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Daily Global Situation Report

March 19, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

The EU's medicines regulator ruled that the AstraZeneca vaccine is safe and effective, prompting European countries to resume its use.

The Bank of England upgrades its outlook for the UK economy, pledges continued monetary support for recovery.

US-China talks got off to a fiery start, with both sides leveling sharp rebukes.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

President Biden is sending Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) to Ethiopia to urge an end to the country's growing conflict. The trip comes after months of fighting, accusations of ethnic cleansing, and warnings that the conflict could spark broader regional crisis. Some analysts see Coons's trip as a final US attempt to press Prime Minister Abiy for progress before resorting to more drastic measures like sanctions or suspension of aid.



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Global

Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 121.7 million, with deaths at 2.7 million.

- Twitter said that it would seek public input on when and how to **ban world leaders** amid an ongoing review on use policies for politicians.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Authorities in Mexico seized a fake batch of Russian Sputnik V vaccines.

- Globally, **400.28 million people** have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Portugal, France, Germany, Spain and Italy said they will resume use of the **AstraZeneca vaccine** after the European Medicines Agency ruled the jab was “*safe and effective.*”
- The UK’s medicines regulator also said that a scientific review found no evidence that the **AstraZeneca shot** causes blood clots. The African Union advised that use of the vaccine should be continued across the continent.
- Prime Minister Johnson reassured the **UK** that an unexpected drop in vaccine supply will not interrupt plans to ease nationwide lockdown measures. UK Health Minister Hancock said the country is still on track to administer 12 million vaccines next month despite delays.
- **Vietnam** began phase-one clinical trials for its second domestically developed COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Cuba** will begin late-stage clinical trials for a second coronavirus vaccine candidate, Abdala.
- The **Philippines** drug regulator has approved Russia’s Sputnik V Covid vaccine for emergency use.

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Markets & Business

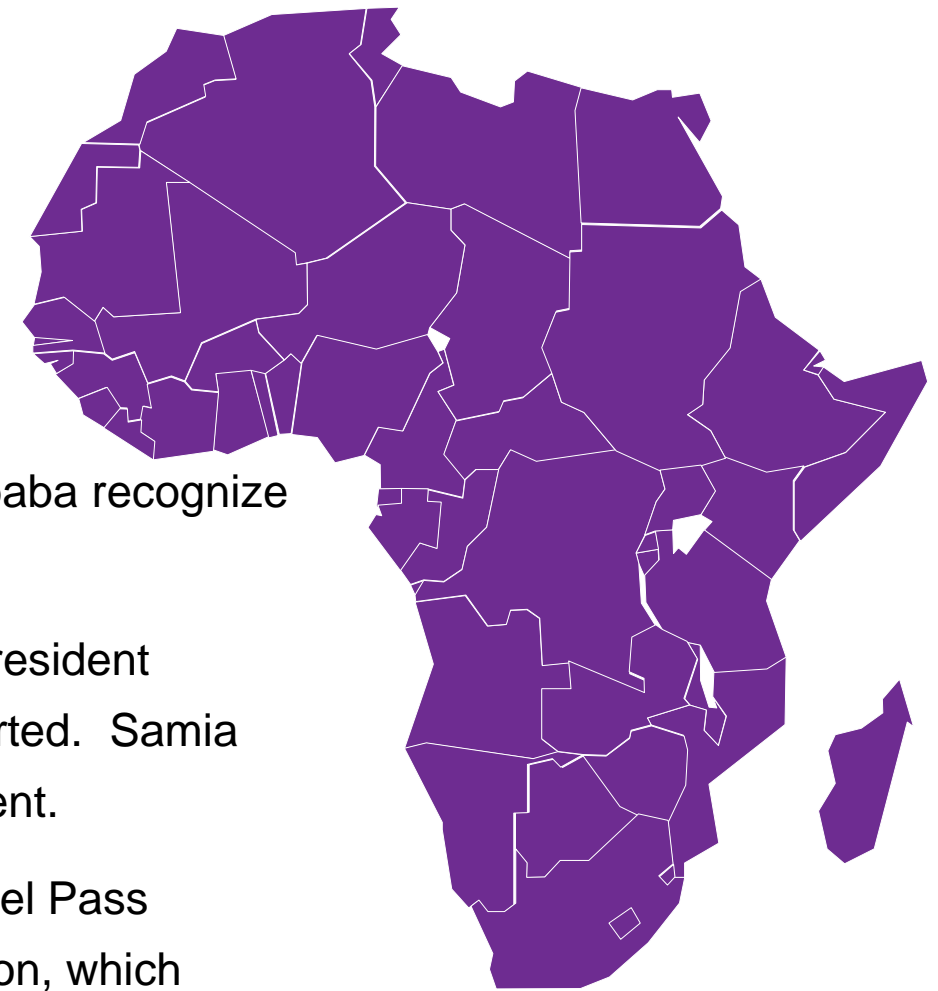
A new Bank of England survey indicates that one third of UK private sector workers will continue to work remotely at least part time after the pandemic.

- **Asian share markets** slipped on Friday after a spike in global bond yields soured sentiment toward richly priced tech stocks.
- **European stocks** slid on Friday after France imposed fresh regional lockdowns to curb the spread of the coronavirus amid signs of slowing vaccination in some countries.
- **US Treasury yields** extended their surge Thursday, rising above 1.7 percent on 10-year notes for the first time since the pandemic began.
- **Oil prices** fell more than 7 percent Thursday on signs that demand recovery may be faltering, especially as European countries institute and extend lockdowns.
- **FedEx** forecast that high demand for e-commerce shipping services will remain for “the foreseeable future.”
- A group of first-year analysts at **Goldman Sachs** sent a slide-deck to management describing 95-hour workweeks and other workplace stresses. Goldman Sachs is reportedly in talks with JetBlue Airways about taking over its credit card business.
- Established auto companies like **Ford, GM and Volkswagen** that have pivoted to a focus on EVs are seeing sharp rises in their shares.
- **British Airways** said it was considering selling its headquarters building because of a switch to remote working means it may no longer need so much office space.

