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Daily Global Situation Report

April 8, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

The European Medicines Agency announced AstraZeneca vaccine's benefits continue to outweigh its risks.

The US and Iraq agreed to a full withdrawal of US troops without announcing a timeline.

Federal Reserve officials say the dangers of inflation are “*broadly balanced.*”

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

On Wednesday a Taiwanese official threatened to shoot down Chinese drones spotted circling near the Taipei-controlled Pratas Islands, a potential move that would dramatically increase cross-strait tensions.

Over the past few months, Taiwanese authorities have also complained of repeated Chinese air force missions near the island, most recently reporting an incursion by 10 aircraft on Monday.



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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus infections surpassed 133 million, with deaths surpassing 2.8 million.

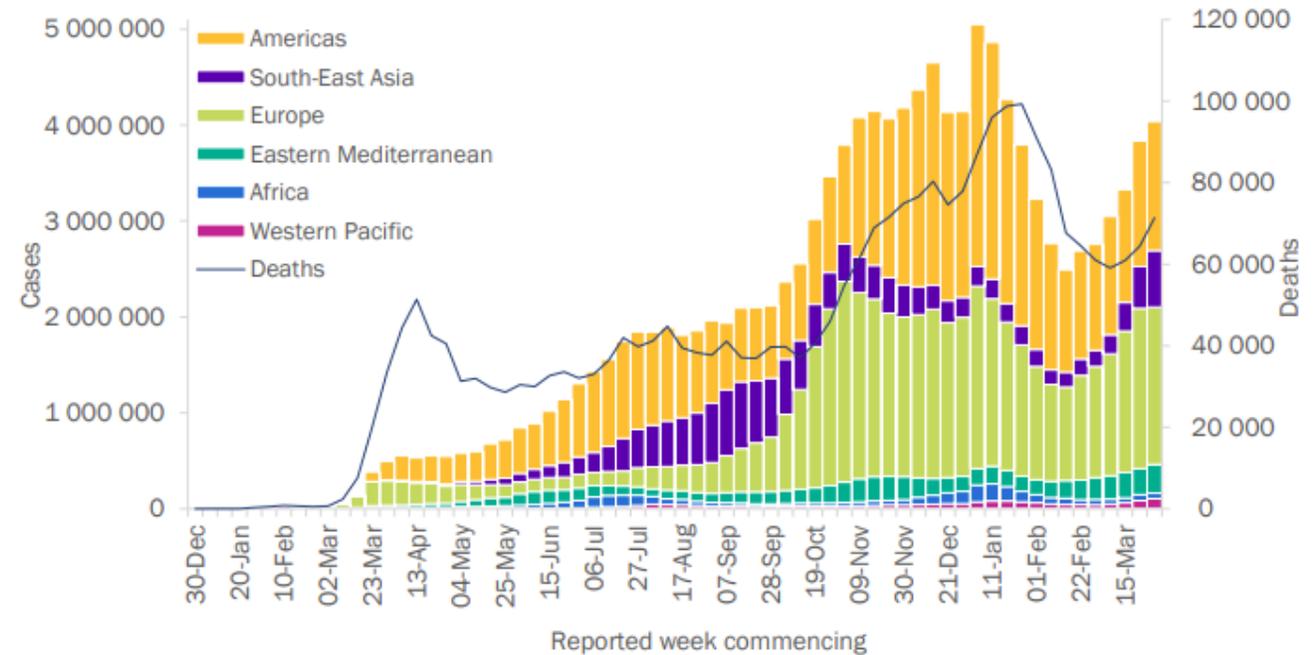
- Boston-based Akili Interactive is partnering with Weill Cornell Medicine, New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Vanderbilt University Medical Center to test a treatment for “**Covid brain fog.**”
- Social media giant Twitter launched an emoji for the **Milk Tea Alliance**, a global online pro-democracy movement that has united anti-Beijing campaigners in Hong Kong and Taiwan with protesters in Thailand, Myanmar and beyond.
- **Methane levels** in the atmosphere surged during 2020, marking the biggest increase since records began in 1983. Methane, which is 28 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a factor in global warming, comes from using fossil fuels and microbial sources in wetlands, cows and landfill.
- The IMF recommended that high earners and companies that prospered in the coronavirus crisis should pay additional tax to show **solidarity** with those who were hit hardest by the pandemic. A **temporary tax** would help to reduce social inequalities that have been exacerbated by the economic and health crisis of the past year.

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Global

Globally, new COVID-19 cases rose for a sixth consecutive week, with over 4 million new cases reported in the last week. The number of new deaths also increased by 11 percent compared to last week, with over 71,000 new deaths reported.

The largest increases in case incidence were observed in the South-East Asia (most notably in India) and the Western Pacific regions. All regions, except for the African Region, reported increases in the number of deaths, with the largest increase of 46 percent from the South-East Asia Region.



Source: WHO

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COVID-19 Vaccine

The European Medicines Agency announced its conclusion that blood clots are a “very rare” side effect of the AstraZeneca vaccine, but that the shot’s benefits continue to outweigh its risks.

- The **UK’s** medical regulator advised that under-30s should not use the **AstraZeneca vaccine**, saying that age group should instead be offered **Moderna or Pfizer** vaccines.
- **Spain and Italy** have moved to limit the use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine to people aged above 60.
- A study of healthcare workers in Manaus, **Brazil** found that Sinovac’s **CoronaVac vaccine** is effective against the P1 COVID-19 variant.
- **Algeria** will begin manufacturing the Russian **Sputnik V vaccine** in September.
- **Germany’s** state of Bavaria signed a preliminary deal for 2.5 million doses of Russia’s **Sputnik V vaccine**, pending its approval by the European Medicines Agency.
- **South Africa** signed a deal to purchase 20 million doses of **Pfizer** vaccine.

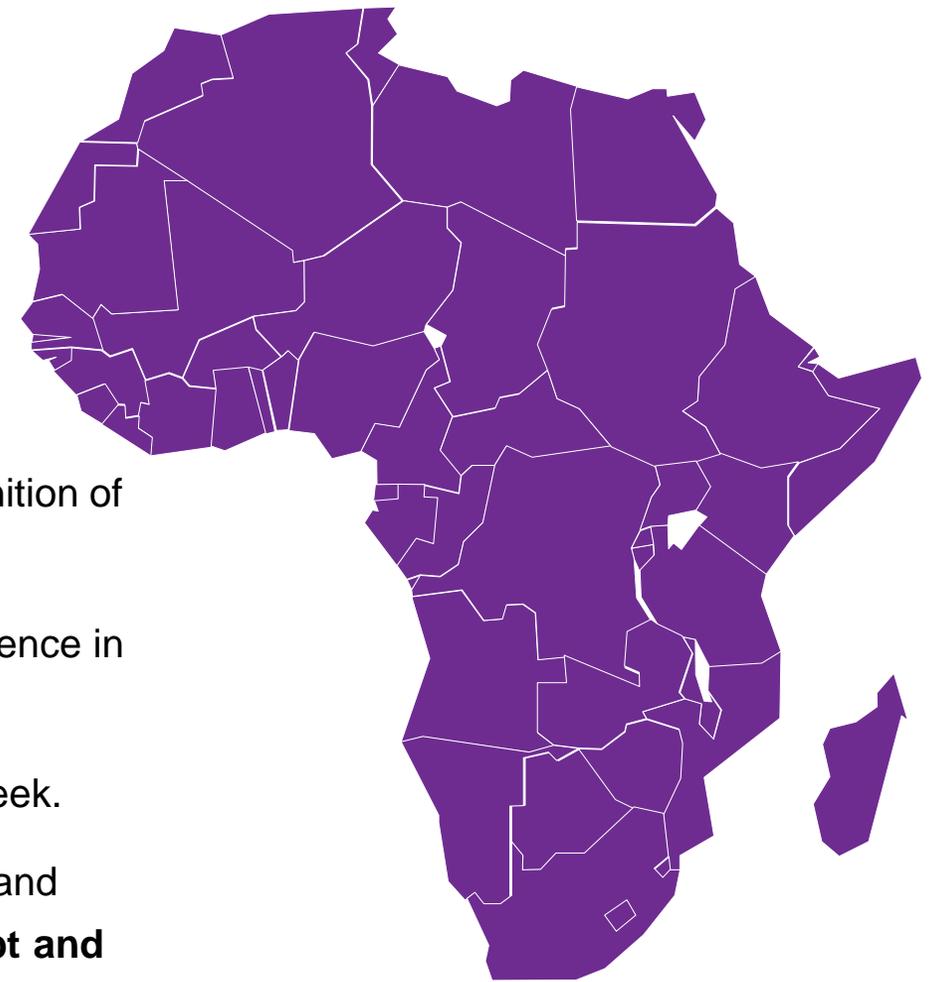
Markets & Business

US SEC officials warned Wednesday that there are “*some significant and yet undiscovered issues*” with SPACS, which have seen a surge in interest in recent months.

- **European stocks** hit record highs on Thursday on optimism around a global stimulus-led economic rebound after the US Federal Reserve pledged to keep monetary policy loose.
- **Asian share markets** lagged on Thursday as U.S. stock futures nudged to another record high.
- Cruise company **Carnival** said that bookings for 2022 are elevated above 2019 levels, in a sign of pent-up cruise demand.
- **Instacart and DoorDash** are both set to launch their own credit cards, which the companies hope will help them retain users. **JPMorgan** will issue Instacart’s card and is bidding for DoorDash’s as well.

