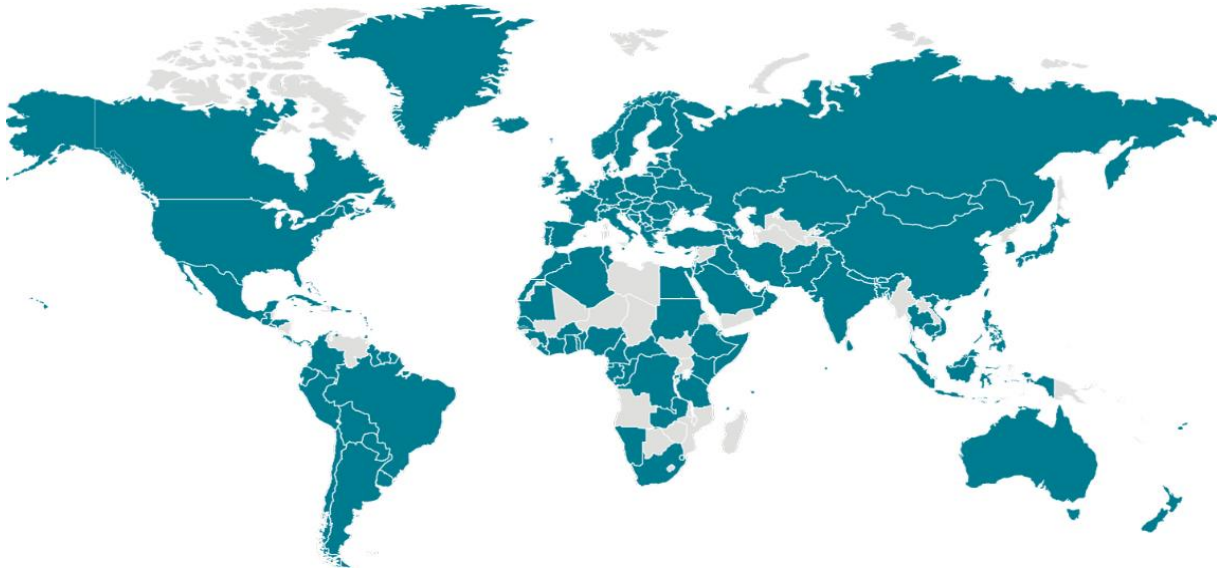# Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 9,300 worldwide, with the vast majority in Italy (3,405) and China (3,242). There have been more than 230,000 global cases in 177 countries.
- China reported no new cases of Covid-19 being acquired inside the country for the first time since the outbreak began. It recorded a rise in infections from abroad, but no new cases in Hubei province. The lockdown of Wuhan may be lifted once there have been no new cases for 14 days, the state-backed China Daily reported.
- *On Friday, March 20 at 12:30* people in Switzerland are showing their support for medical staff and healthcare workers by giving them a 60-second round of applause, from their balconies or gardens.
- The latest on the coronavirus situation in Switzerland. The government has cancelled the nationwide vote scheduled for May 17, both air and rail transport providers cut back service, and more travel restrictions at the border.
- Italy has just surpassed China for the most number of deaths related to COVID-19. The number of deaths in Italy reached 3,405. As China's current number of deaths is 3,242, according to the World Health Organization, Italy has become the deadliest center of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- As coronavirus cases jump and deaths surge in Italy, new figures show an "enormous" level of contagion among the country's medical personnel. At least 2,629 health workers have been infected by coronavirus since the onset of the outbreak in February, representing 8.3 % of total cases, according to a report published on Wednesday by Gruppo Italiano per la Medicina Basata sulle Evidenze or GIMBE - Italy's Group for Evidence-based Medicine.
- In Bergamo (Lombardy region), 118 out of about 600 family doctors (20%) have been infected, and a 65-year-old doctor has died.
- The coronavirus measures in place in the hard hit Lombardy region of northern Italy are "*not strict enough,*" according to Chinese medical experts helping the country deal with the crisis. "*In the city of Wuhan after one month since the adoption of the lockdown policy, we see a decreasing trend from the peak of the disease*," the Chinese Red Cross vice president, Sun Shuopeng said. "*Here in Milan, the hardest hit area by COVID-19, there isn't a very strict lockdown: public transportation is still working and people are still moving around, you're still having dinners and parties in the hotels and you're not wearing masks. We need every citizen to be involved in the fight of COVID-19 and follow this policy.*"
- Iran has reported 149 more deaths from Covid-19 and more than 1,000 new cases. Daily death tolls in Iran have been over 100 since Tuesday and continue to grow.
- The US is preparing for the pandemic to last up to 18 months or longer.
- ''*We are preparing for a worst-case scenario where a very large number of people will become infected and we have the human resources to help*," Kramp-Karrenbauer said during a press briefing, adding that the capabilities of the army reserves should be used sensibly. "*This will be important, especially if the crisis lasts longer,*" she added.
- The first deaths from the virus have been reported in Russia and Costa Rica. The first confirmed cases have been reported in Bermuda and Mauritius, together with measures to block flights to those islands.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	80'928	3'245	70'420
Italy	41'035	3'405	4'440
Iran	18'407	1'284	5'979
Spain	17'395	803	1'107
Germany	14'544	43	113
USA	11'348	167	108
France	9'134	264	602
S. Korea	8'565	91	1'947
Switzerland	3'939	36	15
UK	2'692	137	65
Netherlands	2'460	76	2
Austria	2'013	6	9
Belgium	1'795	21	165
Norway	1'748	7	1
Sweden	1'439	11	16
Denmark	1'151	6	1
Japan	923	32	191
Malaysia	900	2	75
Portugal	785	3	4
Canada	770	9	12
Diamond Princess	712	7	527
Australia	709	6	46
Czechia	631	0	3
Brazil	534	6	2
Israel	529	0	13
Greece	464	6	19
Qatar	452	0	4
Pakistan	448	2	13
Finland	400	0	10
Ireland	366	2	5
Singapore	345	0	124
Chile	342	0	0
Luxembourg	335	4	0
Iceland	330	0	5
Poland	325	5	13
Slovenia	319	1	0
Indonesia	309	25	15
Bahrain	277	1	100
Romania	277	0	25
Thailand	272	1	42
Estonia	267	0	1
Saudi Arabia	238	0	8
Philippines	217	17	8
Egypt	210	6	28
Hong Kong	208	4	98
Ecuador	199	3	1
Russia	199	1	8
Turkey	192	3	0
India	184	4	20
Iraq	177	12	49
Peru	155	0	1
South Africa	150	0	0
Lebanon	149	4	4
Kuwait	148	0	18
San Marino	140	14	4
UAE	140	0	31
Slovakia	124	0	0
Armenia	122	0	1
Mexico	118	1	4
Panama	109	1	0
Taiwan	108	1	26
Colombia	108	0	1
Bulgaria	105	3	0
Croatia	105	1	5
Argentina	97	3	3
Serbia	97	0	1
Algeria	87	9	32
Latvia	86	0	1
Uruguay	79	0	0
Vietnam	76	0	16
Hungary	73	1	2
Brunei	73	0	0
Faeroe Islands	72	0	1
Costa Rica	69	1	0
Cyprus	67	0	0
Albania	64	2	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	63	0	2
Morocco	61	2	2
Sri Lanka	60	0	3
Jordan	56	0	1
Andorra	53	0	1
Malta	53	0	2
Belarus	51	0	5
Moldova	49	1	1
North Macedonia	49	0	1
Palestine	47	0	0
Azerbaijan	44	1	7