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Africa

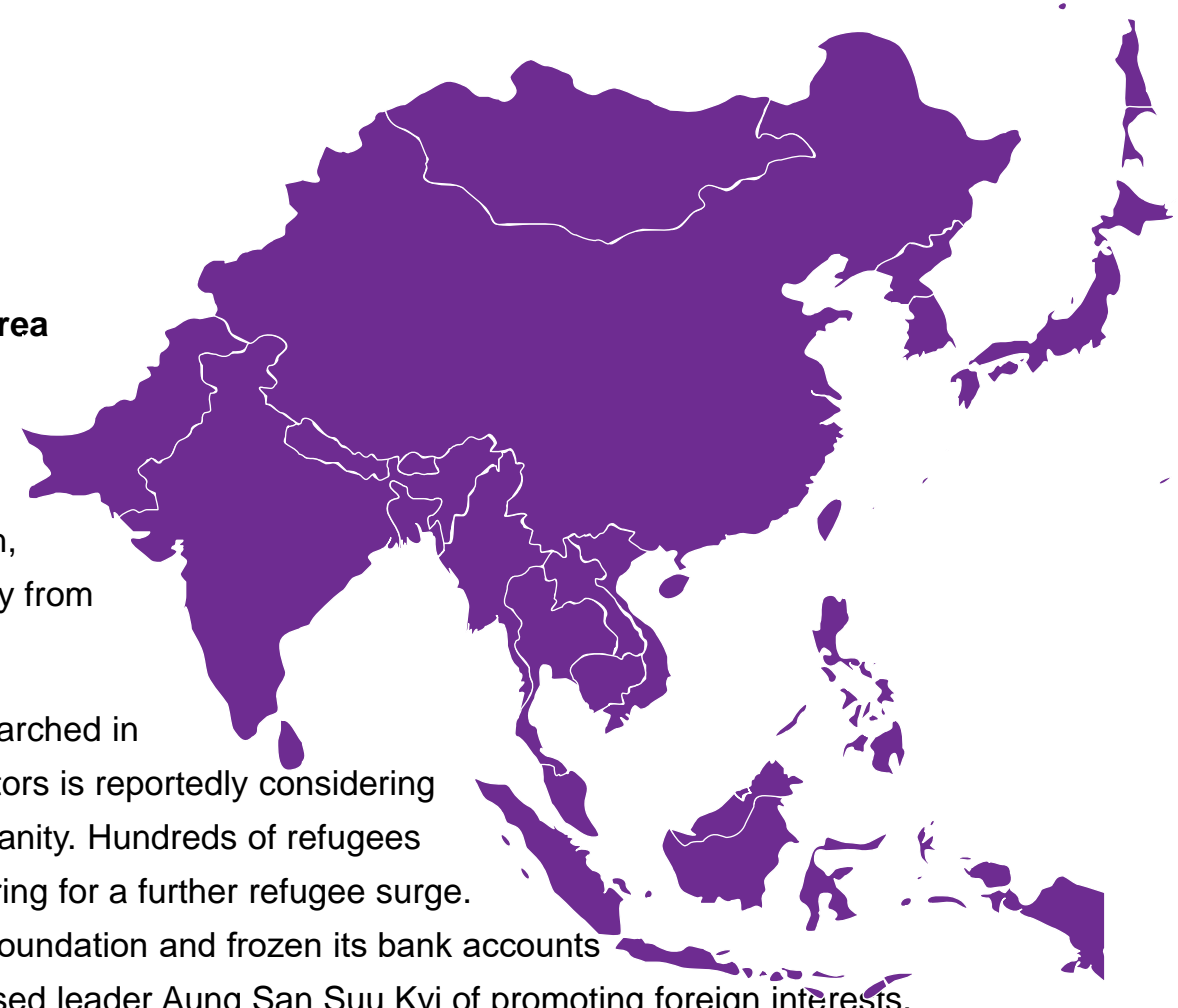
- The head of **Sudan's** Transitional Sovereign Council, Burhan, refused to negotiate with **Ethiopia** on troop presence along its southern border (increased during Tigray tensions) until Addis Ababa recognize Sudanese sovereignty over the contested al-Fashaqa region.
- **Tanzanian** opposition leader Tundu Lissu alleged that the late President Magufuli died of COVID-19, not heart complications as was reported. Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in as the country's first female president.
- **Kenya** Airways and **Ethiopian** Airlines are testing a Trusted Travel Pass developed by the Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, which allows travelers and airport authorities to authenticate COVID-19 test certificates prior to departure.



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Asia

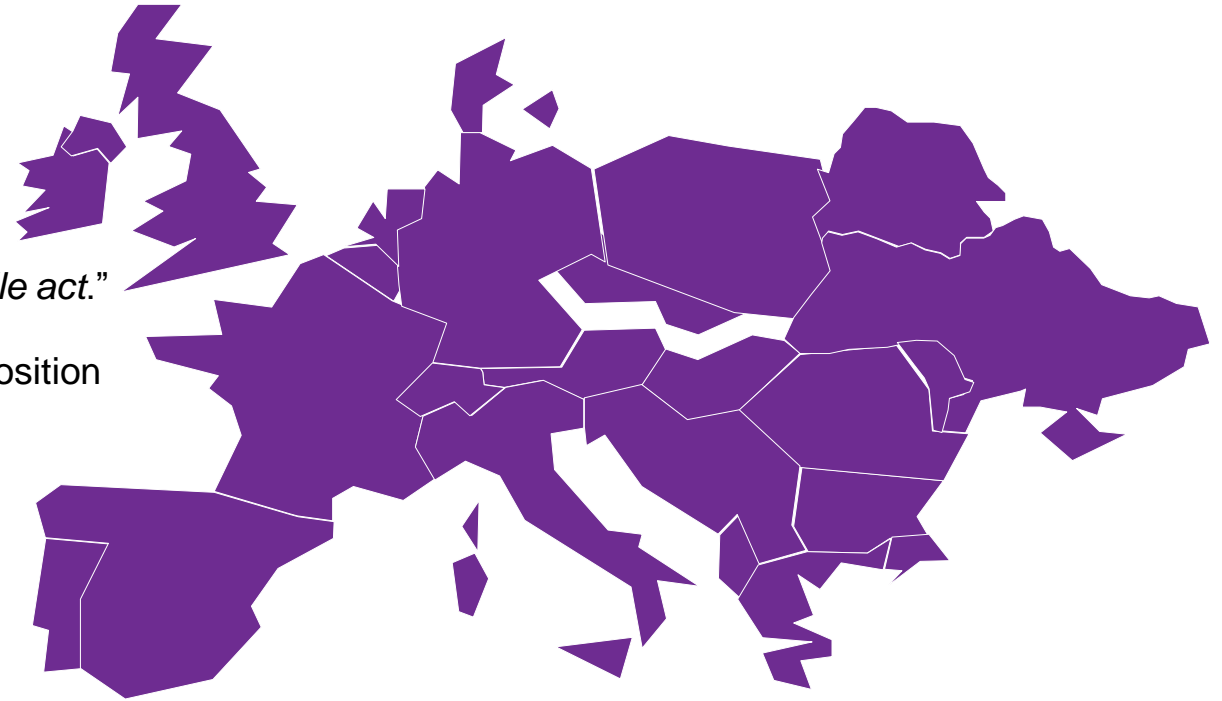
- **US** Secretary of State Blinken said that the US is working with **South Korea** on a coordinated approach to **North Korea**.
- **Taiwan** said **Singapore** is the next likely candidate for a travel bubble.
- **New Zealand** may reopen to **Australian** travelers as soon as next month, reciprocating a half-bubble in place since October that allows people to fly from New Zealand to Australia without having to quarantine for two weeks.
- Local media reported that thousands of opponents of the military junta marched in Natmawk, **Myanmar**, on Thursday. A committee of ousted elected legislators is reportedly considering asking the International Criminal Court to investigate crimes against humanity. Hundreds of refugees from Myanmar have already fled into **Thailand**, and the country is preparing for a further refugee surge. Authorities have detained an employee of George Soros's philanthropic foundation and frozen its bank accounts in the country, in what observers said was part of a push to accuse deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi of promoting foreign interests.
- A new report from Pew Research Center showed that the pandemic has pushed about 32 million **Indians** out of the middle class. India detected more than 39,600 new coronavirus infections on Thursday, fueled by a surge of confirmed cases in Maharashtra. Students and staff at India's elite Ashoka University demanded the reinstatement of a prominent academic, who resigned amid accusations of attacks on free speech.



