

## Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

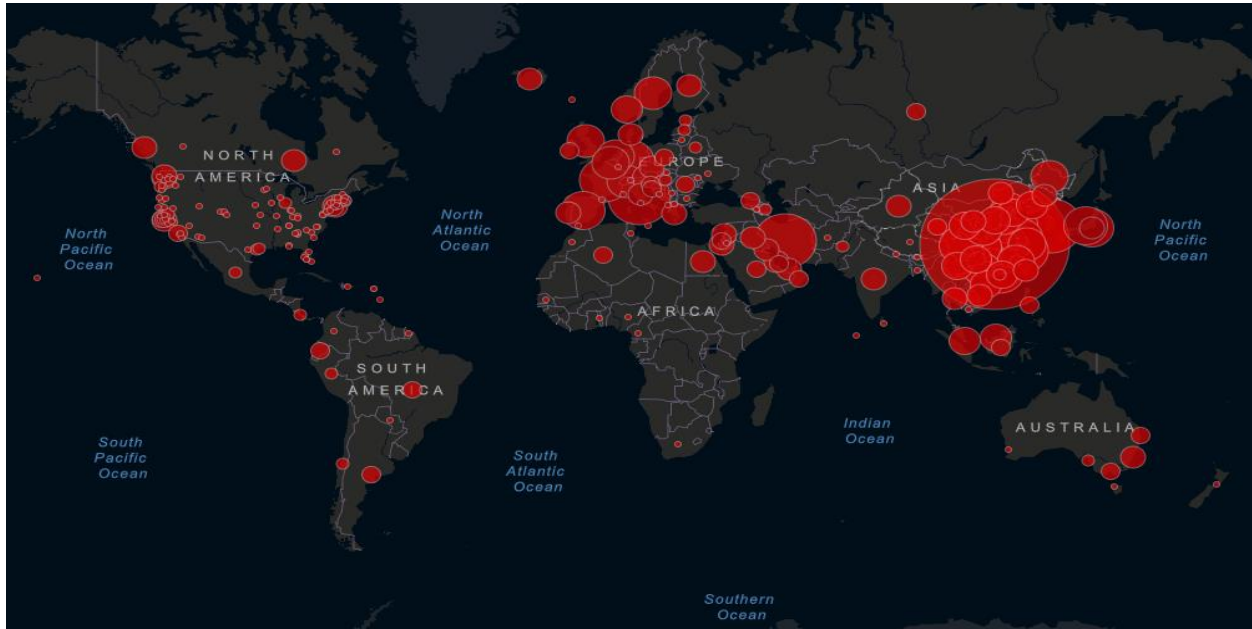
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 3,800 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 111,500 global cases.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director general of WHO, says the world “is not at the mercy” of the virus. He says with decisive, early action the spread of the virus can be slowed. Most people with the virus will recover, he says, pointing to China where he says 70% have recovered. Tedros also highlights that 93% of cases are from four countries. Closing schools and cancelling mass gatherings in countries can be considered in countries where the virus is rife, he says.
- The largest sources of infection outside of China are in South Korea, Iran, Italy and Germany.
- The coronavirus that causes Covid-19 can linger in the air for at least 30 minutes and travel up to 4.5 meters – further than the “safe distance” advised by health authorities around the world, according to a study by a team of Chinese government epidemiologists. The researchers also found that it can last for days on surfaces where respiratory droplets land, raising the risk of transmission if an unsuspecting person touches it and then rubs their face and hands.
- Leading Chinese epidemiologist Zhong Nanshan said he expected the coronavirus epidemic to keep spreading around the world for the next few months. *“The development of the global epidemic is projected to continue until at least June,”* Zhong said, addressing a disease prevention meeting in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou on Friday.
- In the rehabilitation clinic Basel (Rehab) an entire department has been quarantined because of the coronavirus. In addition to patients, employees were also tested positively.
- The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Switzerland rose to 312 by Monday noon. That is 31 more than 24 hours earlier.
- The Google employees in Zurich have to stay at home. They are advised to do home office because of the corona virus. This is reported by «SRF». This affects over 4,000 employees. However, the location remains open. Guests would need to get a permit.
- Singapore on Monday reversed its decision to waive fees for all coronavirus patients in the city state, a U-turn that will affect short-term pass holders who will now have to pay for treatment. *“In view of the rising number of Covid-19 infections globally, and the expected rise in the number of confirmed cases in Singapore, we will need to prioritize the resources at our public hospitals,”* the Health Ministry said in a statement.
- Italy is facing its “darkest hour” as it battles against the novel coronavirus crisis, Prime Minister Conte said today. *“Over the past days I thought back to about what I read on Churchill: it is our darkest hour but we will make it,”* Conte told the La Repubblica newspaper. Conte also promised *“massive shock therapy”* to overcome the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.
- Germany has reported its first two confirmed coronavirus deaths, an 89-year-old woman had died in the town of Essen and another patient had died in the highly affected region of Heinsberg.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	80'739	3'120	58'742
S. Korea	7'478	53	166
Italy	7'375	366	622
Iran	7'161	237	2'394
France	1'209	21	12
Germany	1'164	0	18
Spain	1'050	26	32
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	696	7	245
USA	566	22	15
Japan	530	9	101
<b>Switzerland</b>	374	2	3
Netherlands	321	3	0
UK	321	3	18
Sweden	248	0	1
Belgium	239	0	1
Norway	183	0	1
Singapore	160	0	93
Malaysia	117	0	24
Hong Kong	115	3	59
Austria	112	0	2
Bahrain	109	0	14
Australia	93	3	22
Greece	74	0	0
Canada	67	0	8
Iraq	65	6	1
Kuwait	65	0	1
Iceland	60	0	1
Denmark	59	0	1
UAE	59	0	12
Egypt	55	1	1
San Marino	51	2	0
Thailand	50	1	33
Taiwan	45	1	15
India	43	0	4
Israel	39	0	4
Czech	35	0	0
Lebanon	32	0	1
Portugal	31	0	0
Vietnam	31	0	16
Finland	30	0	1
Brazil	25	0	0
Palestine	25	0	0
Philippines	24	1	2
Slovenia	23	0	0
Ireland	21	0	0
Algeria	20	0	0
Indonesia	19	0	0
Oman	18	0	9
Qatar	18	0	0
Russia	17	0	3
Poland	16	0	0
Ecuador	15	0	0
Georgia	15	0	0
Romania	15	0	5
Saudi Arabia	15	0	1
Argentina	12	1	0

