

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

February 23, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Canada's House of Commons declares that China is committing genocide in Xinjiang.

The US surpassed grim milestone of 500,000 coronavirus deaths.

Brazil's currency slides after Bolsonaro moved to replace Petrobras's CEO, raising fears of more state intervention.

## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The measure passed by Canada's parliament declaring that China is committing genocide in China also called on the International Olympic Committee to move the 2022 Winter Olympics from Beijing. The Canadian motion is just the beginning of boycott calls around the 2022 Winter Olympics, which is becoming an increasingly salient symbol of protest against China.

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# Global

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## Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 111.7 million, with deaths at 2.47 million.

- **Avian influenza** (bird flu) in Europe is now approaching levels last seen in 2016. Asia is also experiencing outbreaks of the same highly pathogenic H5N8 strain. Russia said over the weekend it has registered the first case of A(H5N8) bird flu being passed to humans from birds in seven workers at a poultry plant, raising concern that the virus could **mutate into a human-to-human disease**. The disease tends to start in autumn, carried by migrating wild birds on their way from Asia to Europe.
- A new survey by Education Finance Watch found that two-thirds of lower-middle income countries have cut their **public education spending** since the start of the pandemic.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**In the first study to examine the effects of a nationwide vaccination campaign, Scottish researchers found that the first doses of the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines reduced hospitalization among the elderly by 85 percent and 94 percent, respectively in Britain.**

- The US FDA ruled out requiring vaccine manufacturers apply for new **approval for COVID-19 vaccines** that are adapted to target new variants.
- Sanofi said it will help package **Johnson & Johnson's** vaccine at its French factory if European regulators give the shot approval.
- The WHO agreed to establish a fund to compensate people who experience serious side effects of COVID-19 vaccines supplied by the **Covax facility**.
- **Ukraine** is poised to start vaccinating its citizens after it received the first batch of Oxford/AstraZeneca doses produced by India's Serum Institute.
- **Thailand** granted emergency approval for Sinovac's CoronaVac.
- Sinopharm is applying for general use approval in **China** for a second coronavirus vaccine, this one developed by Sinopharm subsidiary Wuhan Institute of Biological Products.

# COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 212.15 million have received vaccinations.

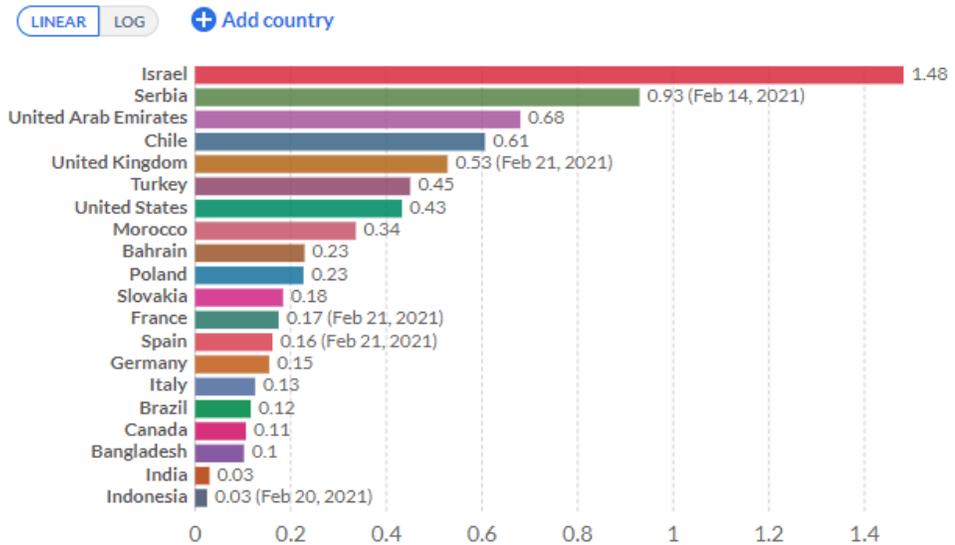
Chile is leading Latin America, and much of the world, in rapid rollout of its vaccination program; 15.4 percent of Chileans have received at least one dose of vaccine. Chile began vaccinations three weeks ago.



Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Feb 22, 2021

Our World in Data

Shown is the rolling 7-day average 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).



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 23 February, 10:30 (London time)

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# Markets

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## Oil prices rose on Tuesday, underpinned by the likely easing of COVID-19 lockdowns around the world, positive economic forecasts and lower output from the US.

- **European shares** reversed early gains to trade lower on Tuesday as mixed corporate earnings updates overshadowed a boost from strong commodity prices.
- **Asian shares** were mixed after a rough day on Wall Street. The Chinese stock benchmark suffered its biggest drop in more than six months on Monday over concerns that the country's rapid recovery from the pandemic could bring on quicker removal of support for asset prices.
- **US tech stocks** fell sharply Monday, sending the Nasdaq down 2.5 percent on rising inflation expectations.
- **Bitcoin** tumbled 17 percent on Tuesday, sparking a sell-off across cryptocurrency markets as investors grew nervous at sky-high valuations and leveraged players took profit.
- Secretary Yellen said that the US Treasury may be able to facilitate **climate stress tests on US banks** and insurers, but such tests would be unlikely to impose capital requirements or limit dividends.
- **Brazil's markets and currency** slid Monday after President Bolsonaro moved to replace Petrobras's chief executive over a dispute about oil prices, raising fears of more state intervention. Brazil's market regulator CVM announced an investigation into the replacement.

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# Business

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## Facebook will restore Australian news pages after negotiating changes with the government to a proposed law that forces tech giants to pay for media content displayed on their platforms.

- **Royal Caribbean** lost almost \$6 billion in 2020 but saw some recovery in H2; while cruises remain suspended through April, the company has successfully tapped capital markets for some \$9.3 billion and is looking to an improved outlook in H2 2021.
- **Spotify** will roll out a new, pricier subscription providing better sound quality, but said that it will “tread carefully” on raising base prices.
- Seven **US airlines** said that they would provide international passenger information to the US government to aid in contact tracing, reversing earlier positions.
- A UK court ruled that **Epic Games**, the creator of Fortnite, could not pursue its case against **Apple** for its app store pricing practices in the UK.
- **HSBC** plans to nearly halve its office space globally over the long term as part of a renewed cost-cutting drive set out on Tuesday, in a further sign the COVID-19 pandemic is leading companies to make drastic changes to working patterns.
- **Dominion Voting Systems** sued **MyPillow** CEO Mike Lindell, alleging defamation for his accusations that the company rigged the 2020 election.
- Battery maker **Enovix Corp** is poised to go public through a SPAC in a deal valued at \$1.1 billion.
- Electric vehicle start-up **Lucid Motors** has agreed to go public in a \$24 billion deal.

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# How do You Manage Incident Response?

