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Daily Global Situation Report

May 11, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Hamas and the IDF exchange rocket fire between Gaza and Israel as violence escalated.

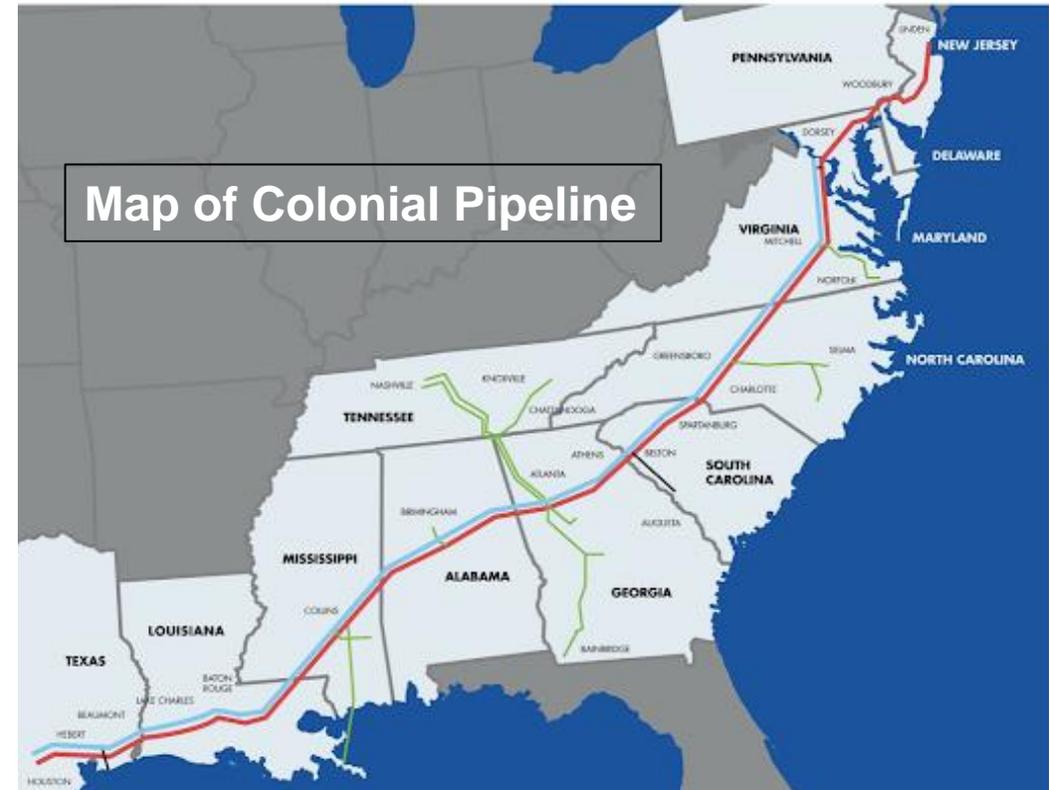
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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, the Colonial Pipeline is still not fully functional after it was shutdown by a ransomware cyber-attack. A prolonged shutdown could lead to fuel shortages and higher gas prices along the US East Coast. Airports across the region may also be affected as they generally only carry a few days worth of fuel.

Russian hacking group DarkSide issued a statement yesterday saying that it is apolitical and did not mean for the attack to cause widespread disruption. The US Government currently believes DarkSide is a criminal actor with no ties to the Russian government.



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Global

Confirmed coronavirus infections topped 158.9 million with more than 3.3 million deaths.

- The WHO declared the **COVID-19 variant** first detected in India, B.1.6.1.7, a “*variant of concern*,” saying preliminary studies show it may be more transmissible than other variants. A study by Public Health England found that B.1.6.1.7 has a “*modest ability*” to evade antibodies generated by the Pfizer vaccine, but that vaccines should still protect against severe disease.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The US FDA cleared the Pfizer vaccine for use in children age 12-15.

- **Novavax** pushed back its timeline and now says it will apply for regulatory approval of its COVID-19 vaccine in the **UK, US and Europe** in the third quarter of this year. Novavax said Monday that a vaccine it is developing which targets COVID-19 and flu has produced a positive immune response to both viruses.
- **France's** health minister said that the country will “*probably not*” expand the use of **AstraZeneca vaccines** to people below the age of 55.
- In the opening of the lawsuit against the pharmaceutical company over delayed supplies, the **EU** wants **AstraZeneca** to deliver at least 120 million doses of its vaccine by the end of June.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 1.32 billion doses of vaccine have been administered.

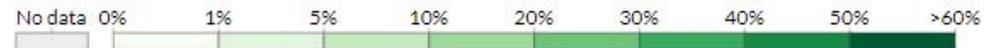
The impact of vaccination programs is beginning to be reflected in a decrease in daily new cases and the overall number of active cases. This trend is most evident in the US and Europe where a greater share of the population has been vaccinated.

Share of people vaccinated against COVID-19, May 10, 2021

This data is only available for countries which report the breakdown of doses administered by first and second doses.

