

# Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

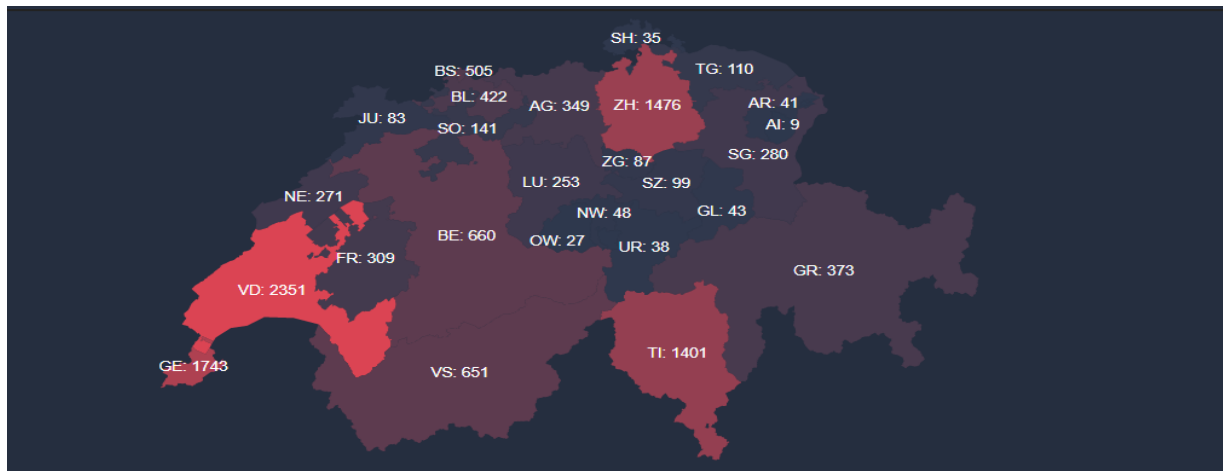
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 22,337 worldwide, with the vast majority in Italy (8,165) and Spain (4,145). There have been more than 502,330 global cases in 199 countries.
- The WHO is joining the Global Covid-19 Education Coalition launched by UNESCO. *“Because we believe that children must be able to keep learning no matter what. Their health and well-being depends on it. We want to make sure that children everywhere can continue their education with special care for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities”*, said the director-general Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus during the published video.
- *“We have overcome many pandemics and crises before. We will overcome this one, too. The question is how large a price we will pay,”* director-general Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.
- Another amazing initiative by technological companies to fight Covid-19: a hackathon inviting the global developer community to meet the needs of WHO and other relevant agencies with innovative digital solution.
- It has been well-publicized that Covid-19 discriminates by age and by underlying health conditions. But it has become increasingly apparent that it also discriminates by sex, with men more likely to test positive and more likely to die from the disease. The trend was first seen in China, where one analysis found a fatality rate of 2.8% in men compared with 1.7% in women. Since then, the pattern has been mirrored in France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Spain.
- In Italy, men have accounted for 71% of deaths and, in Spain, data released today suggests twice as many men as women have died. So why are men more vulnerable? *“The honest answer is none of us know what’s causing the difference,”* said Prof Sarah Hawkes, director of the UCL Centre for Gender and Global Health.
- Takis, a biotech company in Castel Romano, Rome, are ready to test their Covid-19 vaccine on pre-clinical models. They have received the authorization by Italian Ministry of Health. They are going to start tests on animals this week.
- If you do not have any respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, or runny nose, you do not need to wear a medical mask. When used alone, masks can give you a false feeling of protection and can even be a source of infection when not used correctly, WHO tweeted today.
- Anonymized data collected by Swisscom and given to the government have revealed that the Swiss population is behaving in a disciplined manner and is following the guidelines set out by the federal authorities to contain the spread of Covid-19.
- New York City is the epicenter of the US outbreak. Known cases double every three days.
- The mobilization of the Swiss army to cope with the pandemic has resulted in “more work than ever” for the army’s postmen and postwomen.
- France is not including corona deaths in the official counts if they occurred at nursing homes or at home. Only those who die in the hospitals are counted.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
China	81'285	3'287	74'051
Italy	80'539	8'165	10'361
USA	75'665	1'100	1'863
Spain	56'197	4'145	7'015
Germany	43'646	239	5'673
Iran	29'406	2'234	10'457
France	25'233	1'331	3'900
Switzerland	11'712	191	131
UK	9'849	477	135
S. Korea	9'241	131	4'144
Netherlands	7'431	434	3
Austria	6'703	49	112
Belgium	6'235	220	675
Canada	3'579	36	185
Portugal	3'544	60	43
Norway	3'316	14	6
Sweden	2'840	71	16
Australia	2'806	13	170
Israel	2'666	8	68
Brazil	2'611	63	6
Turkey	2'433	59	26
Malaysia	2'031	23	215
Czechia	1'925	9	10
Denmark	1'877	41	1
Ireland	1'564	9	5
Luxembourg	1'453	9	6
Japan	1'399	47	359
Ecuador	1'382	34	3
Chile	1'306	4	22
Pakistan	1'179	9	21
Poland	1'163	14	7
Thailand	1'045	4	88
Romania	1'029	18	94
Saudi Arabia	1'012	3	33
Finland	958	5	10
South Africa	927	0	12
Indonesia	893	78	35
Greece	892	26	36
Russia	840	3	38
Iceland	802	2	68
India	719	16	45
Diamond Princess	712	10	597
Philippines	707	45	28
Singapore	683	2	172
Peru	580	9	14
Slovenia	562	6	10
Panama	558	8	2
Estonia	538	1	8
Qatar	537	0	41
Argentina	502	8	52
Croatia	495	2	22
Dominican Republic	488	10	3
Mexico	475	6	4
Colombia	470	4	8
Bahrain	458	4	204
Serbia	457	7	15
Egypt	456	21	95
Hong Kong	453	4	110
Iraq	382	36	105
Lebanon	368	6	23
Algeria	367	25	29
UAE	333	2	52
Lithuania	290	4	1
Armenia	290	1	18
New Zealand	283	0	27
Morocco	275	10	8
Bulgaria	264	3	8
Hungary	261	10	28
Taiwan	252	2	29
Latvia	244	0	1
Slovakia	226	0	2
Andorra	224	3	1
Uruguay	217	0	0
San Marino	208	21	4
Kuwait	208	0	49
North Macedonia	201	3	3
Costa Rica	201	2	2
Tunisia	200	6	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	189	3	2
Moldova	177	1	2
Albania	174	6	17
Jordan	172	0	1
Ukraine	162	5	1
Vietnam	153	0	20
Burkina Faso	152	4	10
Cyprus	146	3	4
Faeroe Islands	140	0	47
Réunion	135	0	1
Malta	134	0	2
Ghana	132	4	1
Azerbaijan	122	3	15
Brunei	114	0	5