*2021 has already seen business disrupted by extreme weather, ransomware attack, the ongoing pandemic and more. The common refrain “It’s not if, but when” rings truer than ever for disruptive incidents that will impact business as usual.*

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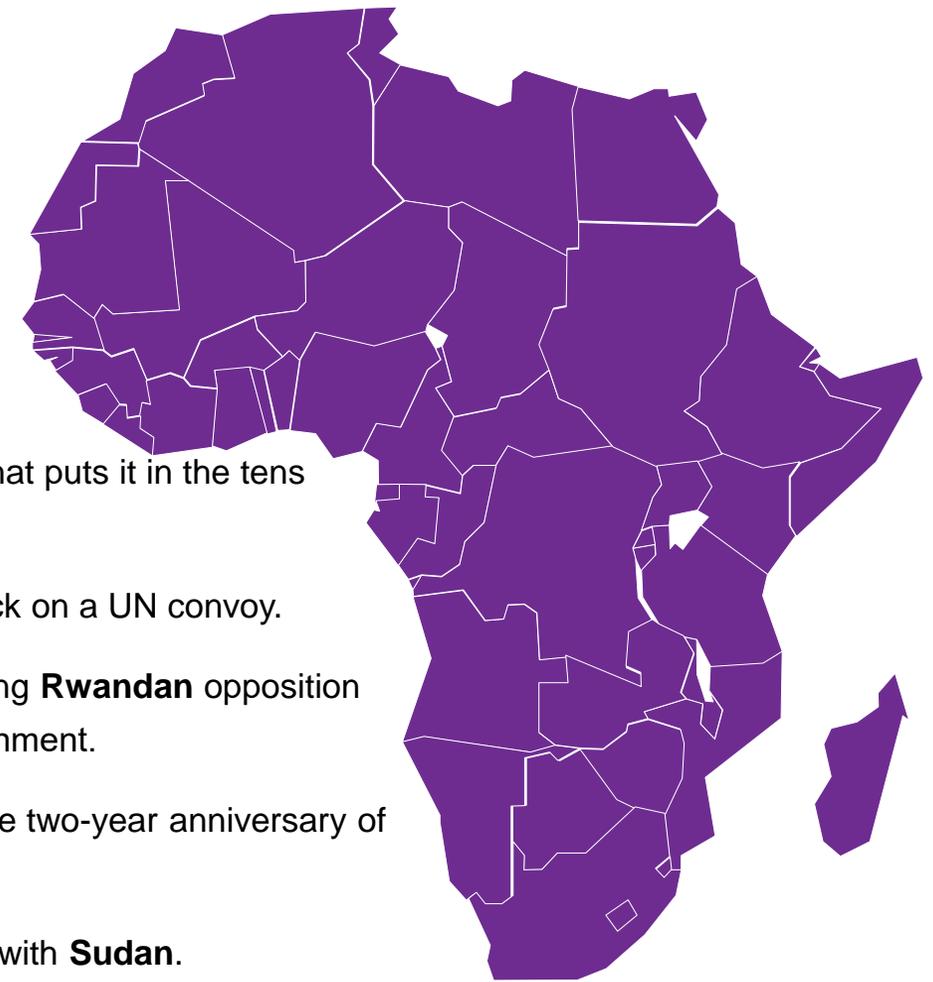
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# Africa

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- The **Rwandan** government eased some COVID-19 restrictions, reopening schools and allowing some businesses to operate at limited capacity.
- **Nigeria's** COVID-19 case count could be in the millions rather than the official tally that puts it in the tens of thousands, a survey by a national public health institute has found.
- **Italy's** ambassador to the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** was killed in an attack on a UN convoy.
- **South Africa** police have launched a murder inquiry into the killing of an exiled leading **Rwandan** opposition politician in Cape Town, with the victim's party blaming the crime on Rwanda's government.
- Thousands of protesters marched in Algiers, **Algeria** on Monday to commemorate the two-year anniversary of the anti-government Hirak movement.
- The **Ethiopian** government called on the African Union to mediate its border conflict with **Sudan**.
- **Ugandan** opposition political Bobi Wine unveiled an armored vehicle that he will use in public engagements, following multiple instances of violence between Wine's supporters and Ugandan police.
- **Tanzania's** President Magufuli advised his citizens to adopt coronavirus safety measures, apparently bowing to WHO pressure or responding to an un-reported domestic case spike after denying the spread of COVID-19 in the country since April.



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# Asia

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- A number of **Chinese** citizens have been detained for comments about soldiers who died in the 2020 **China-India** border clash. Those detained are being investigated under a 2018 Chinese law banning acts diminishing “*heroes and martyrs.*”
- Rights groups are seeking a court order to prevent **Malaysia** from deporting 1,200 Myanmar nationals.
- Air **New Zealand** will trial a digital travel pass to give airlines and border authorities access to vaccine status and health information.
- The senior Beijing official handling **Hong Kong and Macau** affairs said that Hong Kong must be ruled by “*patriots.*” Two Guangdong officials have reportedly joined the leadership of the national security office in Hong Kong, set up by Beijing last year.