Africa

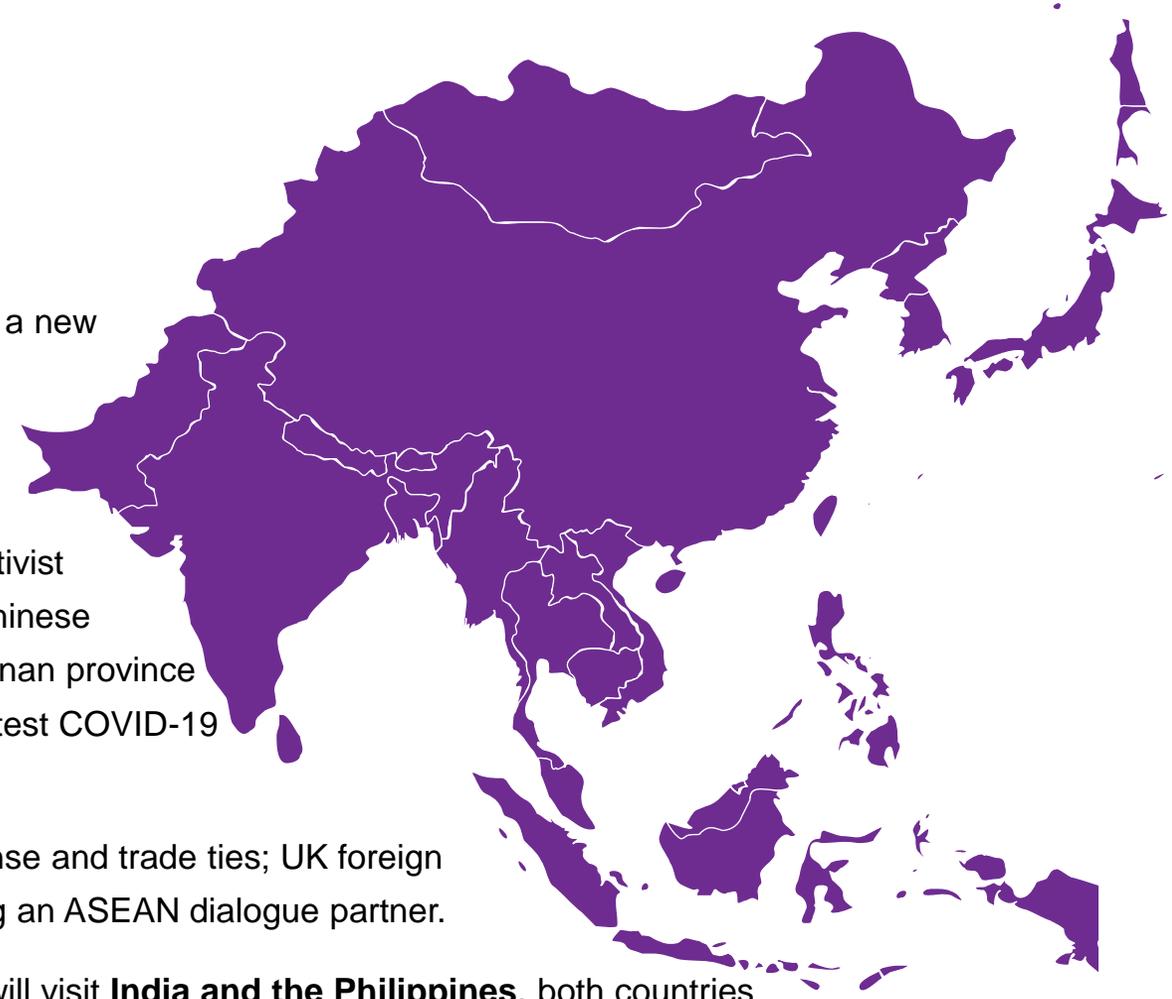
- **Tanzanian** President Suluhu lifted a 2015 ban restricting traditional and social media.
- **Japan** suspended the servicing of **Mozambique's** debt to Tokyo in recognition of the economic fallout of the pandemic.
- Almost 100 have been killed in recent weeks amid a flare-up of ethnic violence in **West Darfur**.
- Anti-government protests in **Benin** persisted ahead of the election next week.
- **Ethiopia's** water minister said that the country would not stop filling its Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam despite the failure of trilateral talks with **Egypt and Sudan**.
- **France** will open the archives of former President Mitterrand to better understand the country's role in **Rwanda** during the country's genocide in the 90s.



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Asia

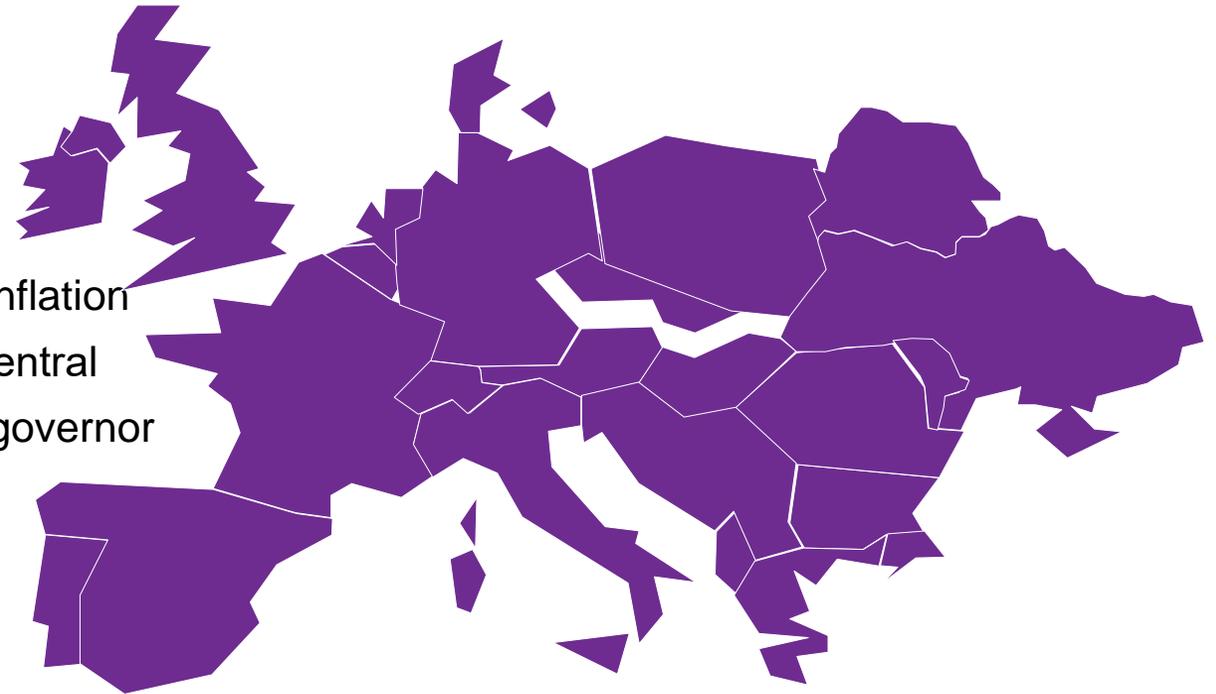
- **Japan's** Osaka declared a state of emergency Wednesday after logging a new daily record case count of 878.
- **China** hit back at the **US** Wednesday for “*politicizing sports*” after the State Department walked-back a comment on the possibility of a coordinated boycott of the Beijing Olympics. **Hong Kong** democracy activist Nathan Law said he has been granted political asylum in **Britain**. The Chinese government has fired the party secretary of Ruili, a city in southwest Yunnan province that is a major border crossing with Myanmar, for failing to contain the latest COVID-19 cluster in the country.
- The **UK and Indonesia** announced agreement to deepen security, defense and trade ties; UK foreign secretary Raab's visit to Indonesia comes as the UK considers becoming an ASEAN dialogue partner.
- Following **Japan's** Prime Minister Suga's visit to the **US** on April 16, he will visit **India and the Philippines**, both countries locked in recently escalated territorial disputes with **China**.
- **Myanmar** security forces arrested Paing Takhon, a model and actor who had spoken out against the coup; activists placed shoes filled with flowers in parts of Yangon to commemorate dead protesters.



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Europe

- **Turkish** President Erdogan pledged to both bring down inflation rates and interest rates, one week before the country's central bank holds its first rate-setting meeting under new bank governor Sahap Kavcioglu.
- **Bulgaria's** Prime Minister Borissov announced his intent to attempt to form a governing coalition after coming first in the country's election but said that he is unlikely to succeed due to partisan divisions.
- **Italy** saw strong demand for its first, cautiously priced auction of new 50-year bonds in five years. Trade between **France** and the **UK** increased in February, reversing some of the decline of the Brexit transition period, though weak French demand widened the country's trade balance.
- **Czech** Prime Minister Babis installed his fourth health minister amid controversy over whether to purchase the Sputnik V vaccine.



