

Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

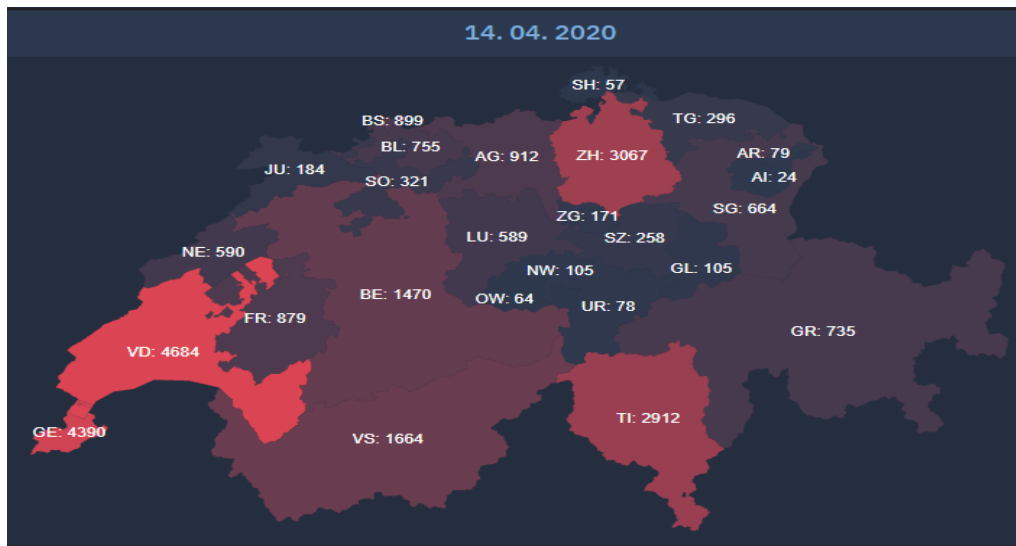
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 123,000 worldwide, with the highest number of deaths in USA (24,618) and Italy (21,067). There have been more than 1,956,000 global cases in 211 countries.
- *“Evidence from several countries is giving us a clearer picture about this virus, how it behaves, how to stop it and how to treat it. We know that COVID-19 spreads fast, and we know that it is deadly – 10 times deadlier than the 2009 flu pandemic”,* said Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- *“We know that in some countries, cases are doubling every 3 to 4 days. However, while COVID-19 accelerates very fast, it decelerates much more slowly. That means control measures must be lifted slowly, and with control. It cannot happen all at once. Control measures can only be lifted if the right public health measures are in place, including significant capacity for contact tracing”,* World Health Organization (WHO) officials said.
- The European Commission is set to propose an action plan for a coordinated coronavirus lockdown exit across Europe. The Commission is expected to send its plan to the EU's member states later on Tuesday and to present it on Wednesday.
- Swiss pharma and business insiders predict that an effective drug therapy against Covid-19 will be available by the end of this year, but a vaccine might take a year longer than that.
- Switzerland has delivered humanitarian supplies to the Democratic Republic of the Congo before repatriating tourists stranded in central Africa due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- Two of the world's biggest drug companies team up to develop Covid-19 vaccine. Sanofi and GSK today announce that they have signed a letter of intent to enter into a collaboration to develop an adjuvant vaccine for COVID-19, using innovative technology from both companies, to help address the ongoing pandemic,” the two companies said in the joint statement. *“The companies plan to initiate phase I clinical trials in the second half of 2020 and, if successful and subject to regulatory considerations, aim to complete the development required for availability by the second half of 2021,”* the statement added.
- Some shops and business in Italy will be allowed to reopen on Tuesday, according to a government decree signed by Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, as the country tentatively seeks to emerge from its coronavirus lockdown.
- China will lift “health management” restrictions on African nationals following a meeting with representatives from 20 African countries, according to its Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The change of policy comes after several African countries complained about the treatment of their citizens, following reports of alleged coronavirus-related discrimination against African nationals in China and particularly in the city of Guangzhou.
- Doctors, virologists and epidemiologists in Sweden have denounced their government’s approach to tackling the coronavirus outbreak, as its death toll from Covid-19 increased by 114 in 24 hours, taking its total past 1,000.
- One third of National Health Service staff and other key workers who’ve been tested for coronavirus have returned positive results, according to data released by the British government.