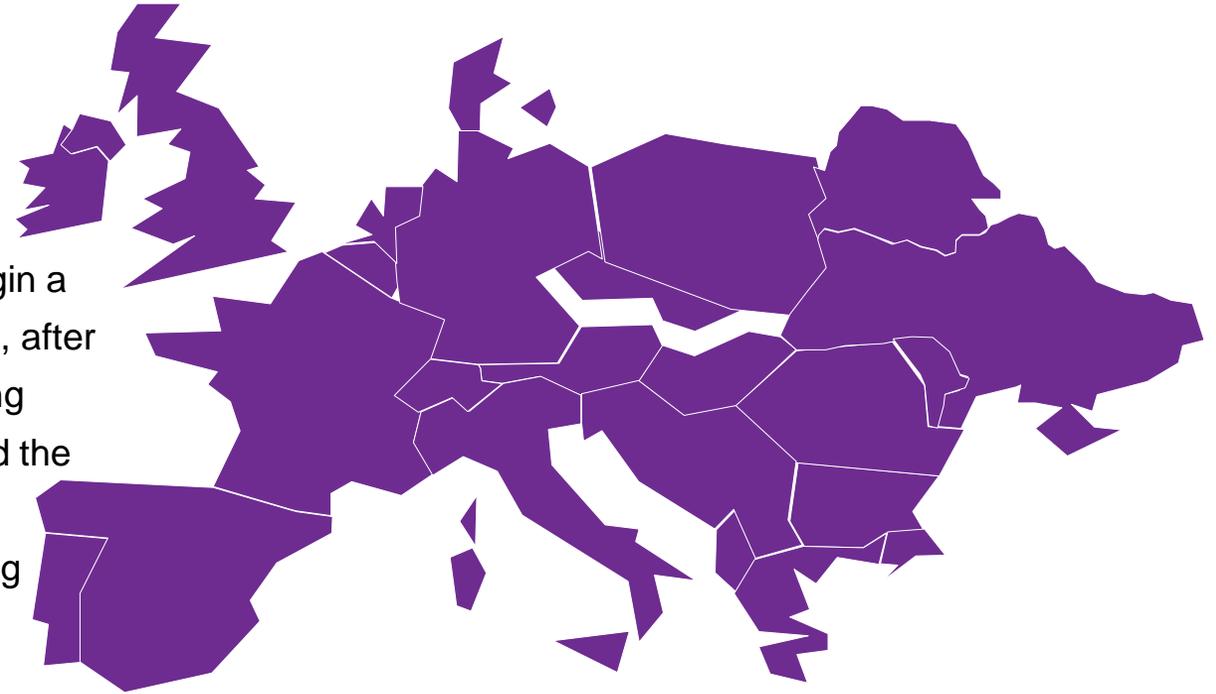


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# Europe

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- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson announced that England is set to begin a four-stage exit from lockdown with reopening schools on March 8, after which non-essential shops could open from April 12 and remaining restrictions could be lifted by mid-June. Business groups stressed the need to help sectors that will exit lockdown last. NHS leaders welcomed Johnson's "*data not dates*" framework for the reopening but warned him against allowing public pressure to change this approach.
- **EU** foreign ministers agreed in principle to sanction at least four **Russians** over the jailing of Alexei Navalny, the first use of the human rights-focused Magnitsky sanctions regime agreed to in December. The EU criticized **China's** crackdown on **Hong Kong** but stopped short of introducing any new sanctions.
- **Georgian** authorities arrested the opposition leader on Tuesday, deepening the South Caucasus country's political rift and plunging yet another ex-Soviet state into crisis.
- One of **Greek's** largest banks agreed to offload a €10.8 billion book of loans to **US** hedge fund Davidson Kempner, as the country's banking sectors seeks to move on from toxic debt and the lingering effects of the financial crisis.

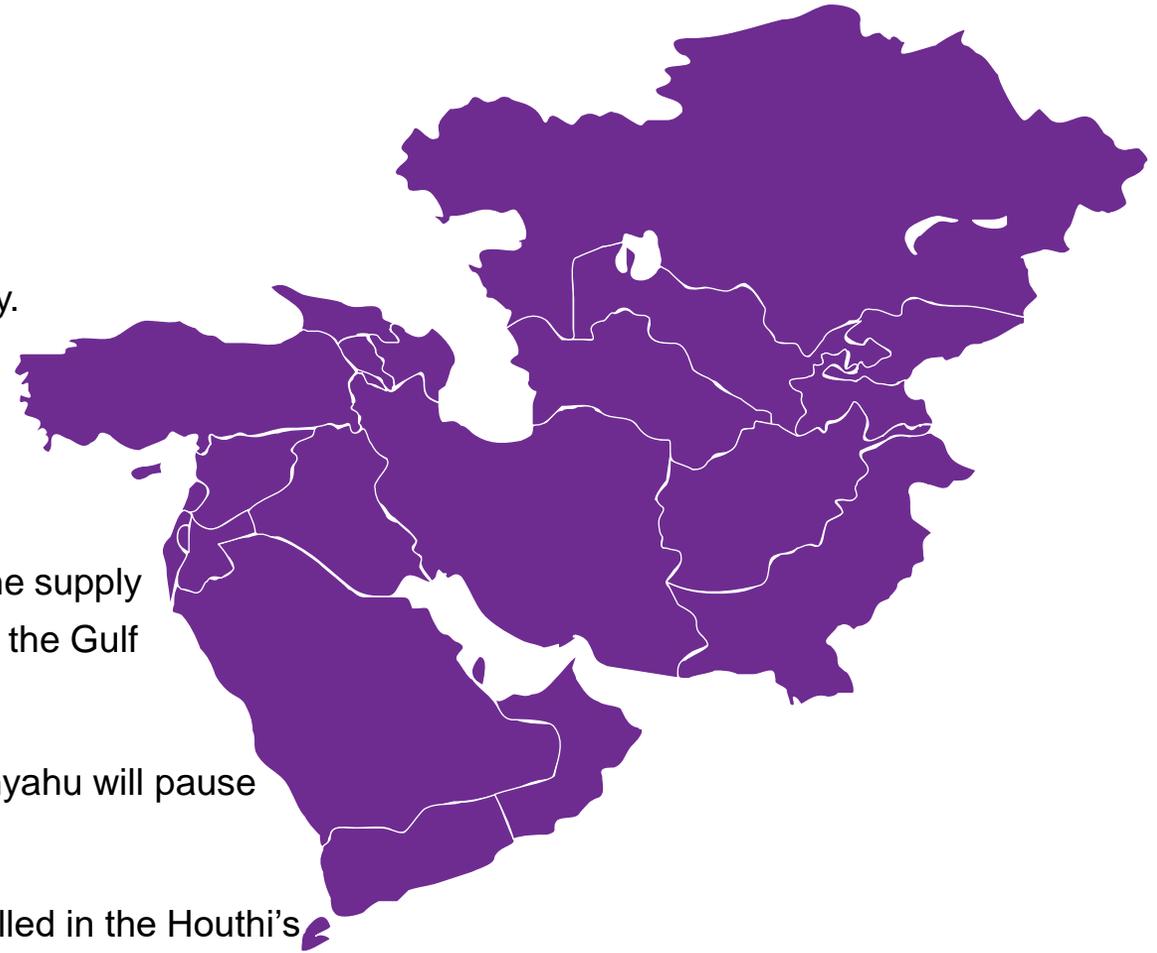


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# Middle East

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- At least two rockets hit **Iraq's** Green Zone, aiming at the US Embassy.
- Delegates from the **UAE and Qatar** met in Kuwait to discuss advancing the Al Ula Agreement, which ended the four-year Gulf-Qatar dispute.
- **UAE** state-owned weapons maker EDGE expects to be involved in the supply chain of Lockheed Martin's F-35 war plane if the sale of **US** planes to the Gulf Arab state goes ahead.
- **Israeli** courts decided that the corruption trial of Prime Minister Netanyahu will pause until the conclusion of the March elections.
- In **Yemen**, military officials say that hundreds of fighters have been killed in the Houthi's offensive on Marib province, one of highest death tolls seen in Yemen since 2018.
- A last-minute deal between **Iran** and the IAEA over snap inspections may create a narrow diplomatic window for engagement between Washington and Tehran on the revival of the JCPOA. Iranian Supreme Leader Khamenei said that Iran may enrich uranium to 60 percent "*if necessary*," apparently resisting **US** pressure on the nuclear program.

