (8074)	141248 (544)	12658	1085	6.54%

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	217788	1438914 (3332)	33407 (52)	38043	883	3.37%
India	200514	10581823 (10050)	152556 (137)	7627	110	0.97%
South Africa	192035	1346936 (9010)	37449 (344)	1418	25	7.45%
Switzerland	173539	499931 (4703)	8792 (110)	741	47	3.09%
Argentina	166828	1807428 (8185)	45832 (425)	39790	1009	4.23%
Iran	153832	1336217 (5806)	56886 (83)	15798	673	3.26%
Ireland	148863	174843 (2117)	2616 (8)	35193	527	12.76%
Czechia	144957	891852 (2693)	14449 (111)	83201	1359	6.32%
Indonesia	144798	917015 (9086)	26282 (295)	3333	96	8.76%
Portugal	135886	556503 (6702)	9028 (167)	54665	887	12.08%
Colombia	119906	1923132 (14719)	49004 (373)	37575	957	6.30%
Hungary	110853	352703 (875)	11409 (68)	36562	1183	2.57%
Lebanon	99389	255956 (3144)	1959 (53)	37594	288	13.11%
Turkey	98033	2392963 (5862)	24161 (164)	25787	75	2.36%

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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
Israel	80895	558249 (6560)	4044 (39)	60695	440	10.24%
Japan	78608	335605 (4890)	4366 (61)	2600	36	12.47%
Canada	71924	719601 (6420)	18130 (106)	18855	478	6.49%
Honduras	71405	134938 (827)	3368 (14)	13423	336	4.62%
Lithuania	61226	167992 (476)	2469 (24)	62193	914	4.49%
Panama	53405	299361 (1342)	4828 (41)	68788	1109	6.02%
Romania	52433	695153 (1509)	17271 (50)	36269	901	3.15%
Slovakia	49767	224385 (1060)	3526 (52)	71870	1542	6.83%
Greece	49673	148925 (318)	5488 (19)	14327	528	2.52%
Dominican Republic	48310	194966 (1848)	2448 (11)	17874	224	5.99%
Bangladesh	47234	528329 (697)	7922 (16)	3191	48	0.95%
Tunisia	45116	181885 (1795)	5750 (58)	28207	285	10.74%
Costa Rica	41313	186016 (1829)	2458 (42)	36334	480	3.20%
Norway	40515	59034 (383)	521 (4)	10843	96	5.30%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Bulgaria	39563	212383 (570)	8565 (82)	30694	1238	1.53%
Malaysia	38791	161740 (3306)	605 (4)	4962	19	14.54%
Peru	37071	1060567 (0)	38770 (0)	32170	1172	2.39%
Pakistan	35485	523011 (1800)	11055 (58)	2335	49	3.12%
Bolivia	34826	188733 (1550)	9680 (44)	15917	819	7.12%
Algeria	30505	104092 (259)	2840 (4)	2351	64	1.66%
UAE	27617	256732 (3471)	751 (6)	819	7	9.25%
Bosnia	27092	118083 (1072)	4486 (75)	36117	1372	2.07%
Cyprus	26898	29130 (162)	175 (5)	24031	144	5.12%
Philippines	26839	502736 (2159)	9909 (14)	4554	90	2.59%
Albania	25831	67982 (292)	1281 (4)	23637	445	5.90%
Chile	25385	673750 (3918)	17547 (70)	35079	914	4.13%
Egypt	25146	157275 (878)	8638 (55)	1521	84	4.15%
Kazakhstan	24968	216964 (1017)	2891 (2)	8947	124	3.17%

