

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

March 5, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Italy blocks vaccine shipments to Australia in the first use of EU vaccine export rules.

The UN warns that a surge of poverty and unemployment in Latin American could set the region back by more than a decade.

Pope Francis arrives in Iraq in a papal first, amid concerns about the country's security and COVID-19 situation.

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## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Tensions between the US and Iran-backed proxies in Iraq are entering uncharted territory as unnamed US and Iraqi officials accuse prominent Iran-backed Iraqi militia Kataib Hizballah of launching the rocket attack which resulted in the death of an American contractor. The Biden Administration is likely considering retaliatory moves after last week's strike in Syria, intentionally moderated to avoid escalating tensions with Iran or violating Iraqi sovereignty concerns, did not effectively establish deterrence



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# Global

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## Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 115.7 million, with deaths at 2.5 million.

- A new US study found a low incidence of **heart damage** among professional athletes who contracted COVID-19.
- WHO investigators are scrapping a planned interim report on their findings on the **origins of COVID-19**, amid growing tensions between the US and China.
- The WHO has formed a working group to come up with new ideas to **rename COVID variants** to avoid associating it with places.
- The United Nations Development Programme called for **temporary basic income** to help millions of the world's poorest women suffering economically from the pandemic's fallout.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**Interpol warned that the thousands of fake vaccine doses seized in China and South Africa this week are “*just the tip of the iceberg.*”**

- Italy, supported by the European Commission, **barred the planned export** of around 250,000 doses of AstraZeneca’s vaccine to Australia after the drug manufacturer failed to meet its European Union contract commitments; Australia is protesting. France backed Italy, while Germany called the ban “*unhelpful.*”
- Apes at the San Diego zoo received an **experimental animal vaccine** against COVID-19, developed by Zoetis.
- **Iraq** signed a deal to purchase 1 million doses of the Sputnik V vaccine.
- **Germany** approved the use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine in over-65s, reversing earlier policy amid continued public skepticism about the AstraZeneca vaccine.
- **Indonesia** has authorized private companies to purchase vaccines from state-owned distributors to inoculate their employees.

# 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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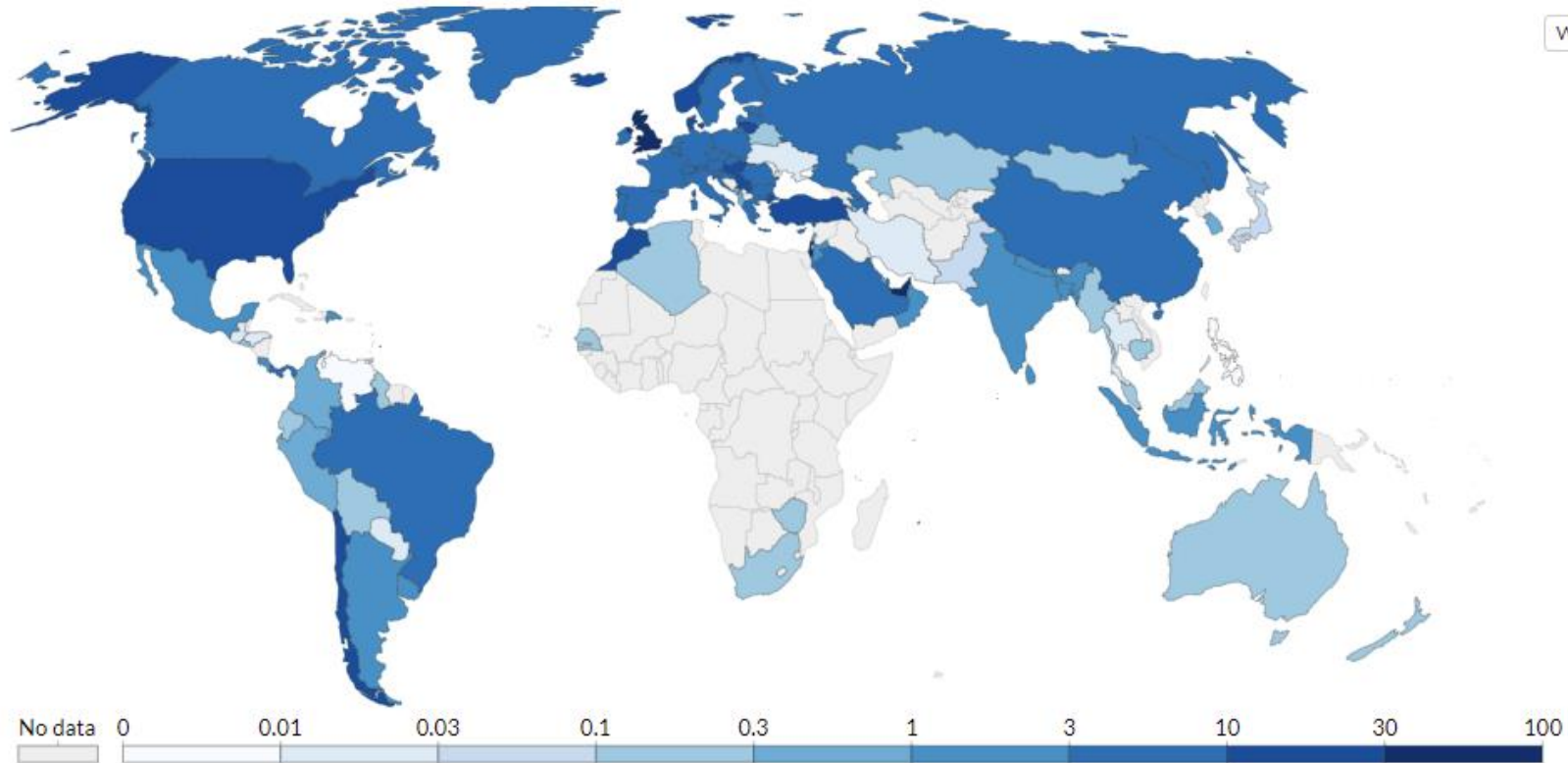
Globally, 283.58 million have received vaccinations

Cumulative COVID-19 vaccination doses administered per 100 people, Mar 4, 2021

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).

Our World  
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World



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# Markets & Business

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## Global index publisher FTSE Russell announced it will omit Xiaomi Corp from its global and China indexes in line with a U.S. executive order from then-president Donald Trump.

