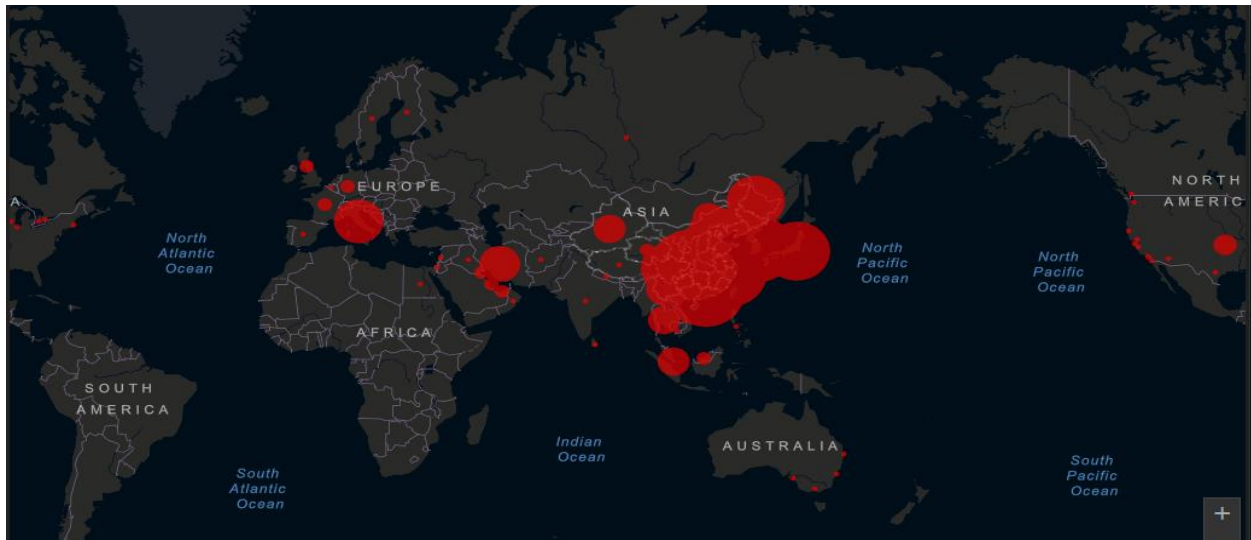# Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
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- The coronavirus outbreak has infected more than 80,000 people worldwide and killed more than 2,700. There are at least 2,400 confirmed cases of coronavirus in more than 35 countries and territories outside mainland China, including 37 deaths.

- Two people have tested positive for the coronavirus in Austria. Their genders and nationalities have not been released yet.

- Croatia has confirmed its first case of the coronavirus. The patient is a young male Croatian national with mild symptoms, and is quarantined in the University Hospital for Infectious Diseases Dr. Fran Mihaljevic in Zagreb, Croatia. The man recently traveled in Italy, the Prime Minister's office said.

- Switzerland has confirmed its first case of coronavirus; the country's federal office of public health has announced. Further details will be provided at 5pm, the health department said, declining to say where the first case had been detected.

- Italian authorities have identified what they believe is the first known patient to have caught coronavirus in Italy's northern Lombardy region as a 38-year-old man. He is now at the Policlinico San Matteo in Pavia, Italian Civil Protection press officer Juri Pittaluga said. However, authorities don't believe that this is the case that imported the virus to the region. His pregnant wife has also tested positive for coronavirus and is in the Sacco hospital in Milan, but her health condition is "*not worrying at all*" Pittaluga said.

- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said "*Obviously we cannot predict the progress of the virus. It is clear that there has been an outbreak and it has spread from there*,". Conte added "*There has been a management of the hospital **not entirely proper** according to prudent protocols which are recommended in these cases, and this has certainly contributed to the spread*".

- Italy's Lombardy region press office has issued a list of towns and villages that are in complete lockdown, inside the so-called "red zones" created to prevent the spread of coronavirus. They are: Codogno, Castiglione D'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo, San Fioran.

- Iran is on the front line of the outbreak -- the health ministry has confirmed 95 cases and 15 deaths. Though one lawmaker in the city of Qom claims the death toll could be as high as 50.

- Iran's deputy health minister Iraj Haririchi, who appeared on television sweaty and ill to warn Iranians of coronavirus yesterday, tested positive for coronavirus today.

- Beijing is pushing its tech companies to join the fight against the novel coronavirus. Tech giants have responded by deploying autonomous vehicles to bring supplies to medical workers, fitting drones with thermal cameras to improve detection of the virus and lending their computing power to help develop a vaccine.

- A hotel in Tenerife where an Italian man who has tested positive for coronavirus was staying has been put on lockdown.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Mainland China	77,666	2,664	27,636
South Korea	977	11	22
Diamond Princess	691	4	10
Italy	287	7	1
Japan	161	1	23
Iran	95	15	3
Singapore	90	0	53
Hong Kong	81	2	12
USA	53	0	6
Thailand	37	0	21
Taiwan	31	1	5
Malaysia	22	0	20
Australia	22	0	11
Germany	16	0	14
Vietnam	16	0	16
U.K.	13	0	8
U.A.E	13	0	3
France	12	1	11
Canada	11	0	3
Macao	10	0	5
Bahrain	8	0	0
Kuwait	8	0	0
Iraq	5	0	0
Philippines	3	1	2
India	3	0	3
Spain	2	0	2
Israel	2	0	0
Oman	2	0	0
Russia	2	0	2
Croatia	***1***	***0***	***0***
Austria	***2***	***0***	***0***
Switzerland	***1***	***0***	***0***
Afghanistan	1	0	0
Belgium	1	0	1
Cambodia	1	0	1
Lebanon	1	0	0
Egypt	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Finland	1	0	1
Nepal	1	0	1
Sweden	1	0	0
Total	**80,353**	**2,707**	**27,898**

- Three Kuwaiti citizens returning from Iran have tested positive for novel coronavirus, the Kuwaiti health ministry said in a tweet on Tuesday. This brings the total number of confirmed cases in Kuwait to eight, the ministry said.

- Due to Iran's outbreak, Oman has suspended flights to and from the country. Turkey, Pakistan and Iraq have closed their borders with Iran, while Kuwait Airways, Iraq Airways and Turkey have suspended flights to the country.

- An 80-year old passenger from the Diamond Princess cruise ship that was quarantined in Japan has died, this is the fourth passenger from the ship to die.

- Scientist claims Hong Kong coronavirus cases could top 1,000 in next two weeks. City University`s Dr. Sean Yuan says risk of community outbreak is high, and urges government to impose stringent measures to combat epidemic.

Coronavirus` global spread

Funding opportunities for researchers

Possible funding - The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI):
- https://www.euresearch.ch/en/euresearch-services/we-inform/newsletter/archive/e-alerts/e-alerts/article/imi-about-to-launch-a-call-on-the-new-coronavirus/

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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