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Europe

- **Russia** said it would see **Bosnian** steps to join NATO as a “*hostile act.*”
- **Turkey’s** new push to ban its second-largest, Kurdish-linked opposition party sparked backlash from the US and Europe.
- The **French** government put 16 French departments, including Paris, under a strict lockdown for a third time as caseloads threaten hospital capacity. The **Czech Republic** extended coronavirus-related restrictions on movement from March 21 to until further notice.
- Mark Rutte and his right-leaning VVD party remain on course to win another election victory in **Denmark**. The pro-EU D66 party is on track to be the second-largest party in parliament and is expected to form a coalition with Rutte.
- The Bank of England upgraded its economic outlook for the **UK** but said it will continue flexible monetary policy to support the recovery. Lawyers, rights activists, and opposition figures protested the UK government’s reported plans to send asylum seekers overseas while their claims are processed.



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Middle East

- The **UN** called on **Iran** to release **Swedish**-Iranian scientist Ahmadreza Djalali, sentenced to death on espionage charges, citing his failing health in solitary confinement.
- **Lebanese** President Aoun and Prime Minister Hariri adopted a more positive tone on government formation after a meeting on the Cabinet, one day after calling for each other's resignations. Hizballah head Nasrallah released a statement saying that a new cabinet is the only solution to the current economic crisis.
- An Emirati official announced that the **UAE** will not be involved in Israel "electioneering" amid reports that Prime Minister Netanyahu was planning to reschedule his first trip to the country after cancelling it earlier this week.
- **Pakistan's** army chief called for **India** and Pakistan to move towards reconciliation.



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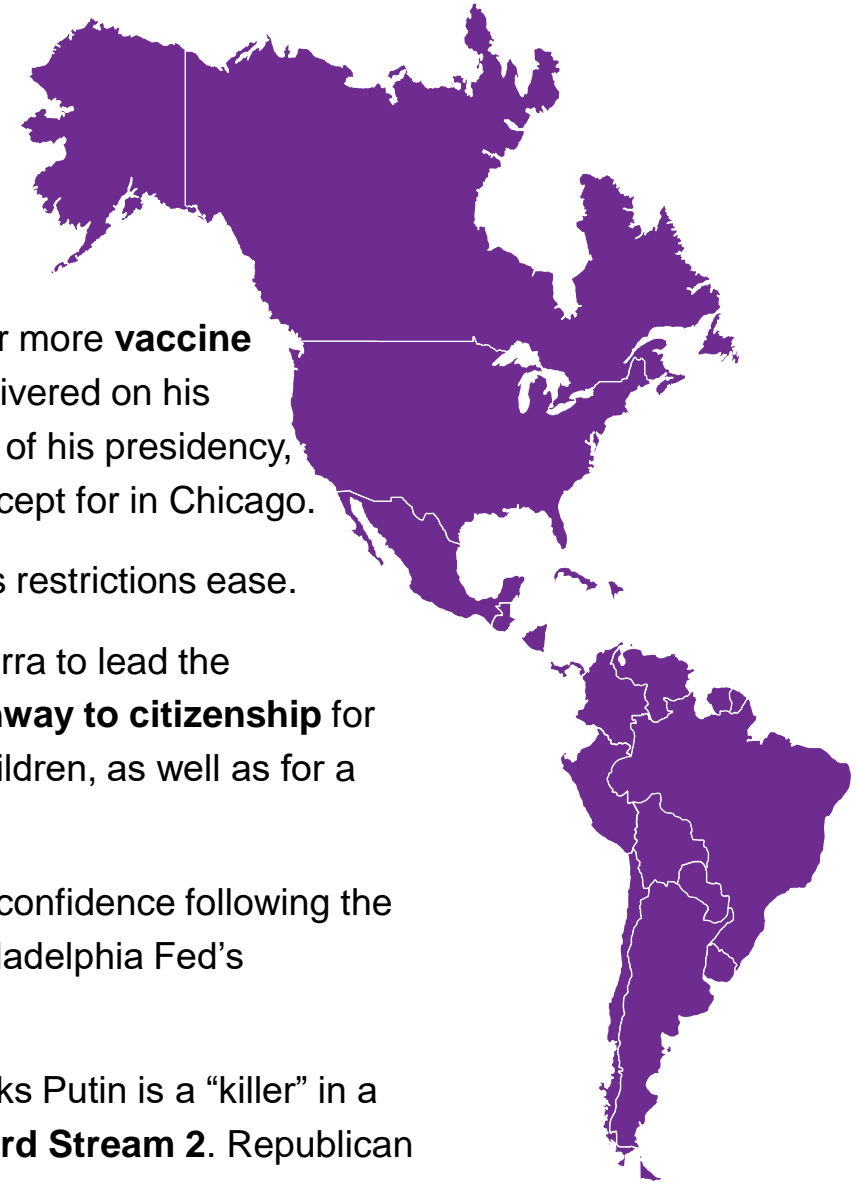
Americas

- The **US** is planning to send 4 million of extra AstraZeneca doses to neighboring **Mexico and Canada**, accepting their requests for the unused vaccine.
- **Canada's** chief medical officer said Ontario is entering a third wave of COVID-19 cases.
- The **Mexican** government limited nonessential travel across its southern border to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- **Paraguay's** President Abdo Benitez survived an impeachment attempt over his handling of the pandemic.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 75.5 million people (22.7 percent of the total population) have received one or more **vaccine doses**. President Biden announced that on day 58 of his administration, he will have delivered on his **campaign promise** of administering 100 million vaccine doses during the first 100 days of his presidency, more than 40 days early. **Illinois** will open vaccine eligibility to all adults in mid-April, except for in Chicago.
- **Weekly jobless claims** rose unexpectedly to 770,000, even as COVID-related business restrictions ease.
- The Senate **confirmed** William J. Burns as the next director of the **CIA** and Xavier Becerra to lead the **Department of Health and Human Services**. The House passed bills providing a **pathway to citizenship** for immigrants nicknamed “Dreamers,” who are living illegally in the US after entering as children, as well as for a large number of immigrant farmworkers.
- Morning Consult’s US **consumer sentiment** index showed a stronger rise in consumer confidence following the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package that was seen for either of the previous relief bills. The Philadelphia Fed’s **manufacturing survey** jumped to its highest level since 1973.
- **Russian** President Putin offered public talks with President Biden answered that he thinks Putin is a “killer” in a new interview. Biden is reportedly weighing new sanctions to block completion of the **Nord Stream 2**. Republican lawmakers re-introduced a bill that would revoke America’s normal trading status with **China**. The first high-level US-China meeting of the Biden administration got off to a fiery start, with both sides leveling sharp rebukes.

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Variant Update: How Widespread are the top Coronavirus Variants of Concern?

Since December 2020, new coronavirus variants have been the subject of numerous concerning and often confusing headlines. Like many aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, scientific and public understanding of new variants is evolving, and may change as more evidence comes to light.

Between the new variants being discovered every week and the lack of clarity between names of discrete strains (most people simply refer to famous variants by where they were first detected), it can be difficult to determine the meaning of new discoveries on variants. In order to make sense of this constantly evolving topic, it is helpful to understand the key terms health authorities use to describe variants, as well as the status and spread of the most-discussed variants of concern.

What makes a variant “of concern”?

Given that the coronavirus, like other viruses, mutates all the time, it is important to understand when mutations become an issue of public health concern, and what terms are used to describe the mutating virus. A “variant” emerges when one or more mutations differentiate a certain variant from the other variants in circulation. The CDC designates a “variant of concern” as: *“a variant for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease, significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies*

generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.” Health authorities also categorize “variants of interest,” which may warrant further surveillance or investigation.

