

## Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

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- The coronavirus outbreak has infected more than 71,000 people globally and killed 1,775, including five people outside mainland China.
- Twelve international and World Health Organization (WHO) experts landed in Beijing yesterday, for a WHO-led joint mission with Chinese national experts. The experts will be reviewing data, holding workshops, and making field visits to three provinces to study the coronavirus outbreak. The visiting experts will stay as long as needed, said WHO director general.
- A further 99 cases have been confirmed aboard the quarantined ***Diamond Princess*** cruise ship in Japan. The US has evacuated more than 300 Americans from the stricken ship. A total of 14 American passengers were confirmed to have the coronavirus as they were evacuated from the cruise.
- Russian, Diamond Princess passengers on board has tested positive for the coronavirus. Canada, Italy and Hong Kong are also sending flights for their citizens.
- A passenger from another cruise ship, ***the Westerdam***, was confirmed to have the virus after more than 1,000 fellow passengers departed the ship for onward travel. Malaysian government announced it will not allow passengers who were on board to enter its borders.
- Westerdam cruise ship operator will investigate those who had contact with an infected guest.
- Thailand, Japan and South Korea announced new cases today.
- Japan's fifth evacuation flight from Wuhan landed in Tokyo today, carrying evacuees from the epicenter of the coronavirus outbreak.
- A Russian woman who escaped a ward where she was under quarantine for novel coronavirus has been ordered back to the hospital, Russian state news agencies reported Monday.
- Chinese banks now disinfect their cash with ultraviolet light and high temperatures, then store it for seven to 14 days before releasing it to customers.
- Tokyo Marathon cancels entries from the public. The marathon will only be open to elite runners.
- Beijing is considering delaying its annual meeting of the National People's Congress (NPC), a gathering of the country's nearly 3,000 national legislators, as the government continues to deal with the fallout from the coronavirus outbreak, state media reported.
- The Japanese Imperial Household says that it is canceling next weekend's public birthday celebration for Emperor Naruhito due to fears that large crowds could facilitate the spread of the novel coronavirus.
- Coronavirus has hit American companies operating factories in China, with some unable to reopen and others unable to provide masks for staff.

- A group of Australians who had been evacuated from Wuhan, are heading home after completing their quarantine period. Australia evacuated 241 of its nationals from the city this month and transported them to Christmas Island, where most of them spent two weeks in quarantine.
- The Indian government is sending a planeload of medical supplies to Wuhan later this week to help China combat the coronavirus epidemic, the Indian Embassy said on its Twitter account. They said the flight will take Indians in Wuhan and Hubei province back to their home country when it leaves China, but the plane has "limited capacity."
- Wellcome is making a pledge of up to £10 million to accelerate research and support global efforts to tackle the ongoing novel coronavirus COVID-19 epidemic.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Mainland China	70,553	1,771	11,272
<a href="#">Cruise Ship</a>	454	0	17
Singapore	77	1	24
Japan	65	0	17
Hong Kong	58	1	2
Thailand	35	0	15
South Korea	30	0	10
Malaysia	22	0	8
Taiwan	20	1	2
Germany	16	0	3
Vietnam	16	0	7
Australia	15	0	10
USA	15	0	3
France	12	1	4
Macau	10	0	5
U.K.	9	0	8
U.A.E	9	0	3
Canada	8	0	1
India	3	0	3
Philippines	3	1	2
Italy	3	0	
Spain	2	0	2
Russia	2	0	2
Cambodia	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Finland	1	0	1
Nepal	1	0	1
Sweden	1	0	
Belgium	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,444</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>11,348</b>

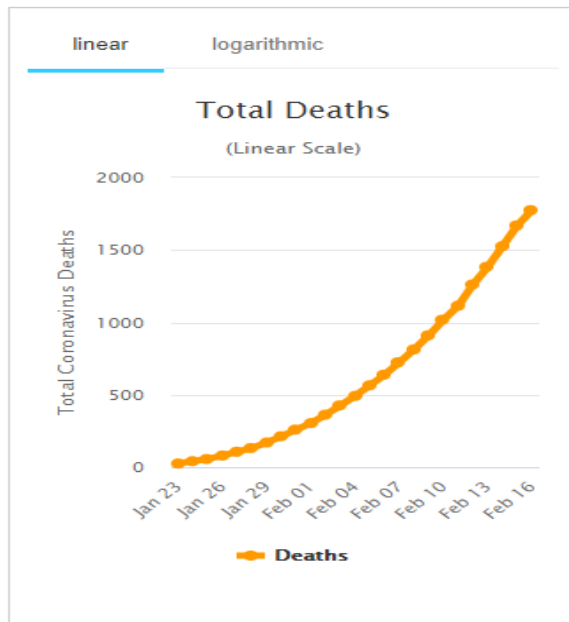
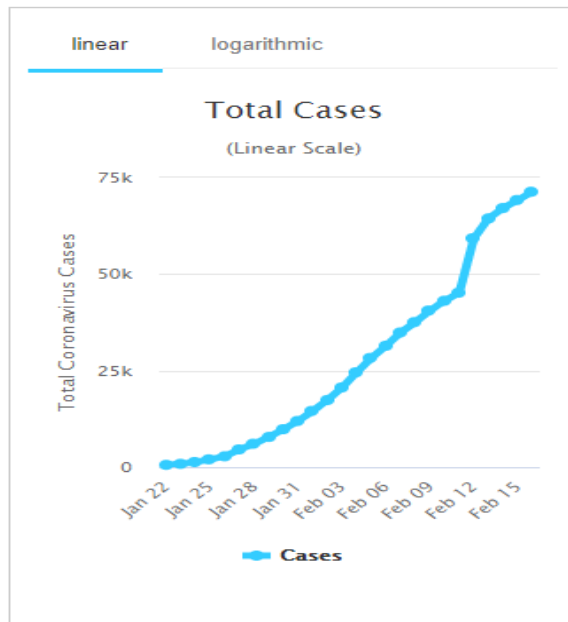
## Funding opportunities for researchers

Wellcome Trust:

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

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease:

- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-20-030.html>



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