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Markets & Business

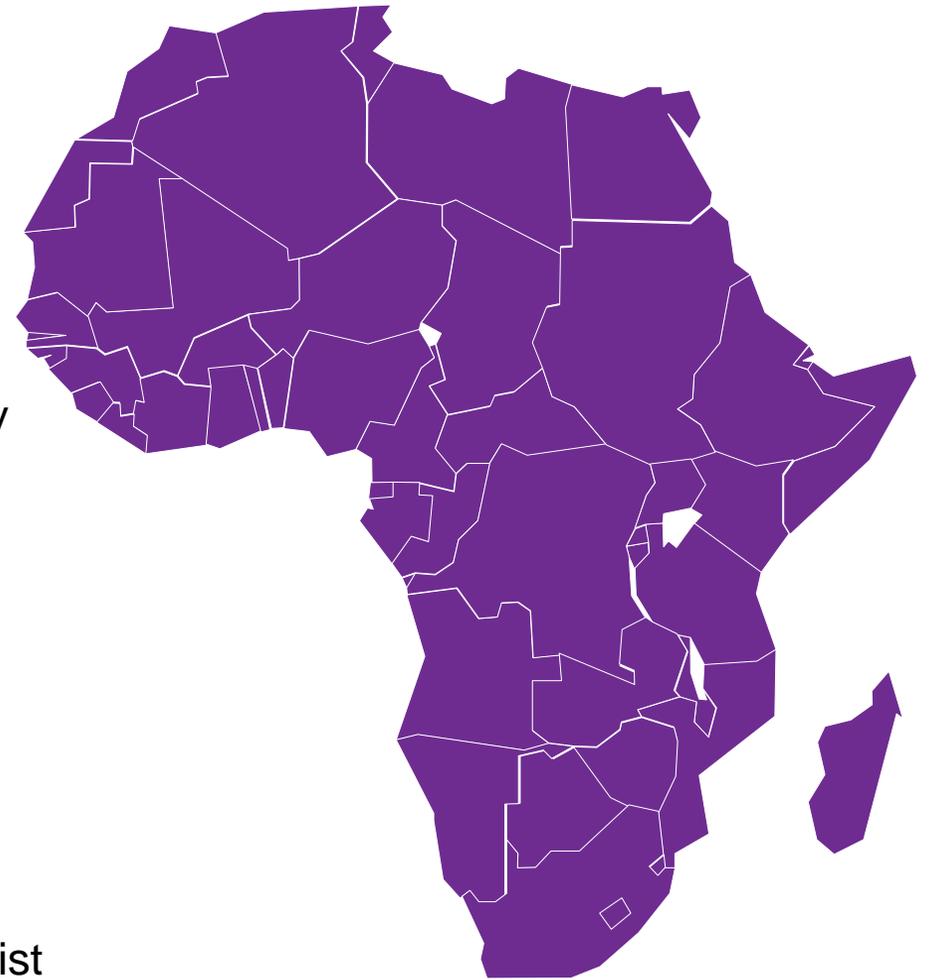
Attorneys general from 44 US states urged Facebook to drop plans to pursue a version of Instagram for children.

- **Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index** hit a record high Monday, setting the country's first pandemic-era stock record.
- The **British pound** jumped to a 3-month high following a series of election victories for the ruling Conservative party.
- Startup mortgage lender **Better Holdco Inc** plans to go public by merging with a SPAC sponsored by investment firm **Novator Capital**, in a deal that values the company at about \$7 billion.
- **BioNTech** beat expectations with Q1 earnings, swinging to a profit on sales of its Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Ikea** donated €3 million to Doctors Without Borders to help fight COVID-19 in India.
- **Yamaha Motor** will suspend production at two motorcycle plants in India due to the country's outbreak.

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Africa

- The ruling **South African** ANC party appointed a new secretary general, days after a power struggle in which the former secretary general, accused of corruption charges, refused to recognize his suspension.
- The **Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso** announced intentions “*mutualize*” their anti-jihadist operations, expanding intelligence sharing and operational cooperation.
- **Portugal** announced plans to send a further 60 troops to **Mozambique** for a training mission to aid the country’s anti-Islamist campaign.



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Asia

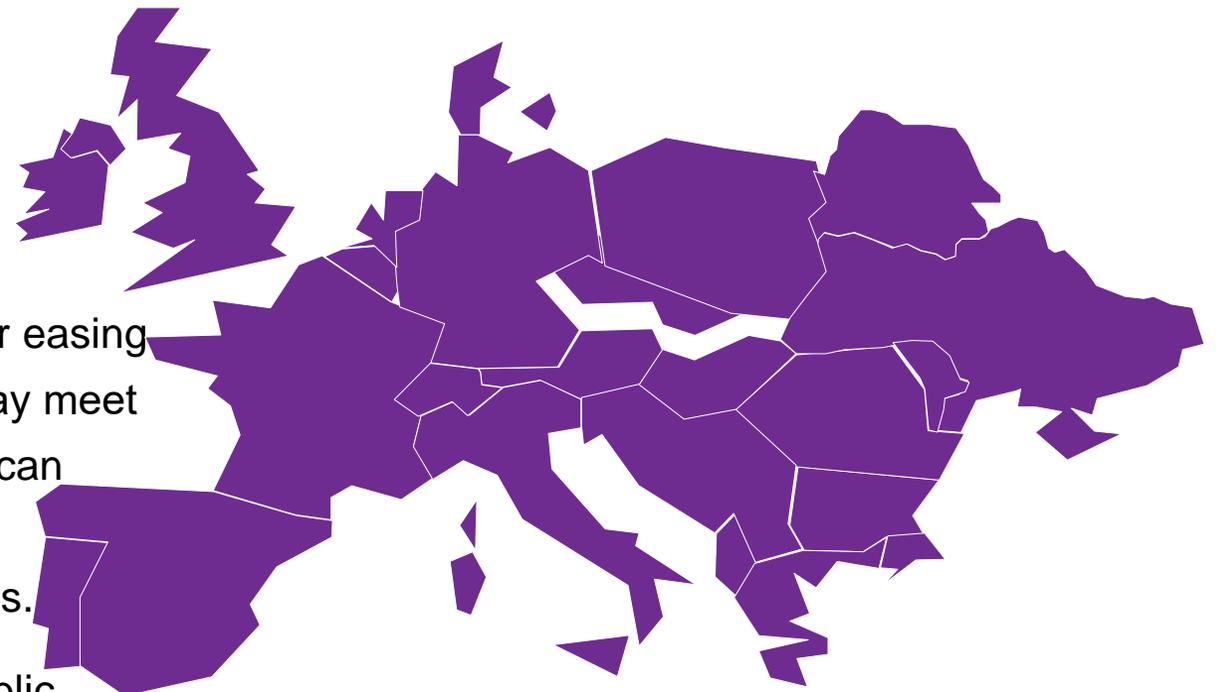
- The **Indian** government has warned doctors to look for signs of mucormycosis or “*black fungus*” in COVID-19 patients amid a rise in reports of the rare infection. India surpassed 250,000 reported virus deaths, with experts warning the death toll is significantly higher.
- **Malaysia** will be imposing a nationwide lockdown, called a “*movement control order*” from May 12 to June 7 as COVID-19 case numbers spike. Malaysia’s defunct state fund, 1MDB, is suing JPMorgan, Deutsche Bank, and Coutts for almost \$3 billion in alleged losses from involvement in the fund’s corruption scandal.
- **Nepali** Prime Minister Oli lost a confidence vote, prompting a new formation attempt; the party lost its coalition after splitting with its Maoist wing in March.
- **Japan’s** Prime Minister Suga looks set to wait until autumn to call an election as the opposition gave up on a no-confidence vote that could have forced earlier polls.
- The **Taiwanese** Foreign Ministry said they would “*fight to the last minute*” for a seat at the upcoming WHO meeting, while **China** said there is no room for compromise. Taiwan’s President Tsai offered to work with the **EU** to boost supplies of semiconductors.
- In the two weeks since ASEAN declared a five-point consensus on **Myanmar** and called for violence to cease, the military junta has killed 32 people and arrested 437 more.