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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
Iraq	24878	609029 (797)	12953 (9)	14959	318	0.87%
Uganda	24698	38085 (0)	304 (0)	50431	1320	0.73%
Slovenia	23473	149424 (299)	3206 (26)	24		6.50%
Paraguay	21605	122588 (428)	2518 (13)	17072	351	4.94%
Libya	20974	109869 (781)	1698 (33)	15871	245	4.09%
Nigeria	20616	112004 (1617)	1449 (14)	536	7	9.53%
Denmark	18085	190574 (807)	1806 (30)	32721	311	3.76%
Ecuador	17990	231644 (162)	14322 (3)	13021	805	4.38%
Austria	16952	394939 (1161)	7122 (40)	43714	788	3.21%
Morocco	16481	460144 (473)	7977 (35)	12386	215	1.56%
Kenya	15066	99227 (65)	1734 (3)	1823	32	0.90%
Belarus	14990	227360 (1899)	1591 (9)	24065	168	5.88%
Myanmar	13622	134795 (477)	2973 (18)	2468	54	2.68%
Ethiopia	13178	131546 (351)	2033 (3)	1129	17	2.23%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
N Macedonia	12500	88992 (54)	2715 (13)	42716	1303	2.69%
Latvia	12499	55908 (244)	983 (5)	29824	524	10.75%
South Korea	12364	73115 (386)	1283 (19)	329	6	4.74%
Jordan	11051	315544 (1030)	4153 (8)	30758	405	2.18%
West Bank & Gaza	10754	152555 (524)	1726 (8)	70	20	2.87%
Estonia	10342	37344 (265)	333 (8)	28139	251	9.48%
Georgia	10321	247915 (110)	2958 (25)	62213	742	3.28%
Zambia	10321	38207 (602)	559 (13)	1862	52	25.16%
Zimbabwe	9747	27892 (689)	773 (60)			20.06%
Montenegro	9159	55803 (310)	746 (1)	88843	1188	5.35%
Guatemala	9044	149146 (258)	5278 (24)	8242	292	3.96%
Sudan	8988	26279 (0)	1603 (0)	12933	246	11.28%
Finland	8887	40505 (168)	618 (0)	7304	111	4.23%
Armenia	8614	164676 (90)	2998 (6)	55516	1011	1.45%

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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
Azerbaijan	8598	227391 (118)	3022 (13)	22316	297	1.13%
Mozambique	8317	27446 (895)	249 (8)	865	8	18.63%
Uruguay	7926	32863 (485)	319 (8)	74160	1231	18.14%
Sri Lanka	7660	53750 (688)	270 (6)	655		8.93%
Malawi	6626	13027 (557)	321 (7)	672	17	30.71%
Moldova	6515	153112 (258)	3267 (17)	38005	811	2.25%
Oman	6284	132011 (221)	1514 (2)	25499	292	0.93%
Venezuela	6004	120444 (641)	1112 (6)	16	0	2.87%
Kuwait	5800	158244 (467)	948 (1)	36757	220	2.15%
Syria	5667	13132 (96)	841 (9)	36	0	5.10%
Congo (Kinshasa)	5616	21060 (152)	634 (3)	231	7	7.43%
Afghanistan	5360	54062 (78)	2343 (4)	1374	60	0.97%
Lesotho**	5265	7018 (647)	101 (8)	3262	47	15.40%
Kosovo	5170	55851 (0)	1410 (0)			3.35%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
El Salvador	4716	51437 (653)	1498 (11)	7908	230	4.92%
Cuba	4473	18443 (292)	173 (3)	1629	15	18.63%
Eswatini	4429	13187 (243)	384 (8)	11302	329	11.19%
Botswana	3918	18630 (1265)	88 (17)	7836	37	9.99%
Nepal	3861	267644 (322)	1965 (6)	9096	67	0.89%
Rwanda	3701	11259 (227)	146 (4)	858	11	13.10%
Senegal	3284	23224 (196)	526 (11)	42913	433	7.28%
Croatia	3276	225128 (174)	4655 (39)	55027	1138	2.18%
Qatar	3241	147504 (227)	248 (2)	52534	88	0.97%
Thailand	3168	12594 (171)	70 (0)	39		13.97%
Namibia	2967	30753 (390)	293 (8)	11985	114	6.99%
Bahrain	2934	97940 (333)	360 (0)	56499	208	2.10%
Malta	2784	15742 (154)	241 (2)	35600	545	7.71%
Kyrgyzstan	2687	83178 (0)	1387 (0)	12635	211	0.96%

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\*\* Indicates moved up a risk category

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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
Luxembourg	2336	48890 (260)	557 (8)	77413	882	1.77%
Jamaica	2221	14274 (113)	326 (2)	4809	110	4.46%
China	2103	98164 (225)	4798 (1)	61	3	1.27%
Mali	1955	7855 (16)	311 (1)	382	15	2.43%
Ghana	1924	58065 (351)	352 (6)	1848	11	3.16%
Saudi Arabia	1922	365099 (170)	6329 (6)	1367	31	0.31%
Australia	1891	28731 (10)	909 (0)	1119	35	0.34%
Angola	1810	18926 (51)	439 (3)	566	13	3.55%
Burkina Faso	1799	9352 (164)	105 (3)	441	5	11.47%
Nicaragua	1760	6152 (0)	167 (0)	923	25	0.89%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1749	7709 (0)	114 (0)	1379	20	7.55%
Haiti	1711	10907 (126)	240 (0)	950	21	4.78%
Cote d'Ivoire	1635	25304 (63)	142 (1)	947	5	5.57%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Bahamas	1212	8067 (35)	175 (0)	20407	443	0.78%
Mauritania	1073	16081 (42)	403 (1)	3410	85	2.92%

