

Coronavirus

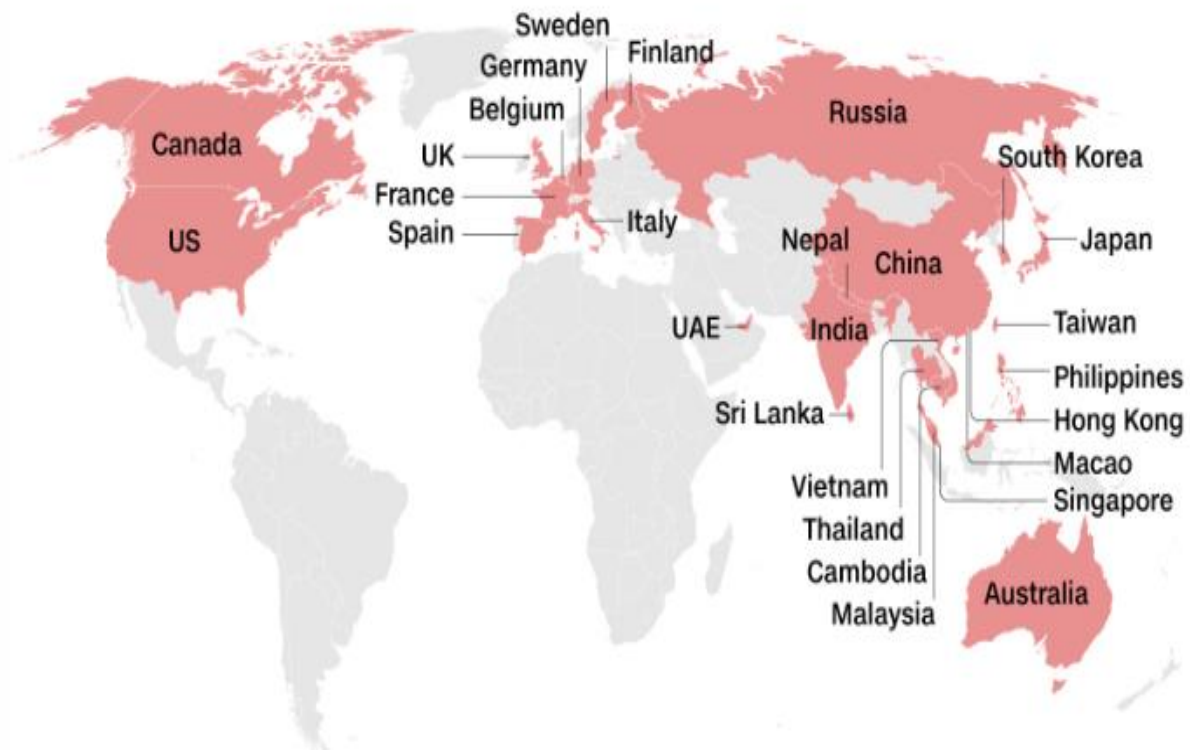
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- The coronavirus outbreak has killed more than 900 people and infected more than 40,710 globally, as it continues to spread beyond China.
- A WHO team left for China on Sunday to assist with containing the novel coronavirus outbreak.
- The Wuhan coronavirus has killed more people than the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak, which claimed 774 victims globally from November 2002 to July 2003.
- Of all the patients confirmed to have the Wuhan coronavirus in mainland China, 8.2% have been cured. On January 27, only 1.3% of patients had been cured.
- Prof. Yuen Kwok, a leading microbiologist and infectious-diseases expert, said he was convinced a local outbreak had started, and human-to-human transmission was taking place within the city. Yuen said every measure should be taken to minimize the spread, including further border closures.
- The United States' top infectious disease doctor, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said that the novel coronavirus is currently under control — "but that could change very quickly," rendering travel restrictions ineffective against the spread of the virus.
- More than 3,600 people disembarked a cruise ship in Hong Kong after testing negative for coronavirus. They had been quarantined at sea for five days. Another 3,700 people are still quarantined on a cruise ship docked in Japan, with dozens of infected cases found on board.
- Chinese leader Xi Jinping has made his first public appearance in weeks.
- *Chen Qiushi*, a citizen journalist who had been posting critical reports from inside of Wuhan, went missing Thursday evening. Friends and family later found out from the police that he had been forced into quarantine.
- Chen's disappearance comes right after the death of Li Wenliang, a Chinese whistleblower doctor who became infected after trying to warn people of the virus in December. His death sparked an intense wave of mourning and rare public fury against the government in China.
- Eight confirmed coronavirus cases in Hong Kong came from *one family cluster*. The cases bring Hong Kong's total to 38 confirmed cases, including one death. Among the 38 cases, four patients are currently in critical condition and another patient is in serious condition.
- The number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus in the UK has doubled from four to eight after four more people in Brighton were diagnosed with the infection over the weekend.
- Tens of millions of Chinese have gone back to work today after the extended lunar new year break.
- China's food prices spiked by 20.6 % in January.
- The Mobile World Congress – the largest exhibition for the mobile phone industry – being held in Barcelona this month, has announced travelers from Hubei province will not be admitted. Sony and Amazon will withdraw from exhibiting and participating in congress because of coronavirus.

- Taiwan will ban most people traveling from Hong Kong and Macao starting tomorrow. Meanwhile, South Korea will temporarily suspend entry to cruise ships.
- The coronavirus is already hurting the world economy.
- A growing number of countries across the world are evacuating or planning to evacuate their citizens from parts of China. Countries who have evacuated some of their citizens so far are: Kazakhstan, Singapore, Philippines, UK, Brazil, US, Taiwan, Uzbekistan, Italy, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand, France, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia. Countries preparing to evacuate their citizens are: Netherlands and Spain.

Countries	Cases	Deaths
Mainland China	40,171	908
Japan	162 (including 136 in cruise ship quarantine)	0
Singapore	45	0
Hong Kong	38	1
Thailand	32	0
South Korea	27	0
Taiwan	18	0
Malaysia	18	0
Australia	15	0
Germany	13	0
Vietnam	13	0
United states	12	0
France	11	0
Macao	10	0
UK	8	0
United Arab Emirates	7	0
Canada	7	0
India	3	0
Philippines	3	1
Italy	3	0
Spain	2	0
Russia	2	0
Cambodia	1	0
Sri Lanka	1	0
Finland	1	0
Nepal	1	0
Sweden	1	0
Belgium	1	0

Confirmed cases of Wuhan coronavirus



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