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Europe

- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson announced the next steps for easing England's lockdown: from May 17, groups of up to six may meet inside, groups of up to 30 can meet outside, restaurants can open indoor dining, museums and cinemas can reopen, and all university students will be able to return to campus.
- Union officials are urging the **UK** government to raise public sector wages, rather than the constrained pay policy set by the Treasury.
- The **EU** is readying a fourth round of sanctions against **Belarusian** President Lukashenko, to take effect in June.
- The **EU's** home affairs commissioner called for a better mechanisms to handle migrant arrivals, and for bloc members to "*show solidarity*" with **Italy** by accepting some refugees following a marked uptick in arrivals over the weekend.



Middle East

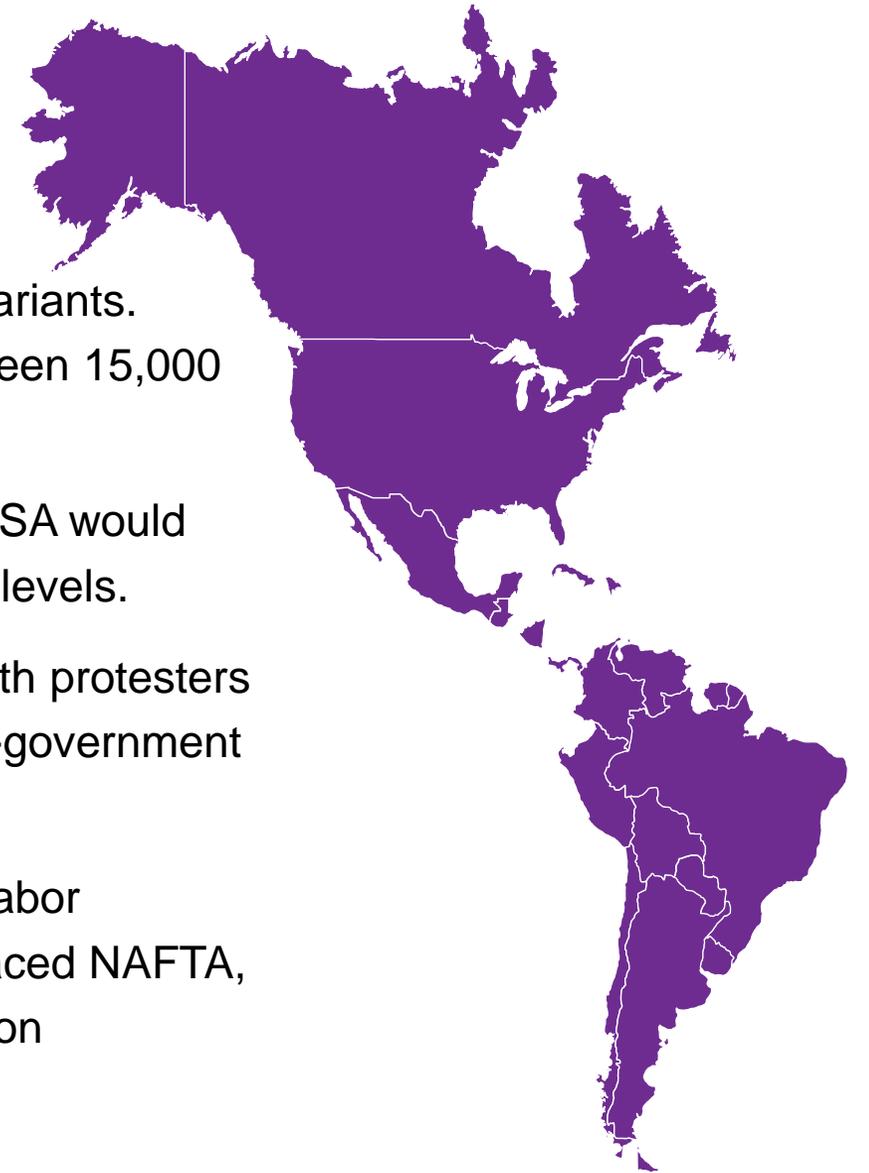
- The **UAE and Bahrain** established a travel corridor for vaccinated travelers.
- The **UAE and Kuwait** suspended entry for travelers from **Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal**.
- **Saudi Arabia** will require visitors to quarantine for one week.
- **Iran** publicly confirmed that it has engaged in talks with **Saudi Arabia** for the first time, saying that de-escalation is in the region's interest.
- A **US** Coast Guard ship fired 30 warning shots at an **Iranian** IRGC ship after it came too close in the Strait of Hormuz.
- Lockheed Martin removed its contractors from Balad base in **Iraq** after recent attacks on **US** infrastructure, a significant drawdown.
- Hamas claimed that more than 100 rockets had been fired from Gaza into Israel, and the Israel fired rockets in Gaza, reportedly killing 9. The exchange follows several days of **Israeli-Palestinian** clashes in eastern Jerusalem over forced evictions of Palestinian families in which over 200 Palestinians were hurt, per the Red Crescent. **Jordanians** staged solidarity protests against violence at al Aqsa Mosque.



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Americas

- **Argentina** confirmed its first cases of the Indian and South African variants. Argentina is struggling to contain its current outbreak, reporting between 15,000 to 25,000 daily new cases since April 6.
- An internal document found that **Venezuelan** state oil company PDVSA would need \$58 billion in investment to return its oil production to pre-1998 levels.
- **Colombian** President Duque vowed to address issues raised by youth protesters and meet with strike leaders in Bogota, following over a week of anti-government protests and weekend violence against protesters.
- The AFL-CIO filed the first motion for the **US** government to bring a labor complaint against **Mexico**, as allowed under the trade deal that replaced NAFTA, alleging that Mexican workers at an auto parts plant were denied union representation.



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Americas: US



- Across the nation, 152.8 million people have received at least **one dose of vaccine**, representing 46 percent of the total population. New COVID-19 infections in the US fell to their **lowest level** in 11 months over the weekend. **US air travel** set a new pandemic-era record on Mother's Day, as the TSA screened 1.71 million passengers.
- The Biden Administration will begin distributing **\$350 billion to state and local governments** this month but has specified that the money should be used on pandemic-related costs or new infrastructure projects, not tax cuts. California Governor Newsom proposed a **\$100 billion economic stimulus plan** that would triple the state's direct cash payments to some two-thirds of residents.
- President Biden pushed back on the assertion from a number of Republicans and business groups that enhanced **unemployment benefits** are discouraging Americans from working.
- The Pentagon is considering ending its **JEDI cloud-computing project** amid a lawsuit from Amazon.
- Top **House Republicans** scheduled a Wednesday vote on removing Rep. Cheney (R-WY), who voted to certify the 2020 election, from her leadership positions.
- The **Colonial Pipeline** remained closed for the fourth day; the White House said that there is no evidence of Russian involvement.