- **European markets** were mixed on Friday, the region-wide Stoxx 600 index falling in morning trading, while London's FTSE 100 benchmark edged.
- **In Asian markets**, China's CSI 300 index of Shanghai- and Shenzhen-listed stocks closed down, investors skeptical of Beijing's target growth of 6 percent in 2021.
- Comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Powell failed to reassure **US markets**, sending government bonds into further decline and stocks to wipe out gains.
- OPEC+ decided against a big rise in production at Thursday's virtual meeting, prompting a rise in **oil prices**.
- **Walmart** is planning to focus on US-made products with a \$350 billion investment.
- **Costco's** quarterly sales rose 15 percent as the pandemic continues to benefit the chain.
- **Gap's** CEO expressed optimism that apparel sales will rebound in H2 2021 as consumers seek the kinds of clothes they have forgone during the pandemic.
- **GM** is looking to build a second US battery factory, in a further sign of the automaker's expansion into EVs.
- Mobile payments company **Square** will buy a majority stake in **Tidal**, the struggling streaming platform owned by Jay-Z, for \$297 million.

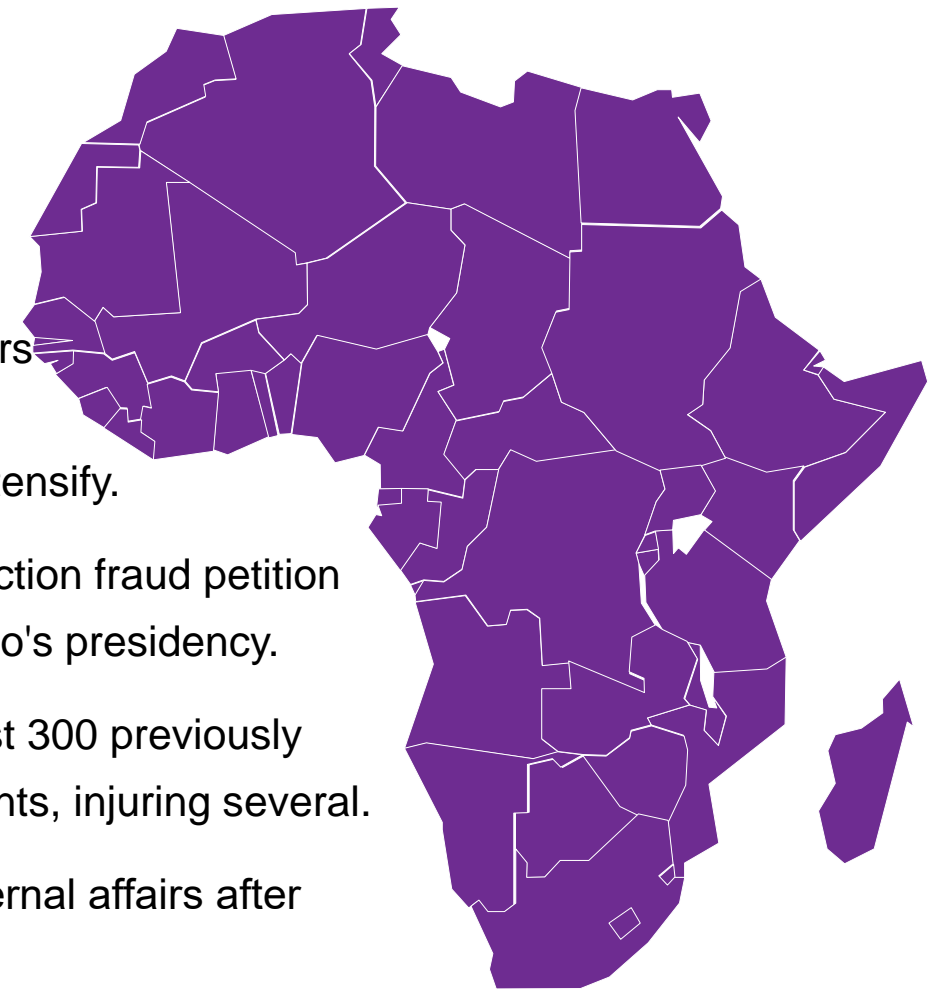
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# Africa

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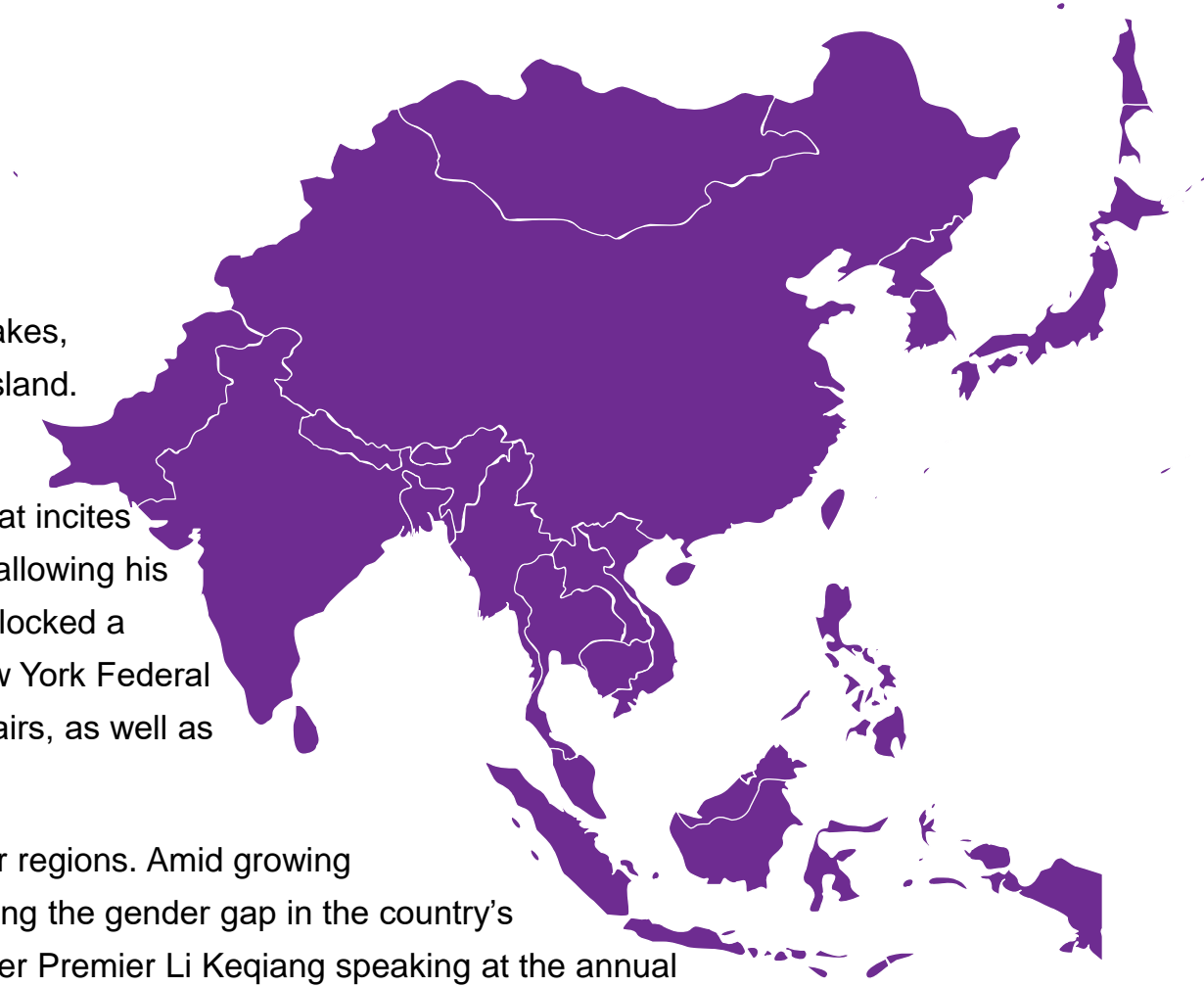
- In **Senegal**, one person died in clashes between police and supporters of the opposition leader Ousmane Sonko following his arrest. Senegalese authorities have restricted internet access as protests intensify.
- In a unanimous decision, **Ghana's** Supreme Court dismissed the election fraud petition filed by opposition leader John Mahama, reaffirming Nana Akufo-Addo's presidency.
- **Nigeria's** Zamfara State imposed a curfew after the reunion of almost 300 previously kidnapped schoolgirls with their families was overrun by armed militants, injuring several.
- **Ethiopia's** President Abiy denounced the **US'** “*interference*” in its internal affairs after Washington called for Ethiopian forces to withdraw from Tigray.
- WHO officials warned that the risk of an Ebola outbreak spreading from **Guinea** to its neighbors was “*very high*” and that some neighboring countries were not prepared.