The CDC also uses a third level, “variant of high consequence,” a designation more serious than “variant of concern,” which refers to variants for which clear evidence shows that current preventative or medical countermeasures have significantly reduced effectiveness relative to previously circulating variants. This could mean impacts like failure of diagnostic tests, significant reduction in vaccine efficacy, or more severe clinical disease. Currently, there are no coronavirus variants that meet the threshold of “high consequence” as assessed by the CDC. The CDC currently recognizes five variants of concern that are circulating in the US: B.1.1.7 (first detected in the UK), B.1.351 (first detected in South Africa), P.1 (first detected in Brazil), B.1.427 (first detected in California), and B.1.429 (first detected in California). The first three of these variants of

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concern have been the source of most media coverage of coronavirus variants and have now spread around the world. More CDC information on variants can be found [here](#).

The UK Variant: AKA B.1.1.7 or VOC 202012/01 (Figure 4)

The first variant of concern that many people heard of was B.1.1.7, known in Britain as Variant of Concern (VOC) 202012/01, or sometimes known as 201/501Y.V1. Most commonly, it is referred to as the UK variant, because of where it was first detected. B.1.1.7 appears to be between 30% to 50% more infectious than other variants in circulation and is also thought to also be more deadly than other variants. An article published in Nature on March 15 suggests that B.1.1.7 is about 55% deadlier than other variants. However, evidence thus far suggests that vaccines are still very effective against B.1.1.7.

The South African Variant: AKA B.1.351 or 20H/501Y.V2 (Figure 5)

In mid-December, South Africa announced the discovery of a new variant of concern known as 20H/501Y.V2 from the B.1.1351 lineage

of coronaviruses. The main concern around this strain is that vaccines may be less effective against it, and that people who have natural immunity from other strains may also be more susceptible to 20H/501Y.V2. South Africa has halted the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine after evidence emerged that it is not effective against the variant. Currently, 20H/501Y.V2 is a primary target of vaccine makers who seek to update their shots to better protect from antibody-resistant variants.

The Brazilian Variant: AKA P.1 or 20J/501Y.V3 (Figure 6)

The variant 20J/501Y.V3, or P.1, was first reported in Japan in December, in a group of travelers who contracted the strain on a trip to Brazil. It is thought that it may have been circulating as early as October in Manaus, which has been hit particularly hard by successive waves of COVID-19 and is now the predominant strain in Manaus and several other Brazilian cities. The P.1 variant is closely related to the South African strain and has similar mutations that may allow it to overcome immunity from either vaccines or being infected with other strains.

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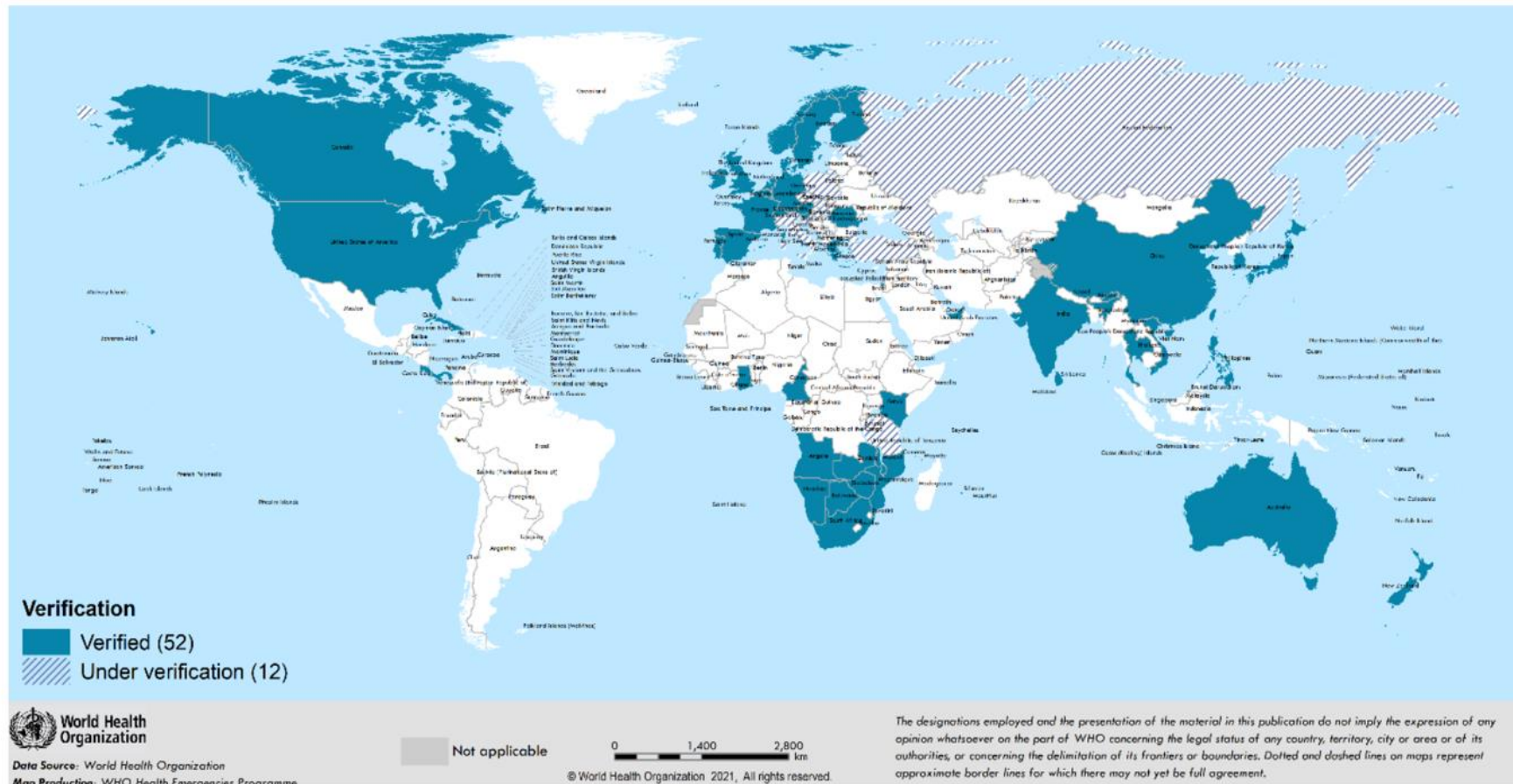
Figure 4. Countries, territories and areas reporting SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 as of 16 March 2021