Middle East

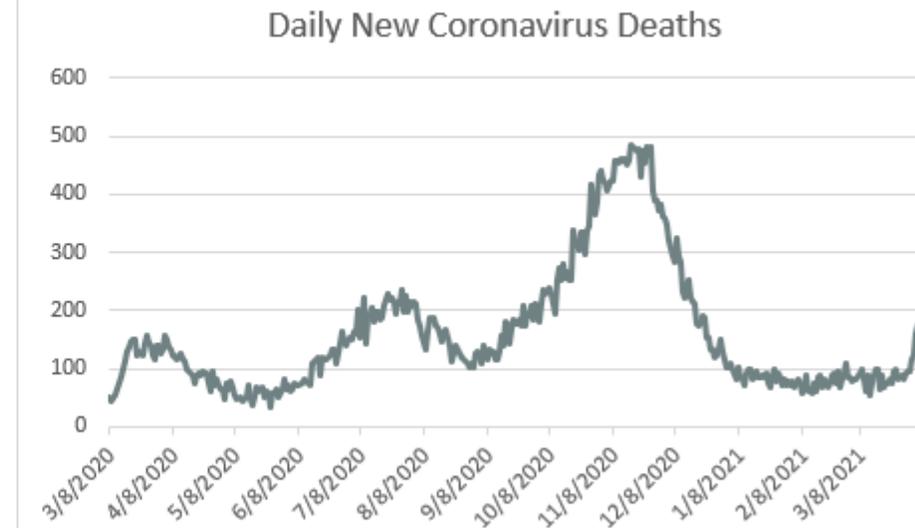
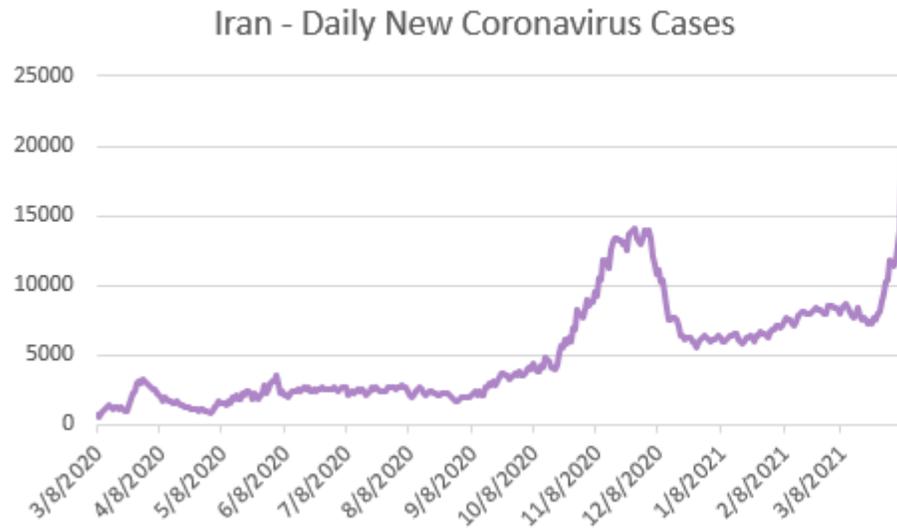
- The **UAE** will offer vaccines to county representatives at its Expo 2020 in Dubai, which will be held from October 2021-March 2022
- The **US** restored aid to the **Palestinians**, including \$150 million for UNRWA and \$75 million for economic development in the West Bank and Gaza.
- In his first public statement since the reported coup attempt, **Jordanian** King Abdullah accused former Crown Prince Hamzah of sedition and acknowledged that Hamzah is under the crown's watch at his home but said that the threat has passed. Prior to the appearance, President Biden called the King to reiterate **US** support.
- Following a strategic dialogue, the **US and Iraq** agreed to a full withdrawal of US troops without announcing a timeline.



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Middle East

With daily new infections over 20,000, Iran is suffering from its worst outbreak of coronavirus. Iran just received its first shipment of 700,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine from the Covax facility. Iranian officials have blamed US sanctions for their inability to purchase vaccines, despite there being a carve-out for medical and humanitarian goods. Iran has now received more than 1.7 million doses of foreign vaccines: 500,000 of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine, a donation of 250,000 doses of China's Sinopharm vaccine, 125,000 doses from India's COVAXIN, and 100,000 doses of its joint vaccine with Cuba.



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Americas

- The **US** sanctioned suspected members of a **Mexican** drug cartel linked to high-profile attacks on police officers in Mexico last year.
- In **Canada**, Ontario issued a stay-at-home order and closed in-store shopping for non-essentials amid a COVID-19 spike.
- **Brazil's** President Bolsonaro reiterated Wednesday that the country would have “no national lockdown.”
- A US delegation arrived in **El Salvador** Wednesday for talks on immigration amid an increase in arrivals on the **US-Mexico** border. US Vice President Harris spoke with Mexican President Lopez Obrador to discuss migration.
- A mayor in central **Venezuela** has begun placing red warning symbols on the homes of people with COVID-19 and also threatened to cut welfare handouts for those breaking quarantine.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 110 million people have received one or more **vaccine doses**, 33.1 percent of the total population. CDC director Walensky said that the highly **contagious variant** from the UK, B-117, is now the most common strain of COVID-19 in the US. **Oklahoma** reported a backlog of 1,764 coronavirus-related deaths.
- President Biden said he is open to compromise on his planned increase of **corporate taxes** to pay for his \$2 trillion infrastructure plan.
- The **US trade deficit** rose to a record high of \$71.1 billion in February as domestic economic recovery outpaces that of other advanced economies.
- Federal Reserve officials said that the dangers of **inflation** are “*broadly balanced*,” with the chances of unexpectedly high inflation roughly equal to that of unexpectedly sluggish inflation. A study from the New York Federal Reserve showed that Americans have primarily used stimulus payments to **pay down debt and bolster savings**, rather than spending the checks on consumption.
- A White House spokesperson said that the US is prepared to consider diplomacy with **North Korea** if it leads to de-nuclearization.

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Science Under the Scope: Long-Term Neurological Complications from COVID-19 Infection

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The world is now 14 months into the COVID-19 pandemic and scientists and public health officials have come a long way in understanding the impact of the virus. Over the last several months an increasing number of studies have been released chronicling the ongoing challenges faced by COVID-19 survivors.

Some of the most severe long-term complications include inflammation of the heart muscle, abnormalities in lung function, and acute kidney disease.¹ Less severe complications, such as fatigue and shortness of breath, have also been increasingly common. Recently, however, there is growing concern about the long-term neurological complications experienced even by those who were asymptomatic or suffered only mild symptoms during infection. Some of the primary complications include problems with taste and smell, sleep issues, difficulty concentrating, and memory problems.²

Among individuals who were hospitalized during their COVID-19 infection, long-term neurological problems became a concern much earlier in the pandemic, but a recent study conducted at the University of Chicago is shining new light on the severity. In the study, 20 percent of subjects reached the threshold to qualify for a new disability as a result of COVID-19 infection.³ Approximately 12 percent were experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder as a result

of their infection and 17 percent were still experiencing long-term cognitive impairment months after their recovery.⁴

Another study released in March 2021 found that 81 percent of participants experienced what the study termed “brain fog.”⁵ The study went on to say that, “*Non-hospitalized Covid-19 ‘long-haulers’ experience prominent and persistent ‘brain fog’ and fatigue that affect their cognition and quality of life.*”⁶ Thus, even those who had not experienced hospitalization as a result of COVID-19 infection were experiencing long-term neurological impacts as a result of their infection.

Some individuals, including people who were previously healthy with high cognitive function, are having problems with concentration and memory following mild cases of COVID-19. Some individuals have described the intensity of the “brain fog” as a sensation similar to waking up from anesthesia.⁷ A physician at the University of Texas

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Southwestern Medical Center who has been working with individuals with long-term neurological impacts of mild COVID-19 infection said that the symptoms they experience are similar to those experienced by individuals who have suffered concussions or traumatic brain injuries.⁸

While the experiences of “brain fog” are concerning for patients and doctors, there are a growing number of cases of COVID-19-related psychosis following mild infections. Individuals experiencing psychosis after infection suffer from intense paranoid delusions similar to those of schizophrenics.⁹ All of these individuals have no history of mental illness prior to their COVID-19 infection and, unlike what is typical for schizophrenia or dementia (which can also cause paranoid delusions), most affected by post-COVID-19 psychosis are in their 30s, 40s, and 50s.¹⁰ Some have needed to be hospitalized on multiple occasions because of delusions. One positive element to the experience, however, is that individuals suffering post-COVID-19 psychosis recognize that something is wrong and seek them. This is different than regular psychosis patients, who typically do not recognize that there is an issue.

Research on the long-term neurological complications from COVID-19 infection is growing, but there is still little understanding of why such complications are occurring. Some doctors and scientists have theorized that the neurological complications could be the result of an inflammatory reaction in the brain caused by the virus.¹¹ They say this may explain the “brain fog” and amnesia that are occurring in many individuals. There is very little understanding so far on what might be causing post-COVID-19 psychosis, however. It is clear that more research will be needed.

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Region in Charts: Europe's Fourth Wave

Conditions in Europe show signs of stabilizing. While France, Turkey and Poland continue to report very high numbers of daily new infections, the outbreaks in the rest of the region are easing. Europe is no longer the epicenter of the pandemic.