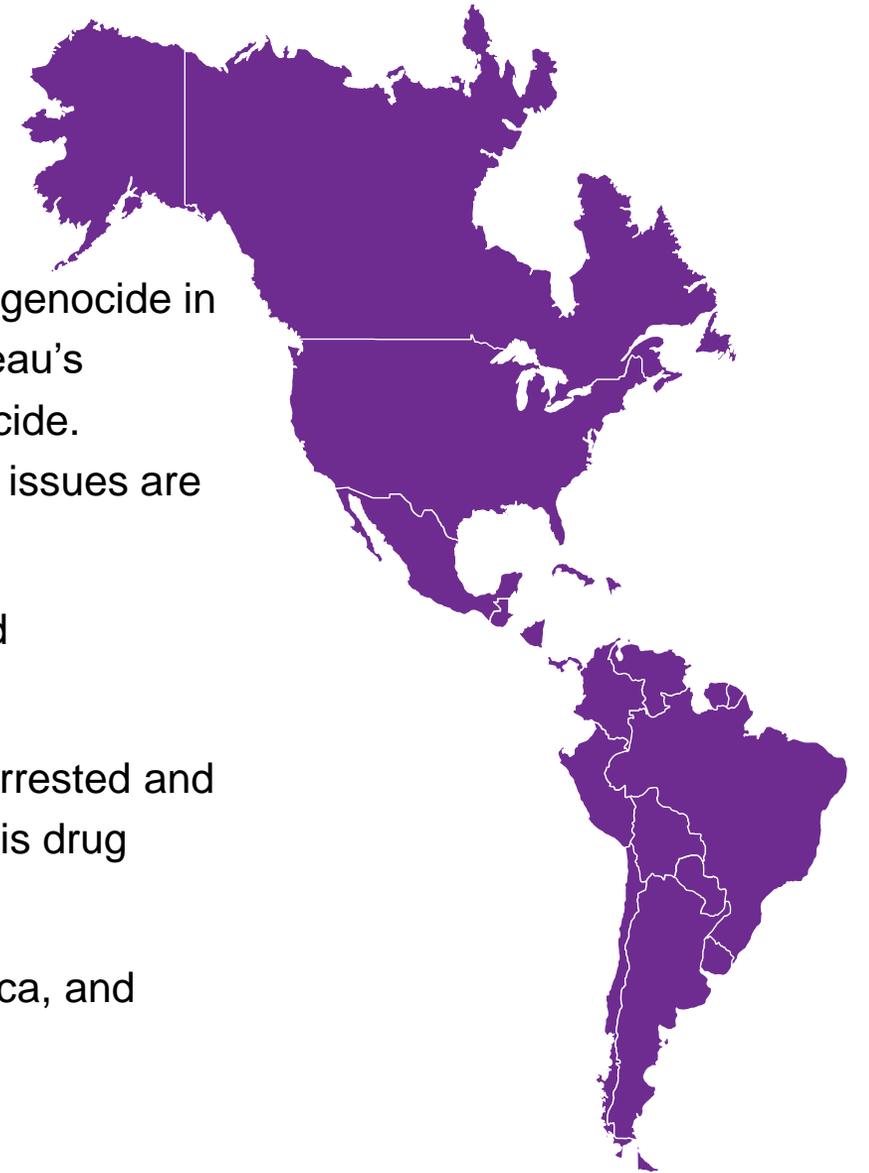


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# Americas

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- **Canada's** House of Commons voted to declare that **China** is committing genocide in Xinjiang. Prime Minister Trudeau's cabinet abstained from the vote; Trudeau's government now faces renewed pressure to follow suit and declare genocide. Today, Trudeau will meet virtually with **US** President Biden; China-related issues are likely to be discussed.
- The **EU** imposed sanctions on 19 **Venezuelan** officials over election fraud accusations in December's legislative elections.
- The wife of **Mexican** drug cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman was arrested and charged in the **US** on Monday with helping her husband continue to run his drug trafficking cartel while he was behind bars.
- **Chile** surpassed 800,000 virus infections, the sixth highest in Latin America, and 20,000 deaths.



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# Americas: US



- **COVID-19 deaths** surpassed 500,000, a staggering number for a high-income country with a world class health system. The nation reported its smallest daily increase in **new coronavirus cases** in more than four months. **Hospitalizations** dropped to 55,403, the lowest level since early November. Nationally, 44.1 million people have received one or more **vaccine doses**.
- The House budget committee approved legislation on Biden's \$1.9 trillion **relief package**, teeing it up for a floor vote later this week. President Biden announced a 14-day exclusive loan program for **Paycheck Protection Program** applicants with fewer than 20 employees.
- In his confirmation hearing, Biden's Attorney General pick Merrick Garland promised to focus first on Capitol riot **investigations and prosecutions**.
- The Supreme Court blocked former **President Trump's** efforts to prevent a New York prosecutor from obtaining his tax records.
- Analysts warn that the **low vaccine acceptance rate** in the military poses a risk to US Indo-Pacific deterrence posture, as outbreaks aboard aircraft carriers remain a threat. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that people who have been vaccinated are no longer required to **quarantine** after exposure to someone infected with the coronavirus, as long as they have received both doses of the vaccine and at least two weeks have passed since the second shot.

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# Emerging and Existing Hotspots: Expanding Gulf Influence in the Horn of Africa

By Anni Coonan

*In recent years, Gulf Arab states have pursued an increasingly assertive foreign policy in the Horn of Africa. To safeguard a variety of political, economic, and national security interests, the Gulf states - most prominently the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, and Qatar - have deepened their relationships and footprints from the Red Sea to the Sahara. Increased Gulf assertiveness has the potential to complicate and amplify the politics and conflicts of the Horn, however, as political and military crises in the region deepen, great power competition persists, and Gulf tensions play out on larger and larger stages.*

The Gulf Arab states first turned to the Horn of Africa in earnest following a food price crisis from 2008-2010; seeking to avoid further volatility in food supply chains, Saudi Arabia and the UAE (both of whom still import the majority of their food) began to purchase agricultural lands and water resources in Sudan, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. Today, the UAE and Saudi Arabia primarily see the region as an arena in which to outpace the influence of Iran, Turkey, and political Islam in their neighborhood, while Qatar, which enjoys closer relations with all three groups, attempts to balance itself against its neighbors. It is clear that Iran sees the Horn of Africa as a spillover region for its tensions with the UAE and Saudi Arabia as well: just this month, Israeli and US intelligence confirmed that 15 people

arrested for plotting an attack against the Emirati embassy in Addis Ababa were funded by Tehran. Gulf states also have vested interests in maintaining the free flow of trade in the Red Sea, and in developing their military footprints in the Horn, to enhance their influence in the region and secure a launchpad to mount operations in Yemen, the Red Sea, and the Horn itself. The UAE and Saudi Arabia constructed military bases in Eritrea and Djibouti, respectively, in 2016 and 2017, and the UAE maintains a presence in Somaliland; Saudi Arabia still uses its Djibouti base to stage its operations in Yemen, while the UAE has recently announced that it will scale down its presence in Eritrea after withdrawing from the Yemen war in 2019. In the past two years, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have spearheaded

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two regional bodies dedicated to the region - the Red Sea Security Alliance in January of 2019, and the Red Sea Council in January 2020. The Red Sea states, for their part, value Gulf economic investment and alignment on Red Sea security issues.

The Gulf states maintain complicated - and complicating - relationships with the Horn of Africa states, and while some have posited that the Gulf states could mediate in ongoing conflicts, their role is likely to be limited. The UAE and Saudi Arabia enjoy some influence in Ethiopia, where a conflict between the central government and the Tigray region has drawn in its neighbors: Eritrea, which has a history of border conflicts with Ethiopia, and Sudan, which has reported an influx of Tigrayan refugees., the UAE and Saudi Arabia enjoy some influence. Both the UAE and Saudi Arabia played a role in the 2018 peace accord between Ethiopia and Eritrea, but have remained largely silent on the Tigray conflict, likely in the hopes that the conflict will burn itself out or, failing that, to avoid picking sides between Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, with whom both Riyadh and Tehran have close relationships, and Eritrea, where the UAE maintains a military base and other investments. Similarly, Gulf states could play a role in mediating the trilateral

dispute between Ethiopia, Sudan, and Egypt over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), although they have largely let mediation efforts fall to the African Union and other neighbors, again aiming to avoid picking sides or inflaming tensions between their regional allies. Where they do get involved, Gulf involvement has sometimes driven disputes; For example, following the Sudanese coup of 2019, the US asked Riyadh and Abu Dhabi not to undermine the interim civilian government; the central government in Somalia has accused the UAE of meddling in its internal politics and heightening tensions between Mogadishu and the breakaway territory Somaliland, after the UAE planned multiple military bases in Somaliland and an Emirati firm signed contracts with the semi-autonomous Somaliland and the Somali Puntland State, which Mogadishu said contravened federal authority.