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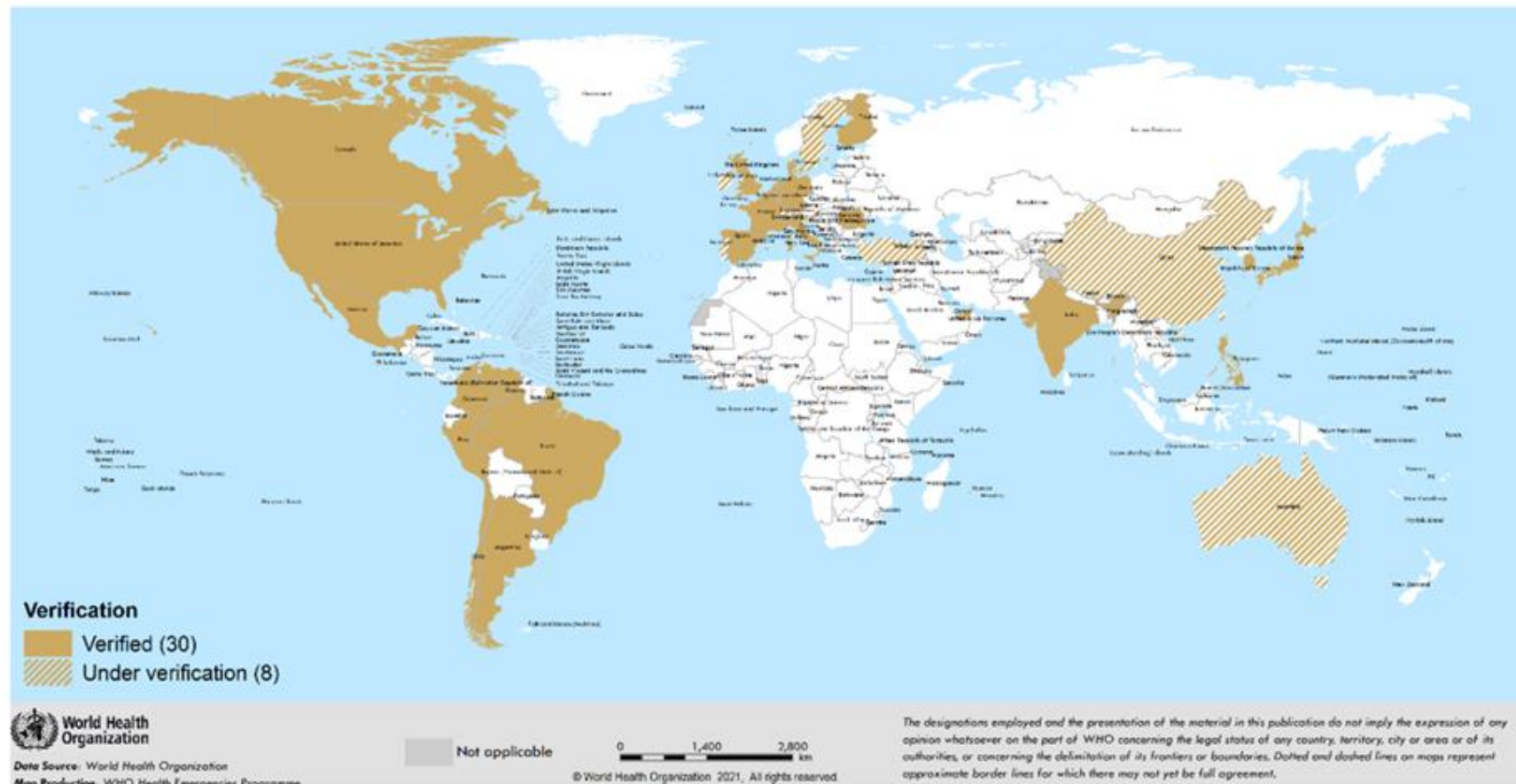
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Figure 6. Countries, territories and areas reporting SARS-CoV-2 variant P.1 as of 16 March 2021

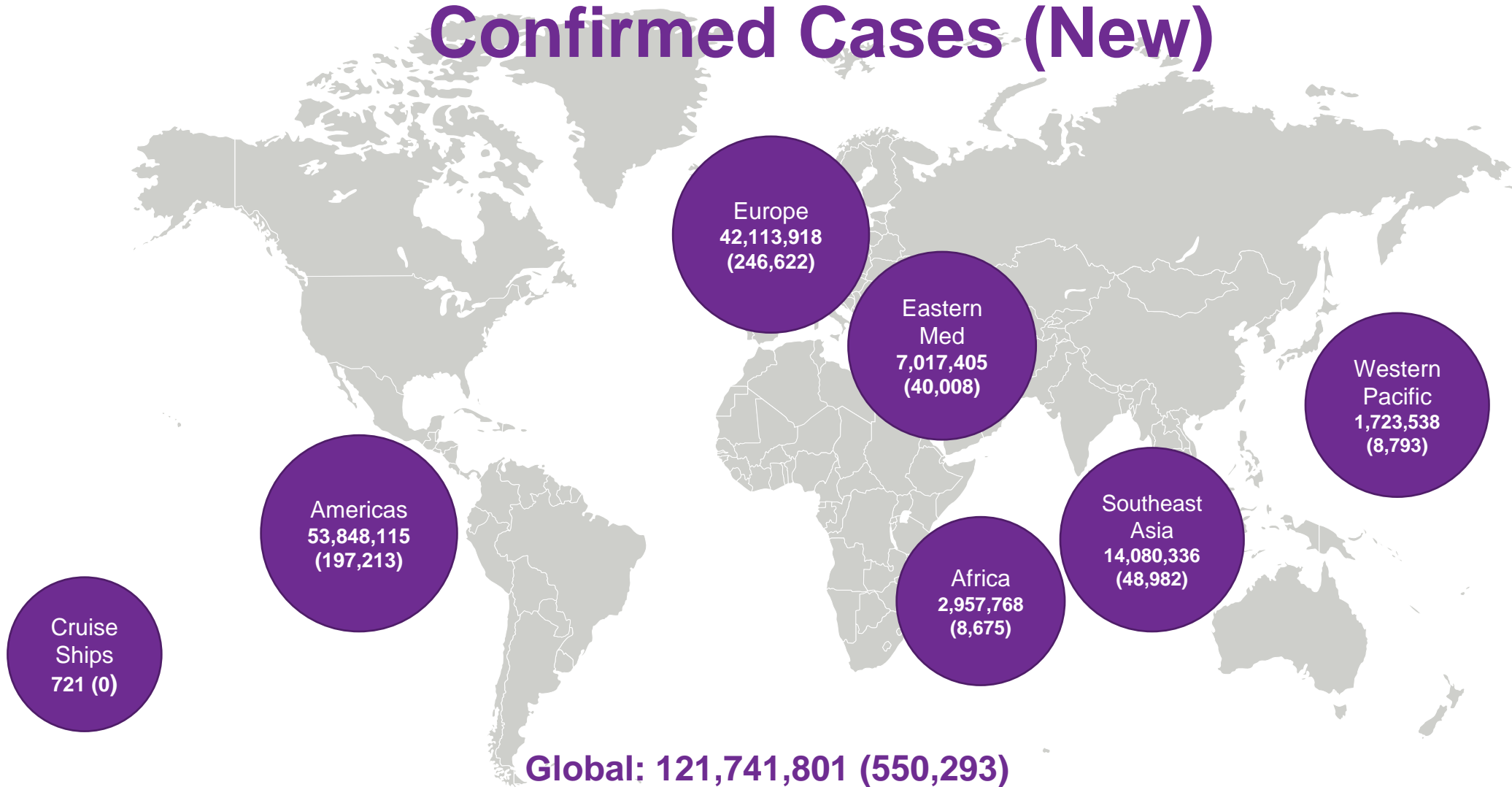


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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 18, 2021

Confirmed Cases (New)