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China Bulletin: Counterweights to the Belt and Road Initiative

By Briana Boland

Over recent months a number of geopolitical overtures have taken aim at China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), demonstrating a will in the west to provide counterweights to President Xi's flagship foreign policy initiative. Though the pace of new projects has been slowing down in recent years, a trend accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, scrutiny of BRI is at a high, driven both by political suspicion towards Beijing and concerns about environmental standards and debt sustainability for BRI projects.

Upsets such as Australia's decision in April to cancel two BRI deals because they were found "inconsistent with Australia's foreign policy" underline the stakes of pushing back on the BRI for countries involved – already strained ties between Canberra and Beijing entered a further tailspin, with China "indefinitely" suspending all activity under a China-Australia Strategic Economic Dialogue. Though many top western powers are not part of the BRI themselves (with the notable exception of a number of EU member states), growing attention to the initiative has resulted in steps from both the EU and US, working with partners like India and Japan, to develop their own joint infrastructure development projects as alternatives to the BRI.

New Momentum for EU-India Cooperation

As western nations have grown increasingly uneasy with China's growing global projects, India has steadily drawn interest as a potential counterweight to China – particularly since tensions flared on the China-India border in spring 2020, giving India all the more reason to be wary of its neighbor. The most recent effort to build on cooperation with India can be seen in EU-India talks to build joint infrastructure projects around the world, with concerns about China serving as the often-unspoken motivation to renew cooperation. India's efforts to maintain neutrality in its international engagements mean that statements from joint talks with India will often avoid direct mention of contentious political issues or branding efforts as a

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a counter to the BRI. The EU, however, has been more direct in its framing of efforts as countering China. In late April, when diplomats reported the India and the EU were in talks about joint global infrastructure efforts, one EU diplomat expressed that: *“there is now a window of opportunity to team up and create the environment for a globalization based on partnership that would be more attractive than what China can offer.”*

On May 8, the EU held its first ever summit of all 27 EU leaders with India’s Prime Minister Modi, in a further sign of interest in deepening ties. At the summit, the two parties agree to resume negotiations for a trade agreement, which were previously frozen in 2013. The EU and India also agreed to collaborate on building joint international infrastructure projects, notably in Africa, where China’s deep engagement has prompted growing unease in western capitals. The renewal of ties with India comes after the EU reached a 2019 accord with Japan, which was also seen as an effort to build alternatives to the BRI. However, attention to the summit was largely overshadowed by India’s disastrous current COVID-19 outbreak. Ultimately, only time will tell how successful this new attempt at

deepening EU-India ties will be; many of the issues that causes trade talks to collapse in 2013 remain as obstacles, and Prime Minister Modi has come under increasing criticism in Europe over accusations of crackdown on political freedoms and violation of human rights. While shared concerns about China’s global reach change the geopolitical calculus of deepening ties, they do not automatically make the two partners more compatible.

Infrastructure Plans from the US and Japan

In mid-April, Japanese Prime Minister Suga became the first world leader to visit the Biden White House. Though a key signal of the importance the Biden Administration puts on the US-Japan alliance, the outcomes of the visit largely went under the radar of media attention. The two leaders launched a new “Competitiveness and Resilience (CoRe) Partnership” to bolster bilateral economic collaboration. Along with recovery from the pandemic and climate change, the CoRe partnership will focus on “Competitiveness and Innovation” including advancement of “*secure and open*” 5G networks (the US committed \$2.5 billion and Japan \$2 billion to 5G

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initiatives alone), cooperation on sensitive supply chains like semiconductors, and efforts to “build on successful US-Japan cooperation in third-countries and launch a Global Digital Connectivity Partnership to promote secure connectivity.”

Many of these objectives have been prioritized due to concerns about China, even where official statements did not expressly frame them as such. The CoRe partnership’s focus on key BRI areas like 5G and official rhetoric focusing on environmental and sustainability factors show how the effort, even if not officially billed as such, is set to counterbalance the BRI.

Given the strategic importance the Biden Administration puts on the Indo-Pacific, US-led efforts to counter, or provide alternatives to, China’s BRI investment are likely to concentrate on Asia. Japan, as the world’s third-largest economy, a country with a strong infrastructure-building history, and a top investor in projects across Asia will be central to any US-led efforts to provide alternatives to the BRI. It will take time to see the impact of new US-Japan efforts in Asian infrastructure, but these early meetings give a clear indication of key spaces to watch, including the battleground of