In addition to regional conflicts, increased Gulf engagement in the Horn ties into broader themes of great power competition in the region. Of course, neither Saudi Arabia, the UAE nor Qatar could be characterized as in competition with China, as all three states have partnered with Beijing in other areas, and China's influence in Africa

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is primarily economic via the Belt and Road Initiative (as well as its Djibouti base, which was its first foreign installment and shares a short stretch of coastline with Saudi Arabia and the US). While the Gulf states and China are not overtly competing for political or military influence in the region, Chinese investment may curtail Gulf abilities to use alliances and investment to build their own regional influence and foster an anti-political Islam bloc, and China is expected to deepen its foothold as time goes on.

Gulf states also must contend with Russian influence in the region: Moscow is deepening its engagement throughout the continent via military engagements and arms sales. Last December, Russia signed an agreement to establish a navy base in Port Sudan and is reportedly considering constructing a base in Somaliland's Berbera Port, where the UAE maintains a presence. As with China, the Gulf states do not have a confrontational relationship with Russia (indeed, to the northwest, the UAE and Russia are aligned in support for eastern forces in Libya's civil war) but the Gulf states regard the Horn

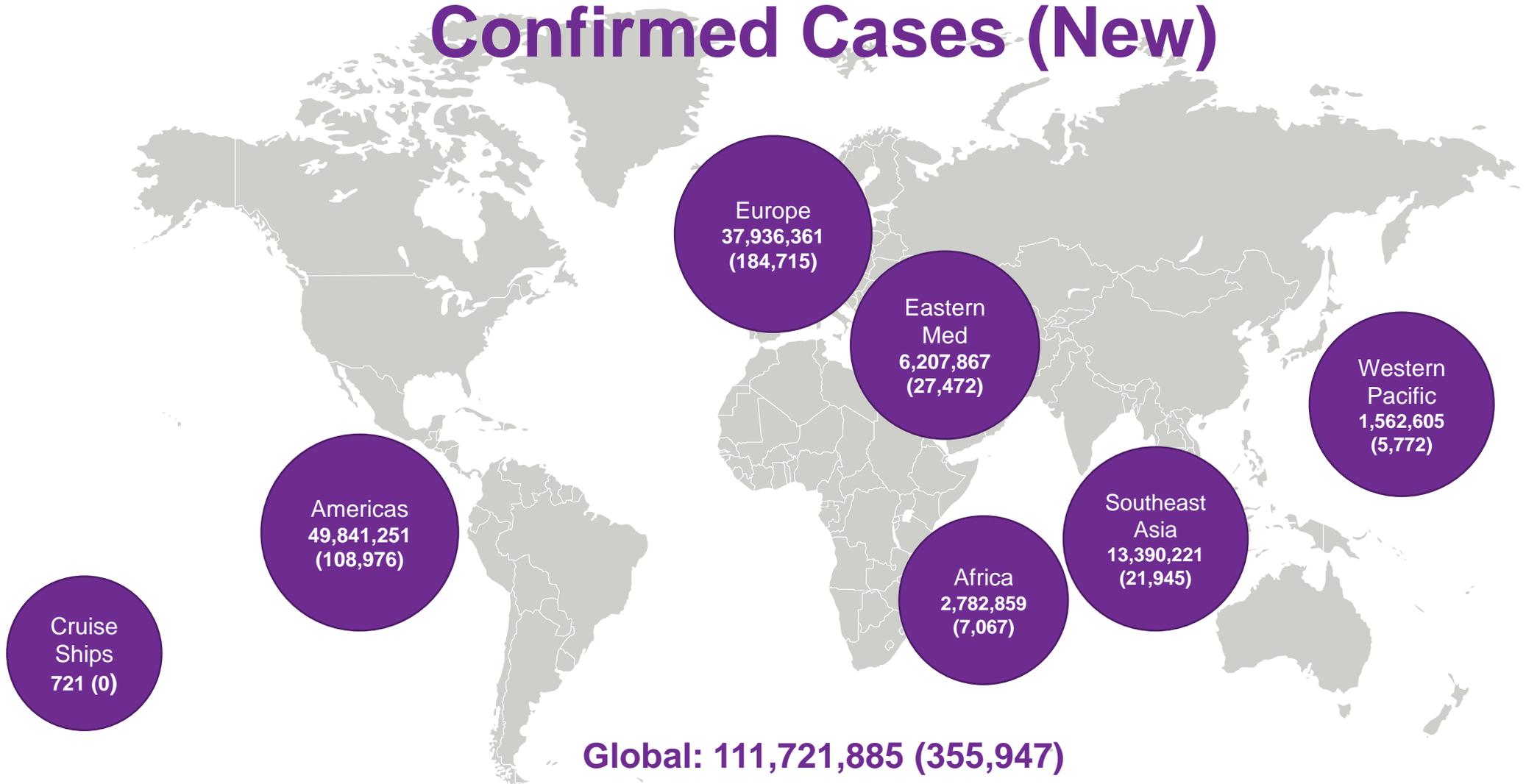
of Africa as their neighborhood, not Russia or China's, and will seek to expand their footprint before others can get there. Even as the Horn of Africa becomes an increasingly volatile and crowded region - amid the Tigray and GERD disputes, domestic political crisis Somalia, tenuous democratic transition in Sudan, and increasing presence from the Gulf neighbors and great power competitors - Gulf countries will continue to seek to expand there, regarding the region as enduringly central to their own national security and ideological interests.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on February 22, 2021

