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Daily Global Situation Report

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Germany called on the EU to approve sanctions against Russian officials responsible for jailing Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The security situation in Myanmar may be reaching a tipping point. Over the weekend, security forces used isolated deadly force, which only galvanized protesters demanding a restoration of democracy. Absent a diplomatic effort to establish an internationally or regionally-backed timetable for new elections, the country risks devolving into further violence.

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Global

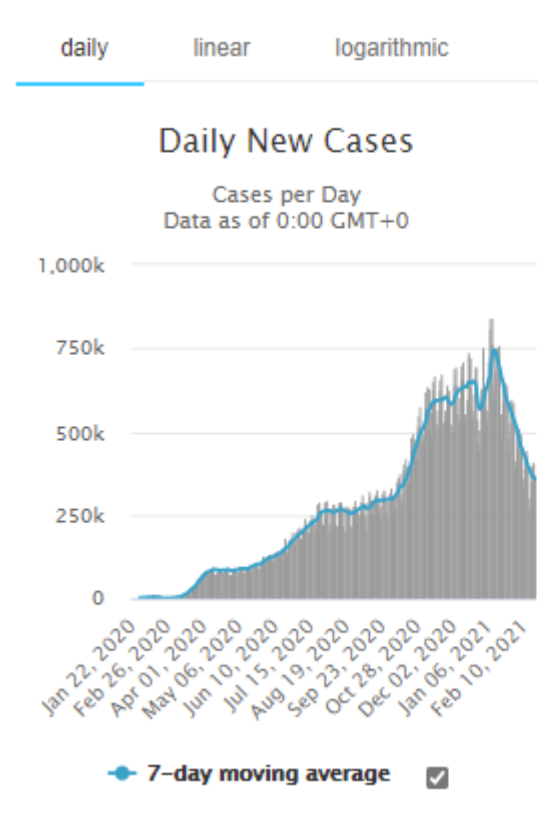
Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 111 million, with deaths at 2.4 million.

- As freezing temperatures descended across Texas this week, scientists are asking if this event been made more likely by **climate change**. The arctic jet stream has been behaving in unusual ways this winter in the northern hemisphere, weakening and allowing cold air to spill to the south, but scientist are divided on the cause.
- US sanctions on China's Xinjiang cotton has fractured **fashion industry supply chains**, impacting thousands of companies worldwide, highlighting the risks of human rights issues.
- Developing nations say the solution to the world vaccine shortage is waiving **intellectual property rights** and letting everyone manufacture the doses.
- UN Secretary General António Guterres warned countries against using the pandemic as an **excuse to crush dissent and crack down on the opposition**. Guterres did not single out any countries, but international rights groups have criticized officials in Algeria, Venezuela, Hong Kong and Cambodia among others for using virus restrictions to thwart protest movements.

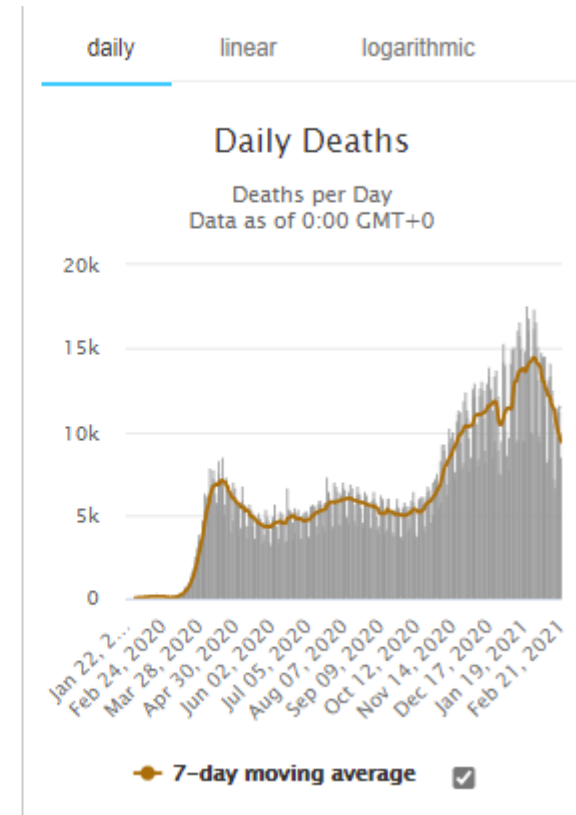
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Global

While daily new cases and deaths are trending down globally, regions are recovering at different rates. Over the past week, the number of active cases have peaked and are declining in the Western Pacific and Africa. The curve for active cases in Southeast Asia and the Eastern Med has flattened. The number of active cases in Europe and the Americas is still trending up.



Source: WorldoMeter



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COVID-19 Vaccine

The World Bank is working to standardize COVID-19 vaccine contracts that countries are signing with drug makers and is pushing manufacturers to be more open about where doses are headed, as it races to get more vaccines to poor countries.

- Serum Institute of India (SII) has been instructed by the Indian government to prioritize Indian requirements in the manufacture and distribution of vaccines. Many low-and middle-income countries, ranging from Bangladesh to Brazil, are depending on SII's **AstraZeneca vaccine**, branded COVISHIELD by the Indian company.
- The risk of illness from COVID-19 dropped 95.8 percent among people who received both shots of **Pfizer's vaccine**, Israel's Health Ministry said on Saturday. The vaccine was also 98 percent effective in preventing fever or breathing problems and 98.9 percent effective in preventing hospitalizations and death.
- The Philippines approved the China-made **Sinovac Biotech** vaccine for emergency use, but the drug regulator said it was not suitable for front-line healthcare workers.
- Britain's **GlaxoSmithKline** and France's **Sanofi** have started a new clinical trial of their protein-based COVID-19 vaccine candidate and aim to reach the final testing stage in the second quarter.
- **Malaysia** moved up its inoculation drive by two days as the first batch of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines arrived on Sunday.
- **New Zealand** officials inoculated medical professionals with the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, in preparation for a wider rollout over the weekend.
- **Australia** launched its 5-stage vaccination program over the weekend, also with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

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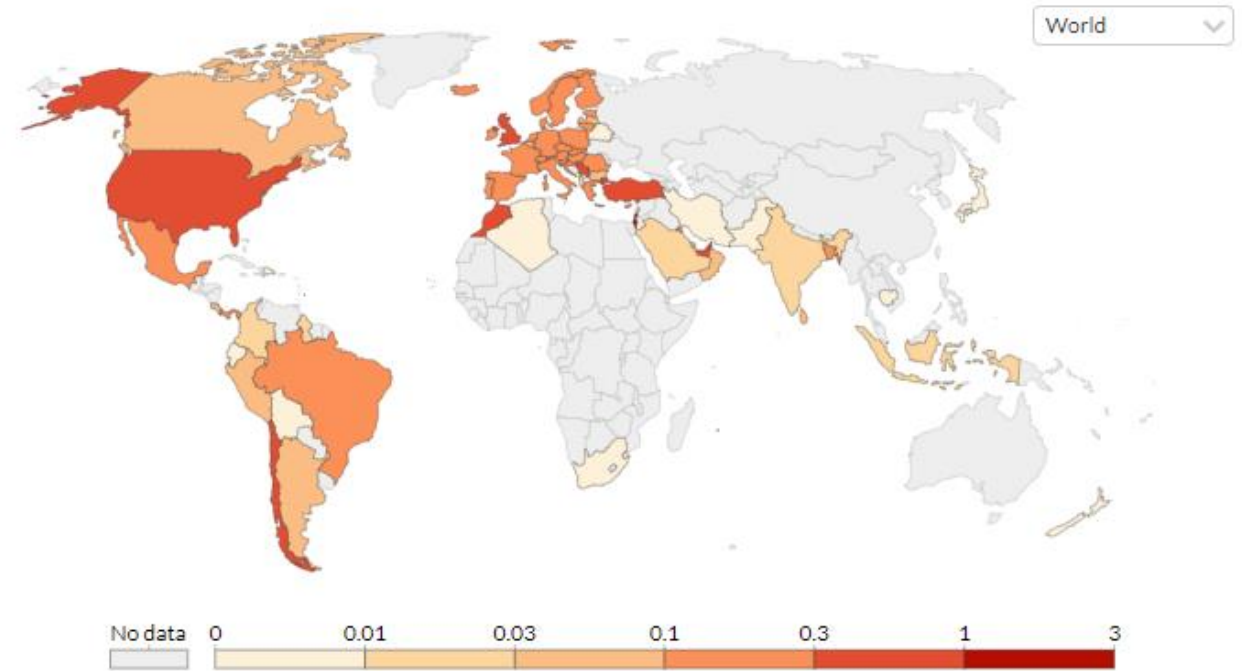
Globally, 208.32 million have received vaccinations.

Vaccination programs are kicking into gear in the Americas and parts of Europe, with much of Asia and Africa lagging behind due to lack of capacity (Russia and China) or lack of supplies.

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Feb 21, 2021

Our World in Data

Shown is the rolling 7-day average per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 22 February, 10:20 (London time)

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Markets

Analysts are warning that a “*tectonic shift*” towards sustainable investments has created a “*green bubble*.”

- **European shares** fell on Monday as hopes of a vaccine-led global economic recovery fueled a rally in commodities and raised concerns over the risk of higher inflation.
- **Asia-Pacific stocks** gained at the start of a new week as investors eyed US inflation and vaccine rollouts.
- **Sudan’s central bank** instructed banks to unify the country’s official and black-market exchange rates on Sunday, a move expected to significantly devalue the Sudanese pound.

Business

Boeing Co urged airlines to suspend the use of 777 jets with the same type of engine that shed debris over Denver at the weekend.

- **Google** fired a second AI ethics leader as dispute over research and diversity grows. Google has recruited top scientists with promises of research freedom, but the limits are tested as researchers increasingly write about the negative effects of technology and Google's products.
- Canada's **Algonquin Power & Utilities**, some of its wind farms in Texas hit by the deep freeze that has engulfed parts of the US, declared force majeure on contracts, expecting a loss of \$45 million and \$55 million, or about 5 percent to 6 percent of 2019's earnings.
- Swiss logistics firm **Kuehne & Nagel** will buy Asian logistics provider **Apex International Corp** from private equity firm **MBK Partners**, with the deal valued between \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion.
- **Allied Universal** won the **G4S** auction with a \$5.3 billion bid, beating **GardaWorld**, after a months-long takeover battle for the security specialist; Britain's regulators stepped in to resolve the battle through the unusual, but not unprecedented, auction.

How do You Manage Incident Response?

2021 has already seen business disrupted by extreme weather, ransomware attack, the ongoing pandemic and more. The common refrain “It’s not if, but when” rings truer than ever for disruptive incidents that will impact business as usual.