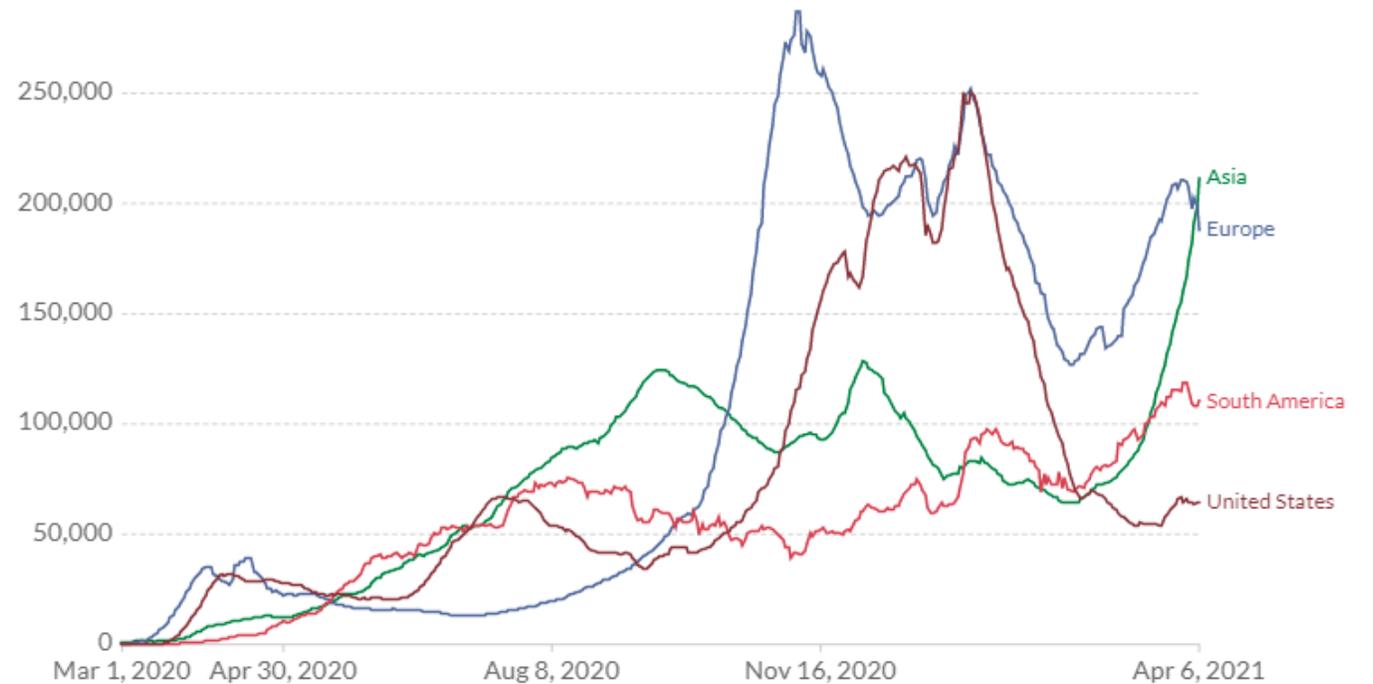
Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases

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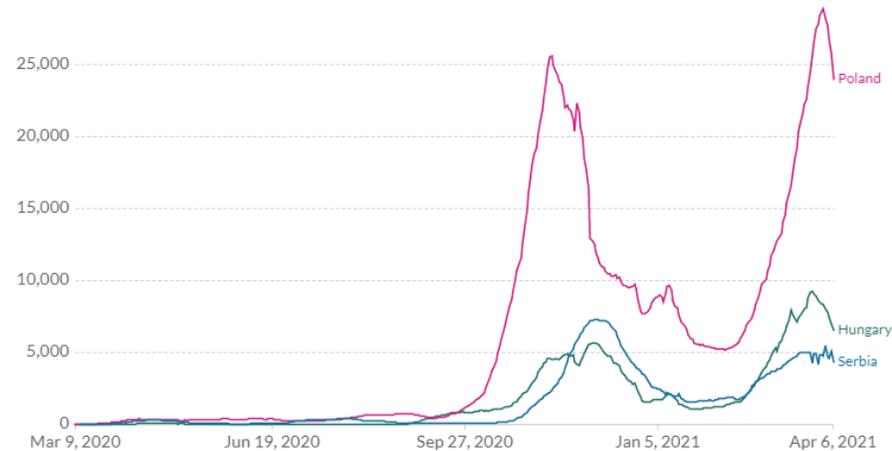
While Poland, Hungary and Serbia remain the European hotspots this past week, new infections are declining.

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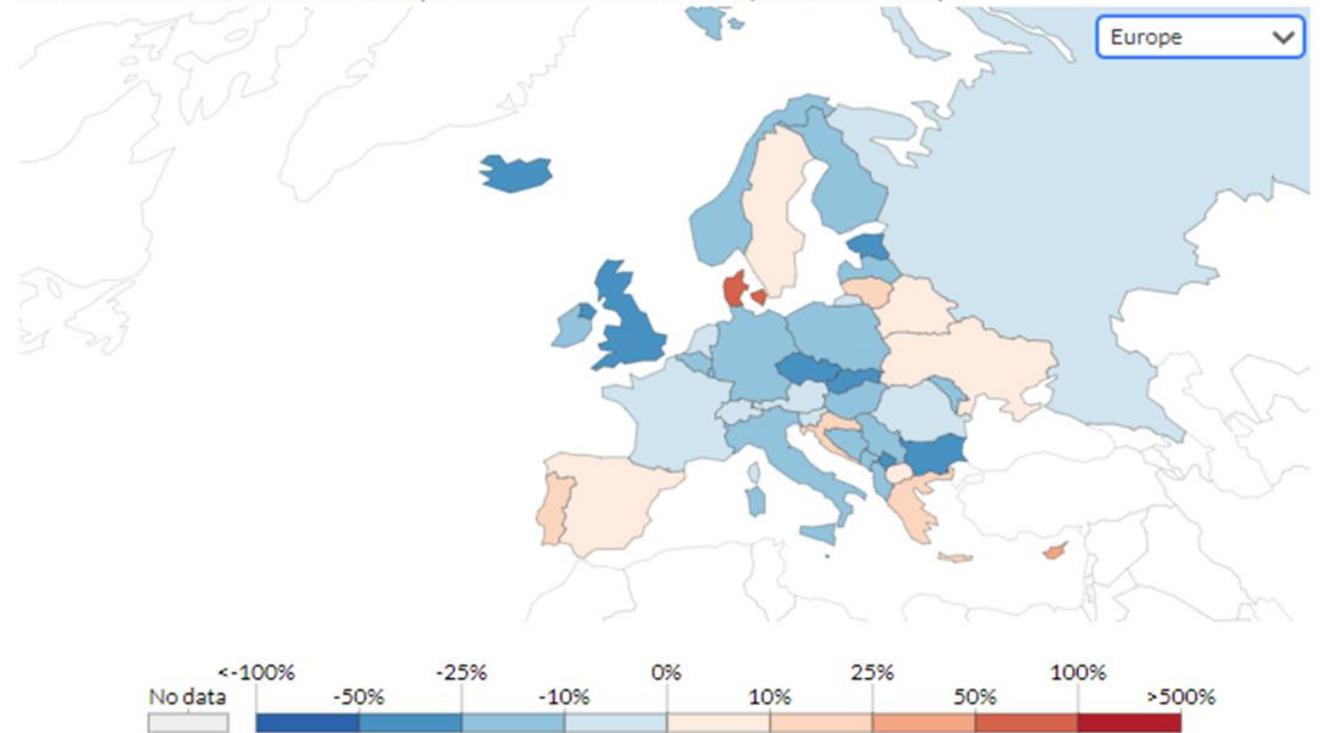
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Week by week change in confirmed COVID-19 cases, Apr 6, 2021

The weekly growth rate on any given date measures the percentage change in the number of new confirmed cases over the last seven days relative to the number in the previous seven days.

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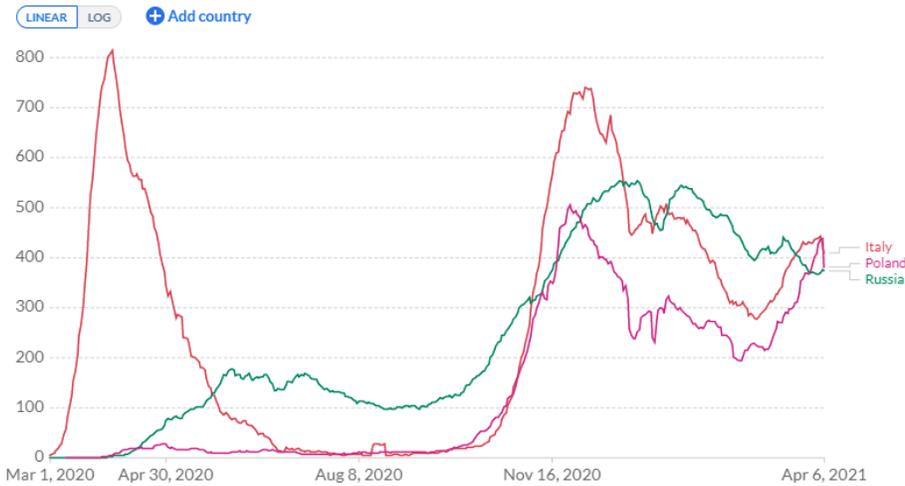
Region in Charts: Europe's Fourth Wave

European death rate continued to increase for the 4th week. Italy, Poland and Russia reported the highest numbers of death, with only Russia trending up.

