

Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19

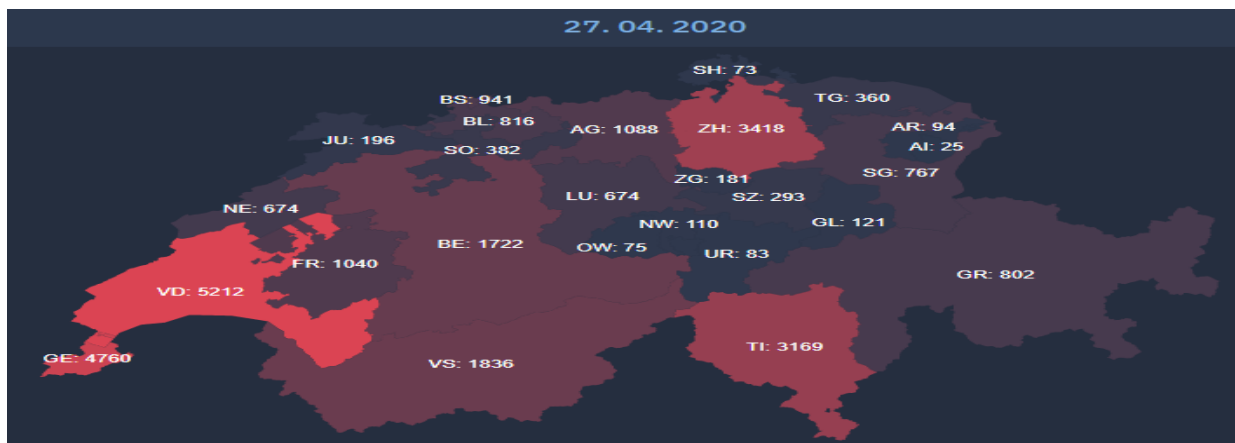
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 209,200 worldwide, with the highest number of deaths in USA (56,139) and Italy (26,977). There have been more than 3,029,700 global cases in 210 countries and territories.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General said, the coronavirus pandemic isn't over. "The pandemic is far from over," he said at a news conference. He said the WHO *"continues to be concerned about the increasing trends in Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and some Asian countries."* *"As in all regions, cases and deaths are underreported in many countries in these regions, because of low testing capacity,"* Tedros said. *"This virus will not be defeated if we are not united, if we are not united, the virus will exploit the cracks between us and continue to create havoc. Lives will be lost,"* Tedros added.
- Fourteen vaccination campaigns that would have covered more than 13 million people have been postponed because of the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the WHO has said. The WHO director general, said vaccination drives against polio, measles, cholera, human papillomavirus, yellow fever and meningitis had not gone ahead. "When vaccination coverage goes down, more outbreaks will occur, including of life-threatening diseases like measles and polio," Ghebreyesus said. "The tragic reality is that children will die as a result."
- More than 31,000 COVID-19 cases reported on the African continent, with more than 20,000 cases and an average of 600 new cases each day in past 11 days in the WHO African Region.
- After five weeks of the semi-lockdown measures ordered by the Swiss government, the population can resume a few activities that had been forbidden. People can also visit cosmetic and nail studios, as well as DIY and garden centers. At the same time, doctors, dentists and physiotherapists can open their doors for non-urgent appointments. Hospitals can carry out the procedures that had to be postponed on account of Covid-19. But social distancing and hygiene rules for stopping the spread of the virus are still in effect, and groups should still be limited to five people.
- President Simonetta Sommaruga said the government would examine options, coordinated with the tourist industry, by mid-May. "There are a number of options. I think it is crucial for the population to know that they can go on holiday in Switzerland," Sommaruga told public radio SRF following talks with industry representatives on Sunday. All participants agreed that the summer season is crucial for tourism and that solutions have to be found which respect the government's health safety rules to prevent the Covid-19 pandemic to spread again. "Tourism is not only an important economic factor for Switzerland but also has an emotional component. People want to be able to look forward to their next holidays," said Erik Jakob, senior official of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.
- Since first restricting border crossings on March 13, Swiss customs officers have turned away some 56,000 people, they said on Sunday. Confirming figures first reported in the Le Matin Dimanche newspaper, the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) also said they have been issuing an average of 150 fines per day to those contravening the new border rules. Such instances include continuing to go cross-border shopping, damaging barriers at the borders, or crossing at unauthorized points.