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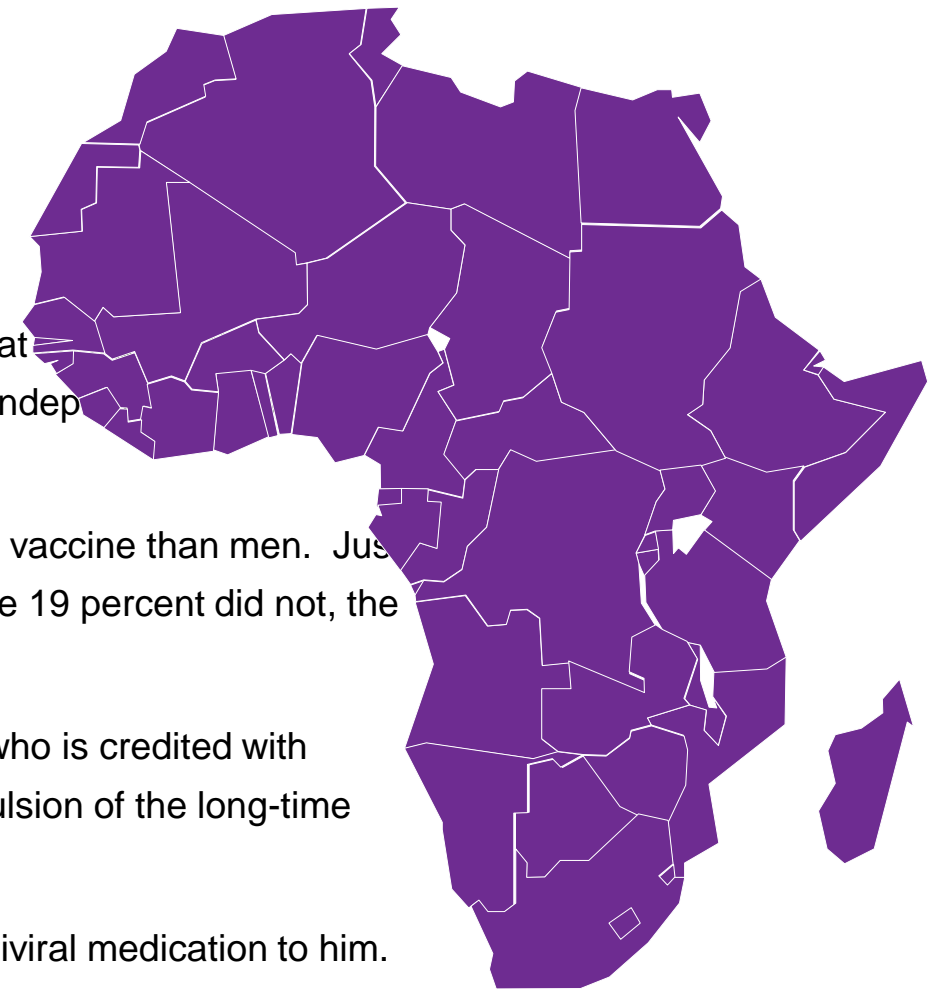
- ❖ Ransomware tabletop exercises
- ❖ Post-tabletop action reports
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- ❖ Comprehensive incident response plan
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Africa

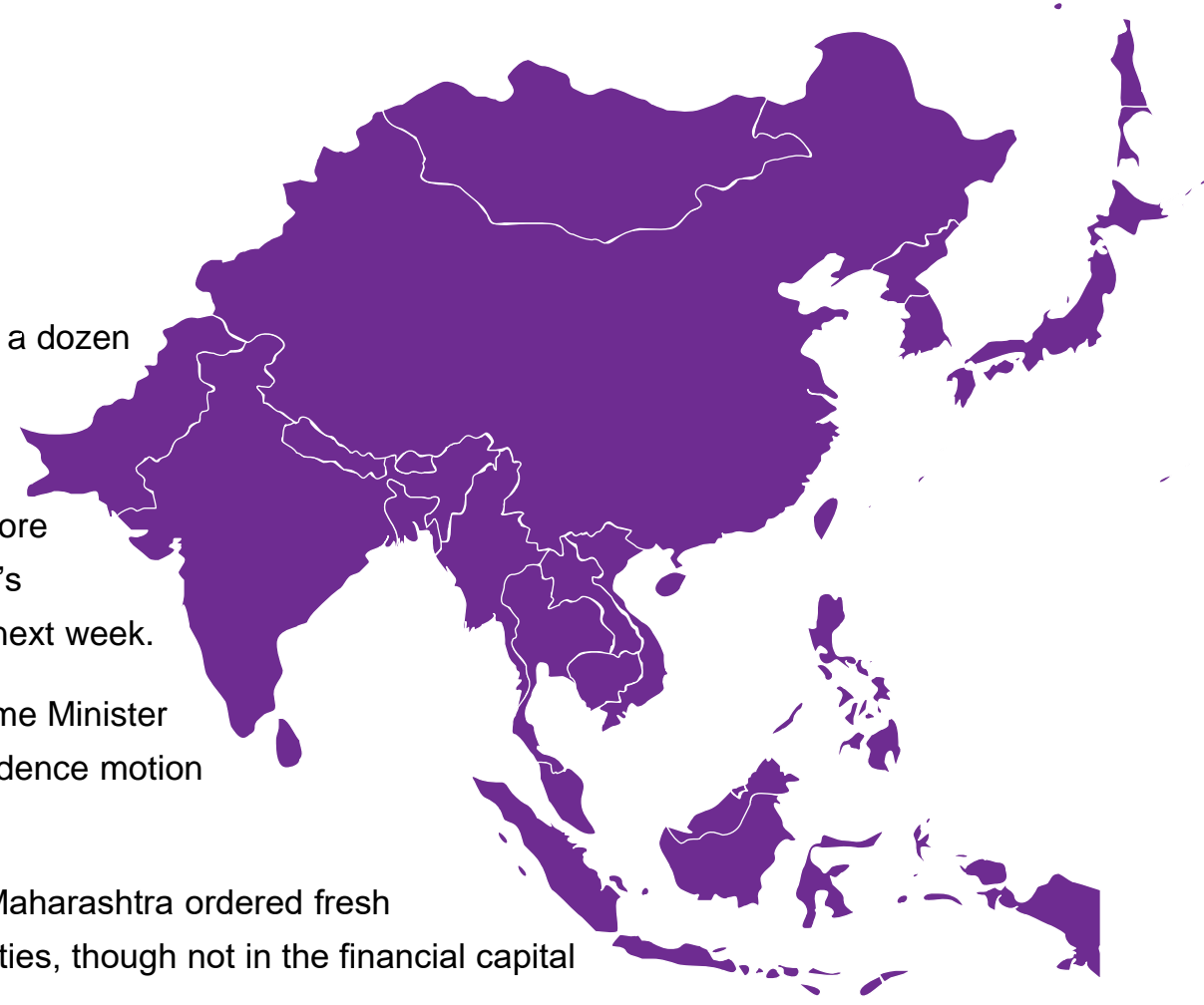
- **Niger** began voting on Sunday in the second round of a presidential election that marks the first democratic transition of power since the West African nation gained independence from France in 1960.
- A **South African** study found that women are more likely to take the COVID-19 vaccine than men. Just over half of respondents (52 percent) said they intended to get vaccinated, while 19 percent did not, the remainder are unsure.
- African editors are protesting the deportation of British Journalist Tom Bowker who is credited with exposing corruption and covering the civil war in **Mozambique**, calling the expulsion of the long-time resident an attempt by government to silence freedom of expression.
- King Mswati III of **eSwatini** has recovered from COVID-19 after Taiwan sent antiviral medication to him. King Mswati called for use of the antiviral medication to treat the illness until the arrival of vaccines.
- **Ugandan** opposition leader Bobi Wine announced he was withdrawing a court case challenging presidential election results that handed victory to incumbent Yoweri Museveni, alleging bias by Supreme Court justices hearing the case.



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Asia

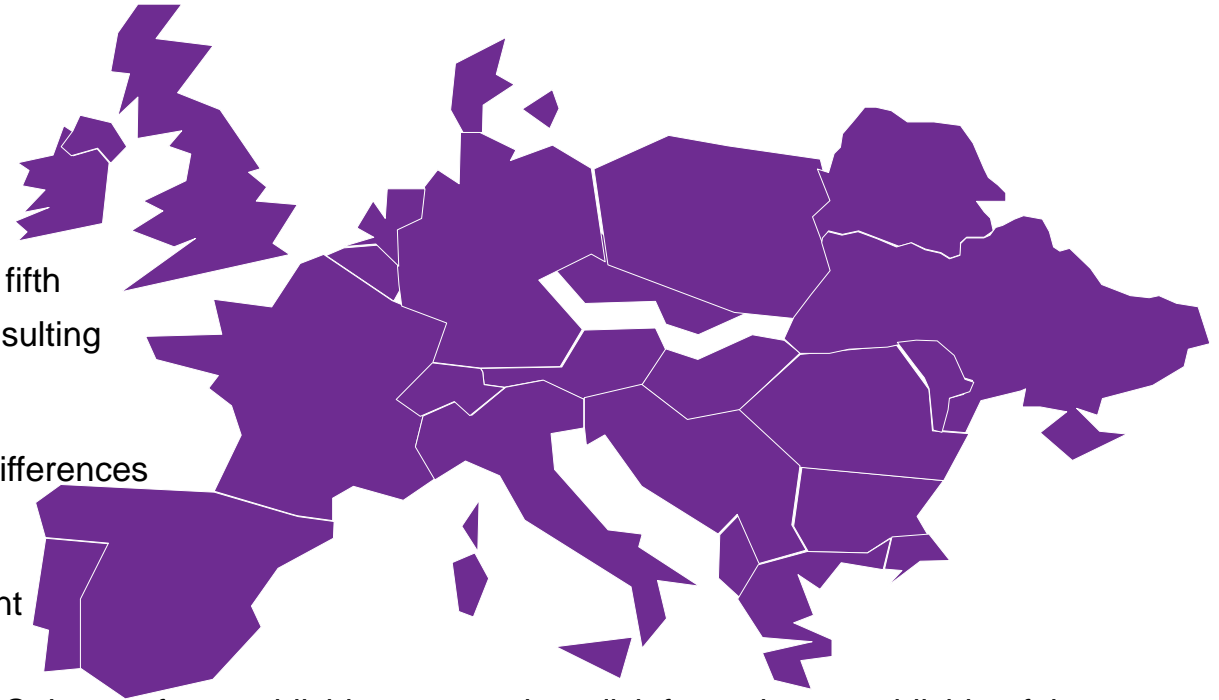
- **Taiwan's** air force scrambled for a second straight day on Saturday after a dozen **Chinese** fighter aircraft and bombers carried out drills close to Taiwan-controlled islands in the disputed South China Sea.
- Severe flooding across several areas in the **Indonesian** capital forced more than a thousand people to flee their homes on Saturday, with the country's meteorology agency warning the conditions were set to continue for the next week.
- Hundreds of protesters gathered outside **Thailand's** parliament after Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha and nine ministers survived a parliamentary no-confidence motion on Saturday after a four-day censure debate.
- **India** surpassed 11 million confirmed infections. India's richest state of Maharashtra ordered fresh restrictions on people's movement and imposed night curfews in some cities, though not in the financial capital Mumbai to combat a surge in new infections.
- Tens of thousands of protesters returned to the streets even after **Myanmar** security forces opened fire on protesters; the street protesters are undeterred in their campaign to force the junta to release detained elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi and others and restore democracy. Facebook on Sunday deleted the main page of the Myanmar military under its standards prohibiting the incitement of violence. Anti-coup protesters in Myanmar have been staging rallies outside the **Chinese** embassy in Yangon over rumors of Beijing's support for the military junta. Businesses around the country shut in a general strike on Monday.