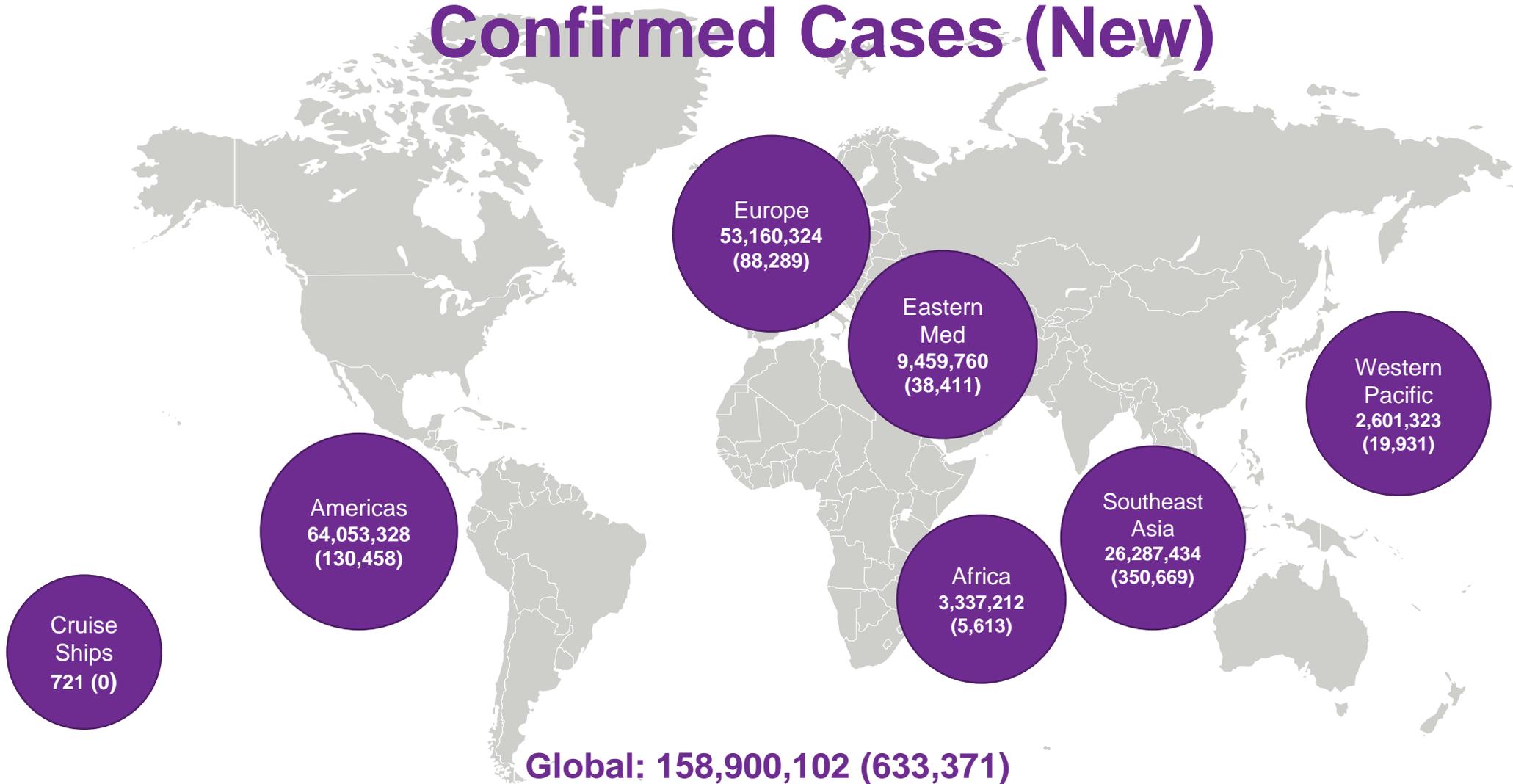
telecommunications infrastructure (namely 5G) and the emphasis on environmental commitments in drawing contrast to China.

If tensions continue to rise over China’s BRI projects overseas – and more investments come in from the like of EU-India or US-Japan joint initiatives – the issue area could become a lot more tense for third countries where they are playing out, creating new arenas for political competition to shape development efforts. On the other hand, competition to build needed infrastructure could help provide more countries with more option - and better-quality ones. The drive to counterbalance China’s Belt and Road Initiative could hasten efforts in countries like the US to rebalance more foreign spending towards economic aid, as the message of competing with China joins calls from domestic political groups to reassess international military investments. While it will take years to see how today’s pledges and dialogues turn into concrete infrastructure projects, interest in the idea of creating more alternatives to the BRI is likely to continue growing. The issue is set to be revisited in a broader international forum at the G7 meeting this June, which will be hosted by the UK and includes invitations for Australia, India and South Korea to attend.

Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on May 10, 2021

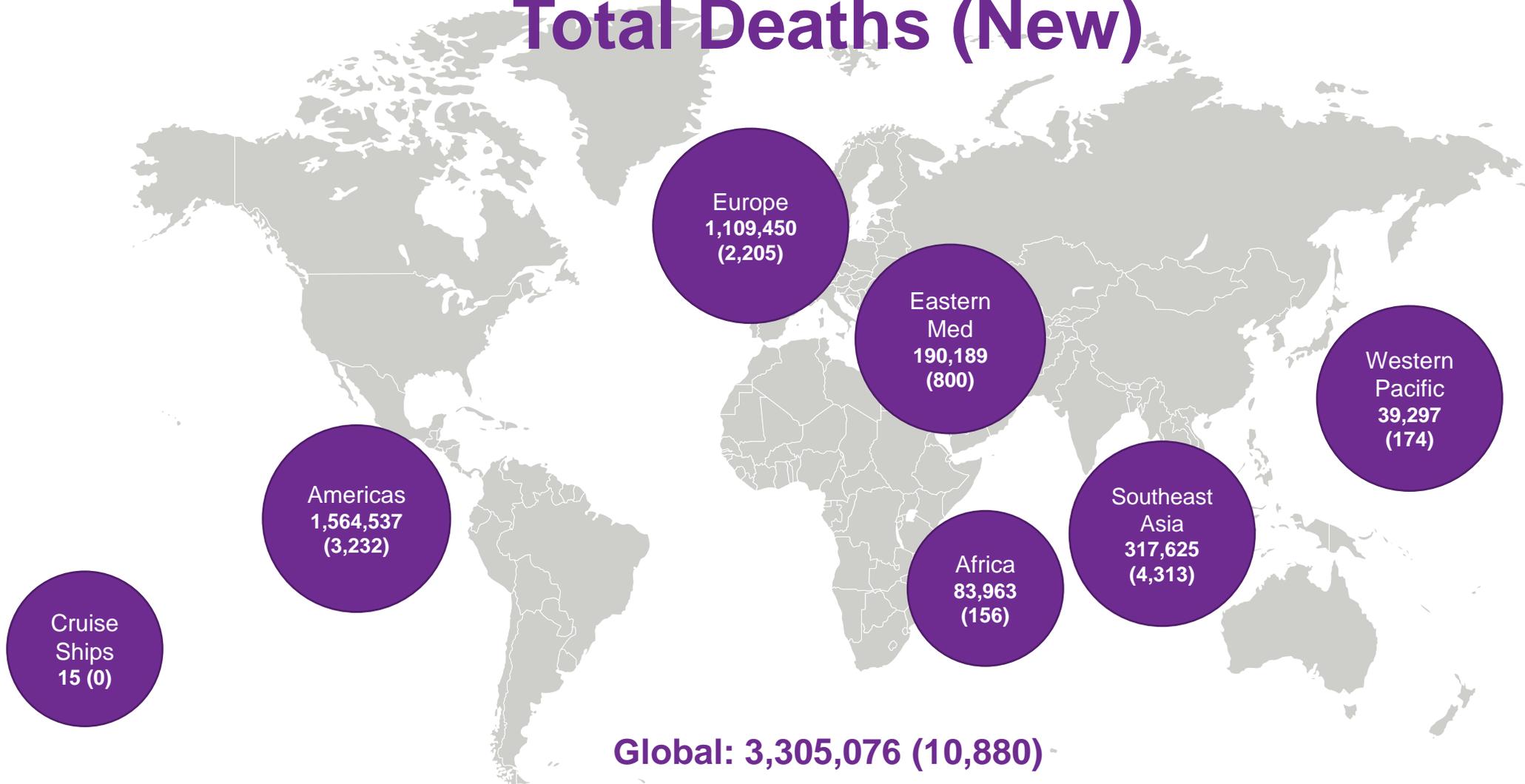
Confirmed Cases (New)