Countries	Deaths	Cases	Recovered
USA	56'139	995'288	122'675
Italy	26'977	199'414	66'624
Spain	23'521	229'422	120'832
France	22'856	162'100	44'903
UK	20'732	152'840	N/A
Iran	5'806	91'472	70'933
Belgium	7'207	46'687	10'878
China	4'633	82'830	77'474
Germany	5'985	158'142	114'500
Netherlands	4'518	38'245	N/A
Brazil	4'298	63'328	30'152
Turkey	2'900	112'261	33'791
Switzerland	1'640	29'164	21'800
Sweden	2'274	18'926	1'005
Canada	2'617	47'346	17'916
Portugal	928	24'027	1'357
Indonesia	765	9'096	1'151
Austria	549	15'274	12'362
India	886	28'380	6'523
Ireland	1'102	19'648	9'233
Ecuador	576	22'719	1'366
Romania	631	11'339	3'141
Philippines	511	7'777	932
Mexico	1'351	14'677	8'354
Algeria	432	3'517	1'558
Denmark	427	8'698	5'959
Poland	562	11'902	2'466
S. Korea	243	10'738	8'764
Peru	728	27'517	8'088
Dominican Republic	282	6'293	993
Russia	794	87'147	7'346
Egypt	337	4'782	1'236
Czechia	222	7'431	2'826
Japan	372	13'441	1'809
Norway	205	7'554	32
Morocco	162	4'120	695
Hungary	280	2'583	498
Israel	202	15'466	6'796
Colombia	244	5'379	1'133
Argentina	192	3'892	1'107
Greece	136	2'534	577
Ukraine	220	9'009	864
Pakistan	292	13'915	3'029
Serbia	162	8'275	1'209
Panama	165	5'779	369
Chile	198	13'813	7'327
Malaysia	99	5'820	3'957
Iraq	87	1'820	1'263
Saudi Arabia	144	18'811	2'531
Luxembourg	88	3'729	3'123
Finland	193	4'695	2'500
Australia	83	6'720	5'586
Slovenia	83	1'402	221
Bangladesh	152	5'913	131
North Macedonia	65	1'399	553
Thailand	52	2'931	2'609
Bosnia and Herzegovina	60	1'565	659
Moldova	102	3'481	925
San Marino	41	538	64
Bulgaria	58	1'363	206
Tunisia	38	949	216
Belarus	75	11'289	1'740
Croatia	59	2'039	1'166
Estonia	50	1'647	233
Andorra	40	738	344
Bolivia	50	950	80
South Africa	87	4'546	1'473
Burkina Faso	42	632	453
Lithuania	41	1'449	474
Honduras	61	661	79
UAE	76	10'349	1'978
Albania	28	736	422

Afghanistan	57	1'703	220
Cuba	56	1'389	525
Lebanon	24	710	145
DRC	28	459	50
Armenia	29	1'808	848
Kazakhstan	25	2'835	720
Cameroon	56	1'621	786
Azerbaijan	22	1'678	1'162
Niger	29	696	350
Mali	23	389	112
Diamond Princess	13	712	645
Cyprus	14	822	148
Singapore	14	14'423	1'095
Nigeria	40	1'273	239
New Zealand	19	1'469	1'180
Channel Islands	35	525	332
Mauritius	9	334	302
Kenya	14	363	114
Venezuela	10	325	137
Sint Maarten	13	74	33
Iceland	10	1'792	1'608
Ghana	11	1'550	155
Uruguay	15	606	375
Guadeloupe	12	149	82
Trinidad and Tobago	8	116	59
Bahamas	11	80	22
Qatar	10	11'244	1'066
Bahrain	8	2'708	1'218
Jordan	7	449	342
Sri Lanka	7	584	126
Paraguay	9	228	93
Ivory Coast	14	1'150	468
Taiwan	6	429	290
Martinique	14	175	77
El Salvador	8	323	89
Liberia	12	124	25
Guyana	8	74	12
Latvia	13	818	267
Kyrgyzstan	8	695	395
Guatemala	15	500	49
Congo	6	200	19
Bermuda	6	109	39
Sudan	22	275	21
Uzbekistan	8	1'887	892
Hong Kong	4	1'038	787
Oman	10	2'049	364
Montenegro	7	321	189
Jamaica	7	350	28
Barbados	6	79	39
Myanmar	5	146	10
Kuwait	22	3'288	1'012
Costa Rica	6	695	264
Malta	4	450	286
Georgia	6	496	149
Mayotte	4	401	144
Ethiopia	3	124	50
Togo	6	98	62
Tanzania	10	299	48
Haiti	6	74	7
Zimbabwe	4	31	5
Slovakia	18	1'381	403
Djibouti	2	1'023	411
Palestine	2	342	83
Senegal	9	736	284
Isle of Man	20	308	248
Somalia	26	480	10
Zambia	3	88	42
Saint Martin	3	38	24
Syria	3	43	14
Antigua and Barbuda	3	24	11
Angola	2	26	6

- The Russian military reported 2,090 cases of the coronavirus among its personnel, cadets and civilian employees, according to the country's defense ministry.
- Boris Johnson warned against relaxing coronavirus restrictions too soon as he returned to work after contracting the disease.
- New rules came into force on Monday legally requiring most people in Germany to wear face masks on public transport, long-distance trains and in shops.
- In parts of Germany, people caught in public without face masks face a €1,000 fine. In Madagascar they have another way of dealing with rule breakers: forcing them to sweep the streets.
- Singapore has confirmed 799 more coronavirus infections, its health ministry said on Monday, taking the city-state's tally of cases to 14,423. The health ministry also reported two more deaths, of male Singapore citizens aged 82 and 81, taking the total death toll to 14.
- Argentina has infuriated the airline industry by banning ticket sales for commercial flights until September.
- Sweden reported 286 new cases of coronavirus and 80 more deaths on Monday, as the world watches developments there to see if its light-touch coronavirus measures prove to be effective or a disaster.



- **Funding opportunity for researcher**

Fast Funding for COVID-19 Science

- <https://fastgrants.org/>

The US Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program - a call for proposals on COVID-19

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