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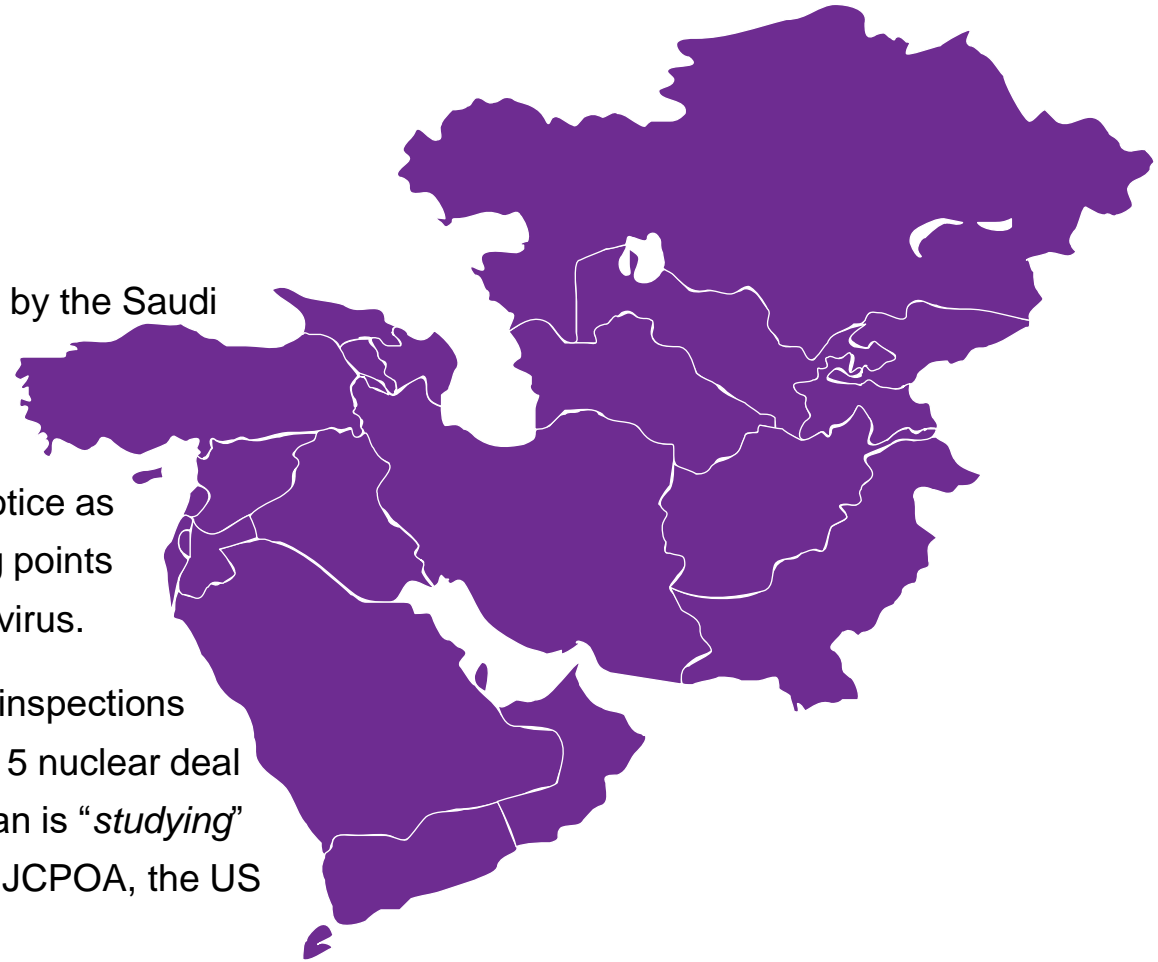
- **Spanish** protesters smashed up shops in Barcelona on Saturday in a fifth night of clashes after a rapper was jailed for glorifying terrorism and insulting royalty in his songs.
- **Turkey's** president says mutual interests with the **US** outweigh their differences and has called for more cooperation with the Biden Administration.
- The QAnon phenomenon has emerged in **France**, prompting President Emmanuel Macron's government to order a multiagency inquiry on conspiracist movements. Over the past year, populist website *France-Soir* went from publishing coronavirus disinformation to publishing fake news to promoting QAnon theories.
- The mayor of the **French** Mediterranean city of Nice called on Sunday for a weekend lockdown in the area to stop the flow of visitors and curb a sharp spike in coronavirus infections. All adults in Britain will be offered a first shot of a COVID-19 vaccine by the end of July. Daily new cases in the **UK** fell below 10,000 for the first time since October 4, the start of the second wave. Prime Minister Johnson will announce plans today to reopen England's schools and allow people to see family and friends, part of a phased exit from COVID-19 lockdown.
- **German** Foreign Minister Maas urged his EU counterparts to approve sanctions against **Russian** officials responsible for jailing Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny and cracking down on pro-democracy activists. **China** has overtaken **France** as Germany's second-largest export market after the Asian economy rebounded from the coronavirus crisis while Europe remained stuck in a downturn.



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Middle East

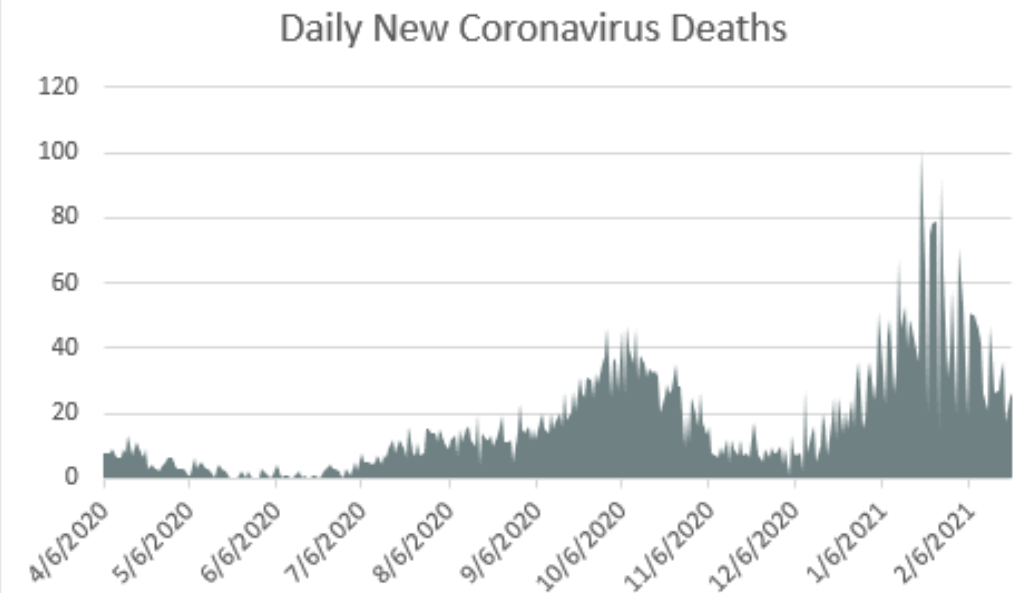
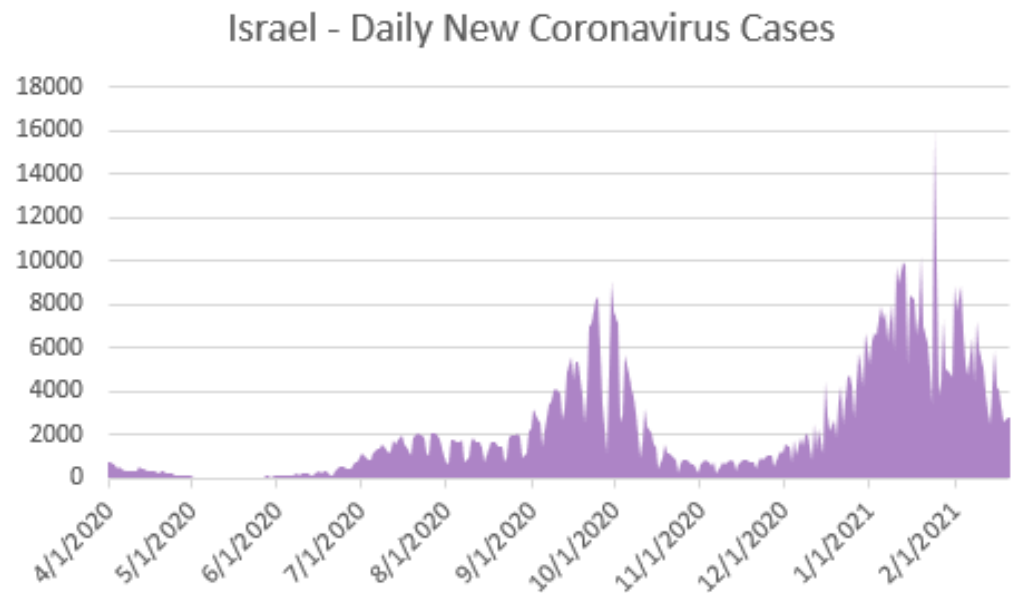
- Women can now join **Saudi Arabia's** armed forces, following a ruling by the Saudi Ministry of Defense that opened the way for both genders to sign up through a unified admission portal.
- **Kuwait** extended an entry ban for non-Kuwaiti citizens until further notice as part of coronavirus restriction measures. **Iran** closed several crossing points with **Iraq** in an effort to stem the spread of a mutant variant of coronavirus.
- **Iranian** Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said Iran's decision to end snap inspections by **UN** inspectors on February 23 would not mean abandoning its 2015 nuclear deal and called on the **US** to lift sanctions on Tehran to rescue the pact. Iran is “*studying*” the EU proposal for an informal meeting with current members of the JCPOA, the US and Iran.
- Several rockets hit the **Iraqi** military air base of Balad north of Baghdad on Saturday, injuring one Iraqi contractor, Iraqi security officials said on Saturday. It was the second salvo of rockets to hit a base hosting US. forces or contractors in less than a week.
- The **Israeli** media is reporting that Israel has paid **Russia** \$1.2 million to deliver coronavirus vaccines to **Syria** as part of a prisoner swap to bring back an Israeli woman who crossed the border last week.



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Israel reopened swathes of its economy on Sunday, with the government saying the start of a return to routine was enabled by a COVID-19 vaccination drive that has reached almost half the population, with the country seeing a significant decline in daily new infections and deaths.



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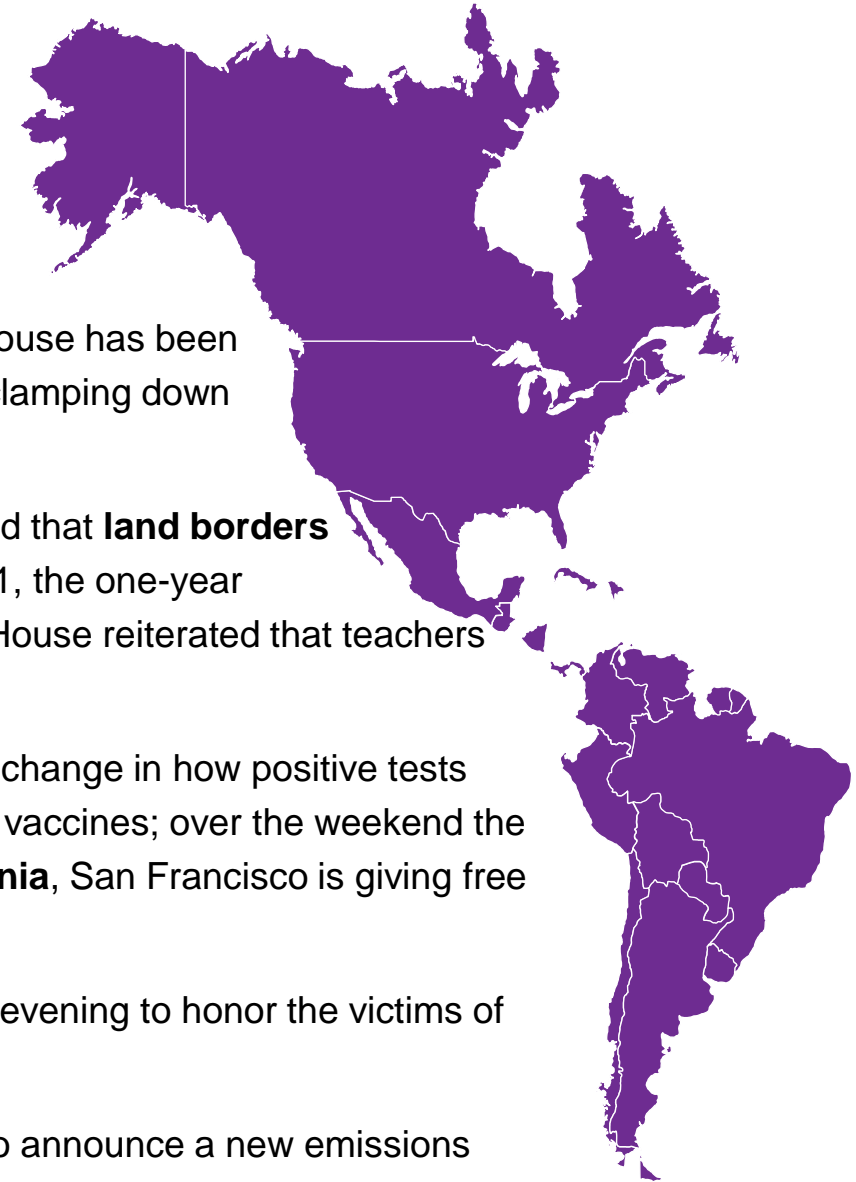
Americas