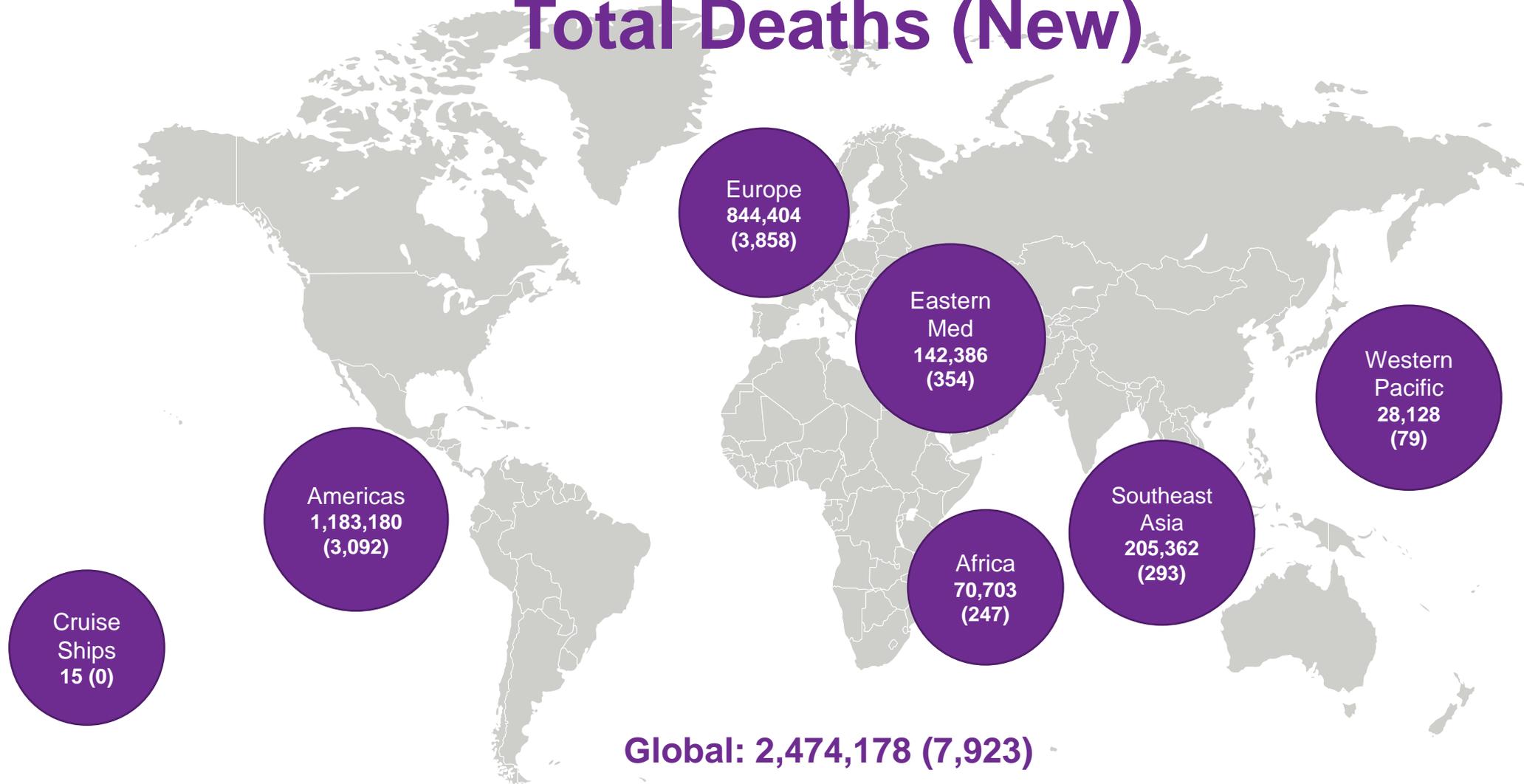
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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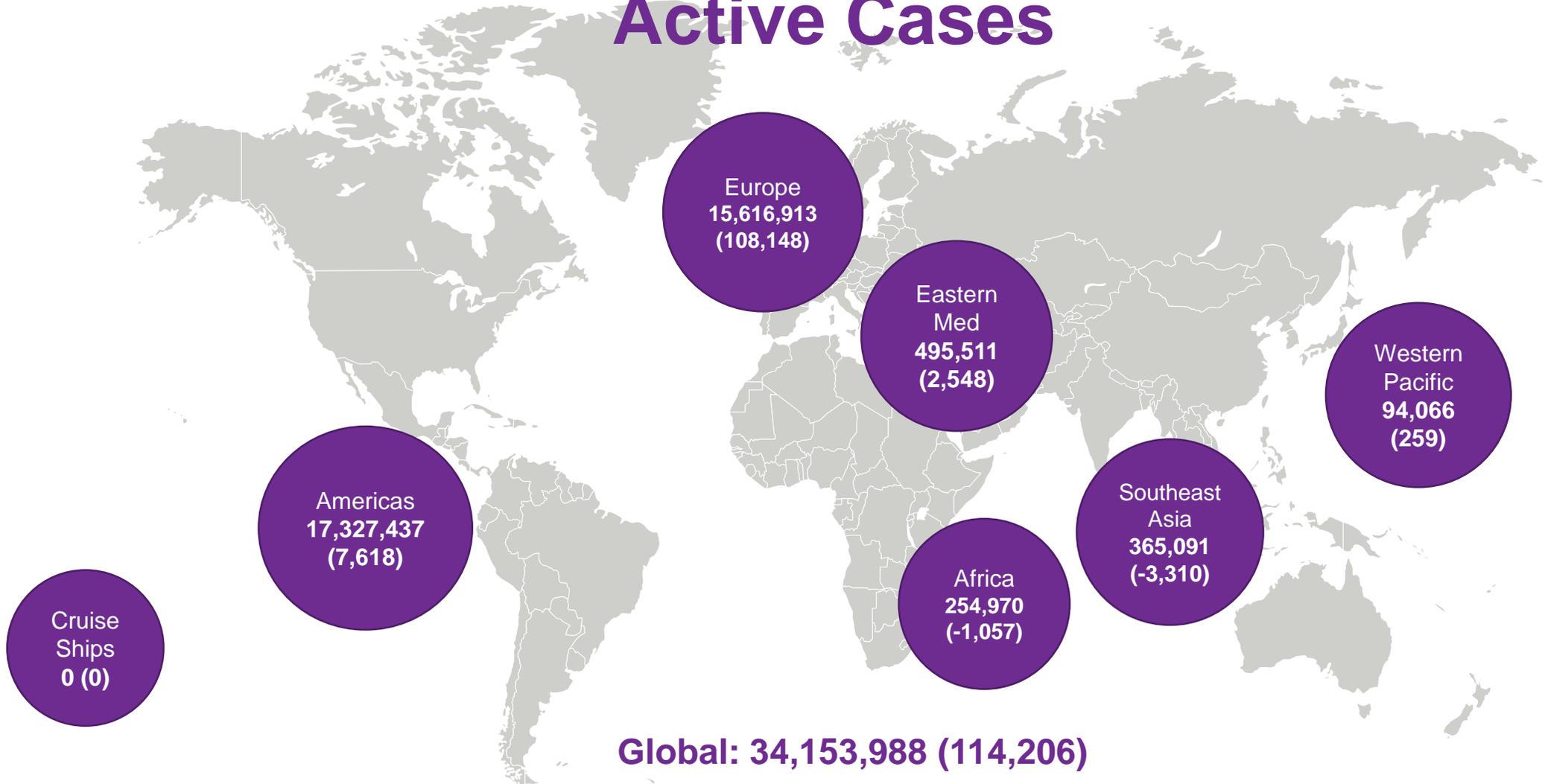
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	15612635	28190159 (56044)	500310 (1413)	86759	1543	1.76%
UK	4005903	4138233 (10659)	120988 (178)	60575	1773	1.90%
France	3327842	3669354 (71814)	84764 (1218)	55224	1294	3.83%
Spain	2935959	3153971 (20849)	67636 (535)	67441	1446	2.15%
Netherlands	1045936	1075425 (4202)	15372 (32)	61820	889	2.70%
Brazil	839812	10195160 (26986)	247143 (639)	47756	1158	3.22%
Belgium	733671	755594 (1121)	21923 (20)	64916	1885	2.13%
Sweden	618517	631166 (0)	12649 (0)	62245	1247	3.61%
Serbia	435245	439596 (2956)	4351 (14)	50444	499	3.95%
Italy	387903	2818863 (9617)	95992 (274)	46667	1589	3.18%
Russia	363237	4130447 (12455)	82255 (329)	28617	573	2.18%
Mexico	261072	2043632 (2252)	180536 (429)	15726	1388	2.34%
Switzerland	222717	550224 (2449)	9907 (20)	63277	1139	1.28%
Poland	216097	1642658 (3891)	42188 (17)	43434	1116	3.11%