Croatia	12	0	0
Macao	10	0	10
Estonia	10	0	0
Chile	10	0	0
Azerbaijan	9	0	0
Costa Rica	9	0	0
Hungary	9	0	0
Mexico	7	0	1
Pakistan	7	0	1
Peru	7	0	0
South Africa	7	0	0
Belarus	6	0	0
Latvia	6	0	1
Slovakia	6	0	0
Dominican Republic	5	0	0
Luxembourg	5	0	0
New Zealand	5	0	0
French Guiana	5	0	0
Afghanistan	4	0	0
North Macedonia	4	0	0
Senegal	4	0	1
Bulgaria	4	0	0
Maldives	4	0	0
Bangladesh	3	0	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	0	0
Colombia	3	0	0
Malta	3	0	0
Cambodia	2	0	1
Morocco	2	0	0
Nigeria	2	0	0
Tunisia	2	0	0
Albania	2	0	0
Cameroon	2	0	0
Faeroe Islands	2	0	0
Martinique	2	0	0
Saint Martin	2	0	0
Andorra	1	0	0
Armenia	1	0	0
Jordan	1	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	0
Monaco	1	0	0
Nepal	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Ukraine	1	0	0
Bhutan	1	0	0
Brunei	1	0	0
Channel Islands	1	0	0
Gibraltar	1	0	1
Vatican City	1	0	0
Liechtenstein	1	0	0
Moldova	1	0	0
Paraguay	1	0	0
St. Barth	1	0	0
Serbia	1	0	0
Togo	1	0	0

- In Brussels, the first case of coronavirus has been diagnosed among staff at the European commission. The woman had returned from Italy and has been in quarantine since last week.
- Head of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey tests positive for the coronavirus.
- The city of Dublin has canceled its annual St. Patrick's Day parade over coronavirus fears.



## 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](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>

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