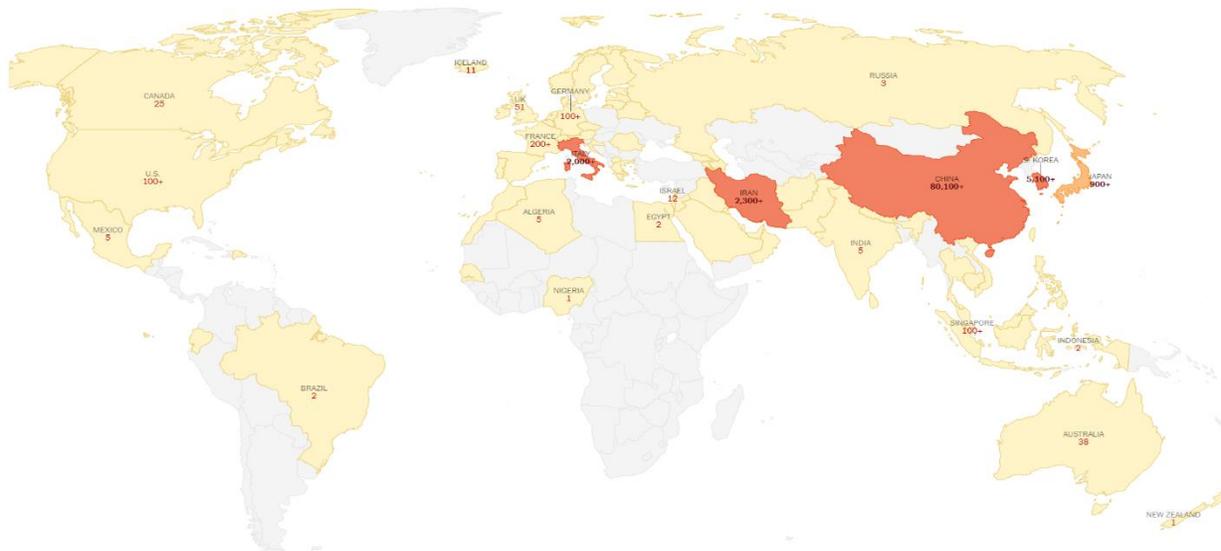# Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 3,100 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 92,000 global cases.

- The director general of the World Health Organization has warned that the virus has brought the world into "**unchartered territory**." "*We have never before seen a respiratory pathogen that is capable of community transmission, but which can also be contained with the right measures,*" Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus tweeted.

- Nearly 1,000 new cases announced today pushed the East Asian country's total past 5,100, including 29 deaths -- the biggest outbreak outside mainland China. The majority of infections are in the southern city of Daegu. In a cabinet meeting today, South Korea's President Moon Jae-in said that the whole of South Korea "*has entered a war against the infectious disease.*"

- New cases were reported today in countries as far apart as India and Ecuador, and Australia and the UK. Meanwhile, Latvia, Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Portugal and Senegal were among countries to report their first confirmed cases of the coronavirus since Monday.

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said it is "highly likely" that the UK will see a growing number of coronavirus cases, but added that it will be a "mild disease" for the "overwhelming majority" of patients.

- The World Health Organization has sent aid to Iran, which is currently working to contain a quickly spreading coronavirus epidemic. At least 1,500 people have been infected in the country, killing 66, including a top government adviser.

- 8% of Iran`s parliament has tested positive for coronavirus today. Some 77 people with the coronavirus have died in Iran and there are now at least 2,336 confirmed cases in the country.

- A person in Gibraltar has tested positive for coronavirus -- the first case to be identified in the British territory on Spain's southern coast.

- Thailand minister's post said Japan, Germany, South Korea, China "including its special territories Macao and Hong Kong," Taiwan, France, Singapore, Italy and Iran have been declared as "dangerous communicable disease areas." Anyone traveling from those places will have to self-quarantine for 14 days "with no exceptions," Public Health Minister Charnvirakul added.

- Up to a million people could be tested for coronavirus by the end of week, the FDA said Monday, as cases across the US rose to more than 100 and health officials warned that the number will keep climbing.

- Ukraine has confirmed its first novel coronavirus case, the country's Ministry of Health said today.

- Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said his government will announce a stimulus package, amid a financial slowdown in China and the global spread of the coronavirus. There are now 35 cases of the virus in Australia.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	80'152	2'945	47'397
S. Korea	5'186	34	34
Iran	2'336	77	435
Italy	2'036	52	149
Diamond Princess	706	6	100
Japan	293	6	43
France	204	4	12
Germany	196	0	16
Spain	153	0	2
Singapore	110	0	78
USA	103	6	9
Hong Kong	101	2	37
Kuwait	56	0	0
U.K.	51	0	8
Bahrain	49	0	0
Switzerland	47	0	2
Thailand	43	1	30
Taiwan	42	1	12
Australia	39	1	15
Malaysia	36	0	22
Norway	32	0	0
Canada	27	0	7
Iraq	26	0	0
Austria	24	0	0
Netherlands	24	0	0
Sweden	24	0	1
U.A.E.	21	0	5
Vietnam	16	0	16
Belgium	13	0	1
Lebanon	13	0	0
Israel	12	0	1
Oman	12	0	2
Iceland	11	0	1
San Marino	10	1	0
Macao	10	0	9
Croatia	9	0	0
Qatar	8	0	0
Ecuador	7	0	0
Finland	7	0	1
Greece	7	0	0
Denmark	6	0	0
India	6	0	3
Mexico	6	0	1
Algeria	5	0	0
Czechia	5	0	0
Pakistan	5	0	0
Romania	4	0	1
Philippines	3	1	2
Azerbaijan	3	0	0
Georgia	3	0	0
Russia	3	0	2
Brazil	2	0	0
Egypt	2	0	1
Indonesia	2	0	0
Portugal	2	0	0
Afghanistan	1	0	0
Andorra	1	0	0
Armenia	1	0	0
Belarus	1	0	0
Cambodia	1	0	1
Dominican Republic	1	0	0
Estonia	1	0	0
Ireland	1	0	0
Jordan	1	0	0
Latvia	1	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	0
Luxembourg	1	0	0
North Macedonia	1	0	0
Monaco	1	0	0
Morocco	1	0	0
Nepal	1	0	1
New Zealand	1	0	0
Nigeria	1	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1	0	0
Senegal	1	0	0
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Tunisia	1	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	0

- French President Emmanuel Macron has tweeted that the government plans to take control of the supply of protective masks in the country for those possibly affected by the virus.

- US travel restrictions in "additional countries" will soon be announced by the administration. The current restrictions generally apply to non-US citizens who have been in China or Iran in the last two weeks.

- As of 3.3.2020, 5.15 pm: In Switzerland, infections with the new coronavirus have been confirmed in 37 cases by the National Reference Centre for Emerging Viral Diseases in Geneva. There have been reports of diseases from the cantons: Aargau, Basel Land, Basel Stadt, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Graubünden, Schwyz, Ticino, Vaud, Valais and Zurich.

Funding opportunities for researchers

SNF - Special call for research into coronaviruses
- http://www.snf.ch/en/researchinFocus/newsroom/Pages/news-200227-special-call-for-research-into-coronaviruses.aspx

Possible funding - The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI):
- https://www.euresearch.ch/en/euresearch-services/we-inform/newsletter/archive/e-alerts/e-alerts/article/imi-about-to-launch-a-call-on-the-new-coronavirus/

Wellcome Trust:
- https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/epidemic-preparedness-covid-19

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease:
- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-20-030.html

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