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Ireland	188242	215743 (686)	4137 (1)	43380	832	2.48%
Iran	171313	1582275 (8263)	59572 (89)	18684	703	3.56%
Indonesia	157148	1288833 (10180)	34691 (202)	4680	126	5.04%
India	147306	11016434 (10584)	156463 (78)	7932	113	0.82%
Argentina	146179	2069751 (5417)	51359 (161)	45526	1130	1.97%
Ukraine	139155	1354545 (3355)	26531 (61)	30018	577	2.62%
Czechia	120444	1157180 (4021)	19330 (116)	107935	1814	5.73%
Germany	118697	2399499 (4984)	68363 (417)	28580	819	2.19%
Honduras	96932	165737 (642)	4024 (28)	16500	399	2.87%
Turkey	88938	2646526 (8104)	28138 (78)	31163	331	1.98%
Hungary	82649	405646 (2623)	14347 (48)	42060	1488	4.15%
Portugal	80642	798074 (549)	16023 (61)	78416	1574	1.38%
Greece	80587	180672 (870)	6321 (24)	17389	608	4.34%
Lebanon	80027	356614 (1541)	4387 (47)	52400	645	4.42%

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Norway	50152	68758 (226)	608 (1)	12619	112	2.77%
Dominican Republic	46870	235882 (420)	3048 (10)	21605	279	2.25%
Colombia	45994	2229663 (3401)	58974 (140)	43521	1151	1.40%
Bolivia	45588	243176 (884)	11470 (29)	20576	972	2.48%
Bangladesh	43302	543717 (366)	8356 (7)	3280	50	0.49%
South Africa	41872	1504588 (792)	49150 (97)	25164	822	0.78%
Israel	40008	754998 (4955)	5596 (19)	82087	608	3.27%
Iraq	37761	671801 (3864)	13295 (23)	16466	326	3.74%
Romania	35909	781329 (1634)	19894 (47)	40791	1039	2.31%
Albania	35286	101285 (1039)	1681 (15)	35220	585	7.34%
Malaysia	32076	285761 (2192)	1062 (6)	8757	33	6.76%
Algeria	31905	112094 (177)	2964 (3)	2527	67	1.07%
Tunisia	31768	228937 (575)	7811 (18)	19241	656	2.35%

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Cyprus	31104	33391 (131)	230 (1)	27527	190	2.29%
Slovakia	30915	292792 (649)	6577 (72)	53612	1204	4.97%
Canada	30792	854190 (3453)	21720 (45)	22382	572	2.55%
Egypt	30187	178774 (623)	10404 (51)	1726	100	2.43%
Philippines	28488	563456 (2287)	12094 (6)	5098	109	2.24%
Bulgaria	27629	238591 (1925)	9933 (79)	34506	1437	3.29%
Costa Rica	27612	202674 (996)	2782 (19)	39553	543	1.31%
Jordan	26349	368278 (4550)	4570 (16)	35865	445	5.08%
Uganda	25280	40221 (8)	333 (0)	862	7	0.41%
Pakistan	24483	573384 (1050)	12658 (41)	2559	56	1.62%
Chile	22306	803009 (3549)	20126 (84)	41775	1047	2.92%
Paraguay	21759	152658 (940)	3080 (15)	21235	428	4.95%
Nigeria	21454	152616 (542)	1862 (23)	729	9	3.73%
Kazakhstan	20947	257800 (700)	3153 (1)	10999	134	2.27%

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Ethiopia	19535	153541 (735)	2293 (14)	1315	20	3.72%
Mozambique	19337	56160 (517)	599 (4)	1765	19	9.74%
Japan	18090	425725 (737)	7541 (56)	3372	59	2.02%
Kenya	16853	104306 (105)	1827 (4)	1913	34	1.24%
Austria	16436	446644 (1270)	8397 (11)	49410	929	2.67%
Finland	13399	54132 (390)	733 (7)	9760	132	6.41%
Malawi	12737	30942 (200)	1021 (8)	1591	53	5.69%
Estonia	12553	58445 (829)	540 (5)	44039	407	9.61%
Libya	11976	130212 (415)	2116 (2)	18786	305	1.93%
Lithuania	11531	194333 (282)	3178 (7)	72048	1180	1.75%
Slovenia	11032	185014 (247)	3784 (8)	88986	1820	2.83%
Moldova	11013	177407 (655)	3799 (19)	44045	943	3.87%
West Bank & Gaza	10958	174969 (1334)	1986 (10)	33795	384	3.73%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Bosnia	10766	128661 (1124)	5016 (37)	39375	1535	1.96%
Kuwait	10758	184989 (899)	1049 (5)	42909	243	3.49%
Qatar	9917	160889 (463)	257 (1)	57301	92	1.71%
Panama	9892	337087 (566)	5756 (14)	77341	1321	1.31%
Latvia	9506	81793 (274)	1546 (4)	43678	826	5.88%
UAE	8338	372530 (2105)	1140 (15)	37375	114	5.54%
Congo (Kinshasa)	8309	25144 (64)	700 (0)	275	8	3.01%
Jamaica	8292	21679 (297)	399 (3)	7300	134	10.95%
Montenegro	8158	72395 (400)	957 (7)	115257	1524	4.28%
Belarus	8107	279456 (1144)	1921 (9)	29580	203	3.46%
South Korea	7714	87681 (357)	1573 (11)	1702	30	3.83%
Oman	7484	139692 (330)	1555 (3)	26917	300	1.50%
Morocco	7407	481263 (108)	8559 (5)	12940	230	0.55%
Bahrain	7274	118530 (721)	429 (6)	68153	247	4.17%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Myanmar	7246	141761 (11)	3197 (1)	2594	59	0.09%
Lesotho	6824	10466 (5)	288 (3)	4861	134	2.03%
Ghana	6812	80759 (506)	582 (5)	2565	18	5.28%
Kosovo	6737	66480 (0)	1572 (0)			2.80%
Venezuela	6646	136545 (477)	1320 (4)	4811	47	2.17%
N Macedonia	6590	99408 (123)	3076 (13)	47716	1476	2.32%
Guatemala	6482	171289 (119)	6306 (24)	9449	348	2.28%
Uruguay	5882	53310 (495)	583 (9)	15312	167	7.41%
Denmark	5868	208715 (450)	2344 (5)	35833	404	1.55%
Sudan	5460	30128 (0)	1871 (7)	632	42	0.65%
Armenia	5241	170506 (104)	3167 (3)	57471	1067	0.73%
Australia	5143	28937 (7)	909 (0)	1126	35	0.11%
Zambia	5068	75027 (524)	1031 (11)	4009	55	6.37%
Cuba	5024	45361 (838)	300 (4)	4006	26	14.01%