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# Asia

- **New Zealand** issued a tsunami warning following three strong earthquakes, issuing evacuation orders for some areas of the east coast and North Island.
- **Myanmar** soldiers and police have created hundreds of TikTok videos issuing death threats to protestors; TikTok said it is removing content that incites violence. Myanmar's military-appointed **UN** envoy resigned Thursday, allowing his predecessor to continue representing the country. The **US** reportedly blocked a February attempt by Myanmar's military rulers to empty a \$1 billion New York Federal account. The US added Myanmar's ministries of defense and home affairs, as well as top army conglomerates, to a trade blacklist Thursday.
- **Chinese** state TV highlighted PLA drone training in mountainous border regions. Amid growing demographic concerns, Chinese policymakers are considering eliminating the gender gap in the country's retirement age. China is targeting at least 6 percent growth this year, per Premier Li Keqiang speaking at the annual National People's Congress. The Congress also approved a 6.8 percent rise in military spending and formally pass a new five-year economic plan focused on "*self-reliance*" in critical technologies.
- Widely shared images of a teenage girl's beheading have reignited calls for new laws against "*honor killings*" in **India**. Indian farmers protesting against deregulation of produce markets plan to block a major expressway outside New Delhi on Saturday, the 100th day of their campaign.

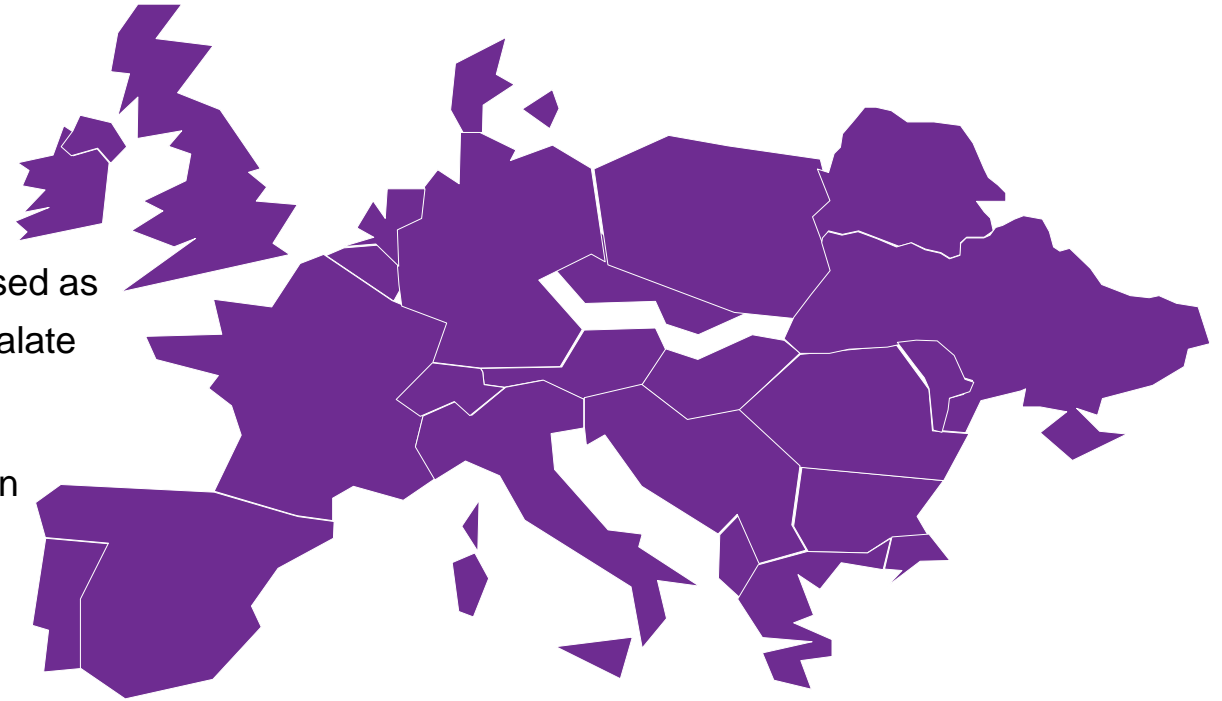


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# Europe

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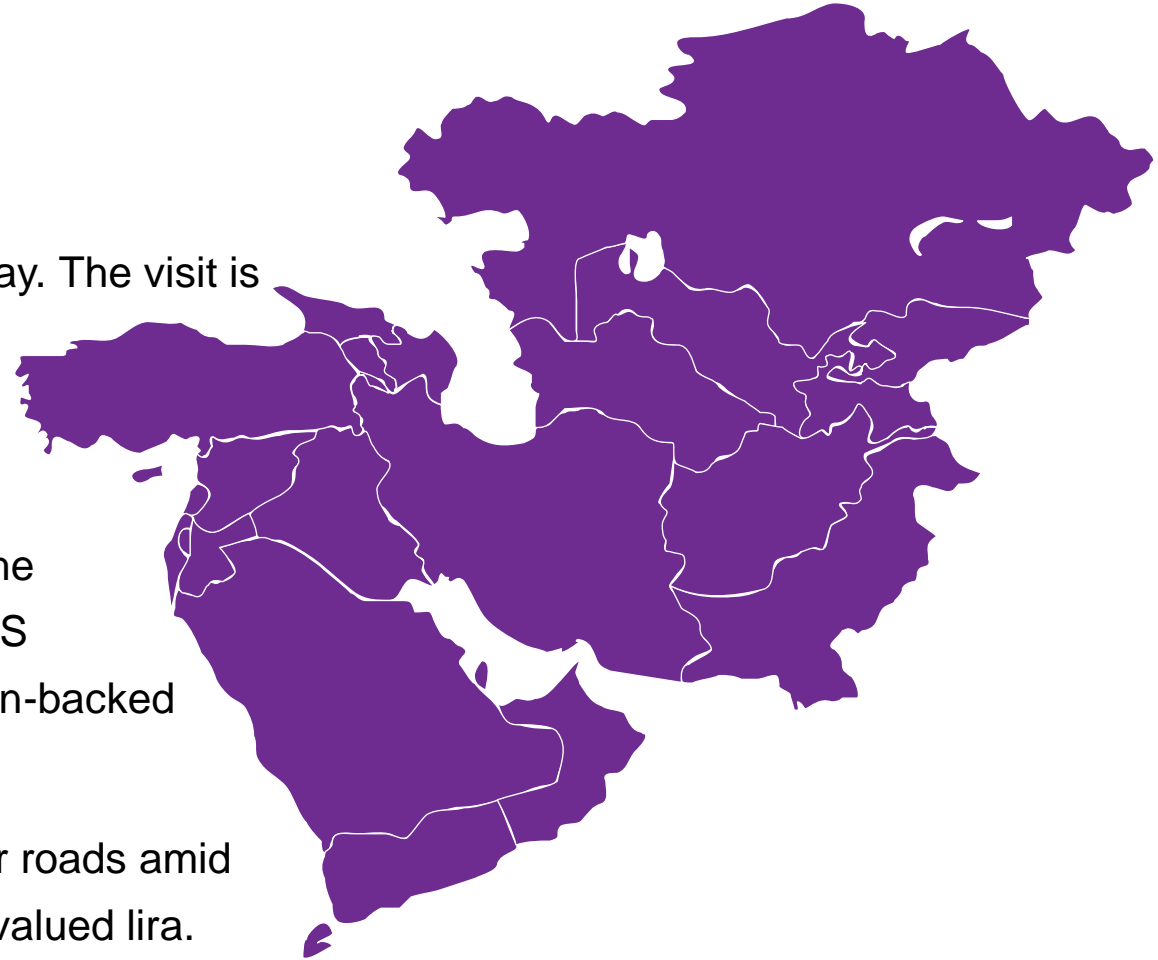