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths

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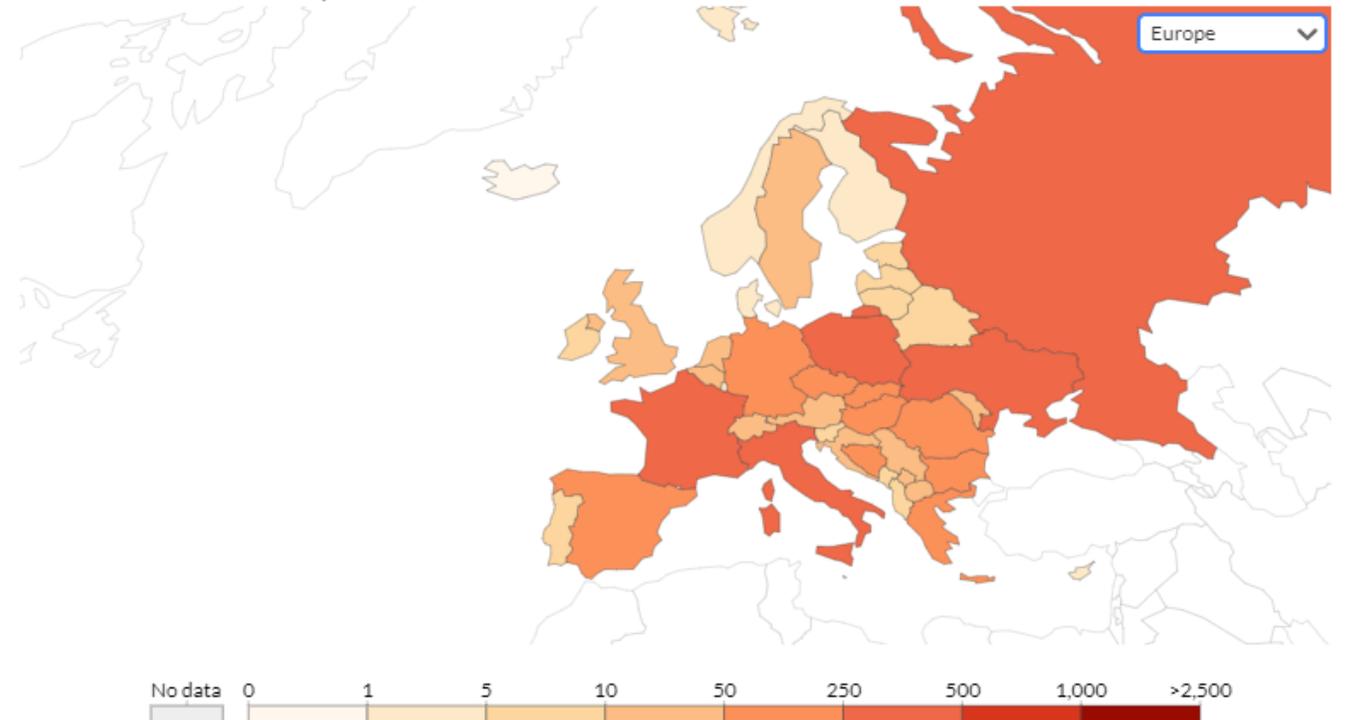
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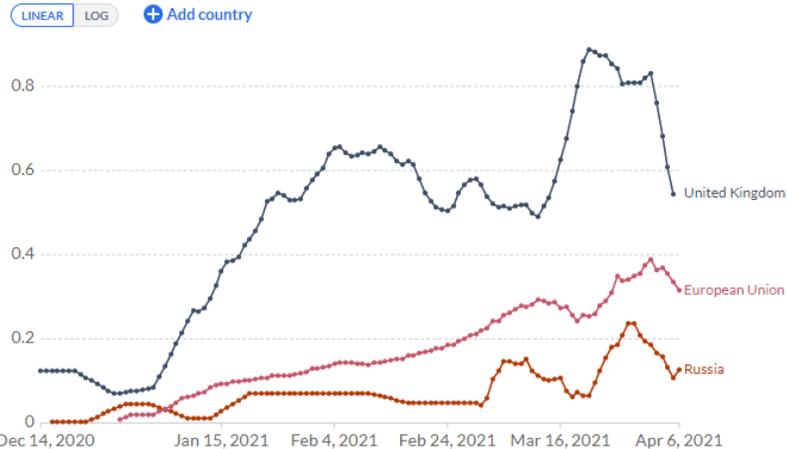
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Region in Charts: Europe's Fourth Wave

In Europe, 138.52 million have received at least one dose of vaccine. Across the region, vaccination programs have lost momentum.

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people

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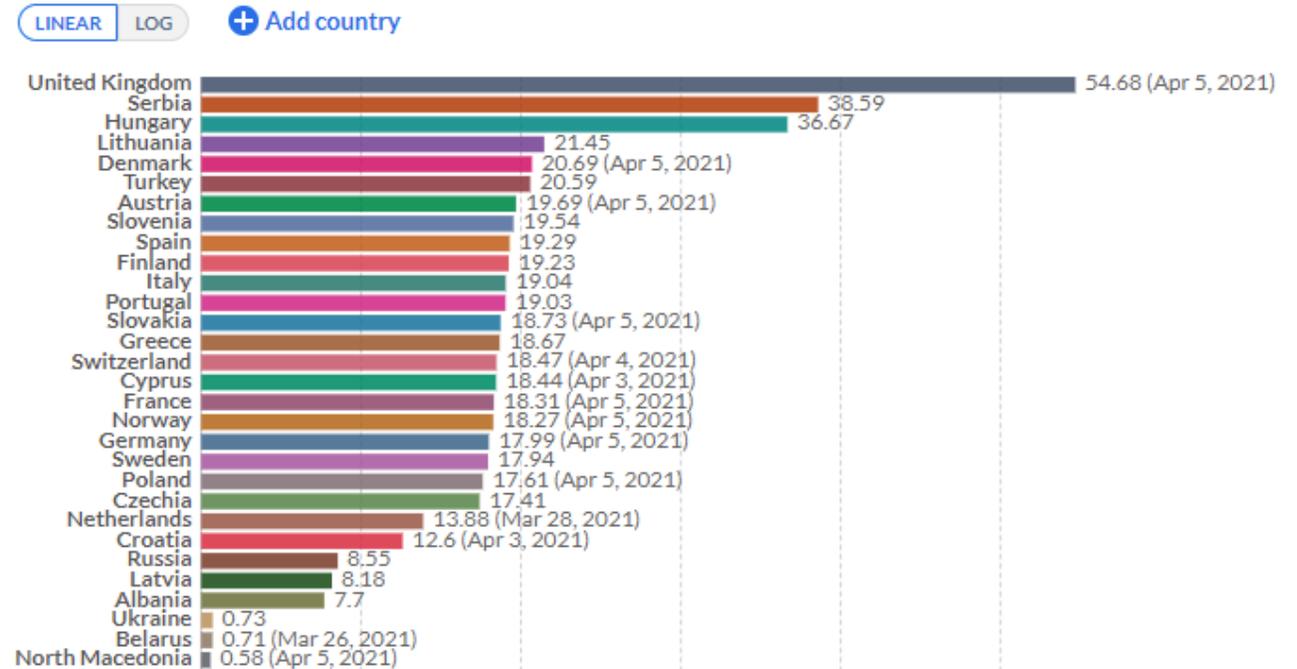


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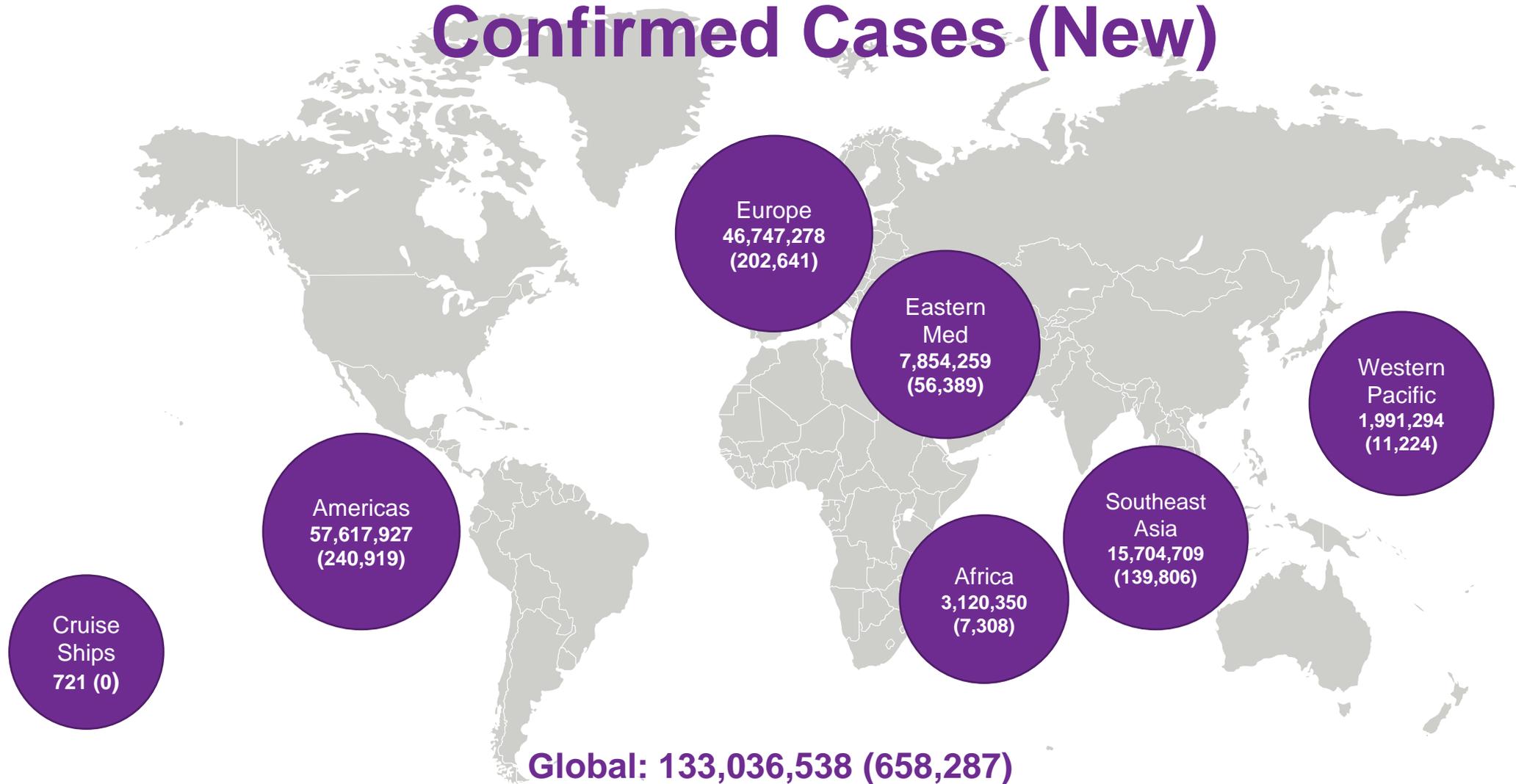