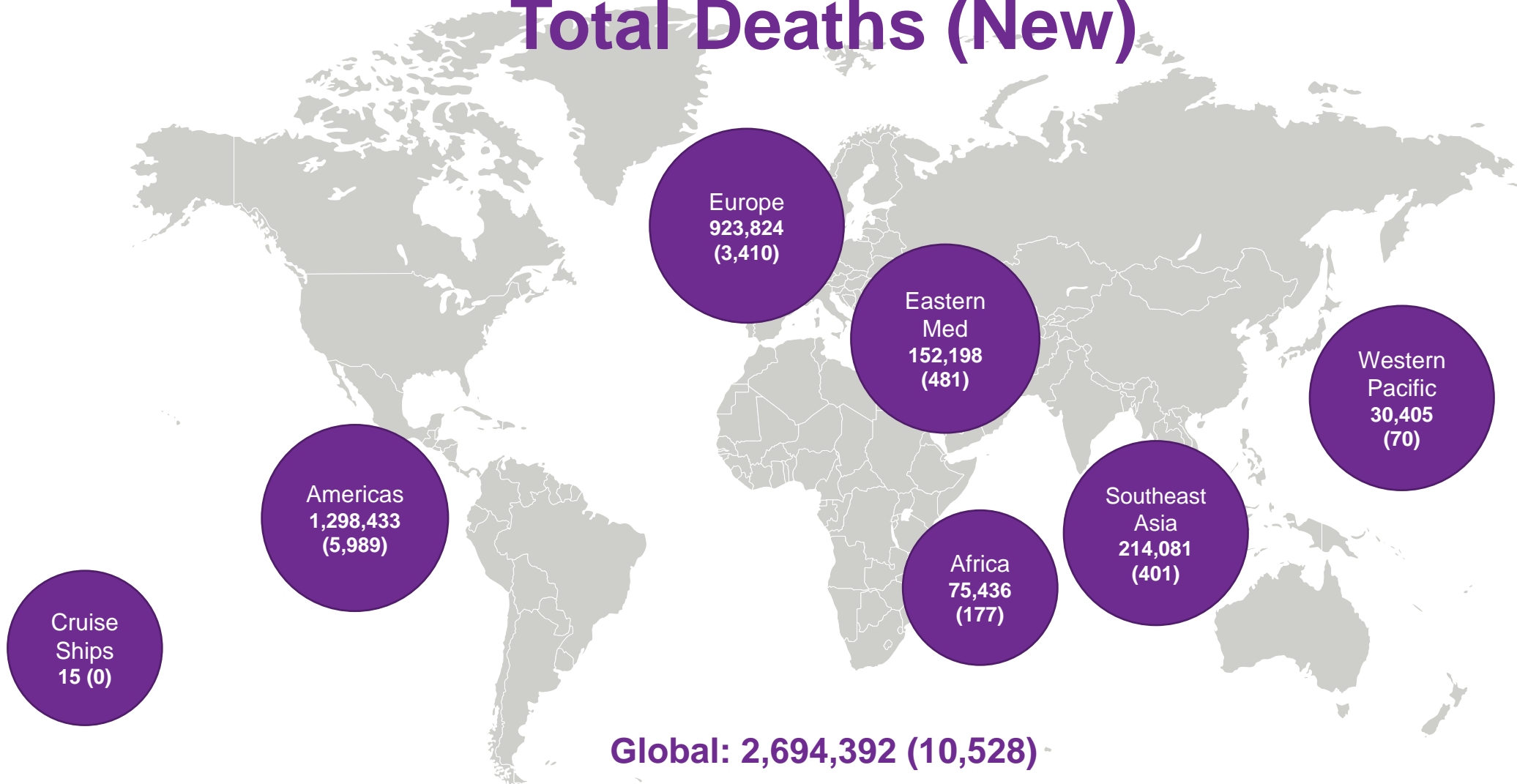


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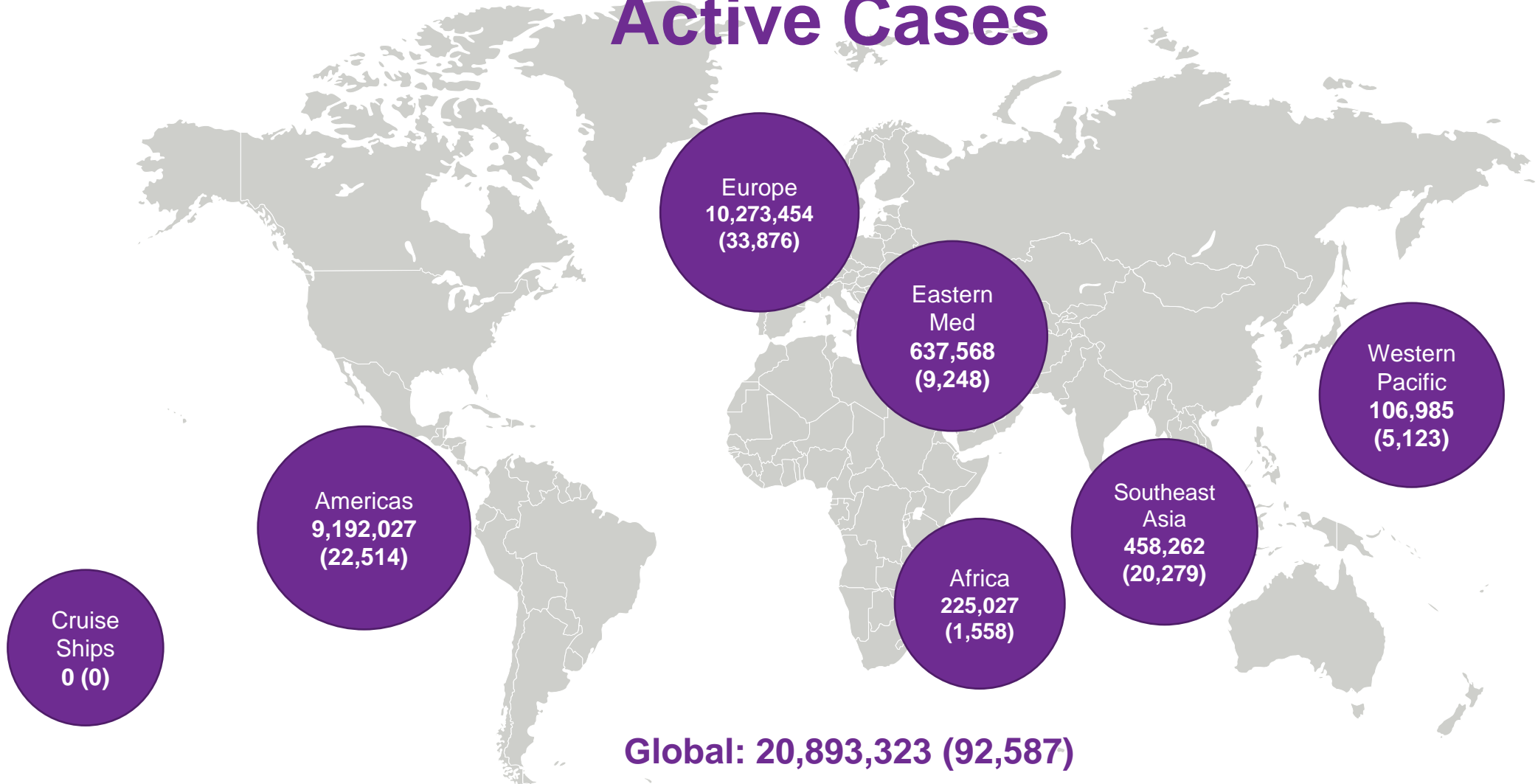
Total Deaths (New)