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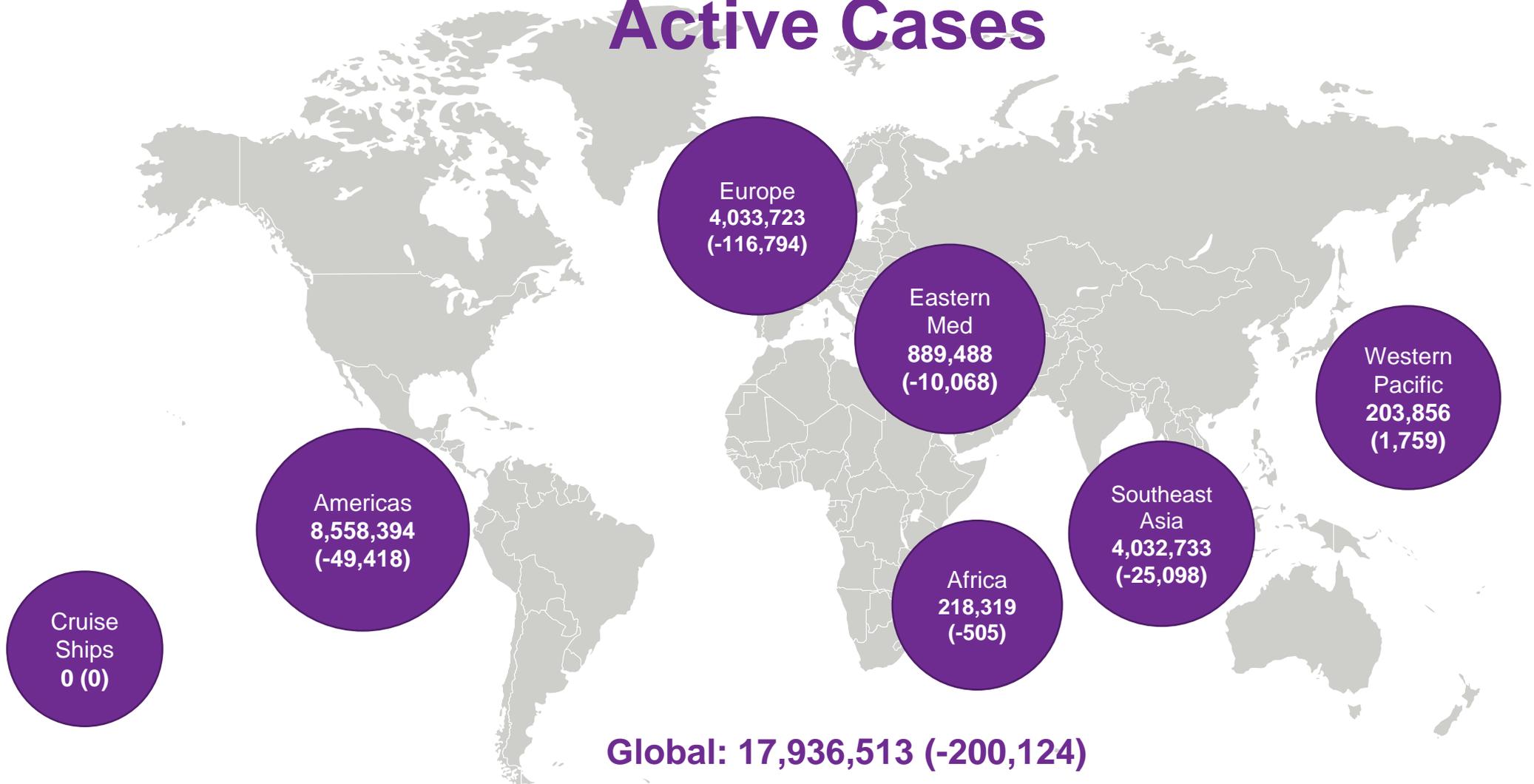
Total Deaths (New)



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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	6269118	32743984 (36340)	582159 (403)	100748	1792	0.83%
India	3720695	22991927 (329517)	250025 (3879)	16522	180	11.81%
Brazil	1031469	15214030 (29240)	423436 (1018)	71143	1980	2.78%
France	811105	5891814 (3577)	107564 (294)	88389	1631	2.17%
Iran	470766	2673219 (18408)	75261 (351)	31483	886	4.40%
Italy	373670	4116287 (5080)	123031 (198)	68167	2037	1.59%
Ukraine	307062	2122327 (2817)	46512 (119)	48780	1069	1.71%
Germany	274273	3535354 (7814)	85481 (110)	42081	1017	2.81%
Russia	272174	4888727 (8465)	113647 (321)	33487	778	1.17%
Mexico	260574	2365792 (1175)	218985 (57)	18186	1683	0.72%
Argentina	260242	3165121 (17381)	67821 (496)	69486	1489	4.55%
Turkey	257754	5044936 (13604)	43311 (282)	59272	509	2.87%
Spain	227689	3581392 (4579)	78895 (35)	76574	1687	1.14%
Netherlands	223706	1592742 (5874)	17602 (20)	91213	1010	3.09%

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Poland	189015	2835083 (2032)	70034 (22)	74980	1852	1.03%
Hungary	188083	792386 (677)	28693 (91)	82204	2977	1.04%
Sweden	142808	1007792 (0)	14173 (0)	99259	1396	3.39%
Honduras	133138	220185 (897)	5665 (48)	21933	564	2.82%
Belgium	103512	1016609 (2258)	24551 (40)	87391	2110	2.07%
Colombia	101405	3015301 (12543)	78342 (488)	58725	1526	3.65%
Indonesia	96742	1718575 (4891)	47218 (206)	6227	171	2.13%
Nepal	93141	403794 (9127)	3859 (139)	13649	130	14.95%
Iraq	90221	1117627 (4902)	15800 (29)	27265	385	3.37%
Pakistan	80375	861473 (3447)	18993 (78)	3836	85	3.17%
Canada	79826	1294186 (7520)	24682 (56)	34035	649	3.94%
Japan	69615	640044 (6247)	10876 (53)	5074	86	5.81%
Peru	68332	1853370 (3080)	64373 (270)	55550	1929	2.12%
Philippines	59914	1108813 (6833)	18561 (89)	10005	167	4.20%