- **Argentina's** new Health Minister Carla Vizzotti was sworn in on Saturday after a scandal over VIP coronavirus vaccine access, pledging to strengthen oversight and transparency of the inoculation program.
- A group of Miami-based **Cuban** musicians including reggaeton duo Gente de Zona launched an impassioned anti-Communist anthem this week that has gone viral, sparking a furious state response. The lyrics refer to ideological intolerance, the partial dollarization of the economy, food shortages and the exodus of young Cubans who see no future on the island.
- As **Mexico** nears a full year in battling coronavirus, at least 3,000 healthcare workers have died from the virus, one of the worst death tolls for the medical profession worldwide. Medical workers report exhaustion, stress and frustration in their daily jobs. Mexico has registered more than 2 million infections and 178,000 deaths with the spread of the virus still uncontrolled.
- Conservative businessman Guillermo Lasso will compete in the second round of **Ecuador's** presidential election, winning the recount of votes, prevailing over indigenous candidate Yaku Pérez.
- **Chile** surpassed the grim milestone of 20,000 deaths, the 6th highest death toll in Latin America.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 43.6 million people have received one or more **vaccine doses**. The White House has been reaching out to social media companies including Facebook, Twitter and Google about clamping down on **COVID misinformation** and getting their help to stop it from going viral.
- As the nation surpassed 28 million **virus infections**, the Biden Administration announced that **land borders** with Canada and Mexico will remain closed to non-essential travel until at least March 21, the one-year anniversary of the restrictions to address COVID-19 transmission concerns. The White House reiterated that teachers do not need to be vaccinated against the coronavirus before **schools** can reopen.
- Over the weekend, **Iowa** reported a backlog of over 27,000 new infections, caused by a change in how positive tests are reported. **Texas**, pummeled by extreme weather, is facing disruptions in distributing vaccines; over the weekend the Lone Star State surpassed 2.6 million infections, more than in all of Germany. In **California**, San Francisco is giving free subway and bus rides as an incentive to residents to get vaccinated.
- President Biden and Vice President Harris will observe a moment of silence on Monday evening to honor the victims of the pandemic as America's **death toll** nears a half-million.
- The US formally re-entered the **Paris climate accord** on Friday. Washington will need to announce a new emissions target ahead of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow in November. The existing US target, set by the Obama administration, is to cut emissions by at least 26 per cent by 2025, relative to 2005 levels.

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Vaccine Update: The Risks of Vaccine Hesitancy

By Briana Boland

“For countries leading in vaccinations, the main challenge of vaccine rollout could change in coming months from supply and logistics to convincing individuals to take the shot.”

Vaccine rollout is accelerating across many countries, finally creating reason to hope that the COVID-19 pandemic is at the beginning of its end. However, as countries move past initial phases of vaccine rollout, the long-discussed issue of vaccine hesitancy is becoming more pressing than ever before. Even with COVID-19 vaccines proven safe and, for most current vaccine options, highly effective, anti-vaccine sentiment remains worryingly high across the world. For countries leading in vaccinations, the main challenge of vaccine rollout could change in coming months from supply and logistics to convincing individuals to take the shot.

Israel is being watched around the world as a test case for rapid nationwide vaccination. While the pace of inoculations there outstrips almost everywhere else, a worrying trend foreshadows

an issue that will be felt widely in the coming years: immunization rates have slowed, and misinformation-driven vaccine hesitancy is considered one of the main reasons for the slowdown. In February, the country averaged just around 106,000 shots per day, down from January’s daily average of over 127,000. With vaccines now available to everyone over the age of 16 and about half the country still yet to receive the first dose, the issue is not that fewer people have access to the shot. Rather, different groups have different reasons for reluctance to get vaccinated: many younger Israelis are unconcerned about getting seriously ill from COVID-19, some ultra-Orthodox religious leaders have urged their communities not to get immunized, and some Israelis, particularly in the country’s Arab minority, do not trust in the government.

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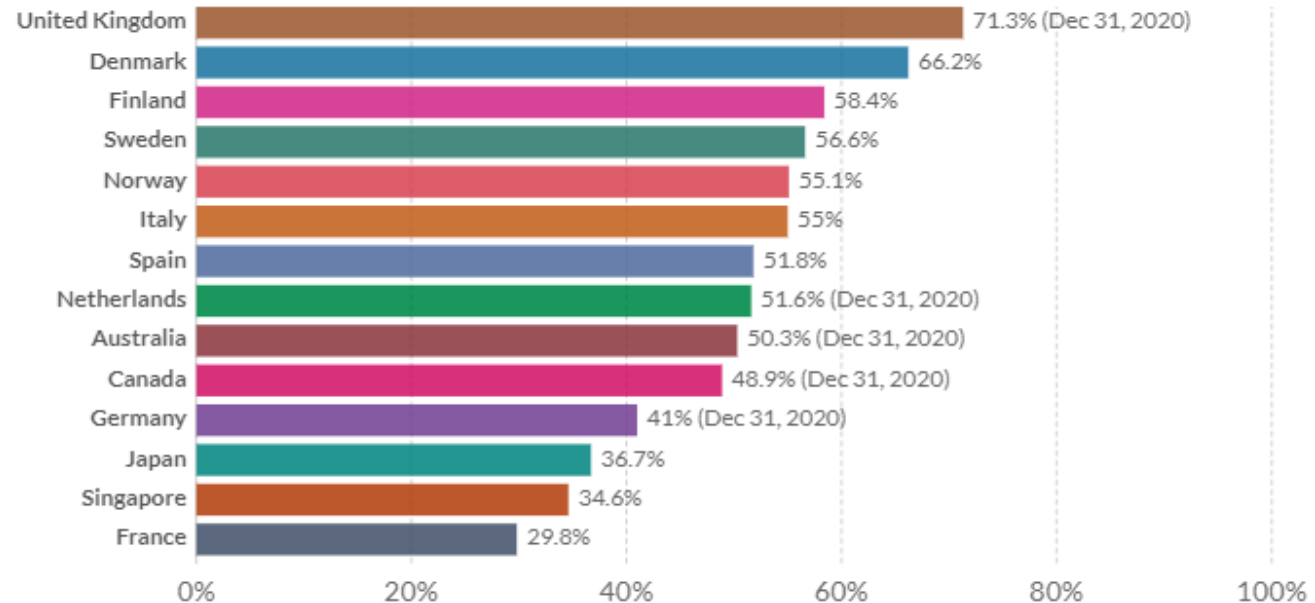
Though unique to the landscape of Israel, the slowdown in the country's vaccination program should cause concern around the world. The reasons behind vaccine hesitancy vary widely, from "anti-vaxxer" conspiracy theories to mistrust in government or healthcare institutions. Since early in the pandemic, polling has suggested that vaccine hesitancy would be a key impediment to ending the pandemic. Now, after highly effective vaccines have emerged and hundreds of millions of people have received the shot, both polling and real-life tests have shown reason for continued alarm. In the UK, about 15 percent of those offered a vaccine have declined to take it. In the US, numerous healthcare workers have refused to be vaccinated, and the Pentagon reports that vaccine refusal

Share who would get a COVID-19 vaccine if it was available to them this week, Jan 14, 2021



Share of survey respondents who agree with the statement: "If a COVID-19 vaccine were made available to me this week, I would definitely get it."

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Source: Imperial College London YouGov Covid 19 Behaviour Tracker Data Hub – Last updated 18 January 2021, 09:52 (London time)
Note: Months containing fewer than 500 survey respondents are excluded. Respondents were presented with a 1 to 5 scale, ranging from "Strongly agree" (1) to "Strongly disagree" (5). We consider responses of 1 or 2 to be in agreement with the statement.

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rates among service members is as high as 33%. And as new, more transmissible and vaccine resistant coronavirus strains become widespread, the risk of failing to reach herd immunity and truly ending the spread of COVID-19 has become higher.

The background for mistrust in vaccines is different across regions and different social groups. Misinformation about vaccines is nothing new, but the novelty of COVID-19 and the speed of the last year's vaccine development provides opportunities to build on existing frameworks of mistrust. Groups ranging from hardcore "anti-vaxxers" to people who are simply uncertain what is true about the coronavirus vaccine have spread various misinformation, from accusations that the COVID-19 shot injects a spyware microchip to theories that the mRNA vaccines will create wild DNA mutations. Fighting these conspiracy theories is often described as akin to a game of whack-a-mole; mistrust and uncertainty about the unknown are easier to spread than confidence and can come in hundreds of forms. Ethnic minorities are often targeted with messaging that the vaccine is unsafe for them specifically, young people are often more susceptible to conspiracies about vaccine impact on fertility, and religious groups may be swayed by allegations that the vaccines are not halal or contain fetal material – just to name a few variants of

vaccine misinformation. Vaccine hesitancy also has geographic elements. In Francophone Africa, the comments of a French doctor last year proposing the use of Africa as a "testing ground" for vaccines has spread widely, damaging vaccine confidence. In France, health scares about the H1N1 flu vaccine in 2009 still drive anti-vaccine sentiment. In the US, polls have shown higher rates of vaccine hesitancy among Black Americans, considered a continuing impact of historic and ongoing racial injustice in the healthcare system.

Beyond underlying reasons of low social trust and the ease of spreading uncertainty on the internet, there are also many actors deliberately spreading anti-vaccine messages. Many online "anti-vaxxers" have profit motives, including selling their own alternative medicines. More broadly, analysts have accused Russia and China of running large online misinformation campaigns to undermine confidence in Western vaccines. Social media companies and online platforms have come under pressure to curb the amount of anti-vaccine content spreading on the internet, but most have been slow to act. Just this month, Facebook agreed to remove misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines – but many criticized the move as too little, too late.

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For countries and companies that seek to combat vaccine hesitancy, it is important to understand the scope of the problem. Of course, it remains possible that polling will not pan out, and people will choose to accept the vaccine once they have seen it become widespread. In most countries, the full impact of vaccine hesitancy will not be truly tested for many months, as the supply and distribution will be the main constraint on immunization. In some countries, official or de facto vaccine mandates will change the nature of the threat posed by vaccine hesitancy. But planning for future problems is a process that cannot be started too early. Corporate leaders as well as governments and NGOs are investing in vaccine education and confidence. Having celebrities, CEOs, politicians, and others with social influence publicly take the vaccine has emerged as a key route for building trust in the vaccine. Health experts have urged employers to take an active role in incentivizing and encouraging vaccines. Israel has also demonstrated how the hesitant might be cajoled into getting vaccinated: vaccine clinics there have used everything from DJs to free food to draw increased numbers – a method that has met with some success. Moreover, the government is beginning to set up incentive structures to get the shot, beyond the obvious health benefit. Israel's Health and Culture ministries have

announced that museums, libraries, concert venues and other cultural events will reopen soon – but only for those who are fully vaccinated. Given the stakes of failing to combat vaccine hesitancy, the success of these approaches will be watched closely around the world.