- The **US** will suspend tariffs on a set of **UK** goods, originally imposed as a part of the Airbus-Boeing trade dispute, in an attempt to de-escalate sources of transatlantic trade tension.
- The **EU** warned that it will launch legal action against the **UK** soon over British plans to unilaterally grant longer waivers to **Northern Ireland** businesses. Franco-British trade has been hit by Brexit; **French** exports to the UK were down 13 percent in January and imports down 20 percent.
- Only one third of **French** health workers have taken the COVID-19 vaccine, prompting officials to plead with vaccine skeptics to get the shot. The B117 coronavirus variant, first detected in the UK, might soon become dominant in **Germany**; the variant now makes up more than 40 percent of coronavirus cases, compared to about 6 percent of cases four weeks ago. **UK** workers are gradually returning to the workplace, with more employees now commuting than doing their jobs from home.
- Nicola Zingaretti is stepping down as the leader of **Italy's** center-left Democratic Party (PD) amid growing party infighting.



# Middle East

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- **Pope Francis** arrives for the first-ever papal visit to **Iraq** today. The visit is intended to bolster the Iraqi Christian community, but many worry plans for a large mass and other travel will make it a super-spreader event.
- Media reported that anonymous **US** officials had attributed the recent attack on the Al-Asad air base in **Iraq**, in which one US contractor died of heart failure, to Kataib Hizballah, an Iranian-backed militia.
- **Lebanese** protesters burned tires and blocked several major roads amid ongoing protests over the Lebanese economic crisis and devalued lira.
- **Kuwait** will impose a 5 pm to 5 am curfew from Sunday to April 8 amid a case spike.
- The **UAE** surpassed 400,000 confirmed infections.