## 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
Sri Lanka*	4957	80517 (518)	450 (5)	3750	21	5.08%
Syria	4922	15230 (51)	1001 (3)	857	56	2.13%
Senegal	4857	33099 (172)	814 (6)	1944	48	5.51%
Botswana	4648	27721 (1197)	300 (46)	11637	126	6.92%
Afghanistan	4289	55617 (13)	2433 (1)	1409	62	0.19%
El Salvador	3104	59235 (689)	1807 (8)	9103	278	2.05%
South Sudan	2830	6931 (348)	87 (1)	615	8	19.75%
Georgia	2811	268502 (147)	3447 (12)	67392	865	1.04%
Eswatini	2747	16807 (18)	645 (0)	14391	552	1.37%
Luxembourg	2613	54172 (390)	628 (6)	85644	993	2.31%
Haiti	2533	12309 (35)	247 (0)	1071	21	1.35%
Maldives	2519	18930 (161)	60 (0)	34629	110	5.16%
Malta	2471	21085 (193)	305 (1)	47671	690	5.41%
Saudi Arabia	2455	375333 (327)	6466 (5)	10674	184	0.61%

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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
Somalia	2260	6246 (229)	208 (6)	386	13	15.58%
Zimbabwe	2205	35862 (66)	1441 (5)	2390	96	1.78%
Azerbaijan	2163	233201 (72)	3202 (4)	22867	314	0.43%
Croatia	2111	240017 (72)	5449 (20)	58701	1333	0.95%
Namibia	2063	37742 (259)	406 (4)	14683	158	4.02%
Nicaragua	2001	6398 (0)	172 (0)	958	26	0.80%
Cameroon	1864	33749 (0)	523 (0)	1251	19	4.89%
Kyrgyzstan	1668	85929 (0)	1458 (0)	13033	221	0.48%
Mali	1655	8306 (7)	348 (0)	403	17	0.85%
Nepal	1529	273556 (125)	2061 (0)	9282	70	0.26%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1479	8625 (0)	127 (0)	1539	23	2.39%
Burundi	1258	2034 (3)	3 (0)	168	0	9.10%
Gabon	1247	13884 (331)	76 (1)	6145	34	7.34%
Sierra Leone	1169	3857 (2)	79 (0)	477	10	0.88%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Benin	1116	5434 (0)	70 (0)	441	6	7.27%
Bahamas	1111	8471 (68)	179 (0)	21409	452	1.89%
Cote d'Ivoire	1083	32039 (13)	188 (2)	1196	7	2.51%
Thailand	1060	25504 (0)	83 (0)	365	1	3.10%

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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	3487405	3536946 (5100)	49541 (196)	89151	1254	1.29%
Florida	1842858	1872923 (4151)	30065 (159)	87203	1400	2.24%
New York	1408321	1597969 (6297)	46924 (112)	84009	2423	3.23%
Illinois	1153062	1175568 (1238)	22506 (40)	92777	1776	1.02%
Georgia	970206	987041 (1536)	16835 (91)	92964	1586	2.05%
Arizona	679114	809474 (1507)	15505 (0)	111211	2130	1.34%
New Jersey	672126	769109 (2704)	22874 (16)	86590	2575	2.82%
Virginia	511892	565270 (1155)	7486 (155)	66226	877	2.43%
Missouri	483840	491902 (413)	8062 (3)	84530	1357	0.84%
Colorado	393037	421294 (680)	5893 (1)	73157	1023	1.64%
Maryland	359628	376966 (611)	7732 (17)	62353	1279	1.40%
Kentucky	346287	397526 (529)	4460 (13)	88978	998	2.01%
Washington	330105	334962 (1168)	4857 (35)	44414	647	2.06%
Nevada	286263	291145 (173)	4882 (10)	94523	1585	0.83%

## 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
Kansas	283243	294080 (865)	4602 (29)	101011	1594	1.45%
Connecticut	267772	275334 (2233)	7562 (39)	77226	2121	1.85%
South Carolina	266464	505589 (1440)	8332 (8)	98197	1618	3.28%
Texas	232272	2606513 (5853)	42301 (139)	90070	1468	1.48%
Indiana	215328	656358 (817)	12407 (35)	97495	1843	1.02%
Alabama	202683	487520 (677)	9592 (0)	99429	1956	1.21%
Oregon	150979	153135 (317)	2156 (1)	36307	511	1.74%
Rhode Island	113866	123980 (835)	2466 (90)	117033	2328	1.77%
Michigan	92505	637928 (1659)	16343 (1)	63877	1636	1.18%
Delaware	83722	85090 (358)	1368 (1)	87383	1405	2.18%
Pennsylvania	79619	917565 (1926)	23580 (15)	71866	1852	2.06%
Massachusetts	76897	570546 (1262)	15853 (27)	82778	2300	1.96%
Idaho	75832	169584 (434)	1826 (0)	94895	1022	1.24%
Wisconsin	60915	612712 (472)	6871 (0)	96179	1079	0.83%

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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
Alaska	57448	57738 (345)	290 (1)	75876	392	2.31%
Nebraska	54662	199045 (96)	2047 (0)	102897	1058	0.86%
Ohio	48545	955378 (1611)	16874 (58)	81732	1444	1.48%
New Mexico	45283	183023 (234)	3635 (11)	87286	1734	1.24%
Iowa	45280	360193 (668)	5374 (38)	114086	1703	8.46%
North Carolina	38315	844770 (2133)	10934 (8)	80546	1043	2.42%
Maine	30170	43594 (97)	658 (0)	32431	490	2.10%
Hawaii	26980	27410 (49)	430 (0)	19227	304	1.17%
Utah	20255	367073 (338)	1853 (1)	114497	578	1.45%
Mississippi	19865	290874 (242)	6553 (0)	97735	2202	0.99%
Louisiana	18333	424644 (468)	9477 (11)	91345	2039	1.00%
Tennessee	16205	766089 (952)	11153 (20)	112179	1633	0.98%
Oklahoma	15053	419853 (499)	4203 (22)	106105	1062	1.33%
District of Columbia	10303	39755 (107)	995 (0)	56330	1410	1.90%

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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
West Virginia	8795	129854 (238)	2263 (2)	72457	1263	1.51%
Puerto Rico	7805	99257 (173)	1983 (4)	52387	585	1.43%
Minnesota	6779	479591 (555)	6501 (1)	85039	1153	1.13%

## 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
Arkansas*	4926	315759 (245)	5363 (6)	104632	1777	0.76%
New Hampshire	2883	73665 (252)	1154 (0)	54177	849	3.59%
Vermont	2649	14608 (115)	198 (1)	23411	317	5.11%
Montana	2169	98810 (31)	1342 (0)	92451	1256	1.29%
South Dakota	1933	111334 (30)	1863 (0)	125850	2106	0.92%

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