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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	7139372	29666405 (60237)	542598 (1693)	91337	1662	1.28%
France	3865633	4270721 (35080)	92345 (268)	63962	1402	5.16%
Netherlands	1164903	1196794 (6378)	16335 (34)	68734	944	3.55%
Brazil	1160373	11787600 (87169)	287795 (2659)	55177	1347	4.33%
Belgium	740609	818142 (5116)	22600 (28)	70375	1944	2.45%
Sweden	725301	738537 (6467)	13236 (35)	72805	1305	4.24%
UK	562944	4294372 (6332)	126163 (95)	62825	1848	0.92%
Italy	547510	3306711 (24935)	103855 (423)	54748	1720	4.77%
Poland	332028	1984248 (27278)	48388 (356)	52470	1280	6.79%
Russia	297379	4428239 (9803)	93824 (460)	30335	643	2.63%
India	273032	11513945 (39643)	159405 (155)	8286	115	1.78%
Mexico	259124	2175462 (6455)	195908 (789)	16748	1508	1.13%
Ukraine	230633	1504076 (15053)	29253 (267)	34540	672	1.97%
Ireland	200866	228796 (581)	4566 (0)	45971	917	1.58%

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Czechia	198237	1439120 (12003)	24230 (175)	134207	2260	5.10%
Iran	195687	1778645 (7530)	61581 (89)	20986	727	3.10%
Spain	193976	3212332 (6216)	72910 (117)	68687	1559	1.06%
Germany	170151	2628629 (17860)	74878 (201)	31303	892	3.12%
Argentina	162490	2226753 (8328)	54386 (155)	48950	1196	2.19%
Hungary	160557	539080 (6502)	17628 (207)	55905	1828	9.26%
Turkey	150188	2950603 (20049)	29777 (81)	34720	350	3.88%
Indonesia	131753	1443853 (6570)	39142 (227)	5239	142	2.78%
Honduras	106962	180271 (756)	4390 (17)	17998	438	2.13%
Jordan	91509	514107 (9192)	5627 (74)	50034	548	11.08%
Lebanon	87150	430734 (3757)	5609 (73)	63310	824	5.07%
Slovakia	80356	344470 (2040)	8814 (76)	63072	1614	3.74%
Serbia	77615	536904 (5346)	4840 (30)	61627	556	6.26%
Philippines	66567	640984 (5290)	12887 (21)	5795	117	5.29%

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Romania	64332	881159 (6174)	21877 (90)	46023	1143	4.06%
Iraq	62895	779458 (5443)	13896 (36)	19076	340	4.34%
Bulgaria	51919	295777 (4008)	11817 (102)	42798	1710	7.80%
Bolivia	42398	262056 (1068)	12015 (18)	22235	1019	1.84%
Colombia	40712	2319293 (5139)	61636 (138)	45239	1202	1.24%
Dominican Republic	40534	247979 (615)	3257 (9)	22698	298	1.23%
Bangladesh	39092	564939 (2187)	8624 (16)	3406	52	1.91%
Cyprus	38813	41111 (385)	241 (0)	33875	199	6.36%
Peru	38023	1443521 (7923)	49706 (183)	43352	1493	3.88%
Portugal	34713	816055 (485)	16743 (21)	80198	1645	0.43%
Chile	34654	911469 (6257)	21988 (172)	47391	1143	4.16%
Switzerland	34461	578861 (1750)	10183 (20)	66539	1171	1.65%
Albania	34158	119528 (590)	2106 (14)	41567	732	3.42%
Ethiopia	33918	181869 (2057)	2602 (10)	1555	22	5.86%

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Egypt	33187	193482 (642)	11472 (41)	1866	111	2.32%
Algeria	32444	115842 (154)	3051 (3)	2608	69	0.86%
Paraguay	29629	188493 (2605)	3620 (32)	26199	503	6.72%
Austria	29615	504581 (3357)	8982 (26)	55798	993	3.90%
Canada	29280	922848 (3609)	22590 (36)	24300	595	1.90%
Ecuador	27932	307429 (1831)	16333 (33)	17239	916	3.08%
Kenya	26378	117535 (1225)	1954 (17)	2152	36	5.40%
Greece	26294	230317 (3070)	7297 (45)	22174	703	6.80%
Estonia	25583	91031 (1700)	758 (13)	68590	571	11.10%
Uganda	25181	40625 (18)	334 (0)	869	7	0.22%
Pakistan	24592	615810 (3495)	13717 (61)	2750	61	2.54%
Tunisia	24462	243935 (496)	8490 (27)	20488	713	1.62%
Moldova	22733	210725 (1797)	4472 (36)	52325	1110	5.03%
Finland	22692	69497 (804)	805 (1)	12529	145	7.03%

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West Bank & Gaza	22125	218061 (2077)	2358 (15)	42055	455	6.60%
Bosnia	21482	149891 (1728)	5729 (57)	45891	1754	5.94%
Israel	21181	825562 (1384)	6069 (12)	89759	660	1.37%
Costa Rica	17879	210447 (0)	2886 (0)	41045	563	1.24%
Jamaica	17240	33366 (638)	511 (4)	11233	172	13.18%
UAE	16936	434465 (2101)	1424 (10)	43555	143	3.33%
Kazakhstan	16191	227953 (1186)	2881 (8)	12038	152	-19.04%
Malaysia	14782	328466 (1213)	1223 (3)	10057	37	2.77%
Kuwait	14316	215067 (1394)	1202 (8)	49838	279	4.27%
N Macedonia	13909	116438 (1216)	3403 (15)	55891	1633	5.35%
Norway	13681	84553 (1034)	648 (0)	15510	119	7.70%
Japan	12571	451186 (1473)	8717 (39)	3575	69	1.66%
Nigeria	12492	161409 (135)	2027 (0)	770	10	0.91%

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Mozambique	12352	65452 (255)	737 (4)	2054	23	2.76%
Uruguay	11575	76816 (1678)	749 (9)	22059	215	11.85%
Lithuania	11105	207469 (552)	3442 (10)	76981	1277	1.68%
Armenia	10678	181165 (1024)	3301 (19)	61056	1113	2.69%
Libya	10614	149207 (1032)	2435 (13)	21507	351	4.38%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			1.79%
Slovenia	10260	203544 (972)	3951 (3)	97898	1900	2.61%
Oman	9644	149135 (577)	1620 (3)	28690	312	2.60%
Guatemala	9134	185832 (898)	6639 (20)	10239	366	2.52%
Denmark	9059	224107 (786)	2398 (1)	38475	413	2.12%
Latvia	8636	95902 (482)	1801 (12)	51250	962	3.78%
Montenegro	8396	85774 (521)	1178 (9)	136556	1875	4.37%
Azerbaijan	8216	243424 (933)	3314 (7)	23855	325	2.07%

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Venezuela	7427	148208 (631)	1467 (8)	5223	52	2.65%
Myanmar	7254	142212 (22)	3204 (1)	2601	59	0.07%
Belarus	6892	306524 (1254)	2130 (9)	32446	225	2.47%
Bahrain	6585	133779 (642)	491 (2)	76749	282	3.51%
South Korea	6428	97294 (445)	1688 (2)	1897	33	2.68%
Lesotho	6299	10530 (0)	309 (0)	4888	143	0.02%
Croatia	6116	254507 (1197)	5726 (17)	62270	1401	2.23%
Panama	5299	349505 (485)	6025 (7)	80109	1381	0.78%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