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# Americas

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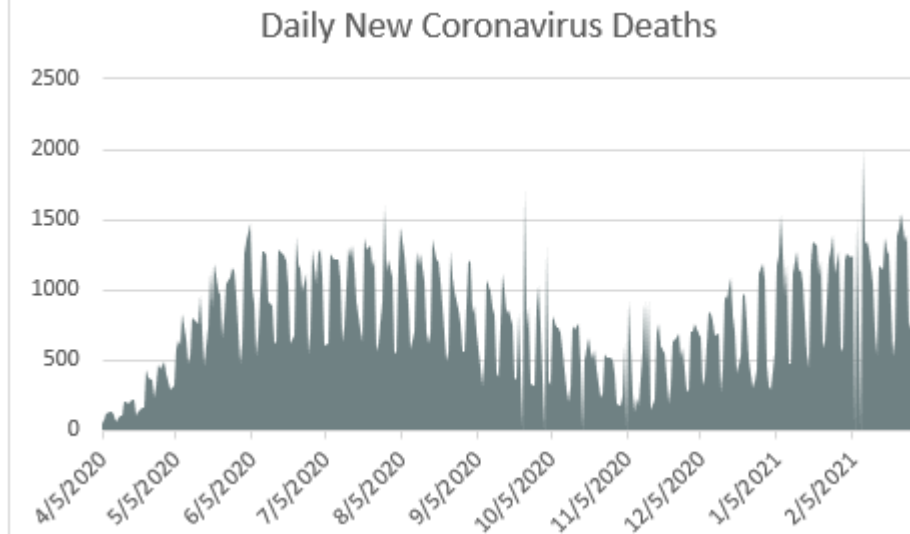
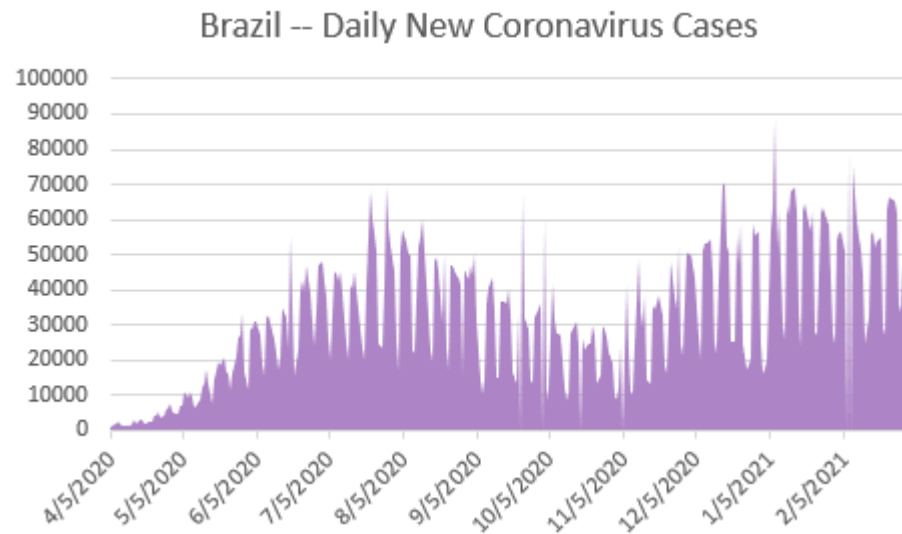
- The **UN** warned that the coronavirus-linked surge in **Latin American** poverty and unemployment could set the region back by more than a decade.
- **Mexico** will increase security for candidates ahead of its major June elections; officials noted that over 60 murders related to political processes have already occurred in the past six months.
- In **Argentina**, Buenos Aires is reopening as COVID-19 hospitalizations remain low, drawing a sharp contrast to cities in neighboring Brazil.
- After two straight days of record COVID-19 deaths in **Brazil**, President Bolsonaro told Brazilians to stop "*whining*" and move on, in his latest remarks attacking distancing measures and downplaying the gravity of the pandemic.



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Brazil is being slammed by a second wave of coronavirus infections, seeing more daily new cases than in all of the US. This week, the country has seen its highest death tolls. The variant, P.1, is dominant in the state of Amazonas and is rapidly spreading. Scientists are seeing evidence that the variant is not only more contagious, but it also appears able to infect some people who have already recovered from other versions of the virus. Only 3.1 percent of the population has received one dose of vaccine so far.



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# Americas: US



- Vice President Harris used her tie-breaking vote to approve Senate debate over the **\$1.9 trillion stimulus bill**; Sen. Majority leader Schumer (D-NY) has pledged to pass the bill in coming days. New weekly **jobless claims** rose to 745,000 last week in a further sign of uneven labor market recovery.
- Nationally, 54 million people (16.3 percent of the total population) have received one or more **vaccine doses**.
- **Alabama** will lift its mask mandate on April 9. **Connecticut** will allow restaurants to operate at full capacity and loosen other coronavirus restrictions later this month. Dr. Fauci called the decision to pull back on precautions “inexplicable.” **New Jersey** surpassed 800,000 infections.
- District of Columbia Capitol Police asked to extend the deployment of over 5,000 National Guard troops to the capitol, citing continued risk of **far-right extremism**. YouTube’s CEO said that the platform’s suspension of **former President Trump** will last until “*risk of violence has decreased*.”
- A Pew research survey found that 9 in 10 Americans now view **China** as a competitor or enemy, rather than as a partner.

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# Green COVID Recovery and the Future of Transportation

By Anni Coonan

***As vaccination drives ramp up and governments worldwide plan the reopening of their economies, activists and experts alike are urging leaders to take advantage of this inflection point to pursue a “green recovery.” Transportation is a key sector in which this green transition is taking place - since the onset of the pandemic, governments and corporations have accelerated plans to shift toward sustainable transportation and incentivize decarbonizing the transit industry.***

This present period of depressed demand for traditional modes of mass transit, heightened government spending, and broad rethinking of government policies is the perfect time to implement such plans. However, an eco-friendly transportation recovery still faces significant headwinds in the form of costs, long-term changes to transit behavior, and inertia towards the fastest possible economic recovery.

Despite roadblocks, several countries have moved to introduce new environmentally conscious transition plans or accelerate existing ones during the pandemic. The most sweeping of these moves is the EU’s “Green Deal,” which was originally introduced in December 2019 and incorporated into the bloc’s €750bn coronavirus recovery package in May 2020. The EU’s coronavirus recovery funding stipulates that funds be spent only on projects that meet certain

green criteria, and 30 percent of the budget will go to climate change mitigation, with a specific goal of a 90 percent reduction in transport emissions by 2050. Further progress is being made at the country and city levels:

- Germany recently increased its environmental bonus for electric vehicles (EVs) to €9,000 to further incentivize their purchase.
- South Korea’s “Green New Deal” establishes a green car subsidy program offering \$17m in subsidies for EVs and \$33m for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles in 2021.
- The mayors of London, Paris, Madrid, Mexico City and Vancouver, among others, have pledged to procure only zero-emissions buses by 2035.

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- Last fall, California's governor announced that starting in 2035, all new cars sold in the state must be zero-emissions vehicles.

The pandemic has also seen several urban centers redesign their cities away from cars, designating streets as pedestrian or bike zones to accommodate commuters no longer utilizing crowded mass transit, or allowing businesses to use road space, moves that do not necessarily support a green transportation transition, but do demonstrate support for rethinking urban transportation design.

Industry leaders are also working to accelerate their own transition to climate conscious consumption: at a recent Axios event on the future of transportation, leaders at United Airlines, General Motors, and Uber described their companies' plans:

- United Airlines is an industry leader in carbon sequestration, which CEO Scott Kirby called the only scalable carbon offset solution because others, such as planting trees, are not scalable, and is partnered with electric aviation company Archer, although Kirby argued that electric and alternative fuel solutions are unlikely to replace traditional passenger or cargo jets. In general, he noted pent-up travel demand in regions that have reopened as evidence that air travel will mostly recover to pre-pandemic levels

(although a McKinsey study in the fall found that about 40 percent of consumers plan to fly less in the "next normal").

- Uber has pledged to transition to 100 percent EVs by 2030 in the US, Canada and Europe, and plans to work with automobile manufacturers to make EVs as available as possible to drivers.
- General Motors has taken among the boldest green transition claims in the automobile industry: in January, GM announced that it would make only electric vehicles by 2035 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2040.