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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on April 7, 2021

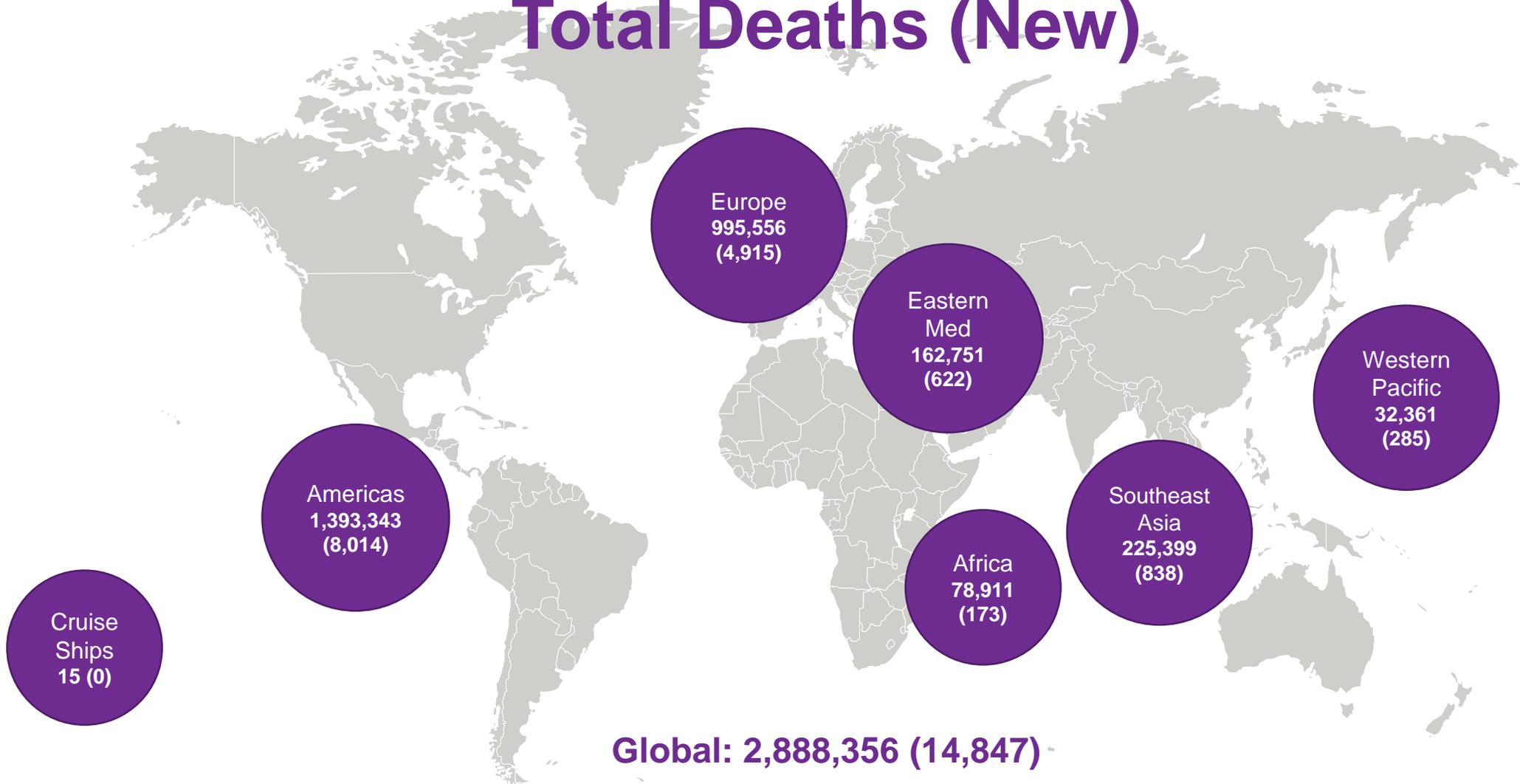
Confirmed Cases (New)



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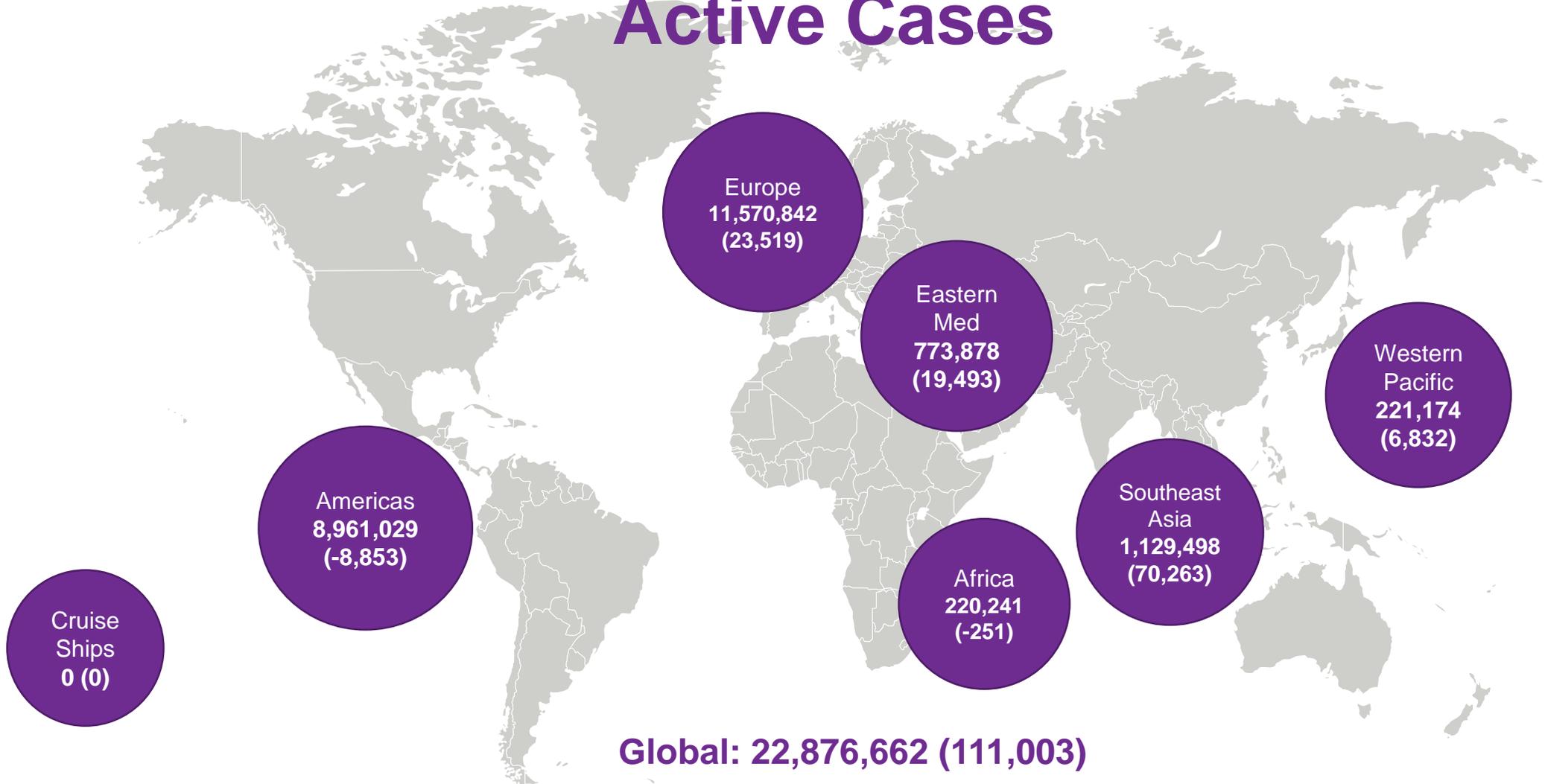
Total Deaths (New)



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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 | 6727578 | 30921979 (74811) | 559111 (2576) | 95153 | 1723 | 1.49% |
| France | 4500588 | 4938521 (1353) | 98495 (443) | 74044 | 1495 | 4.04% |
| Netherlands | 1308062 | 1343231 (6637) | 16863 (26) | 76868 | 971 | 3.66% |
| Brazil | 1191776 | 13197031 (90973) | 341097 (3733) | 61750 | 1596 | 3.36% |
| India | 910264 | 12926061 (126315) | 166892 (684) | 9297 | 120 | 5.46% |
| Sweden | 828229 | 841807 (0) | 13578 (33) | 82957 | 1338 | 4.39% |
| Belgium | 822968 | 904673 (1709) | 23247 (45) | 77799 | 1999 | 3.08% |
| Italy | 547837 | 3700393 (13708) | 112374 (627) | 61271 | 1861 | 3.12% |
| Turkey | 406004 | 3633925 (54740) | 32943 (276) | 42735 | 387 | 8.72% |
| Ukraine | 375230 | 1784579 (15415) | 35498 (481) | 40995 | 815 | 6.19% |
| Poland | 361217 | 2471617 (14910) | 55703 (638) | 65361 | 1473 | 6.06% |
| UK | 308491 | 4381874 (2798) | 127171 (45) | 64075 | 1862 | 0.50% |
| Russia | 275202 | 4606162 (8294) | 101480 (374) | 31553 | 695 | 1.33% |
| Mexico | 256165 | 2256380 (4675) | 205002 (603) | 17361 | 1577 | 1.04% |