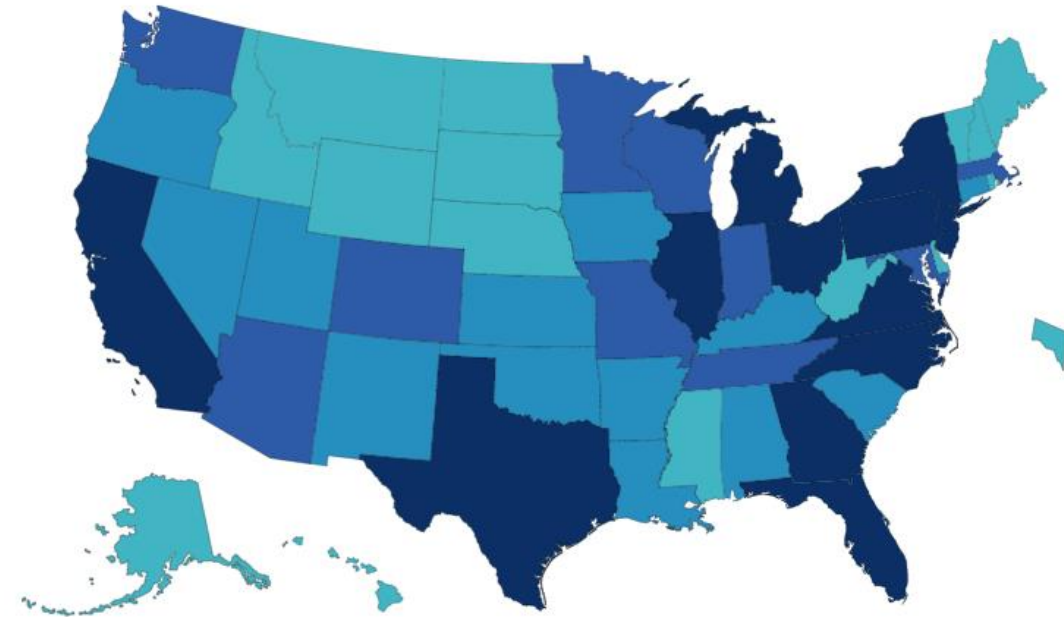
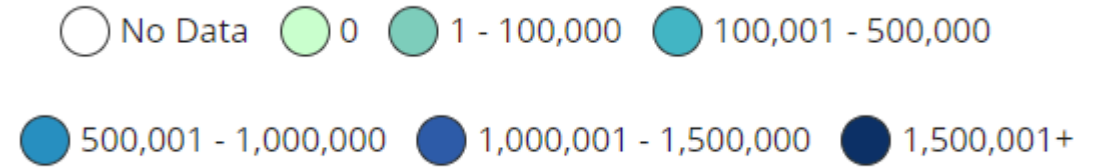
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Country in Charts: United States

More than 63.1 million vaccine doses have been administered across the nation, of which 18.8 million are second doses, about 12.8 percent of the total US population.

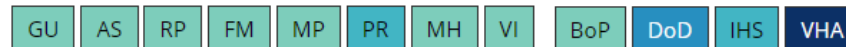
On vaccine type, 32.2 million are Pfizer-BioNTech while 30.8 million are Moderna vaccines (0.1 are not identified).

Total Doses Administered



Territories

Federal Entities



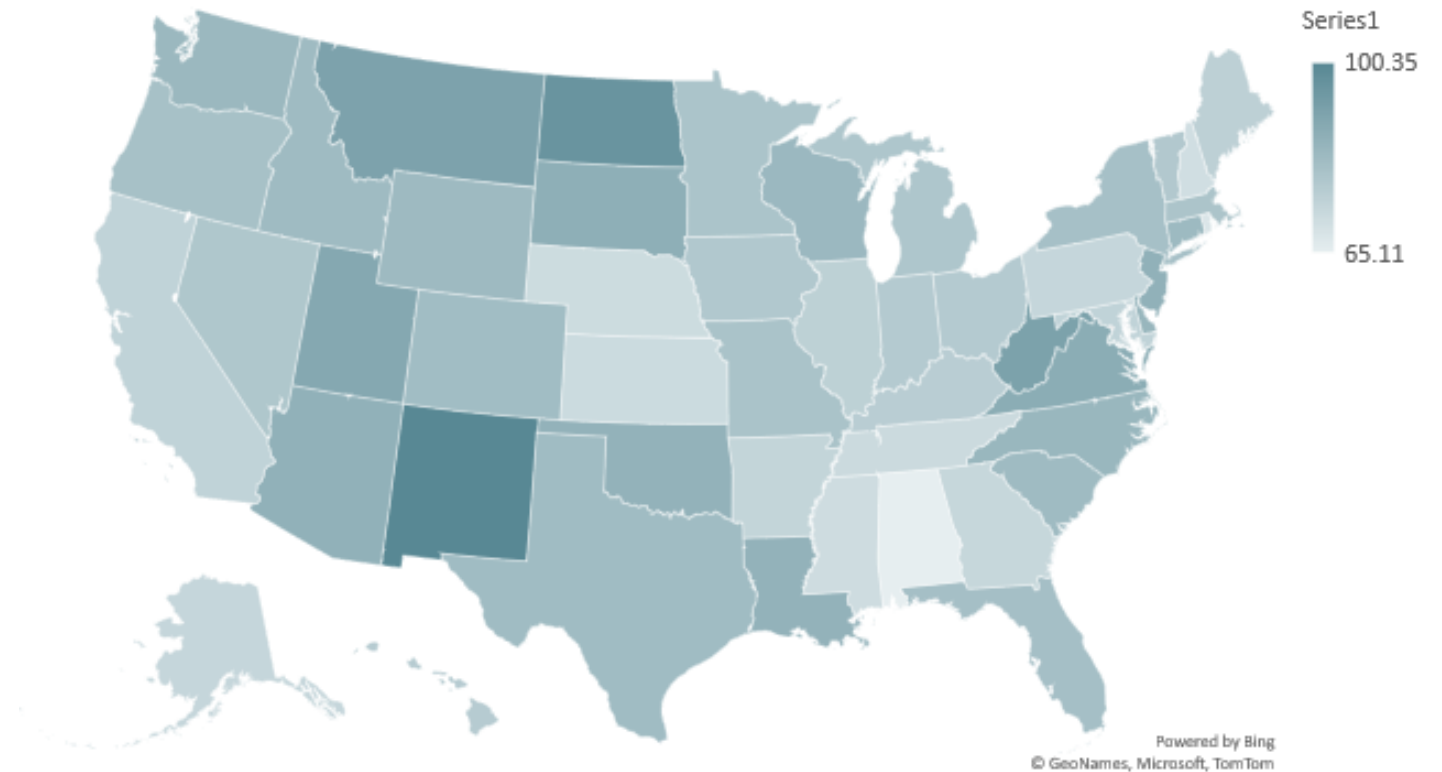
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Country in Charts: United States

The gap between the number of doses distributed and administered decreased notably – now about 12 million – an improving indicator that distribution networks are getting more efficient. As of last Friday, New Mexico was doing the best, having administered all of its stock; Alabama was at the bottom, at 65.11 percent.

Percentage of distributed vaccines that have been administered as of February 19



Data Source: CDC

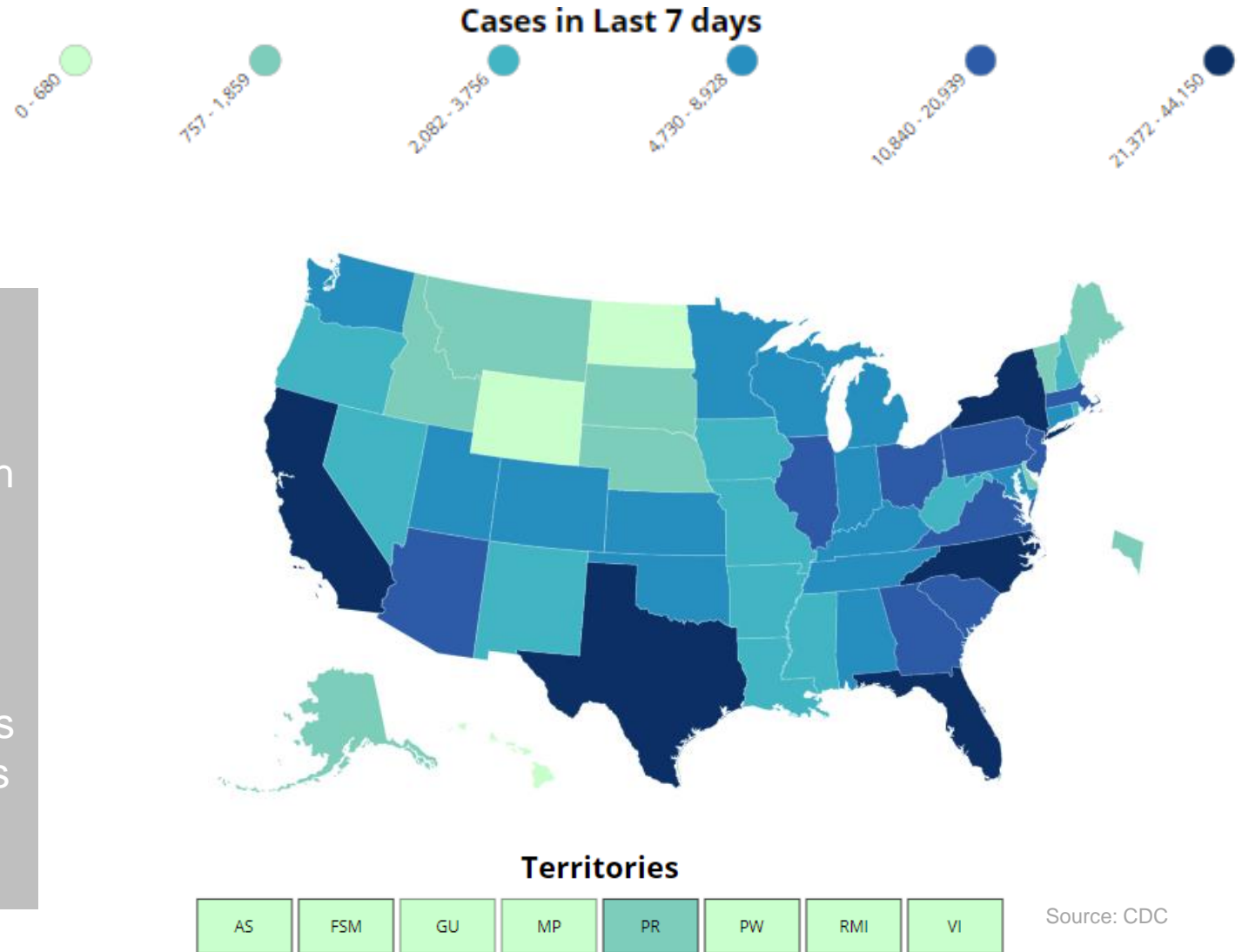
*New Mexico reported more doses administered than have been distributed to the state, suggesting a discrepancy in the data.

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Country in Charts: United States

Last week while states still reported large numbers of new cases, many more parts of the country show absolute levels much closer to the numbers recorded before the October surge.

Vermont, Iowa and the Northern Mariana Islands are the only states with a 7-day average of new cases above 5 percent.