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
Somalia	4879	9600 (0)	392 (0)	592	24	8.13%
Cameroon	4760	40622 (0)	601 (0)	1504	22	0.00%
Syria	4473	16925 (149)	1130 (10)	951	63	3.95%
Malawi	4422	33045 (75)	1091 (3)	1696	56	1.13%
Morocco	3949	490585 (487)	8749 (3)	13180	235	0.58%
Afghanistan	3943	56069 (25)	2462 (0)	1418	62	0.27%
Botswana	3907	35493 (494)	458 (11)	14881	192	3.93%
Saudi Arabia	3688	383880 (381)	6591 (6)	10906	187	0.66%
Cuba	3652	64414 (689)	384 (4)	5689	34	8.16%
Ghana	3621	88421 (0)	705 (0)	2804	22	1.90%
Sudan	3593	29135 (0)	1959 (0)	654	44	-5.32%
Georgia	3378	276436 (369)	3674 (9)	69392	922	0.86%
Luxembourg	3034	58674 (266)	705 (1)	92664	1113	2.31%
Malta	3034	27515 (243)	363 (2)	62198	821	6.81%

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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 Change7-Day Av
Senegal	2790	37428 (174)	995 (5)	2195	58	2.82%
Cote d'Ivoire	2785	38923 (641)	215 (1)	1450	8	6.20%
Sri Lanka	2543	89024 (162)	537 (0)	4145	25	2.29%
Maldives	2441	22147 (186)	64 (0)	40467	117	3.97%
Guinea	2378	18285 (0)	106 (0)	1366	8	4.99%
Congo (Kinshasa)	2203	27290 (38)	726 (4)	298	8	1.95%
Zambia	2187	85889 (387)	1175 (5)	4582	63	2.30%
Nicaragua	2181	6582 (0)	176 (0)	985	26	0.68%
Mali	2178	9118 (52)	366 (1)	441	18	3.69%
Namibia	2096	41684 (138)	483 (6)	16198	188	2.53%
Gabon	2090	17297 (0)	105 (0)	7644	46	5.69%
Australia	2022	29166 (12)	909 (0)	1134	35	0.22%
Haiti	2004	12698 (12)	251 (0)	1104	22	0.82%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1916	9564 (235)	134 (3)	1704	24	2.46%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Burundi	1766	2542 (81)	3 (0)	209	0	5.74%
Kyrgyzstan	1627	87143 (98)	1485 (0)	13203	225	0.45%
Papua New Guinea	1602	2479 (128)	31 (5)	273	3	26.62%
South Sudan	1447	9768 (74)	106 (0)	865	9	5.76%
Togo	1402	8582 (110)	102 (4)	1020	12	8.45%
Mongolia	1282	4498 (158)	4 (0)	1357	1	18.54%
Rwanda	1260	20551 (71)	284 (1)	1559	22	2.95%
Sierra Leone	1079	3947 (5)	79 (0)	488	10	0.38%
Thailand**	1028	27494 (92)	89 (1)	393	1	3.26%
Angola**	1004	21558 (69)	522 (0)	642	16	1.64%
Nepal**	1000	275625 (107)	3015 (1)	9341	102	0.20%

** Indicates moved up a risk category

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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 Change 7-Day Av
California	1661528	3633181 (3411)	57200 (248)	92012	1438	0.50%
New York	785093	1767290 (5515)	49262 (91)	93108	2547	2.66%
Florida	631854	1994117 (5093)	32598 (94)	92846	1518	1.58%
Virginia	540973	600550 (2082)	10182 (28)	70359	1193	1.65%
Georgia	425910	1040817 (2267)	18420 (61)	98029	1735	1.03%
Maryland	378846	396746 (1113)	8113 (14)	65625	1342	1.58%
Kentucky	364681	419149 (777)	5504 (448)	93818	1232	1.20%
South Carolina	290217	537498 (1398)	8938 (5)	104395	1736	1.51%
New Jersey	201580	853188 (4461)	24076 (31)	96074	2711	3.11%
Alabama	188915	510048 (572)	10391 (28)	104024	2119	1.53%
Missouri	178386	573559 (715)	8708 (6)	92698	1452	0.81%
Washington	171733	352907 (895)	5168 (12)	46759	687	1.42%
Indiana	142283	675388 (958)	12907 (14)	100322	1917	0.79%
Colorado	141325	446580 (1242)	6060 (11)	77548	1067	1.42%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Rhode Island	121898	132616 (432)	2594 (6)	125185	2449	1.88%
Michigan	109858	683398 (3119)	16843 (34)	68430	1687	2.67%
Texas	107845	2745694 (3420)	47025 (198)	94822	1630	1.08%
Idaho	76354	176802 (341)	1938 (3)	98934	1084	1.24%
Wisconsin	62420	627743 (683)	7208 (7)	98107	1126	0.63%
Illinois	56949	1215992 (2324)	23287 (32)	95968	1838	0.96%
Pennsylvania	56217	979638 (3196)	24722 (24)	76716	1941	1.89%
Nebraska	44410	205539 (325)	2130 (1)	106254	1101	0.80%
Maine	34200	47832 (241)	727 (2)	35584	541	2.89%
Arizona	32350	834607 (284)	16645 (59)	114664	2287	0.47%
Ohio	31192	995785 (2104)	17991 (0)	85189	1539	1.09%
Hawaii	28345	28795 (86)	450 (0)	20135	319	1.77%
Connecticut	28090	295484 (1156)	7822 (15)	82878	2194	2.06%
North Carolina	26799	891314 (2004)	11783 (26)	84983	1123	1.29%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Nevada	26022	300415 (297)	5157 (10)	97532	1674	0.88%
Massachusetts	25630	608318 (1941)	16759 (27)	88258	2431	1.85%
Oregon	17148	160622 (334)	2353 (4)	38083	558	1.23%
New Mexico	15392	189158 (251)	3877 (5)	90211	1849	0.76%
Kansas	13623	301085 (22)	4837 (13)	103581	1665	0.51%
Iowa	12682	344860 (593)	5672 (6)	118045	1798	0.88%
Tennessee	12278	796624 (661)	11681 (23)	116650	1710	1.07%
Utah	11281	380340 (560)	2041 (4)	118635	637	0.89%
District of Columbia	11215	42892 (81)	1046 (2)	60775	1482	1.78%
Alaska	10263	61019 (155)	310 (3)	80077	418	1.51%
Minnesota	9270	501458 (1496)	6830 (6)	88917	1211	1.47%
Oklahoma	8138	433516 (491)	7644 (34)	109699	1210	0.59%
Puerto Rico	8104	103679 (332)	2089 (4)	57164	616	1.23%
Mississippi	7645	301924 (322)	6938 (2)	101448	2331	0.93%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Delaware	6800	91425 (302)	1517 (1)	93888	1558	1.91%
West Virginia	5301	136716 (382)	2570 (5)	76286	1434	1.62%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Louisiana	3326	439543 (541)	9974 (19)	94550	2146	0.82%
Arkansas	2759	328045 (264)	5515 (8)	108703	1827	0.61%
Virgin Islands	2742	2767 (0)	25 (0)			0.22%
Vermont	2523	17247 (141)	217 (0)	27640	348	4.33%
New Hampshire	2340	79702 (335)	1207 (5)	58617	888	2.43%
South Dakota	2164	115203 (237)	1919 (4)	130223	2169	0.90%

* Indicates moved down a risk category

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