All three speakers called for more coordinated support from Washington, with GM's chief of sustainability highlighting the need for more widespread and equitable access to EV charging stations and Uber's chief of mobility specifically calling for road pricing for all vehicles.

Despite progress in many areas towards an environmentally friendly transport transition post-COVID-19, green transport policies face significant challenges. Many national and local governments are facing low revenues paired with historically high demands on

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government spending amid the pandemic, with public transport representing a large share of lost tax revenue, likely dis-incentivizing increased spending on mass transit. The uncertainties of the pandemic and lingering anxieties around travel make the recovery of public transit and passenger travel uncertain. Perhaps most importantly, inert governments looking for the fastest road to economic recovery will most likely lead to the resumption of traditional, fossil-fuel based transport systems, rather than taking the time and money to invest in more sustainable recovery. In many areas, the windows of opportunity created by the COVID-19 crisis may already be closing as governments begin to consider reopening. For example, some economists advocated for the establishment of carbon taxes when oil prices and passenger travel were historically low, arguing that they would face less pushback in those conditions; that moment has passed as oil prices have steadily recovered.

Indeed, many estimates find that follow-through on green COVID-19 recovery is low in most places: a study by the Rhodium Group found that only 15 percent of EU stimulus money was funneled towards green recovery, only half of the proposed 30 percent, with 1.1 percent in the US, 0.3 percent in China and 1 percent in India. The

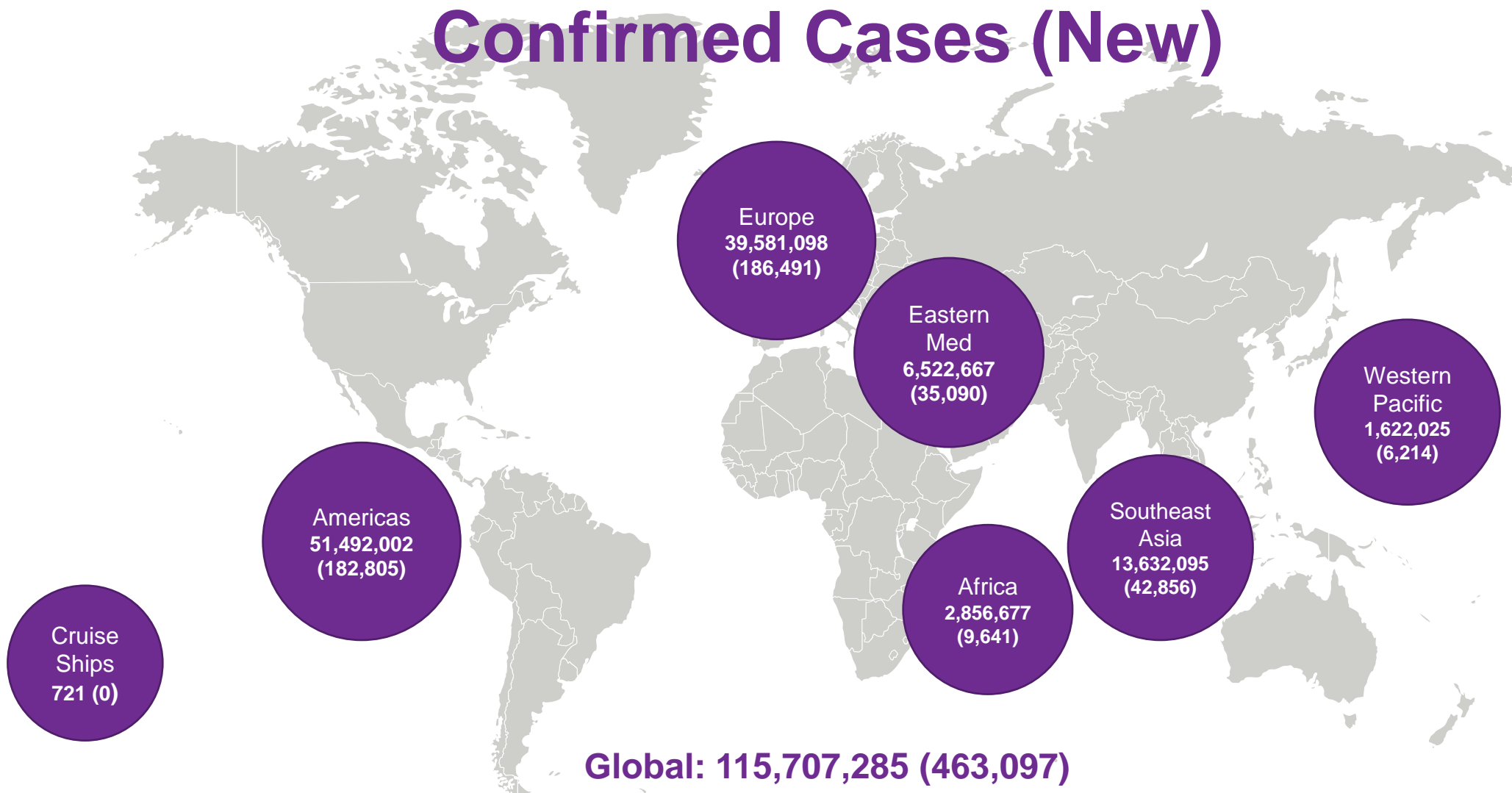
OECD found that 24 member countries announced plans as a part of economic stimulus measures that would have negative environmental impacts, including rolling back environmental taxes and increasing fossil fuel subsidies. The COVID-19 pandemic is a global inflection point seen by many as an opportunity to reset and improve various areas of the global economy. Despite ambitious government goals and corporate pledges, sustainable transport as an element of green recovery has already begun to be overtaken by the inertia of a fast economic recovery along existing lines.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 4, 2021