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| Hungary | 252115 | 693676 (1933) | 22409 (311) | 71947 | 2324 | 5.95% |
| Iran | 244758 | 1984348 (20954) | 63699 (193) | 23396 | 751 | 4.98% |
| Germany | 234898 | 2927572 (14936) | 78174 (312) | 34856 | 931 | 3.32% |
| Argentina | 218611 | 2450068 (22039) | 56832 (198) | 53832 | 1249 | 4.13% |
| Ireland | 211229 | 239325 (418) | 4732 (5) | 48058 | 950 | 1.45% |
| Spain | 165640 | 3326736 (8788) | 76037 (126) | 71132 | 1626 | 1.27% |
| Philippines | 158701 | 819164 (6414) | 14059 (242) | 7400 | 127 | 8.77% |
| Honduras | 114039 | 192413 (1277) | 4686 (5) | 19194 | 467 | 2.03% |
| Indonesia | 113570 | 1547376 (4860) | 42064 (87) | 5612 | 153 | 2.30% |
| Slovakia | 101351 | 366894 (1161) | 10243 (87) | 67176 | 1875 | 1.56% |
| Czechia | 99481 | 1560833 (5566) | 27410 (104) | 145543 | 2556 | 1.82% |
| Lebanon | 88209 | 485918 (3120) | 6512 (33) | 71438 | 957 | 3.61% |
| Bangladesh | 88192 | 659278 (7626) | 9447 (63) | 3973 | 57 | 7.28% |
| Serbia | 87137 | 629388 (3615) | 5579 (42) | 72258 | 641 | 4.57% |

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|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Iraq | 86606 | 895622 (8331) | 14572 (37) | 21893 | 356 | 4.99% |
| Romania | 78353 | 988624 (5407) | 24561 (175) | 51655 | 1283 | 3.62% |
| Jordan | 72885 | 650681 (5232) | 7469 (86) | 63292 | 727 | 6.01% |
| Bulgaria | 71720 | 364419 (3556) | 14034 (116) | 52752 | 2032 | 5.98% |
| Colombia | 69379 | 2479617 (11381) | 64767 (243) | 48338 | 1263 | 2.95% |
| Pakistan | 64373 | 700188 (4004) | 15026 (102) | 3124 | 67 | 4.60% |
| Canada | 62136 | 1028041 (7148) | 23173 (32) | 27057 | 610 | 4.47% |
| Ethiopia | 52351 | 221544 (2163) | 3058 (33) | 1891 | 26 | 6.75% |
| Switzerland | 47414 | 612575 (2301) | 10432 (29) | 70386 | 1199 | 1.87% |
| Cyprus | 47043 | 49366 (529) | 266 (2) | 40661 | 219 | 7.09% |
| Kenya | 41895 | 141365 (1523) | 2276 (18) | 2586 | 42 | 5.17% |
| Chile | 38981 | 1043022 (5242) | 23796 (62) | 54206 | 1237 | 4.55% |
| Bolivia | 37737 | 276890 (1498) | 12366 (22) | 23476 | 1048 | 1.98% |
| Egypt | 37553 | 207293 (783) | 12290 (37) | 1997 | 118 | 2.49% |

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| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change 7-Day Av |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Dominican Republic | 36625 | 254937 (334) | 3369 (14) | 23322 | 308 | 0.87% |
| Paraguay | 35802 | 227116 (2380) | 4584 (62) | 31546 | 637 | 5.48% |
| Greece | 35482 | 285015 (3445) | 8607 (75) | 27448 | 829 | 7.48% |
| Bosnia | 34874 | 179248 (1742) | 7132 (80) | 54898 | 2184 | 5.37% |
| Tunisia | 34362 | 264994 (1951) | 9087 (48) | 22244 | 763 | 4.14% |
| Austria | 33688 | 566008 (3101) | 9546 (29) | 62572 | 1055 | 3.49% |
| Finland | 33554 | 80416 (348) | 862 (2) | 14496 | 155 | 3.69% |
| Algeria | 32696 | 118004 (125) | 3116 (4) | 2654 | 70 | 0.69% |
| Ecuador | 32233 | 339604 (1902) | 17057 (53) | 19028 | 956 | 3.19% |
| West Bank & Gaza | 30290 | 259133 (2672) | 2753 (18) | 49914 | 530 | 6.48% |
| Albania | 29301 | 127192 (256) | 2291 (8) | 44235 | 797 | 1.60% |
| Azerbaijan | 28144 | 276464 (2595) | 3780 (37) | 27080 | 370 | 5.34% |
| Kazakhstan | 27672 | 258917 (2080) | 3156 (27) | 13664 | 167 | 5.38% |
| Peru | 27061 | 1607898 (9305) | 53725 (314) | 48252 | 1612 | 3.68% |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Uruguay | 26919 | 126987 (3924) | 1231 (40) | 36459 | 353 | 16.88% |
| Portugal | 25847 | 825031 (663) | 16890 (3) | 81093 | 1660 | 0.40% |
| Japan | 24915 | 489576 (2031) | 9279 (30) | 3880 | 74 | 3.57% |
| Costa Rica | 22989 | 219846 (0) | 3000 (0) | 42857 | 585 | 1.40% |
| Jamaica | 22325 | 41400 (72) | 631 (9) | 13934 | 212 | 5.22% |
| N Macedonia | 21890 | 137728 (1302) | 4073 (51) | 66110 | 1955 | 5.60% |
| South Africa | 20677 | 1553609 (756) | 53111 (79) | 25945 | 887 | 0.35% |
| Norway | 20376 | 101082 (1305) | 683 (6) | 18535 | 125 | 4.95% |
| Estonia | 20137 | 111664 (984) | 976 (12) | 84134 | 735 | 4.70% |
| Qatar | 18401 | 186201 (940) | 320 (8) | 66316 | 114 | 3.35% |
| Armenia | 17024 | 198898 (1025) | 3647 (20) | 67026 | 1229 | 3.15% |
| Oman | 15901 | 166685 (1205) | 1735 (7) | 32022 | 333 | 4.48% |
| Lithuania | 15343 | 222020 (1116) | 3635 (10) | 82444 | 1350 | 2.65% |
| Venezuela | 14461 | 170189 (1115) | 1705 (12) | 5998 | 60 | 5.69% |

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change 7-Day Av |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Malaysia | 14097 | 354468 (1139) | 1304 (4) | 10846 | 40 | 2.53% |
| Kuwait | 14064 | 241469 (1517) | 1379 (6) | 55911 | 319 | 3.88% |
| Moldova | 13739 | 237718 (1155) | 5268 (44) | 59035 | 1308 | 3.15% |
| UAE | 13658 | 476019 (1883) | 1520 (4) | 47689 | 152 | 3.06% |
| Slovenia | 13301 | 221890 (1189) | 4092 (3) | 106721 | 1968 | 2.83% |
| Croatia | 11361 | 282548 (1649) | 6149 (36) | 69154 | 1505 | 3.86% |
| Libya | 11326 | 165287 (969) | 2772 (7) | 23807 | 399 | 3.83% |
| Kosovo | 10488 | 76070 (0) | 1688 (0) | | | 0.00% |
| Bahrain | 10265 | 151931 (1120) | 547 (2) | 87000 | 313 | 4.93% |
| Mozambique | 9583 | 68431 (139) | 785 (0) | 2144 | 25 | 1.25% |
| Guatemala | 9038 | 198374 (1354) | 6928 (25) | 10919 | 381 | 2.00% |
| Denmark | 8672 | 235623 (614) | 2436 (3) | 40451 | 419 | 1.84% |
| Nigeria | 7652 | 163498 (110) | 2058 (0) | 778 | 10 | 0.37% |
| Myanmar | 7506 | 142541 (11) | 3206 (0) | 2606 | 59 | 0.08% |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Belarus | 7378 | 330536 (1278) | 2314 (10) | 34989 | 245 | 2.64% |
| South Korea | 7214 | 106898 (668) | 1756 (4) | 2084 | 34 | 3.56% |
| Saudi Arabia | 7044 | 394952 (783) | 6719 (8) | 11211 | 191 | 1.25% |
| Latvia | 6976 | 105176 (643) | 1946 (9) | 56240 | 1041 | 2.67% |
| Papua New Guinea | 6720 | 7634 (229) | 68 (1) | 841 | 7 | 21.99% |
| Somalia | 6344 | 11978 (0) | 576 (0) | 738 | 35 | 4.84% |
| Georgia | 6258 | 285645 (687) | 3840 (8) | 71711 | 964 | 1.36% |
| Lesotho | 5921 | 10707 (0) | 315 (0) | 4968 | 146 | 0.01% |
| Mongolia | 5297 | 12226 (575) | 17 (4) | 3684 | 5 | 30.91% |
| Cuba | 5276 | 82601 (961) | 442 (2) | 7296 | 39 | 8.88% |
| Montenegro | 5030 | 93309 (279) | 1334 (8) | 148551 | 2124 | 2.24% |