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# US Risk Assessment

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
California	2981920	3015644 (27318)	33724 (135)	76535	854	8.68%
Florida	1555007	1579281 (8002)	24274 (137)	73531	1130	5.74%
New York	1098296	1255971 (13410)	41173 (180)	66188	2116	8.46%
Illinois	1052096	1072214 (3385)	20118 (68)	84614	1588	3.61%
Georgia	808592	820952 (4957)	12360 (64)	77321	1164	6.88%
Arizona	575553	679282 (5400)	11266 (0)	93324	1548	7.62%
New Jersey	547679	631074 (3853)	20458 (19)	71049	2307	6.48%
Missouri	444224	450694 (1315)	6470 (2)	77172	1113	3.16%
Texas	408207	2138190 (11079)	32711 (111)	73928	1136	6.92%
Virginia	405335	446550 (7245)	5739 (10)	52317	672	9.67%
Colorado	350837	376171 (1190)	5386 (7)	65322	935	3.55%
Maryland	312163	328214 (1769)	6596 (29)	54289	1091	5.65%
Washington	286036	289939 (0)	3903 (0)	38427	526	4.57%
Kentucky	284739	328667 (1993)	3167 (40)	73566	709	6.99%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Nevada	259010	262794 (1221)	3784 (5)	85318	1229	4.77%
Kansas	253099	261825 (3471)	3511 (22)	89929	1215	5.03%
Connecticut	213655	230125 (6703)	6670 (76)	64546	1871	7.29%
South Carolina	209087	391464 (3280)	6248 (11)	76031	1214	8.64%
Indiana	204092	592709 (2498)	9340 (30)	88041	1387	4.28%
Alabama	195946	424028 (1430)	6121 (1)	86480	1248	4.72%
Pennsylvania	160916	774566 (3581)	19330 (75)	60657	1519	5.65%
North Carolina	145079	674637 (0)	8083 (0)	64324	771	6.75%
Ohio	136713	831066 (4312)	10281 (81)	71098	880	5.55%
Massachusetts	135533	473441 (3301)	13705 (53)	68689	1988	8.58%
Michigan	128034	585128 (3343)	14686 (17)	58590	1471	2.98%
Oregon	126178	133851 (646)	1803 (3)	31735	427	5.41%
Rhode Island	96209	104443 (0)	2005 (0)	98591	1893	3.67%
Idaho	82573	155554 (0)	1607 (0)	87044	899	3.42%

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# US Risk Assessment

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
New Mexico	73803	164263 (626)	2958 (26)	78339	1411	4.37%
Wisconsin	71447	569335 (1169)	5926 (20)	89804	939	3.05%
Tennessee	64601	687751 (2430)	8430 (39)	100708	1234	4.41%
Louisiana	63084	369951 (971)	8253 (50)	79580	1775	5.87%
Utah	56667	324919 (1082)	1500 (7)	101348	468	5.37%
Nebraska	53830	182176 (198)	1842 (5)	94177	952	3.02%
Delaware	51043	70910 (616)	1016 (0)	72821	1043	7.17%
Alaska	44699	52093 (155)	229 (0)	68960	312	3.26%
Mississippi	40639	253932 (1457)	5524 (3)	85322	1856	5.36%
Oklahoma	39586	356816 (1837)	2994 (7)	90174	757	6.04%
Iowa	35306	306083 (932)	4324 (1)	96868	1370	2.71%
West Virginia	26777	109809 (988)	1784 (8)	61272	995	6.85%
Arkansas	22824	272263 (1109)	4343 (32)	90219	1439	5.85%
Maine	21323	33876 (317)	514 (3)	25201	382	12.59%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Puerto Rico	12476	87939 (558)	1703 (0)	44382	503	5.08%
Hawaii	12431	24710 (115)	321 (0)	17291	227	3.89%
Minnesota	12017	447349 (969)	6007 (12)	79322	1065	2.19%
District of Columbia	9622	34033 (182)	857 (7)	48223	1214	5.99%
New Hampshire	5444	56864 (0)	933 (0)	42556	686	8.01%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Montana	4956	89576 (183)	1093 (1)	83812	1023	3.26%
South Dakota	4613	105659 (115)	1667 (11)	119435	1884	2.04%
Vermont	3232	10220 (163)	163 (0)	16378	261	11.17%
Wyoming	2278	49708 (345)	522 (0)	85887	902	4.65%
North Dakota	1355	95934 (70)	1406 (0)	125887	1816	1.15%

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