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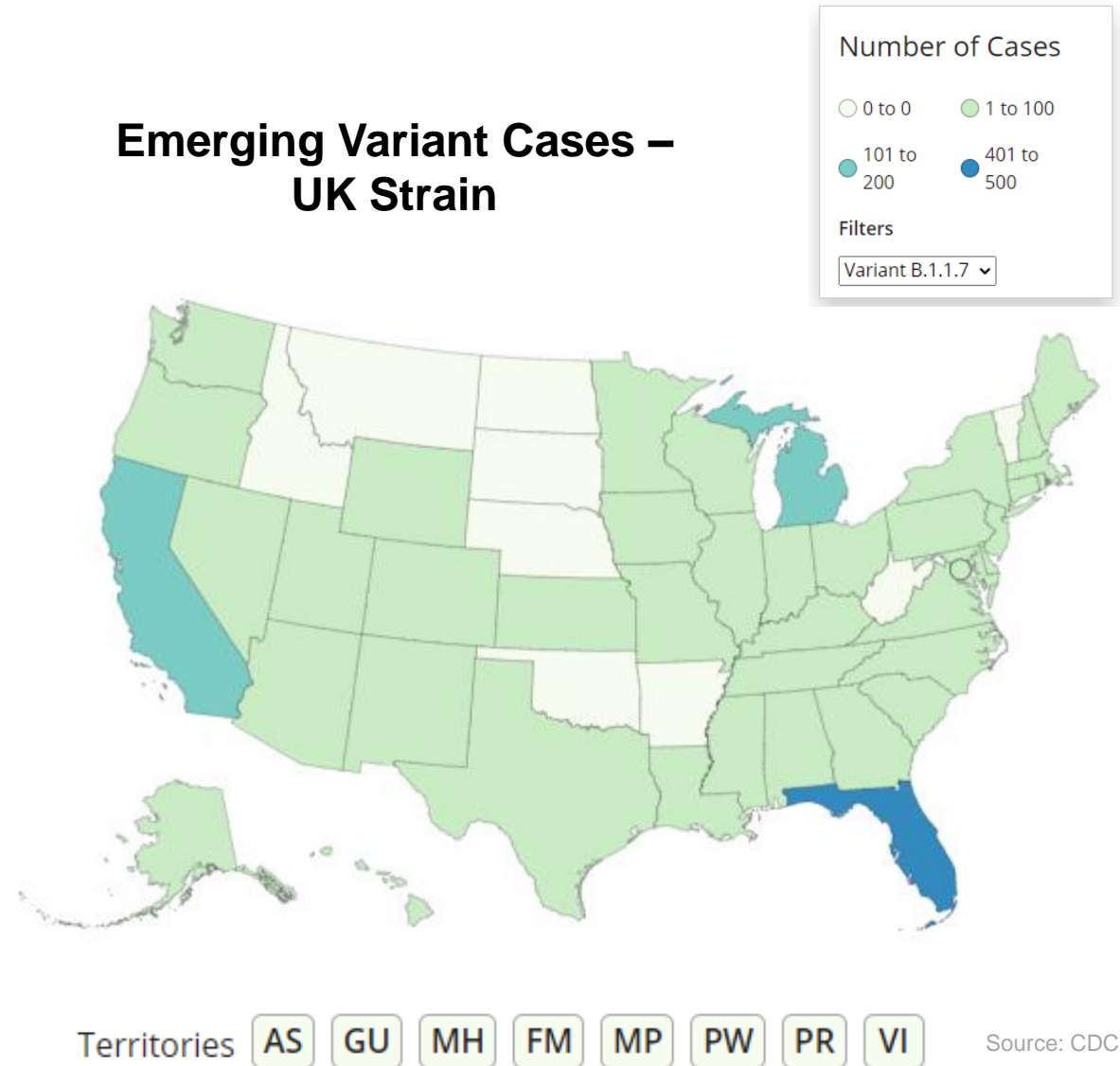
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A total of 1523 UK strain (B.1.1.7) cases of the virus has been discovered in 42 states (up from 1173 cases in 40 states).

Twenty-one cases of the South African variant have been found in 10 states (up from 17 cases in 8 states last week).

Five cases of the Brazilian strain have been discovered in 4 states (up from 3 cases in 2 states last week).

Emerging Variant Cases – UK Strain



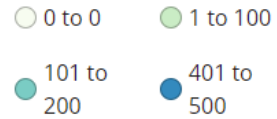
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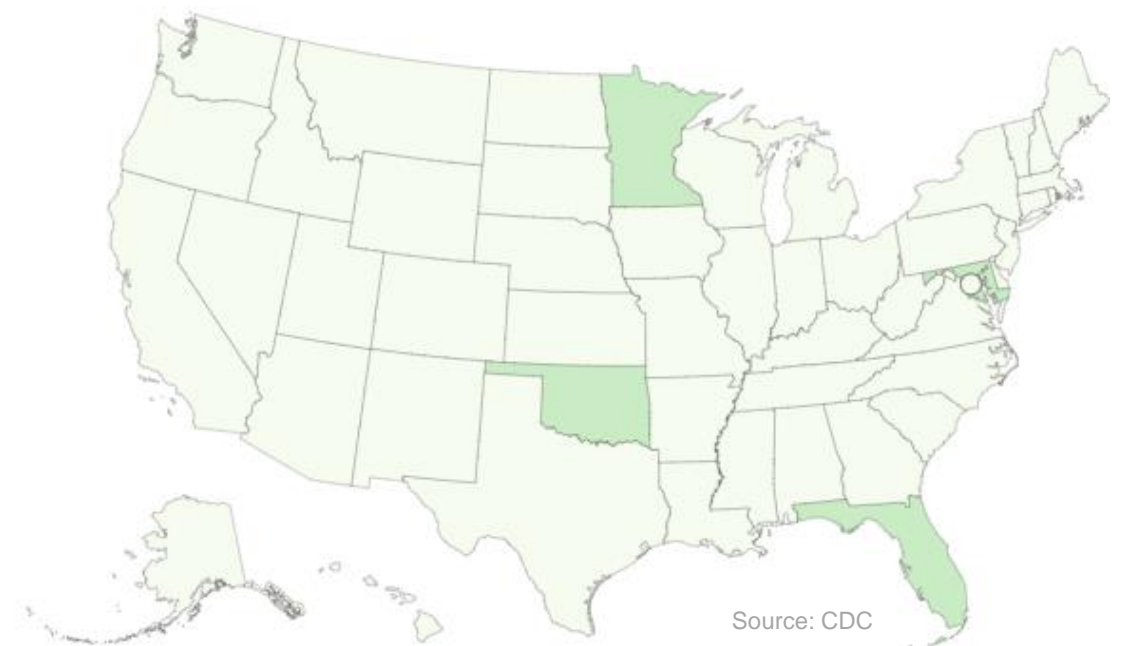
Emerging Variant Cases – South African Strain



Number of Cases



Emerging Variant Cases – Brazil Strain



Source: CDC

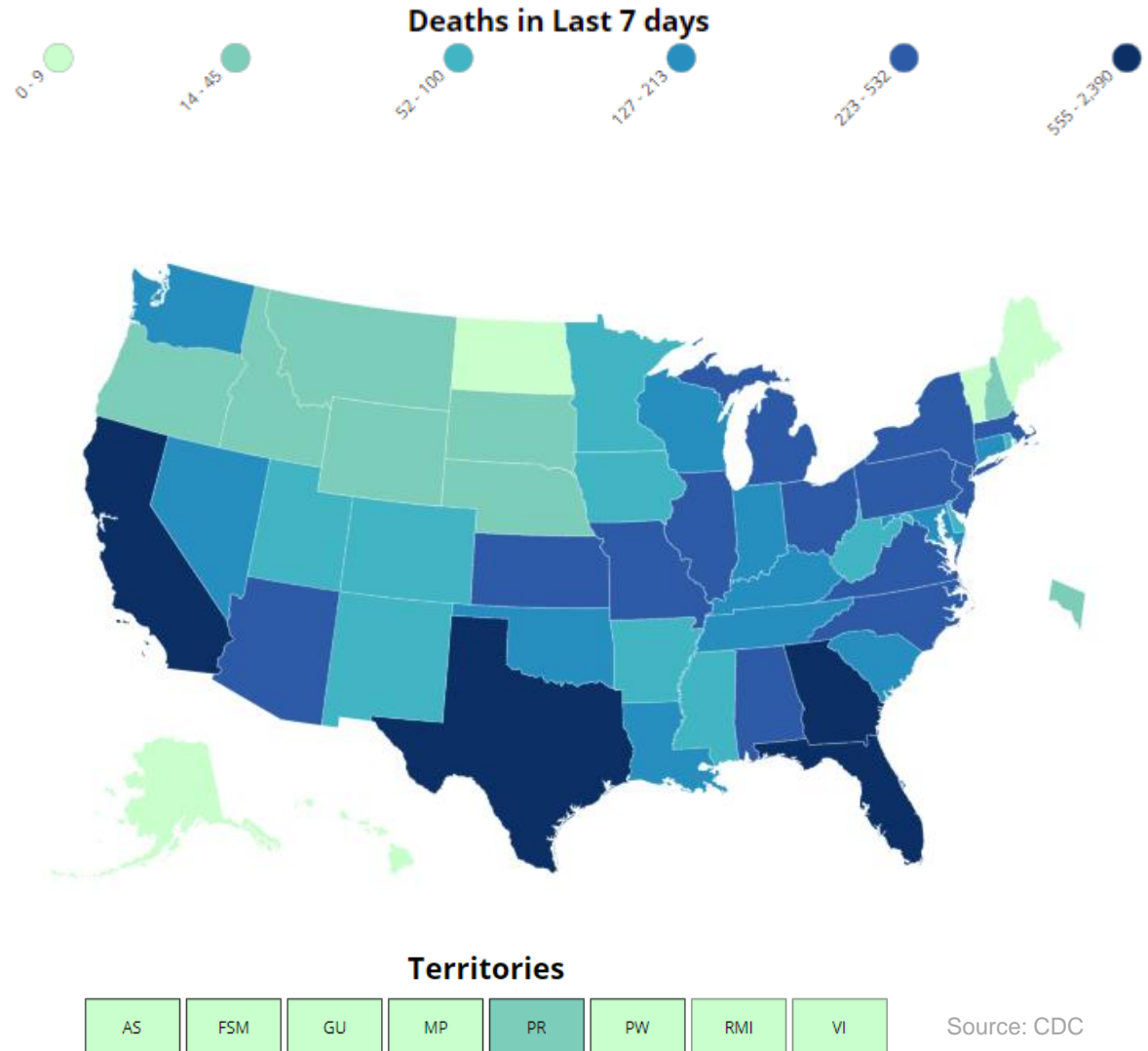
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Country in Charts: United States

Deaths are down 20 percent from last week, averaging 1,937 over last week. The decline in deaths in long-term care facilities, 30 percent since May, shows we are beginning to protect the most vulnerable.

Hospitalizations have dropped below 57,000, a positive trend. Every region and sub-region of the US now shows substantial declines in the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. However, hospitalizations are still higher than the peaks of the two previous surges.

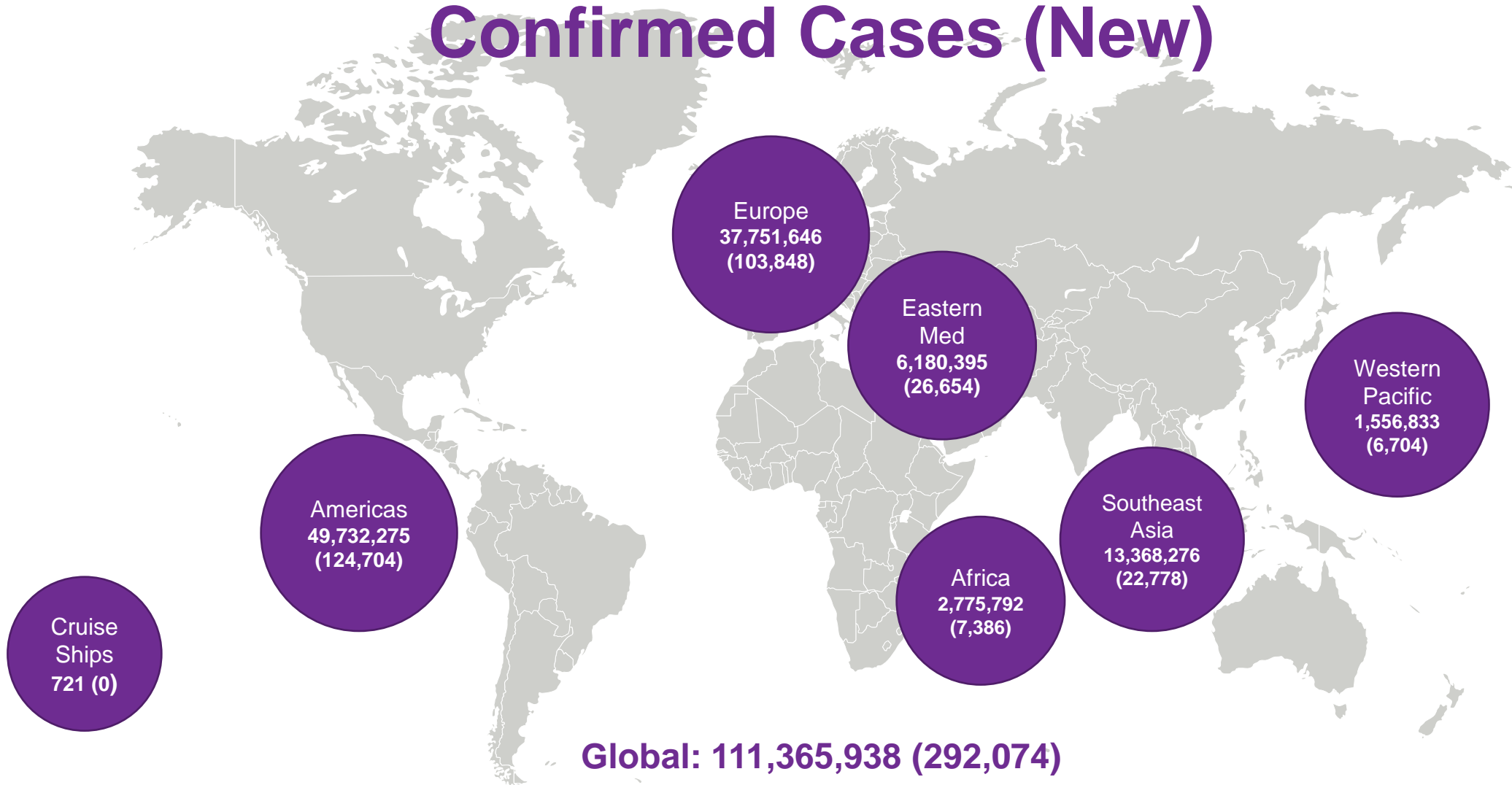


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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on February 21, 2021

