

## Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

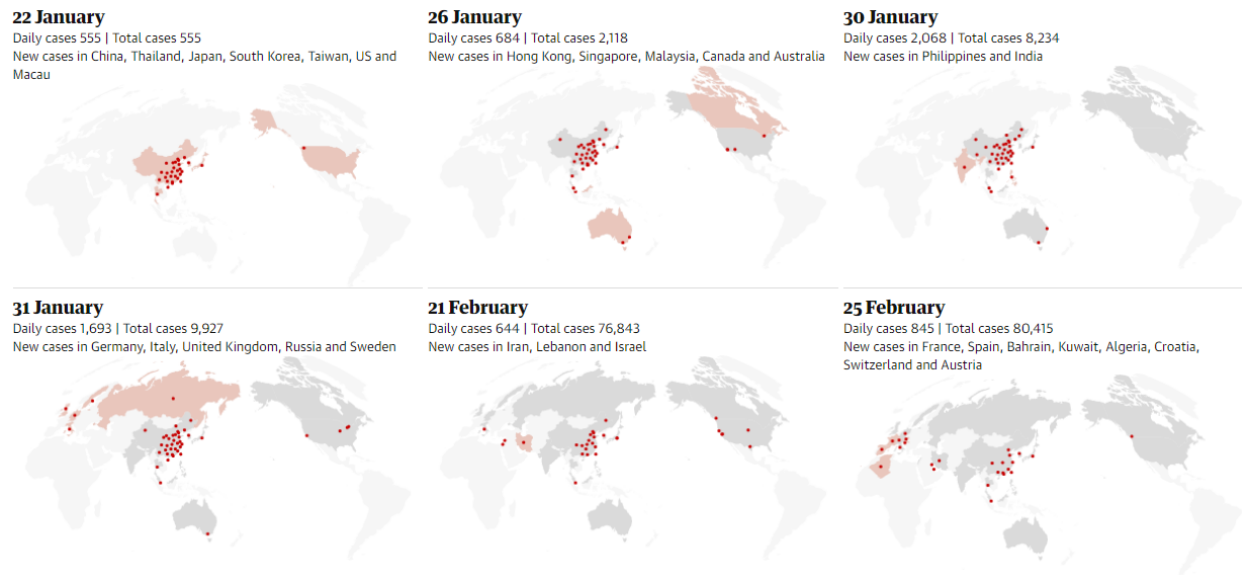
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 2,800 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 82,000 global cases.
- For the first time in the outbreak, the number of new cases reported outside of China in a single day was larger than those reported inside the country, said the World Health Organization. China reported 412 newly confirmed cases yesterday, while 459 additional cases were reported outside of China, according to the WHO's daily report.
- *It's what's happening in the rest of the world that's now our greatest concern,"* Tedros said. Also, he has tweeted *"We've issued operational guidelines, with concrete actions countries can take in eight key areas to prevent, detect and manage #COVID19 cases". "We've shipped testing kits to 57 countries and personal protective equipment to 85 countries who need it"*.
- A person from the canton of Geneva and two people in the canton of Graubünden have tested positive for the new coronavirus. The person in the canton of Geneva returned to Switzerland from the region of Milan a few days ago. All three are being treated in hospital in an isolation unit. Their health condition is good.
- Norway, Denmark, North Macedonia, Georgia, Estonia and Romania have confirmed their first case of coronavirus in the country.
- Spain, Germany, Austria, Greece and the United Kingdom today all reported new patients, who tested positive for the virus after traveling to parts of northern Italy that have been stricken by the epidemic.
- Iran's Vice President of Women and Family Affairs, Masoumeh Ebtekar has been diagnosed with coronavirus, her media relations officer told IRNA, Iran's state-owned news agency on Thursday.
- The city of Qianjiang is awarding residents who proactively report symptoms associated with the novel coronavirus. Any resident who reports symptoms and is confirmed to have the novel coronavirus will be awarded 10,000 yuan — or about \$1,426 — according to a Qianjiang government press release.
- Professor of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital in Paris, Eric Caumes has warned that France should brace itself for a coronavirus outbreak comparable to what Italy is currently facing. He said "he expects the situation to worsen given the many channels of transmission already circulating in the population".
- A top Chinese respiratory expert, Zhong Nanshan, the director of China's National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory Disease, says he is confident "the epidemic (will) be basically under control at the end of April." Speaking at a news conference on Thursday, said he had so far reasonably accurately projected the course of the virus. *"We previously predicted that the peak should be in mid or late February, it turned out the number of new cases began to drop after February 15. We predicted the number would be 60-70 thousand, and now it is 78-79 thousand in China,"* he said.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Mainland China	78,514	2,747	32,707
South Korea	1,766	13	24
<i>Diamond Princess</i>	705	4	10
Italy	528	14	42
Iran	245	26	25
Japan	207	4	32
Singapore	96	0	62
Hong Kong	92	2	18
USA	60	0	6
Kuwait	43	0	0
Thailand	40	0	22
Bahrain	33	0	0
Taiwan	32	1	5
Germany	27	0	15
Australia	23	0	15
Malaysia	22	0	20
France	18	2	11
Vietnam	16	0	16
U.K.	15	0	8
Spain	15	0	2
U.A.E	13	0	3
Canada	12	0	3
Macao	10	0	6
Iraq	6	0	0
Oman	4	0	0
<b>Switzerland</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Philippines	3	1	2
Austria	3	0	0
Croatia	3	0	0
India	3	0	3
Israel	3	0	0
Greece	3	0	0
Finland	2	0	1
Lebanon	2	0	0
Pakistan	2	0	0
Russia	2	0	2
Sweden	2	0	0
Afghanistan	1	0	0
Algeria	1	0	0
Belgium	1	0	1
Brazil	1	0	0
Cambodia	1	0	1
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Egypt	1	0	1
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Georgia	1	0	0
<b>North Macedonia</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Nepal	1	0	1
Norway	1	0	0
Romania	1	0	0
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,588</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>33,345</b>

- Foxconn, a major electronics maker and supplier to Apple, has started making surgical face masks for all of its factory workers.
- Coronavirus could trigger economic damage on the scale of the 2008 financial crisis, analysts have warned, amid growing concerns over the fallout from the deadly disease.
- A woman working as a tour bus guide in Japan has tested positive for coronavirus for a second time.
- Italy's Deputy Finance Minister Antonio Misiani said the four regions most affected by the coronavirus outbreak make up 50% of the country's GDP.

## How the virus spread around the world



## 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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