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Switzerland	56671	674296 (3683)	10715 (9)	77427	1230	1.53%
Costa Rica	53260	271478 (1500)	3430 (21)	52879	668	5.45%
Bangladesh	50778	775027 (1514)	11972 (38)	4666	72	1.46%
Kenya	48415	163620 (66)	2907 (12)	2987	53	1.87%
Ethiopia	47730	263120 (418)	3897 (9)	2242	33	1.64%
Egypt	47148	238560 (1150)	13972 (68)	2294	134	3.29%
Paraguay	43888	299684 (1895)	7209 (79)	41580	1000	5.08%
Bolivia	43830	318610 (1063)	13228 (23)	26980	1120	3.47%
Bulgaria	42838	411280 (1078)	17045 (116)	59576	2469	1.33%
Finland	41944	88866 (143)	922 (0)	16017	166	1.71%
Kazakhstan	41275	344731 (2142)	3928 (15)	18174	207	4.85%
Ecuador	39940	402060 (1764)	19242 (20)	22497	1077	3.49%
Lebanon	38508	533141 (302)	7507 (21)	78412	1104	0.88%

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Malaysia	37396	444484 (3807)	1700 (17)	13584	52	6.07%
Chile	36659	1252808 (5339)	27318 (100)	65059	1419	2.95%
Dominican Republic	36605	272108 (560)	3540 (8)	24871	324	1.63%
Algeria	34399	124288 (184)	3335 (7)	2791	75	1.26%
Czechia	32212	1645449 (383)	29733 (27)	153407	2772	0.66%
Tunisia	30735	321837 (1024)	11468 (39)	26990	962	2.82%
Serbia	30507	701326 (918)	6576 (18)	80546	755	1.16%
Cyprus	30310	69708 (276)	337 (1)	57379	277	4.01%
Thailand	29376	85005 (1630)	421 (22)	1215	6	16.45%
Greece	29357	363904 (1900)	11089 (60)	35060	1068	4.21%
Norway	27303	117022 (579)	767 (0)	21442	141	2.62%
Bosnia	26308	201217 (101)	8862 (28)	61661	2716	1.37%
South Africa	25549	1597724 (1129)	54825 (90)	26652	915	0.80%
Uruguay	24735	222870 (2187)	3171 (49)	63969	910	8.41%

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Romania	22605	1066731 (620)	29034 (68)	55770	1518	0.79%
Lithuania	22369	258636 (799)	4048 (13)	96162	1505	3.18%
Portugal	22102	839740 (158)	16993 (1)	82561	1671	0.27%
Sri Lanka	22092	128530 (2624)	827 (26)	5981	38	11.56%
UAE	18104	537524 (1507)	1615 (2)	53793	162	2.22%
Austria	16063	631896 (820)	10392 (10)	69820	1148	1.38%
Georgia	15735	322468 (549)	4305 (24)	80969	1081	2.95%
Azerbaijan	15378	327087 (371)	4698 (18)	32013	460	1.62%
Venezuela	14783	209162 (1292)	2304 (13)	7373	81	3.94%
Oman	14392	202137 (787)	2138 (18)	38745	410	2.59%
Bahrain	13989	191018 (1662)	691 (6)	109048	394	5.53%
Kuwait	13511	286046 (978)	1652 (7)	66146	382	2.87%
Guatemala	12967	235304 (206)	7736 (3)	12930	425	2.73%

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Ireland	12546	253189 (380)	4921 (0)	50791	987	1.14%
Cambodia	11797	19743 (506)	126 (6)	1167	7	22.20%
West Bank & Gaza	11665	302249 (498)	3378 (20)	58099	649	1.34%
Denmark	11327	260687 (932)	2498 (0)	44751	430	2.42%
Albania	11296	131753 (30)	2416 (4)	45826	840	0.36%
N Macedonia	10572	154051 (25)	5109 (16)	73946	2452	0.85%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Libya	10474	180226 (256)	3072 (2)	25928	442	1.05%
Maldives	10385	37019 (1204)	87 (3)	67471	159	15.37%
Armenia	9904	219353 (83)	4249 (15)	73906	1432	1.07%
Saudi Arabia	9469	427370 (986)	7085 (13)	12115	201	1.65%
Slovenia	8949	246231 (147)	4299 (6)	118427	2068	1.77%
Latvia	8874	124301 (338)	2213 (1)	66533	1185	3.50%

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Qatar	8325	211389 (397)	512 (4)	75286	182	1.80%
Croatia	8251	344747 (253)	7503 (34)	84424	1837	2.68%
Estonia	8109	125337 (199)	1204 (3)	94430	907	1.91%
South Korea	8053	127772 (463)	1875 (1)	2490	37	3.17%
Myanmar	7708	142963 (16)	3210 (0)	2613	59	0.08%
Somalia	7477	14415 (0)	747 (0)	886	46	3.47%
Nigeria	7085	165468 (49)	2065 (0)	786	10	0.16%
Belarus	6870	369767 (879)	2642 (10)	39143	280	2.13%
Jordan	6481	720998 (1022)	9125 (33)	70070	887	0.95%
Cuba	6044	117097 (1116)	741 (9)	10344	65	6.38%
Slovakia	5744	385786 (311)	12051 (32)	70632	2206	0.66%
Afghanistan	5311	62403 (340)	2710 (12)	1573	68	3.39%
Kyrgyzstan	5178	98654 (254)	1660 (5)	14911	251	2.35%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Mali	4574	14115 (7)	502 (2)	680	24	1.26%
Panama	4278	367908 (252)	6277 (6)	84137	1435	0.71%
Lesotho	4027	10773 (0)	319 (0)	4995	148	0.37%
Sudan	3877	34272 (63)	2446 (1)	766	55	3.41%
Trinidad and Tobago	3858	13454 (99)	215 (4)	9587	153	14.74%
Uzbekistan	3805	94759 (362)	662 (0)	2797	20	2.91%
Morocco	3700	513932 (58)	9078 (5)	13784	243	0.39%
Angola	3467	28875 (135)	636 (3)	856	19	6.03%
Burundi	3421	4200 (23)	6 (0)	345	1	3.67%
Gabon	3371	23565 (133)	143 (0)	10379	63	1.54%
Cameroon	3297	74946 (0)	1152 (0)	2765	42	3.60%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3144	30350 (27)	772 (0)	330	8	1.14%
Moldova	3109	252798 (49)	5958 (6)	62793	1480	0.56%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Congo (Brazzaville)	2987	11343 (196)	148 (0)	2013	26	2.88%
Cabo Verde	2941	26578 (137)	235 (3)	47364	419	7.64%
Syria	2751	23439 (60)	1664 (7)	1312	93	1.97%
Nicaragua	2581	6989 (0)	183 (0)	1044	27	1.30%
Seychelles	2486	8172 (314)	28 (0)	82656	283	22.01%
El Salvador	2301	70380 (0)	2158 (4)	10804	331	1.30%
Guinea	2228	22645 (12)	150 (0)	1685	11	1.38%
Yemen	2209	6485 (3)	1275 (4)	213	42	1.88%
Madagascar	2178	39162 (150)	729 (7)	1384	26	3.60%
Luxembourg	2167	68431 (278)	804 (3)	107822	1267	1.37%
Namibia	2134	50209 (139)	691 (2)	19460	268	3.10%
Botswana	2000	49041 (624)	751 (17)	20501	314	2.43%
Guyana	1848	14442 (80)	327 (2)	18286	414	6.08%