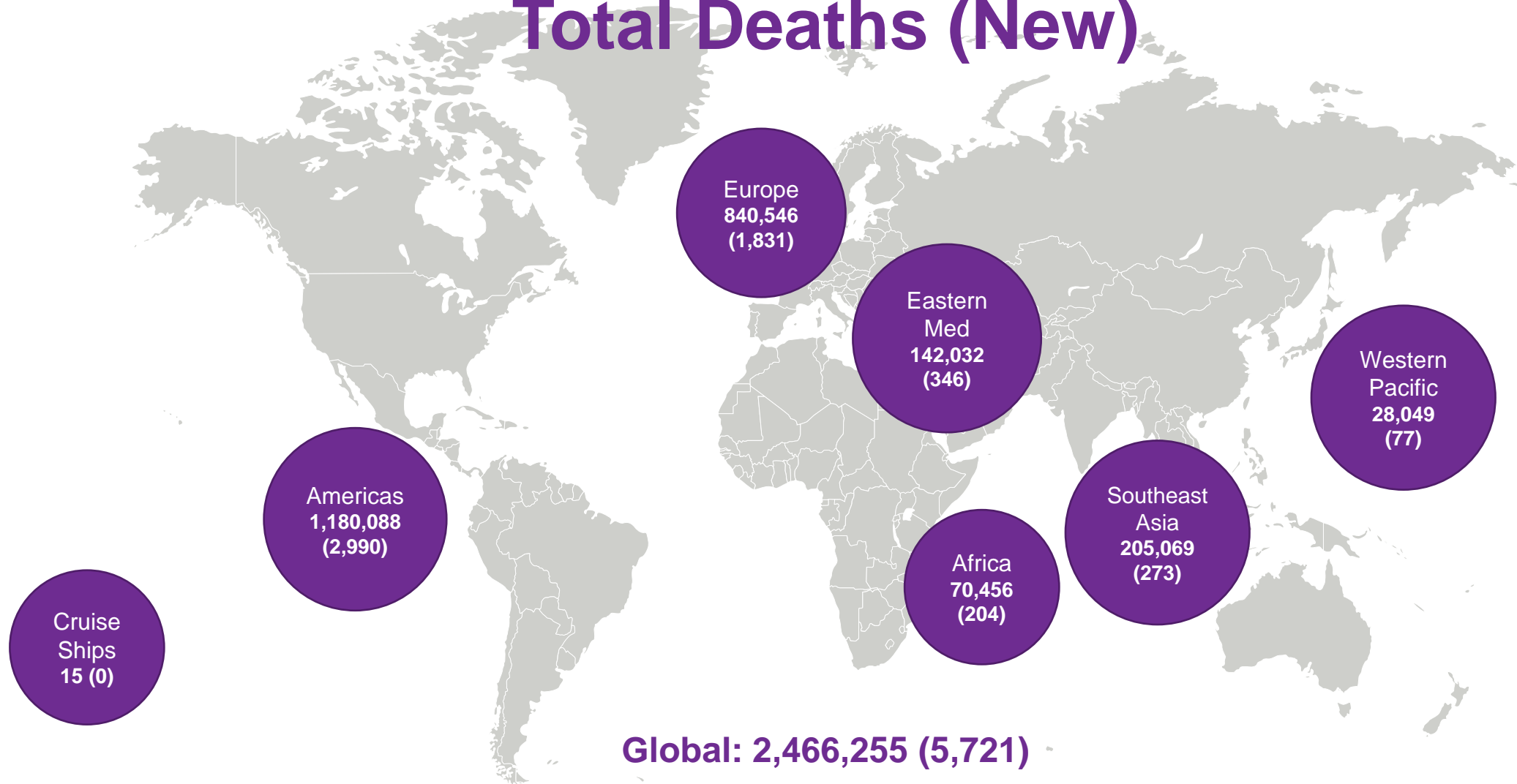
Confirmed Cases (New)



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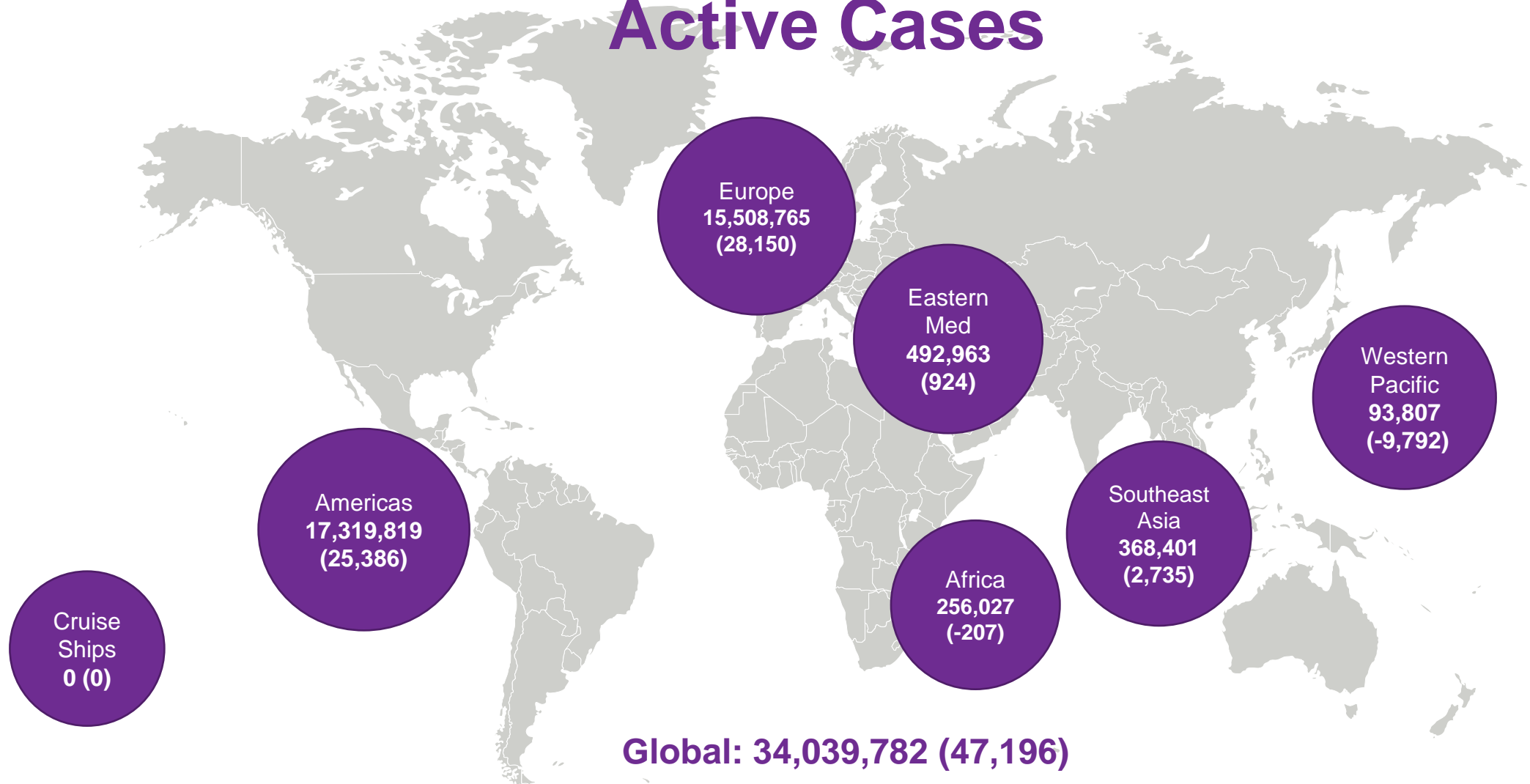
Total Deaths (New)



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Active Cases



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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	15609255	28134115 (56495)	498897 (1249)	86577	1538	1.76%
UK	3995453	4127574 (9835)	120810 (217)	60420	1770	1.88%
France	3260657	3597540 (427)	83546 (0)	55153	1290	3.60%
Spain	2915645	3133122 (0)	67101 (0)	66995	1435	2.46%
Netherlands	1041822	1071223 (4701)	15340 (17)	61578	887	2.58%
Brazil	825978	10168174 (29026)	246504 (527)	47619	1155	3.28%
Belgium	732570	754473 (2094)	21903 (16)	64737	1883	2.10%
Sweden	618517	631166 (0)	12649 (0)	62247	1247	3.61%
Serbia	432303	436640 (2518)	4337 (16)	50104	498	3.61%
Italy	388895	2809246 (13450)	95718 (232)	46507	1585	3.11%
Russia	363982	4117992 (12568)	81926 (409)	28530	571	2.22%
Mexico	265953	2041380 (3104)	180107 (310)	15703	1385	2.38%
Switzerland	220288	547775 (0)	9887 (1)	62997	1137	1.29%
Poland	218182	1638767 (7040)	42171 (94)	43331	1115	3.04%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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Ireland	187557	215057 (679)	4136 (1)	43243	832	2.55%
Iran	169738	1574012 (7931)	59483 (74)	18587	702	3.54%
Indonesia	157088	1278653 (7300)	34489 (173)	4643	125	4.79%
India	150055	11005850 (14199)	156385 (83)	7925	113	0.81%
Argentina	146635	2064334 (3709)	51198 (76)	45408	1126	1.87%
Ukraine	137286	1351190 (4663)	26470 (66)	29944	576	2.57%
Germany	122459	2394515 (6094)	67946 (63)	28521	815	2.20%
Czechia	118948	1153159 (6838)	19214 (117)	107555	1798	5.65%
Honduras	96421	165095 (600)	3996 (4)	16441	399	2.98%
Turkey	86602	2638422 (6546)	28060 (77)	31069	330	1.98%
Lebanon	82662	355073 (1702)	4340 (43)	52173	638	4.49%
Portugal	82341	797525 (1186)	15962 (65)	78362	1568	1.48%
Hungary	82103	403023 (2912)	14299 (47)	41788	1483	3.86%
Greece	79741	179802 (884)	6297 (25)	17305	606	4.27%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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Peru	54974	1283309 (13786)	45097 (407)	38577	1356	3.74%
Norway	49927	68532 (217)	607 (0)	12578	111	2.96%
Dominican Republic	47270	235462 (960)	3038 (10)	21567	278	2.42%
Colombia	47062	2226262 (4244)	58834 (149)	43455	1148	1.40%
Bolivia	45696	242292 (521)	11441 (24)	20532	970	2.29%
Bangladesh	43635	543351 (327)	8349 (7)	3278	50	0.51%
South Africa	42728	1503796 (1429)	49053 (113)	25152	820	0.80%
Israel	40675	750043 (5530)	5577 (51)	81548	606	3.42%
Iraq	36156	667937 (3187)	13272 (27)	16372	325	3.61%
Romania	35515	779695 (2419)	19847 (52)	40705	1036	2.27%
Albania	35251	100246 (1184)	1666 (13)	34859	579	7.15%
Malaysia	33304	283569 (3297)	1056 (5)	8690	32	6.81%
Tunisia	31962	228362 (719)	7793 (38)	19193	655	2.24%
Algeria	31880	111917 (153)	2961 (3)	2523	67	1.08%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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Cyprus	30974	33260 (107)	229 (0)	27419	189	2.25%
Canada	30933	850737 (2407)	21675 (44)	22281	571	2.37%
Slovakia	30338	292143 (1686)	6505 (81)	53493	1191	5.45%
Egypt	29961	178151 (608)	10353 (55)	1720	100	2.44%
Costa Rica	29862	201678 (0)	2763 (0)	39360	539	1.24%
Bulgaria	26560	236666 (227)	9854 (15)	34227	1425	2.95%
Philippines	26238	561169 (1881)	12088 (20)	5078	109	2.14%
Uganda	25302	40213 (14)	333 (0)	862	7	0.48%
Pakistan	24226	572334 (1160)	12617 (16)	2554	56	1.44%
Jordan	23298	363728 (3917)	4554 (11)	35423	444	4.53%
Chile	22654	799460 (3615)	20042 (68)	41592	1043	2.91%
Paraguay	21734	151718 (987)	3065 (20)	21105	426	5.06%
Nigeria	21616	152074 (521)	1839 (8)	726	9	3.87%
Kazakhstan	21444	257100 (712)	3152 (2)	10962	134	2.27%