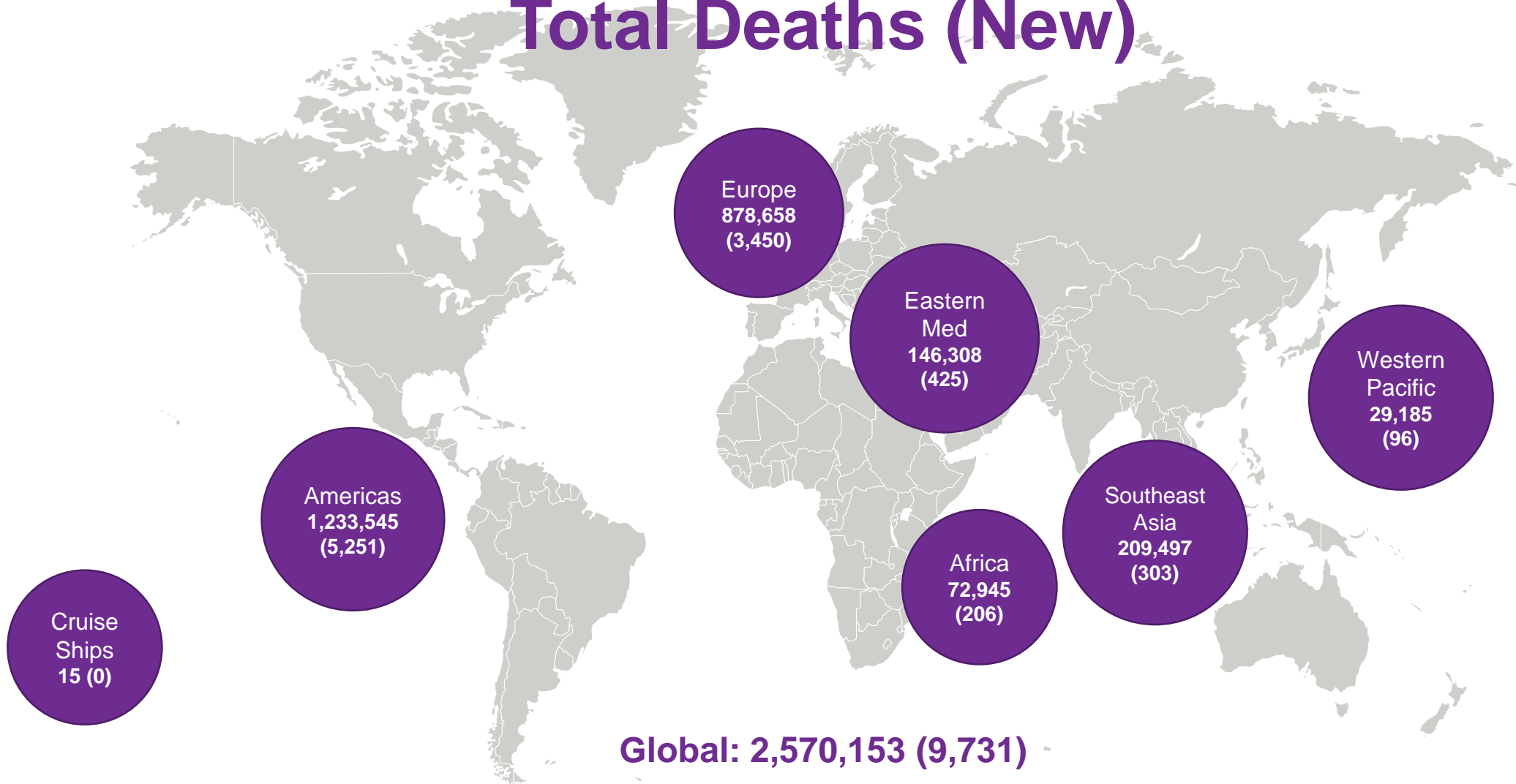
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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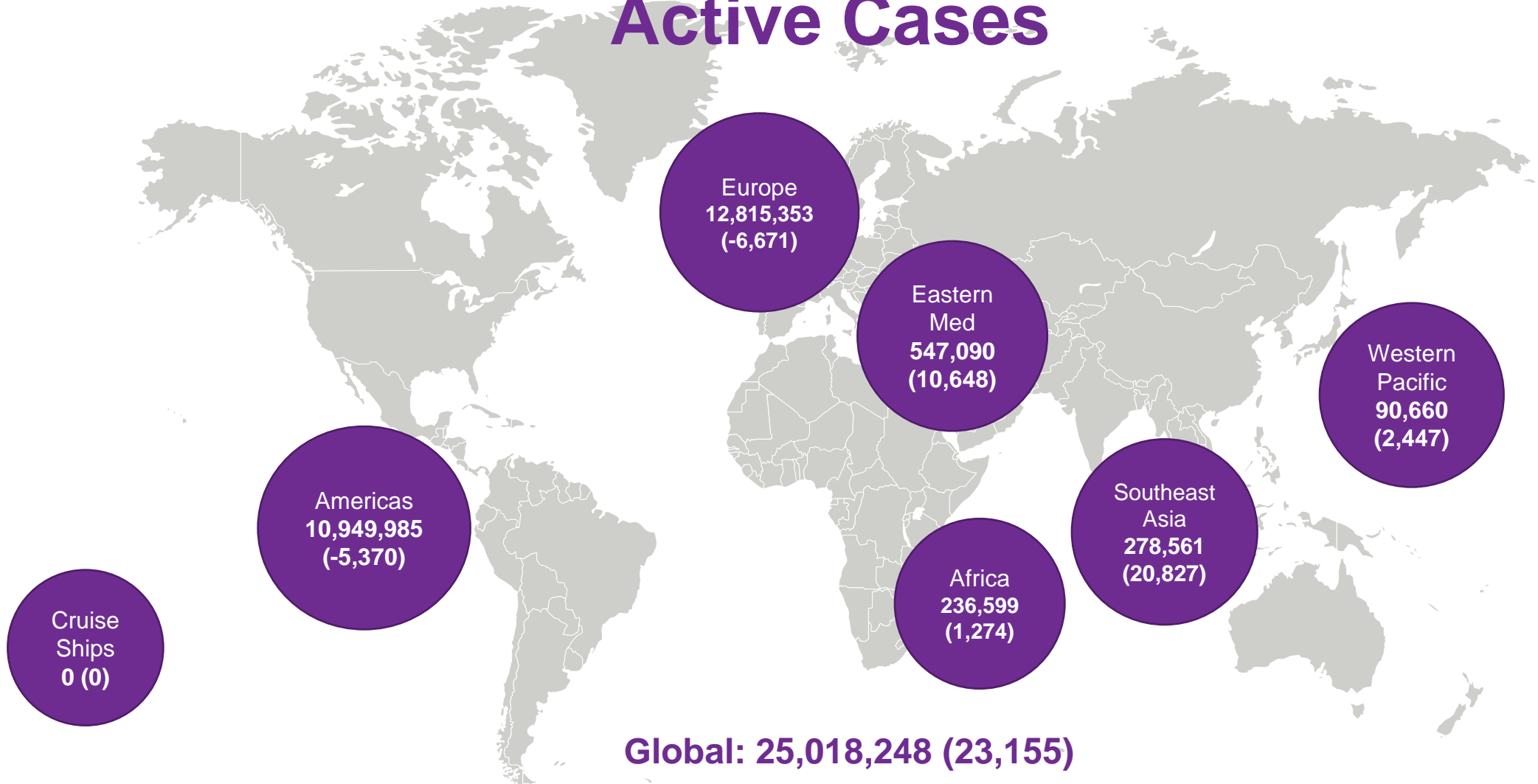
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	9147272	28854301 (66580)	521096 (1891)	88851	1606	1.53%
France	3537968	3895430 (25286)	87988 (293)	58674	1344	3.82%
Spain	2983654	3204531 (0)	70501 (254)	67192	1507	0.76%
Netherlands	1090123	1120566 (4162)	15857 (33)	64424	917	2.84%
UK	981146	4213764 (6644)	124259 (242)	61670	1821	1.12%
Brazil	926892	10793732 (75102)	260970 (1699)	50551	1223	3.74%
Belgium	705192	780251 (2643)	22196 (27)	66899	1907	2.10%
Sweden	667153	680130 (4838)	12977 (13)	67063	1280	4.07%
Italy	446439	2999119 (22845)	98974 (339)	49653	1639	4.36%
Russia	329419	4241970 (11263)	86368 (467)	29389	602	1.82%
Mexico	268093	2112508 (7521)	188866 (822)	16212	1448	2.04%
Poland	257391	1750659 (15253)	44649 (289)	46291	1181	4.42%
Switzerland	233446	561068 (1223)	10022 (8)	64511	1152	1.28%
Ireland	193889	221649 (460)	4396 (39)	44554	884	1.88%