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
Montenegro	1751	98365 (62)	1544 (4)	156599	2458	0.66%
Timor-Leste	1665	3353 (126)	5 (0)	2503	4	24.72%
Mozambique	1659	70283 (71)	825 (2)	2196	26	0.40%
Ghana	1531	93011 (60)	783 (0)	2941	25	0.35%
CAR	1469	6674 (0)	93 (0)	1362	19	3.94%
Papua New Guinea	1366	12086 (203)	121 (0)	1329	13	6.82%
Togo	1348	13167 (13)	125 (1)	1559	15	1.19%
Rwanda	1221	25714 (62)	338 (0)	1944	26	1.57%
Suriname	1164	11213 (101)	218 (3)	18969	369	5.98%
Laos	1088	1327 (25)	1 (0)	180	0	27.20%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
California	1693276	3760303 (2275)	62334 (20)	95181	1577	0.34%
Virginia	600969	666986 (336)	10902 (7)	78142	1277	0.76%
New York	456416	2074079 (1653)	52729 (41)	109126	2725	0.81%
Maryland	434175	453401 (276)	8861 (10)	74996	1466	0.86%
Kentucky	390685	449107 (155)	6597 (11)	100524	1477	0.81%
Florida	383188	2272102 (2296)	35783 (52)	105789	1666	1.16%
South Carolina	336993	584932 (415)	9596 (4)	113607	1864	0.71%
Michigan	241786	964943 (2987)	19411 (34)	96621	1944	1.99%
Washington	206770	415705 (1725)	5586 (22)	54902	741	2.05%
New Jersey	171669	1008046 (152)	25810 (9)	113491	2906	0.70%
Georgia	143219	1110418 (460)	20368 (0)	104585	1918	0.61%
Rhode Island	138181	149948 (371)	2690 (3)	141546	2539	0.85%
Colorado	116540	524190 (881)	6357 (0)	91025	1132	1.81%
Illinois	94031	1356299 (1430)	24590 (13)	107040	1941	1.08%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Pennsylvania	92106	1175850 (1783)	26526 (33)	92146	2082	1.36%
Texas	80044	2917219 (2715)	50665 (22)	100782	1755	0.54%
Idaho	78147	189128 (340)	2061 (0)	105832	1153	0.58%
Wisconsin	70447	666401 (221)	7652 (0)	103617	1186	0.65%
Missouri	59162	597344 (247)	9230 (4)	96214	1543	0.59%
Maine	50461	64219 (225)	795 (0)	47766	591	3.31%
Nebraska	48317	221500 (66)	2252 (0)	114505	1161	0.58%
Hawaii	34320	34808 (60)	488 (0)	23496	345	1.87%
Ohio	28758	1084322 (713)	19428 (0)	92764	1662	0.77%
Oregon	28431	191774 (369)	2533 (3)	45468	601	2.55%
Connecticut	25786	343545 (827)	8154 (17)	96358	2287	0.87%
Indiana	23974	730306 (590)	13419 (1)	108479	1993	0.94%
Louisiana	22495	462868 (1095)	10438 (5)	99567	2245	0.76%
North Carolina	20532	984251 (3753)	12790 (10)	93845	1219	1.01%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Puerto Rico	19978	135726 (183)	2384 (10)	75722	701	1.63%
Arizona	19236	869472 (642)	17409 (0)	119454	2392	0.56%
Massachusetts	18441	697872 (474)	17698 (16)	101251	2568	0.88%
Nevada	17371	318780 (800)	5506 (8)	103495	1788	0.80%
District of Columbia	12868	48195 (15)	1110 (0)	68289	1573	0.61%
Minnesota	11592	588952 (1190)	7324 (0)	104431	1296	1.46%
Alaska	10987	69117 (237)	349 (0)	90698	469	1.00%
New Mexico	10762	199901 (568)	4106 (8)	95335	1958	1.08%
Alabama	10316	531094 (106)	10978 (0)	108316	2239	0.43%
Iowa	10141	367912 (195)	5985 (0)	126088	1897	0.59%
Tennessee	9484	854360 (1519)	12276 (21)	125104	1798	0.58%
Kansas	8264	312401 (351)	5017 (0)	106726	1722	0.41%
Utah	7918	400559 (207)	2225 (1)	124942	694	0.58%
Delaware	7322	106252 (104)	1641 (5)	109115	1685	1.12%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
West Virginia	6983	156617 (211)	2729 (3)	87391	1523	1.54%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Mississippi	4569	313675 (509)	7234 (6)	105396	2431	0.41%
Oklahoma	2523	449041 (0)	6832 (0)	113803	1727	0.04%
Arkansas	2109	337586 (76)	5764 (3)	111865	1910	0.42%
Vermont	1798	23541 (55)	249 (0)	37727	399	1.63%
New Hampshire	1492	96801 (177)	1315 (0)	71192	967	1.34%
South Dakota	1211	123310 (77)	1981 (1)	139387	2239	0.46%
Montana	1101	109935 (11)	1592 (0)	102860	1490	0.77%

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