Kazakhstan	111	1	2
Oman	109	0	23
Sri Lanka	106	0	7
Venezuela	106	0	15
Senegal	105	0	9
Cambodia	96	0	10
Afghanistan	94	2	2
Belarus	86	0	29
Palestine	84	1	17
Mauritius	81	2	0
Ivory Coast	80	0	3
Georgia	79	0	10
Cameroon	75	1	2
Guadeloupe	73	1	0
Cuba	67	1	1
Montenegro	67	1	0
Martinique	66	1	0
Uzbekistan	65	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	61	1	0
Honduras	52	0	0
DRC	51	3	0
Nigeria	51	1	2
Liechtenstein	51	0	0
Channel Islands	46	1	0
Bangladesh	44	5	11
Kyrgyzstan	44	0	0
Paraguay	41	3	0
Rwanda	41	0	0
Bolivia	40	0	0
Mayotte	36	0	0
Kenya	31	1	1
Macao	31	0	10
Monaco	31	0	1
French Guiana	28	0	6
Jamaica	26	1	2
Gibraltar	26	0	5
French Polynesia	25	0	0
Isle of Man	25	0	0
Guatemala	24	1	4
Madagascar	23	0	0
Togo	23	0	1
Aruba	19	0	1
Barbados	18	0	0
Zambia	16	0	0
New Caledonia	14	0	0
Uganda	14	0	0
El Salvador	13	0	0
Maldives	13	0	8
Tanzania	13	0	0
Ethiopia	12	0	0
Djibouti	11	0	0
Dominica	11	0	0
Mongolia	11	0	0
Saint Martin	11	0	0
Equatorial Guinea	9	0	0
Cayman Islands	8	1	0
Haiti	8	0	0
Suriname	8	0	0
Gabon	7	1	0
Niger	7	1	0
Bermuda	7	0	2
Namibia	7	0	2
Seychelles	7	0	0
Curaçao	6	1	2
Benin	6	0	0
Greenland	6	0	2
Laos	6	0	0
Guyana	5	1	0
Bahamas	5	0	1
Fiji	5	0	0
Mozambique	5	0	0
Syria	5	0	0
Cabo Verde	4	1	0
Congo	4	0	0
Eritrea	4	0	0
Guinea	4	0	0
Vatican City	4	0	0
Mali	4	0	0
Eswatini	4	0	0
Gambia	3	1	0
Sudan	3	1	0
Zimbabwe	3	1	0
Nepal	3	0	1
Angola	3	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	3	0	0
CAR	3	0	0
Chad	3	0	0
Liberia	3	0	0
Mauritania	3	0	0
Myanmar	3	0	0
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Saint Lucia	3	0	0
Sint Maarten	3	0	0
Belize	2	0	0
Bhutan	2	0	0
British Virgin Islands	2	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	2	0	0
Nicaragua	2	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2	0	0
Somalia	2	0	0
Grenada	1	0	0
Libya	1	0	0
Montserrat	1	0	0
Papua New Guinea	1	0	0
St. Vincent Grenadines	1	0	0
Timor-Leste	1	0	0
Turks and Caicos	1	0	0

- Honduras' health ministry announced on Thursday the country's first novel coronavirus-related death. The patient was a 60-year-old man with a history of heart disease, the health ministry said in a statement. He died Wednesday night.
- Bobi Wine, a Ugandan musician and rising political force, has joined the likes of footballer-turned-president George Weah in resorting to song to help stem the spread of coronavirus in Africa. Wine worked with fellow artist Nubian Li to release a song on Wednesday laced with east Africa's signature rhumba melodies about the importance of personal hygiene. "The bad news is that everyone is a potential victim," Wine sings. "But the good news is that everyone is a potential solution." The pair exhort people to regularly wash hands, keep a distance and look out for symptoms such as a fever and cough.
- 4th day in a row with daily new cases below the 6557 peak reached on March 21. Protezione Civile chief Borrelli, the person usually holding the daily press conference, is at home with a fever, while the former chief Bertolaso is now hospitalized in Milan after having tested positive to the virus.



## 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](https://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=499&tx_ttnews%5btt_news%5d=1168&no_cache=1&user_id=51472&job_id=4718)

Wellcome Trust:

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

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