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Ecuador	20320	274673 (1576)	15536 (23)	15418	872	2.71%
Mozambique	19781	55643 (675)	595 (8)	1749	19	9.67%
Ethiopia	19161	152806 (949)	2279 (8)	1309	20	3.74%
Japan	18738	424988 (1036)	7485 (47)	3363	59	2.08%
Kenya	16801	104201 (208)	1823 (6)	1911	33	1.28%
Austria	16479	445374 (1838)	8386 (18)	49270	928	2.67%
Finland	13016	53742 (457)	726 (0)	9690	131	6.37%
Malawi	12889	30742 (214)	1013 (9)	1581	52	5.55%
Libya	12326	129797 (472)	2114 (26)	18727	305	1.88%
Estonia	11848	57616 (583)	535 (7)	43415	403	9.03%
Lithuania	11371	194051 (489)	3171 (9)	71941	1176	3.12%
Slovenia	11095	184767 (415)	3776 (7)	88868	1816	2.86%
Moldova	11079	176752 (507)	3780 (20)	43882	938	3.71%
Kuwait	10819	184090 (768)	1044 (5)	42702	242	3.47%

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Bosnia	10567	127537 (0)	4979 (0)	39031	1524	1.67%
West Bank & Gaza	10249	173635 (1320)	1976 (5)	33540	382	3.47%
Panama	10111	336521 (484)	5742 (15)	77215	1318	1.29%
Latvia	9984	81519 (410)	1542 (4)	43531	823	5.90%
Qatar	9950	160426 (459)	256 (0)	57136	91	1.98%
UAE	9603	370425 (2250)	1125 (17)	37165	113	5.85%
Congo (Kinshasa)	8245	25080 (0)	700 (0)	275	8	3.13%
Montenegro	8220	71995 (402)	950 (11)	114620	1512	4.27%
Jamaica	8055	21382 (458)	396 (5)	7201	133	10.98%
Morocco	7937	481155 (207)	8554 (6)	12937	230	0.56%
South Korea	7875	87324 (332)	1562 (5)	1696	30	3.96%
Belarus	7870	278312 (1322)	1912 (9)	29459	202	3.46%
Bahrain	7379	117809 (575)	423 (3)	67745	243	4.30%
Myanmar	7272	141750 (15)	3196 (0)	2594	58	0.11%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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Oman	7157	139362 (868)	1552 (3)	26856	299	1.48%
Lesotho	6864	10461 (0)	285 (0)	4858	132	4.74%
N Macedonia	6822	99285 (254)	3063 (16)	47657	1470	2.25%
Kosovo	6737	66480 (1030)	1572 (14)			4.02%
Guatemala	6687	171170 (239)	6282 (33)	9443	347	2.27%
Venezuela	6664	136068 (465)	1316 (4)	4794	46	2.09%
Ghana	6658	80253 (598)	577 (5)	2549	18	5.50%
Uruguay	5976	52815 (652)	574 (5)	15170	165	7.40%
Denmark	5792	208265 (496)	2339 (5)	35756	403	1.54%
Sudan	5626	30128 (0)	1864 (0)	630	42	0.65%
Zambia	5539	74503 (609)	1020 (4)	3982	55	6.80%
Sri Lanka**	5255	79999 (519)	445 (10)	3726	21	5.43%
Armenia	5244	170402 (168)	3164 (5)	57436	1066	0.72%
Australia	5139	28930 (4)	909 (0)	1126	35	0.10%
Cuba	5102	44523 (1039)	296 (5)	3932	26	14.00%

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Senegal	4988	32927 (297)	808 (13)	1934	47	5.83%
Syria*	4960	15179 (36)	998 (2)	854	56	2.08%
Afghanistan	4338	55604 (24)	2432 (2)	1408	62	0.20%
Botswana	3907	26524 (0)	254 (0)	11135	107	6.02%
El Salvador	3362	58546 (0)	1799 (7)	8997	276	1.91%
Georgia	3283	268355 (258)	3435 (10)	67354	862	1.04%
Eswatini	2949	16789 (25)	645 (0)	14376	552	1.51%
Luxembourg	2774	53782 (0)	622 (0)	85594	988	2.31%
Malta	2521	20892 (130)	304 (1)	47235	687	5.28%
Maldives	2513	18769 (157)	60 (0)	34336	110	5.01%
Haiti	2498	12274 (20)	247 (0)	1071	21	1.07%
South Sudan	2483	6583 (166)	86 (1)	584	8	17.77%
Saudi Arabia	2451	375006 (315)	6461 (4)	10665	184	0.61%
Croatia	2371	239945 (260)	5429 (9)	58682	1328	0.95%

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HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Zimbabwe	2235	35796 (28)	1436 (4)	2386	96	1.74%
Azerbaijan	2170	233129 (156)	3198 (3)	22861	314	0.43%
Somalia	2051	6017 (128)	202 (8)	372	12	13.86%
Nicaragua	2001	6398 (0)	172 (0)	958	26	0.80%
Namibia	1991	37483 (188)	402 (0)	14583	156	4.08%
Cameroon	1864	33749 (0)	523 (0)	1252	19	4.89%
Kyrgyzstan	1668	85929 (98)	1458 (6)	13027	221	0.53%
Mali	1653	8299 (7)	348 (1)	402	17	0.84%
Nepal	1494	273431 (80)	2061 (0)	9278	70	0.26%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1479	8625 (206)	127 (4)	1539	23	2.39%
Burundi	1255	2031 (48)	3 (0)	168	0	10.19%
Cote d'Ivoire	1251	32026 (112)	186 (1)	1195	7	2.77%
Gabon	1216	13553 (0)	75 (0)	5999	33	7.20%
Sierra Leone	1169	3855 (6)	79 (0)	477	10	0.88%

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Benin**	1116	5434 (291)	70 (5)	441	6	16.08%
Bahamas	1076	8403 (0)	179 (0)	21238	452	1.09%
Thailand**	1060	25504 (181)	83 (0)	364	1	3.66%
Angola**	1007	20519 (20)	499 (1)	612	15	0.75%
Rwanda	1001	18053 (65)	249 (2)	1372	19	3.93%

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US Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
California	3482501	3531846 (4508)	49345 (225)	89025	1248	1.30%
Florida	1838866	1868772 (5065)	29906 (93)	87010	1392	2.22%
New York	1402553	1591672 (6237)	46812 (109)	83662	2417	3.25%
Illinois	1151864	1174330 (1594)	22466 (40)	92679	1773	1.04%
Georgia	968761	985505 (1758)	16744 (2)	92820	1577	2.11%
Arizona	677965	807967 (1804)	15505 (25)	111004	2130	1.32%
New Jersey	669627	766405 (2030)	22858 (24)	86286	2573	2.66%
Virginia	511038	564115 (2303)	7331 (134)	66090	859	2.50%
Missouri	483430	491489 (419)	8059 (0)	84361	1356	0.84%
Colorado	392406	420614 (802)	5892 (5)	73039	1023	1.61%
Maryland	359034	376355 (618)	7715 (18)	62252	1276	1.43%
Kentucky	345797	396997 (979)	4447 (21)	88860	995	2.07%
Washington	328972	333794 (0)	4822 (0)	44254	642	1.72%
Nevada	286100	290972 (301)	4872 (4)	94467	1582	0.90%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Kansas	282436	293215 (0)	4573 (0)	100869	1588	1.62%
South Carolina	266380	504149 (2872)	8324 (68)	97917	1617	3.34%
Connecticut	255778	273101 (0)	7523 (0)	76600	2110	2.11%
Texas	240305	2600660 (6844)	42162 (121)	89815	1464	1.36%
Indiana	215341	655541 (881)	12372 (36)	97374	1838	1.02%
Alabama	202006	486843 (857)	9592 (2)	99291	1956	1.21%
Oregon	150663	152818 (107)	2155 (1)	36232	511	1.66%
Rhode Island	113064	123145 (0)	2376 (0)	116245	2243	1.89%
Michigan	90847	636269 (0)	16342 (0)	63711	1636	1.15%
Delaware	83365	84732 (201)	1367 (1)	87015	1404	2.04%
Pennsylvania	80759	915639 (1727)	23565 (25)	71722	1851	2.04%
Massachusetts	75662	569284 (1520)	15826 (47)	82595	2296	2.02%
Idaho	75398	169150 (0)	1826 (0)	94669	1022	0.99%
North Carolina	66255	842637 (2541)	10926 (30)	80342	1042	2.46%

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Wisconsin	61119	612240 (451)	6871 (0)	96107	1079	0.82%
Alaska	57104	57393 (0)	289 (0)	75454	391	1.72%
Nebraska	54566	198949 (198)	2047 (0)	102847	1058	0.86%
Ohio	49339	953767 (1461)	16816 (67)	81595	1439	1.51%
New Mexico	46946	182789 (314)	3624 (14)	87174	1728	1.21%
Iowa	44997	359525 (181)	5336 (0)	113936	1691	8.42%
Maine	30078	43497 (130)	658 (0)	32359	490	2.23%
Hawaii	26931	27361 (64)	430 (1)	19192	304	1.11%
Utah	20496	366735 (701)	1852 (10)	114392	578	1.48%
Mississippi	19623	290632 (390)	6553 (0)	97654	2202	1.10%
Louisiana	17876	424176 (1889)	9466 (26)	91244	2036	1.01%
Tennessee	16369	765137 (1129)	11133 (18)	112039	1630	1.01%
Oklahoma	15356	419354 (1036)	4181 (26)	105979	1057	1.39%
District of Columbia	10288	39648 (95)	995 (1)	56179	1410	1.84%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

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West Virginia	8954	129616 (252)	2261 (7)	72324	1262	1.56%
Puerto Rico	7609	99084 (249)	1979 (22)	52191	584	1.49%
Minnesota	7154	479036 (879)	6500 (9)	84941	1153	1.14%
Arkansas	5697	315514 (284)	5357 (9)	104551	1775	0.79%

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
New Hampshire	2940	73413 (252)	1154 (1)	53992	849	3.58%
Vermont	2647	14493 (134)	197 (1)	23226	316	5.63%
Montana	2226	98779 (138)	1342 (1)	92422	1256	1.40%
South Dakota	1966	111304 (139)	1863 (4)	125816	2106	0.89%

Contacts

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