Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 4,700 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 130,000 global cases.

- The WHO on Wednesday declared the rapidly spreading coronavirus outbreak a pandemic, acknowledging what has seemed clear for some time — the virus will likely spread to all countries on the globe. Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the situation will worsen. "*We expect to see the number of cases, the number of deaths, and the number of affected countries climb even higher,*" said Tedros.

- Trump canceled travel from 26 European countries to the US for the next 30 days, beginning Friday at midnight.

- The European Union disapproves of the fact that the US decision to impose a travel ban was taken unilaterally and without consultation

- Mainland China reported 15 new infections, eight of which are in Hubei. There have been 11 new deaths, 10 of which were in Hubei.

- The Brazilian government has confirmed that president Jair Bolsonaro's communications secretary Fabio Wajngarten has coronavirus just days after meeting Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago, Dom Phillips, in Rio de Janeiro, reports.

- The Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, is self-isolating after his wife began suffering from flu-like symptoms after returning from the UK.

- The London School of Economics is to move all teaching for undergraduate and postgraduate students online later this month, becoming the first UK university to do so in the wake of the widespread Covid-19 outbreak.

- Stock markets in the US and Europe plunged further after Trump's travel ban sparked panic from investors. The US benchmark index, the S&P 500, lost 8.2% of its value in 30 minutes, triggering automatic halts in trading on Wall Street for the second time in a week.

- India has barred the entry of all foreign tourists for one month starting tomorrow in a bid to contain the coronavirus. The ban on foreign visitors includes foreign nationals of Indian origin.

- Every member of the Spanish cabinet is being tested for coronavirus after the country's equality minister, Irene Montero, became the latest politician to test positive for the virus. The coronavirus death toll in Spain has increased from 47 to 84.

- The canton of Ticino has declared an emergency. This is valid until March 29th.

- So far, six people have died in Switzerland. They lived in the cantons of Vaud, Baselland and Ticino.

- The University Hospital Zurich (USZ) is taking extraordinary measures in the fight against the corona virus: From Thursday evening there will be a far-reaching ban on visits to the hospital.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	80'796	3'169	62'826
Italy	12'462	827	1'045
Iran	10'075	429	3'276
S. Korea	7'869	66	333
Spain	3'059	86	189
Germany	2'502	5	25
France	2'281	48	12
USA	1'381	38	15
Switzerland	867	6	4
Norway	714	0	1
Diamond Princess	696	7	325
Sweden	667	1	1
Japan	643	16	118
Denmark	615	0	1
Netherlands	614	5	2
UK	590	10	18
Belgium	399	3	1
Austria	361	1	4
Qatar	262	0	0
Bahrain	195	0	35
Singapore	178	0	96
Malaysia	158	0	26
Australia	156	3	26
Hong Kong	130	3	77
Canada	118	1	9
Finland	109	0	1
Iceland	103	0	0
Israel	100	0	4
Greece	99	1	0
Czech	96	0	0
Slovenia	89	0	0
UAE	85	0	17
Kuwait	80	0	5
Iraq	79	8	20
Portugal	78	0	0
India	74	0	4
Thailand	70	1	35
San Marino	69	3	0
Brazil	69	0	0
Lebanon	68	3	1
Egypt	67	1	27
Philippines	52	2	2
Poland	51	1	0
Taiwan	49	1	20
Romania	49	0	6
Saudi Arabia	45	0	1
Ireland	43	1	0
Vietnam	39	0	16
Indonesia	34	1	3
Palestine	31	0	0
Russia	28	0	3
Georgia	25	0	0
Brunei	25	0	0
Algeria	24	1	8
Albania	23	1	0
Chile	23	0	0
Costa Rica	22	0	0
Peru	22	0	0
Argentina	21	1	0
Pakistan	21	0	2
Croatia	19	0	1

Luxembourg	19	0	0
Serbia	19	0	0
Oman	18	0	9
Ecuador	17	0	0
Estonia	17	0	0
South Africa	17	0	0
Bulgaria	16	1	0
Latvia	16	0	1
Hungary	16	0	0
Slovakia	16	0	0
Panama	14	1	0
Belarus	12	0	3
Mexico	12	0	4
Azerbaijan	11	0	3
Bosnia and Herzegovina	11	0	0
Macao	10	0	10
North Macedonia	9	0	1
Colombia	9	0	0
Malta	9	0	0
Maldives	8	0	0
Afghanistan	7	0	0
Tunisia	7	0	0
Cyprus	7	0	0
Morocco	6	1	0
French Guiana	6	0	0
Cambodia	5	0	1
Dominican Republic	5	0	0
New Zealand	5	0	0
Senegal	5	0	1
Paraguay	5	0	0
Armenia	4	0	0
Liechtenstein	4	0	0
Moldova	4	0	0
Lithuania	3	0	0
Bangladesh	3	0	0
Channel Islands	3	0	0
Cuba	3	0	0
Martinique	3	0	0
Nigeria	2	0	0
Sri Lanka	2	0	1
Bolivia	2	0	0
Burkina Faso	2	0	0
Cameroon	2	0	0
Faeroe Islands	2	0	0
Honduras	2	0	0
Jamaica	2	0	0
Saint Martin	2	0	0
Guyana	1	1	0
Andorra	1	0	0
Jordan	1	0	0
Monaco	1	0	0
Nepal	1	0	1
Ukraine	1	0	0
Bhutan	1	0	0
Ivory Coast	1	0	0
DRC	1	0	0
French Polynesia	1	0	0
Gibraltar	1	0	1
Vatican City	1	0	0
Mongolia	1	0	0
Réunion	1	0	0
St. Barth	1	0	0
St. Vincent Grenadines	1	0	0
Togo	1	0	0
Turkey	1	0	0

- The Czech government declared a state of emergency Thursday over coronavirus, partly closing borders to prevent people from at-risk locations from entering the country.
- The NBA has suspended play indefinitely after a Utah Jazz player preliminarily tested positive for Covid-19.
- A joint European-Russian mission to send a rover to Mars that was due to launch this year, has been postponed to 2022, partly because of the coronavirus outbreak.
- Princess Cruises announced today it will voluntarily pause global operations for its 18 cruise ships for two months.

Corona-Fälle in der Schweiz pro Kanton

Grau = keine bekannten Infektionen / Karte wird laufend aktualisiert / Geheilte und verstorbene Patienten werden nicht berücksichtigt, es gilt die totale Infektionszahl pro Kanton

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

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