Kazakhstan	44	0	0
Georgia	40	0	1
Tunisia	39	1	1
Oman	39	0	13
Cambodia	37	0	1
Lithuania	36	0	1
Senegal	36	0	2
Venezuela	36	0	0
Dominican Republic	34	2	0
Burkina Faso	33	1	0
Guadeloupe	33	0	0
New Zealand	28	0	0
Liechtenstein	28	0	0
Martinique	23	1	0
Uzbekistan	23	0	0
Afghanistan	22	0	1
Réunion	19	0	0
Ukraine	18	2	0
Bangladesh	18	1	3
Macao	17	0	10
Jamaica	15	1	2
Bolivia	15	0	0
French Guiana	15	0	0
DRC	14	0	0
Cameroon	13	0	0
Maldives	13	0	0
Nigeria	12	0	1
Guam	12	0	0
Honduras	12	0	0
Cuba	11	1	0
Ghana	11	0	0
Paraguay	11	0	0
Rwanda	11	0	0
Monaco	10	0	0
Montenegro	10	0	0
Guatemala	9	1	0
Ivory Coast	9	0	1
Trinidad and Tobago	9	0	0
Gibraltar	8	0	2
Channel Islands	7	0	0
Ethiopia	7	0	0
Kenya	7	0	0
French Polynesia	6	0	0
Mongolia	6	0	0
Puerto Rico	6	0	0
Seychelles	6	0	0
Tanzania	6	0	0
Guyana	5	1	0
Aruba	5	0	1
Equatorial Guinea	4	0	0
Curaçao	3	1	0
Bahamas	3	0	0
Gabon	3	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	3	0	0
Mauritius	3	0	0
Mayotte	3	0	0
St. Barth	3	0	0
Saint Martin	3	0	0
U.S. Virgin Islands	3	0	0
Sudan	2	1	0
Barbados	2	0	0
Benin	2	0	0
Bermuda	2	0	0
Greenland	2	0	0
Liberia	2	0	0
Mauritania	2	0	0
Namibia	2	0	0
New Caledonia	2	0	0
Saint Lucia	2	0	0
Zambia	2	0	0
Cayman Islands	1	1	0
Nepal	1	0	1
Antigua and Barbuda	1	0	0
Bhutan	1	0	0
CAR	1	0	0
Chad	1	0	0
Congo	1	0	0
Djibouti	1	0	0
El Salvador	1	0	0
Fiji	1	0	0
Gambia	1	0	0
Guinea	1	0	0
Vatican City	1	0	0
Montserrat	1	0	0
Nicaragua	1	0	0
St. Vincent Grenadines	1	0	0
Sint Maarten	1	0	0
Somalia	1	0	0
Suriname	1	0	0
Eswatini	1	0	0
Togo	1	0	0

- WHO, UNICEF and World Bank are creating a global security stockpile approach to solving supply chain problems but there will be other concrete asks of different industries, tweeted Tedros.
- Louis Vuitton has converted its perfume manufacturing at all its Christian Dior, Guerlain and Givenchy facilities to the production of sanitizer and giving to hospitals in France for free. Spanish fashion chain Zara is turning over its logistics and manufacturing facilities to delivering 300,000 surgical masks by the end of the week to the health authorities. It is also using its networks to source medical grade fabric for hospital gowns.

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

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

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