Countries	Deaths	Cases	Recovered
USA	24'618	591'285	37'449
Italy	21'067	162'488	37'130
Spain	18'056	172'541	67'504
France	14'967	136'779	27'718
UK	12'107	93'873	N/A
Iran	4'683	74'877	48'129
Belgium	4'157	31'119	6'868
China	3'341	82'249	77'738
Germany	3'261	131'100	68'200
Netherlands	2'945	27'419	250
Brazil	1'378	24'169	3'046
Turkey	1'296	61'049	3'957
Switzerland	1'174	25'936	13'700
Sweden	1'033	11'445	381
Canada	823	26'206	7'992
Portugal	567	17'448	347
Indonesia	459	4'839	426
Austria	384	14'197	7'633
India	368	10'941	1'295
Ireland	365	10'647	25
Ecuador	355	7'529	597
Romania	351	6'879	1'051
Philippines	335	5'223	295
Mexico	332	5'014	1'964
Algeria	326	2'070	691
Denmark	299	6'496	2'515
Poland	263	7'202	618
S. Korea	222	10'564	7'534
Peru	216	9'784	2'642
Dominican Republic	183	3'286	162
Russia	170	21'102	1'694
Egypt	164	2'190	589
Czechia	161	6'101	642
Japan	143	7'645	799
Norway	139	6'623	32
Morocco	126	1'838	210
Hungary	122	1'512	122
Israel	117	11'868	2'000
Colombia	112	2'852	319
Argentina	102	2'277	559
Greece	101	2'170	269
Ukraine	98	3'372	119
Pakistan	96	5'837	1'378
Serbia	94	4'465	400
Panama	94	3'472	61
Chile	92	7'917	2'646
Malaysia	82	4'987	2'478
Iraq	78	1'400	766
Saudi Arabia	73	5'369	889
Luxembourg	69	3'292	500
Finland	64	3'161	300
Australia	61	6'400	3'598
Slovenia	56	1'220	152
Bangladesh	46	1'012	42
North Macedonia	44	908	86
Thailand	41	2'613	1'405
Bosnia and Herzegovina	40	1'083	236
Moldova	38	1'934	134
San Marino	36	371	53
Bulgaria	35	713	81
Tunisia	34	726	43
Belarus	33	3'281	203
Croatia	31	1'704	415
Estonia	31	1'373	115
Andorra	29	646	128
Bolivia	28	354	6
South Africa	27	2'415	410

Burkina Faso	27	515	161
Lithuania	26	1'070	101
Honduras	26	407	7
UAE	25	4'521	852
Albania	24	475	248
Afghanistan	23	714	40
Cuba	21	766	132
Lebanon	21	641	80
DRC	20	241	20
Armenia	16	1'067	265
Kazakhstan	14	1'202	203
Cameroon	14	848	130
Azerbaijan	13	1'197	351
Niger	13	548	86
Mali	13	144	34
Diamond Princess	12	712	639
Cyprus	12	695	65
Singapore	10	3'252	611
Nigeria	10	343	91
New Zealand	9	1'366	628
Channel Islands	9	436	48
Mauritius	9	324	51
Kenya	9	216	41
Venezuela	9	189	110
Sint Maarten	9	52	5
Iceland	8	1'720	989
Ghana	8	636	17
Uruguay	8	483	248
Guadeloupe	8	145	67
Trinidad and Tobago	8	113	17
Bahamas	8	49	6
Qatar	7	3'428	373
Bahrain	7	1'522	645
Jordan	7	391	215
Sri Lanka	7	219	61
Paraguay	7	159	22
Ivory Coast	6	626	89
Taiwan	6	393	124
Martinique	6	157	50
El Salvador	6	149	25
Liberia	6	59	4
Guyana	6	47	8
Latvia	5	657	16
Kyrgyzstan	5	430	71
Guatemala	5	167	19
Congo	5	60	5
Bermuda	5	57	30
Sudan	5	32	4
Uzbekistan	4	1'113	99
Hong Kong	4	1'013	434
Oman	4	813	130
Montenegro	4	283	5
Jamaica	4	73	19
Barbados	4	72	13
Myanmar	4	63	2
Kuwait	3	1'355	176
Costa Rica	3	612	62
Malta	3	393	44
Georgia	3	296	68
Mayotte	3	217	69
Ethiopia	3	82	14
Togo	3	77	32
Tanzania	3	53	7
Haiti	3	40	0
Zimbabwe	3	17	0
Slovakia	2	835	113
Djibouti	2	363	53
Palestine	2	308	62
Senegal	2	299	183
Isle of Man	2	242	141
Somalia	2	60	2
Zambia	2	45	30
Saint Martin	2	32	11
Syria	2	29	5
Antigua and Barbuda	2	23	3
Angola	2	19	4
Belize	2	18	0
Malawi	2	16	0
MS Zaandam	2	9	0
Brunei	1	136	107

- Health officials in Kenya say the coronavirus outbreak in the country is beginning to move out of urban centers and into more rural areas.
- Spain said on Tuesday that while its death toll had surpassed 18,000, the highest in the world after Italy, its daily increase in new cases was the lowest since 17 March. Workers there returned to some factory and construction jobs, but most shops and services remained closed and office staff must still work from home if they can.
- Cuba's second group of medical personnel landed in Turin, Italy, today at the request of Italian authorities and Italy's Ministry of Health.
- The US Food and Drug Administration has authorized a saliva test for diagnosing Covid-19 in emergencies.
- Iran has reported 98 new coronavirus-related deaths over the past 24 hours – the first time in nearly a month that the country has seen a two-digit increase in new deaths, health ministry spokesman Kianush Jahanpoor said on state TV on Tuesday.
- Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan extended a "partial lockdown" across the country until the end of April.



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