Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
06.03.2020

- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 3,400 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 100,500 global cases.

- The director-general of the World Health Organization has warned governments that the continued international spread of the novel coronavirus is "not a drill" and will require significant action if public health authorities are to contain the deadly outbreak.

- "*This is not a drill. This is not the time to give up. This is not a time for excuses. This is a time for pulling out all the stops. Countries have been planning for scenarios like this for decades. Now is the time to act on those plans*," Tedros said. "*This epidemic can be pushed back, but only with a collective, coordinated and comprehensive approach that engages the entire machinery of government.*"

- Singapore has begun using a new swab test that could determine within hours if a person has been infected with coronavirus, as the city state ramps up measures to tackle the outbreak.

- Researchers from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) have estimated the mortality rate among symptomatic Covid-19 patients at 1.4 per cent, in contrast with 3.4 per cent put forth by the World Health Organization earlier this week. But HKU researchers also warned that the epidemic caused by the new coronavirus was "much more severe and deadlier" than the swine flu pandemic in 2009.

- A scheduled meeting of EU Ambassadors did not take place today morning because a second member of Council staff became infected by coronavirus.

- Pentagon officials said efforts to develop vaccines may not be quick enough to wipe out the virus before a "second wave" next winter.

- All 126 new confirmed cases in Hubei province announced today were from the city of Wuhan, according to the Health Commission of Hubei Province.

- Thousands of passengers and crew stuck aboard a cruise ship off the California coast will discover their fate later today, when officials get results from dozens of coronavirus tests. The California Air National Guard dropped off test kits by helicopter yesterday after learning that the first person to die of the virus in the state previously traveled on the Grand Princess cruise liner.

- The last coronavirus patient in Macau to recover was discharged from hospital today. "Now, Macau has zero patients, zero serious cases, zero deaths and zero infections in hospitals," Lei Chin-ion, director of Macau's Health Bureau declared.

- In view of the current situation and the spread of the coronavirus, the Federal Council has categorized **the situation** in Switzerland as **special** in terms of the Epidemics Act. Infections with the new coronavirus have been confirmed: 181 persons.

- The Czech Republic's Health Minister Adam Vojtěch on Friday urged the European Commission "to be more active" when it comes to containing the spread of novel coronavirus.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	80'559	3'042	53'929
S. Korea	6'593	43	135
Iran	4'747	124	913
Italy	3'858	148	414
Diamond Princess	696	6	212
Germany	578	0	17
France	577	9	12
Spain	382	5	3
Japan	381	6	46
USA	233	14	9
Switzerland	214	1	3
UK	163	2	18
Singapore	130	0	81
Netherlands	128	1	0
Belgium	109	0	1
Norway	108	0	1
Hong Kong	105	2	37
Sweden	101	0	1
Malaysia	83	0	22
Australia	60	2	22
Bahrain	60	0	4
Kuwait	58	0	0
Thailand	48	1	31
Canada	48	0	8
Austria	47	0	2
Greece	45	0	0
Taiwan	44	1	15
Iraq	40	3	0
Iceland	37	0	0
India	31	0	3
UAE	28	0	5
San Marino	23	1	0
Denmark	23	0	1
Algeria	17	0	0
Israel	17	0	2
Lebanon	16	0	0
Oman	16	0	2
Vietnam	16	0	16
Egypt	15	0	1
Finland	15	0	1
Ecuador	13	0	0
Ireland	13	0	0
Portugal	13	0	0
Russia	13	0	2
Czechia	12	0	0
Macao	10	0	9
Croatia	10	0	0
Estonia	10	0	0
Brazil	9	0	0

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Georgia	9	0	0
Qatar	8	0	0
Romania	8	0	5
Palestine	7	0	0
Azerbaijan	6	0	0
Belarus	6	0	0
Mexico	6	0	1
Pakistan	6	0	0
Slovenia	6	0	0
Philippines	5	1	2
Saudi Arabia	5	0	1
Indonesia	4	0	0
New Zealand	4	0	0
Senegal	4	0	0
Chile	4	0	0
Hungary	4	0	0
Dominican Republic	2	0	0
Luxembourg	2	0	0
Morocco	2	0	0
Argentina	2	0	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	0	0
Afghanistan	1	0	0
Andorra	1	0	0
Armenia	1	0	0
Cambodia	1	0	1
Jordan	1	0	0
Latvia	1	0	1
Lithuania	1	0	0
North Macedonia	1	0	0
Monaco	1	0	0
Nepal	1	0	1
Nigeria	1	0	0
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Tunisia	1	0	0
Ukraine	1	0	0
Bhutan	1	0	0
Cameroon	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0
Gibraltar	1	0	0
Vatican City	1	0	0
Liechtenstein	1	0	0
Peru	1	0	0
Poland	1	0	0
Serbia	1	0	0
Slovakia	1	0	0
South Africa	1	0	0

- South Korea's Foreign Ministry expressed "strong regret" today over travel restrictions Japan imposed yesterday. South Korea's government has suspended all visas as well as the visa waiver program for Japanese visitors.
- Indian authorities have advised all states to avoid mass gatherings until the coronavirus' spread is contained, the Ministry of Health said in a tweet today. The tweet carried a memorandum from the ministry recommending individual state governments "take necessary action" to guide event organizers on precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.
- The number of coronavirus cases in Belgium has more than doubled in the last 24 hours, the confirmed cases in the country have risen from 50 to 109.

Funding opportunities for researchers

The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) - Call Open on Therapeutics and Diagnostics Combatting Coronavirus Infection

- https://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=499&tx_ttnews%5btt_news%5d=1168&no_cache=1&user_id=51472&job_id=4718

SNF - Special call for research into coronaviruses

- http://www.snf.ch/en/researchinFocus/newsroom/Pages/news-200306-call-special-call-on-coronaviruses.aspx

Wellcome Trust:

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

Sources

https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus
https://www.scmp.com/topics/coronavirus-outbreak-all-stories
https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6
https://edition.cnn.com/world/live-news/coronavirus-outbreak-03-06-20-intl-hnk/index.html
https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html
https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2020/mar/06/coronavirus-update-latest-live-news-symptoms-cases-global-infection-rate-uk-usa-australia-italy-china-updates