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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 |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Syria | 4870 | 19761 (120) | 1342 (10) | 1109 | 75 | 4.31% |
| Israel | 4790 | 835216 (296) | 6266 (9) | 90808 | 681 | 0.25% |
| Cameroon | 4717 | 57337 (0) | 851 (0) | 2120 | 31 | 16.86% |
| Panama | 4518 | 357277 (364) | 6148 (2) | 81820 | 1408 | 0.62% |
| Morocco | 4473 | 499698 (663) | 8868 (2) | 13416 | 238 | 0.72% |
| Botswana | 4136 | 41710 (0) | 616 (0) | 17468 | 258 | 4.46% |
| Sudan | 3834 | 30111 (0) | 2063 (0) | 675 | 46 | 0.00% |
| Luxembourg | 3487 | 62793 (168) | 762 (1) | 99082 | 1202 | 1.83% |
| Mali | 3408 | 10841 (83) | 400 (4) | 524 | 19 | 7.37% |
| Maldives | 3110 | 25191 (138) | 67 (0) | 45986 | 122 | 4.41% |
| Gabon | 2914 | 20265 (402) | 124 (5) | 8944 | 55 | 3.53% |
| Togo | 2796 | 11501 (191) | 113 (0) | 1365 | 13 | 10.89% |
| Zambia | 2753 | 89386 (315) | 1224 (0) | 4761 | 65 | 1.08% |
| Madagascar | 2711 | 26127 (253) | 469 (7) | 925 | 17 | 6.51% |

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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 |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Afghanistan | 2487 | 56943 (70) | 2516 (4) | 1438 | 64 | 0.75% |
| Kyrgyzstan | 2430 | 89438 (161) | 1512 (3) | 13538 | 229 | 1.19% |
| Sri Lanka | 2405 | 93910 (138) | 588 (0) | 4372 | 27 | 1.28% |
| Nicaragua | 2323 | 6727 (0) | 179 (0) | 1006 | 27 | 0.74% |
| Burundi | 2238 | 3017 (47) | 6 (0) | 248 | 1 | 6.86% |
| Nepal | 2201 | 278768 (298) | 3038 (2) | 9438 | 103 | 0.52% |
| Yemen | 2175 | 5047 (72) | 986 (10) | 166 | 33 | 13.67% |
| Australia | 2144 | 29377 (13) | 909 (0) | 1142 | 35 | 0.25% |
| Guinea | 2121 | 20554 (44) | 131 (1) | 1534 | 10 | 3.14% |
| Djibouti | 1991 | 9306 (195) | 90 (5) | 9316 | 90 | 14.01% |
| Rwanda | 1892 | 23041 (179) | 314 (0) | 1746 | 24 | 5.46% |
| Congo (Kinshasa) | 1824 | 28410 (33) | 745 (0) | 310 | 8 | 0.94% |
| Thailand | 1741 | 29905 (334) | 95 (0) | 428 | 1 | 3.48% |

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

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop | Deaths/ 1M Pop | % Daily Change 7-Day Av |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Congo (Brazzaville) | 1739 | 10084 (0) | 137 (0) | 1794 | 24 | 4.00% |
| Malawi | 1597 | 33718 (33) | 1125 (1) | 1729 | 58 | 0.50% |
| Ghana | 1447 | 91009 (63) | 752 (0) | 2883 | 24 | 0.47% |
| Uzbekistan | 1439 | 84127 (192) | 633 (1) | 2486 | 19 | 1.50% |
| Haiti | 1235 | 12803 (0) | 251 (0) | 1112 | 22 | 0.32% |
| Cabo Verde | 1228 | 18214 (191) | 175 (2) | 32490 | 312 | 4.08% |
| Namibia | 1185 | 45039 (31) | 548 (6) | 17484 | 213 | 2.00% |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1177 | 44880 (26) | 257 (1) | 1670 | 10 | 2.21% |
| El Salvador | 1114 | 65491 (0) | 2037 (4) | 10058 | 313 | 1.62% |
| Sierra Leone | 1088 | 3993 (3) | 79 (0) | 493 | 10 | 0.33% |
| Cambodia | 1069 | 2915 (91) | 22 (0) | 173 | 1 | 16.30% |

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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 |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| California | 1665722 | 3687083 (2038) | 59986 (99) | 93337 | 1518 | 0.50% |
| New York | 642920 | 1925080 (6643) | 50843 (92) | 101170 | 2628 | 2.70% |
| Virginia | 566629 | 629155 (1550) | 10415 (14) | 73710 | 1220 | 1.62% |
| Florida | 463885 | 2096747 (5885) | 33822 (42) | 97624 | 1576 | 1.86% |
| Maryland | 402184 | 420526 (1471) | 8389 (11) | 69558 | 1388 | 2.18% |
| Kentucky | 374540 | 430860 (1019) | 6198 (14) | 96439 | 1387 | 0.92% |
| South Carolina | 311075 | 558631 (828) | 9213 (9) | 108499 | 1789 | 1.25% |
| Georgia | 289652 | 1068199 (1528) | 19305 (67) | 100608 | 1818 | 0.81% |
| Michigan | 200978 | 795492 (9369) | 17373 (30) | 79654 | 1740 | 6.18% |
| New Jersey | 200788 | 937979 (4243) | 24749 (49) | 105602 | 2786 | 3.11% |
| Alabama | 186219 | 517452 (338) | 10652 (0) | 105534 | 2172 | 0.40% |
| Washington | 185164 | 372170 (1518) | 5306 (7) | 49213 | 704 | 2.06% |
| Rhode Island | 128940 | 140025 (476) | 2635 (3) | 132179 | 2487 | 1.93% |
| Missouri | 122069 | 585906 (775) | 8878 (2) | 94692 | 1498 | 0.72% |

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 |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Colorado | 118567 | 472168 (1914) | 6140 (8) | 81991 | 1091 | 2.14% |
| Texas | 92597 | 2815110 (3840) | 48918 (103) | 97221 | 1695 | 0.82% |
| Pennsylvania | 82989 | 1057126 (4676) | 25269 (52) | 82808 | 1984 | 2.79% |
| Idaho | 78306 | 182531 (349) | 1980 (6) | 102140 | 1108 | 1.09% |
| Illinois | 71676 | 1265351 (3774) | 23702 (29) | 99864 | 1870 | 1.65% |
| Wisconsin | 67101 | 641642 (938) | 7356 (7) | 99923 | 1143 | 0.87% |
| Nebraska | 45922 | 212785 (528) | 2183 (0) | 110000 | 1129 | 1.62% |
| Maine | 38967 | 52677 (400) | 747 (1) | 39188 | 556 | 4.13% |
| Ohio | 35512 | 1030864 (2064) | 18741 (0) | 88190 | 1603 | 1.29% |
| Massachusetts | 35075 | 650573 (2550) | 17358 (21) | 94388 | 2518 | 2.30% |
| Connecticut | 34236 | 318767 (1038) | 7935 (5) | 89409 | 2226 | 2.55% |
| Hawaii | 31098 | 31565 (76) | 467 (0) | 21445 | 330 | 2.57% |
| North Carolina | 24874 | 924810 (1380) | 12212 (23) | 88177 | 1164 | 1.15% |
| Indiana | 20563 | 693452 (1212) | 13099 (15) | 103005 | 1946 | 1.00% |

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|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Arizona | 17573 | 846230 (750) | 17023 (27) | 116261 | 2339 | 0.52% |
| Nevada | 16579 | 305929 (277) | 5308 (11) | 99323 | 1723 | 0.71% |
| Minnesota | 15838 | 532658 (1996) | 6986 (19) | 94449 | 1237 | 2.46% |
| Oregon | 15243 | 168128 (470) | 2434 (7) | 39862 | 577 | 1.85% |
| New Mexico | 14617 | 192989 (216) | 3963 (2) | 92039 | 1890 | 0.69% |
| Iowa | 12876 | 354829 (272) | 5836 (1) | 121552 | 1850 | 0.97% |
| Tennessee | 12813 | 819505 (1497) | 11976 (9) | 120001 | 1754 | 0.94% |
| District of Columbia | 12115 | 45328 (94) | 1076 (2) | 64227 | 1525 | 1.80% |
| Puerto Rico | 12002 | 110679 (446) | 2141 (2) | 62056 | 632 | 2.90% |
| Alaska | 10377 | 64303 (222) | 313 (0) | 84335 | 422 | 2.34% |
| Oklahoma | 10136 | 441906 (1764) | 6669 (1716) | 111678 | 1685 | 0.80% |
| Utah | 8975 | 388426 (612) | 2139 (2) | 121158 | 667 | 0.72% |
| Kansas | 7633 | 305323 (530) | 4891 (0) | 104860 | 1702 | 0.45% |
| Louisiana | 7535 | 447655 (700) | 10185 (11) | 96295 | 2191 | 0.61% |

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 |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Delaware | 7327 | 97042 (236) | 1567 (0) | 99657 | 1609 | 2.31% |
| West Virginia | 6897 | 144374 (364) | 2722 (15) | 80559 | 1519 | 1.83% |

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 | 3965 | 306611 (453) | 7077 (22) | 103023 | 2378 | 0.48% |
| Vermont | 3417 | 20442 (69) | 230 (1) | 32760 | 369 | 5.71% |
| New Hampshire | 3387 | 86935 (414) | 1250 (1) | 63936 | 919 | 3.17% |
| Virgin Islands | 2919 | 2945 (0) | 26 (0) | | | 1.29% |
| South Dakota | 2511 | 118975 (295) | 1938 (0) | 134487 | 2191 | 1.02% |
| Arkansas | 1696 | 331505 (244) | 5660 (7) | 109850 | 1876 | 0.33% |
| North Dakota | 1140 | 104167 (193) | 1499 (0) | 136691 | 1926 | 1.03% |

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