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Iran	183714	1665103 (8404)	60431 (78)	19655	713	3.48%
India	176319	11173761 (34245)	157548 (113)	8044	113	0.99%
Ukraine	164334	1422927 (10179)	28046 (202)	31563	611	3.50%
Czechia	158568	1284288 (15230)	21128 (187)	119791	1980	6.71%
Argentina	152942	2133963 (7432)	52644 (191)	46926	1158	1.89%
Indonesia	147845	1361098 (7264)	36897 (176)	4941	134	3.41%
Germany	117347	2484306 (11393)	71554 (269)	29588	858	2.30%
Turkey	116182	2746158 (11322)	28839 (68)	32327	339	2.60%
Hungary	102566	446178 (6278)	15476 (152)	46266	1605	7.10%
Honduras	100716	172577 (477)	4231 (17)	17193	421	2.51%
Greece	99100	199496 (2217)	6632 (35)	19203	638	6.53%
Lebanon	81026	386868 (3369)	4919 (53)	56852	723	5.31%
Serbia	69952	474807 (3866)	4508 (17)	54491	517	5.25%
Portugal	63945	807456 (830)	16458 (28)	79344	1617	0.71%

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Slovakia	54299	317159 (2800)	7560 (71)	58073	1384	5.17%
Jordan	51869	413350 (5733)	4833 (40)	40244	471	8.00%
Iraq	50472	713994 (5043)	13507 (24)	17489	331	4.15%
Peru	47833	1344969 (6672)	47089 (195)	40560	1421	3.28%
Romania	46232	816589 (4271)	20684 (98)	42640	1080	3.01%
Bolivia	44894	252360 (969)	11761 (27)	21341	996	2.19%
Dominican Republic	43600	241392 (619)	3139 (9)	22103	287	1.56%
Colombia	41584	2266211 (3565)	60189 (107)	44221	1174	1.10%
Israel	41583	793407 (3922)	5822 (19)	86262	633	3.24%
Bangladesh	39646	548549 (619)	8435 (7)	3309	51	0.66%
Philippines	37226	584667 (2444)	12404 (15)	5288	112	2.73%
Albania	35792	110521 (847)	1876 (20)	38433	652	5.62%
Bulgaria	34237	255381 (2198)	10506 (93)	36942	1520	4.48%

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Algeria	32087	113761 (168)	3002 (6)	2563	68	1.00%
Egypt	31274	184755 (587)	10871 (49)	1783	105	2.23%
South Africa	31194	1517666 (1404)	50462 (96)	25375	844	0.56%
Canada	29579	883815 (2980)	22152 (47)	23137	583	2.30%
Tunisia	26553	235643 (635)	8106 (32)	19799	681	1.84%
Ecuador	25878	289735 (263)	15959 (38)	16257	895	2.96%
Chile	25462	840119 (4567)	20838 (134)	43696	1084	3.31%
Uganda	25040	40426 (18)	334 (0)	866	7	0.31%
Paraguay	23686	164310 (1439)	3256 (17)	22848	453	4.94%
Ethiopia	23357	162954 (980)	2394 (3)	1394	20	4.20%
Malaysia	23161	307943 (2063)	1153 (5)	9433	35	4.63%
Austria	21792	467646 (2324)	8652 (27)	51725	957	3.18%
Nigeria	19385	157671 (711)	1951 (12)	752	9	2.03%

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Kenya	18360	107329 (528)	1870 (4)	1967	34	2.12%
Moldova	18347	191197 (1800)	4049 (23)	47471	1005	4.87%
West Bank & Gaza	17794	191203 (1877)	2091 (13)	36908	404	6.23%
Costa Rica	17371	206293 (403)	2829 (5)	40249	552	1.15%
Pakistan	17117	587014 (1579)	13128 (52)	2616	58	1.62%
Estonia	16627	70610 (1417)	623 (8)	53205	469	12.72%
Mozambique	16220	61170 (775)	674 (6)	1921	21	5.84%
Japan	14780	436093 (1149)	8135 (67)	3451	64	1.67%
UAE	13641	402205 (2742)	1286 (17)	40339	129	5.11%
Finland	13436	60200 (758)	764 (5)	10854	138	7.50%
Kuwait	12071	196497 (1716)	1105 (8)	45560	256	4.31%
Bosnia	12049	134892 (910)	5200 (26)	41289	1592	3.25%
Slovenia	10897	193285 (1019)	3878 (4)	92964	1865	2.86%

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Lithuania	10867	200898 (547)	3294 (13)	74498	1222	2.41%
Malawi	10643	32283 (54)	1058 (2)	1659	54	2.42%
Libya	10577	136587 (1002)	2233 (14)	19698	322	3.48%
Qatar	10216	165546 (475)	260 (0)	58959	93	1.98%
Jamaica	10139	24444 (341)	436 (1)	8231	147	8.91%
Latvia	9172	88668 (646)	1666 (12)	47364	890	4.97%
Montenegro	8844	78060 (567)	1039 (8)	124276	1654	4.97%
Kosovo	8603	70853 (0)	1620 (0)			4.02%
N Macedonia	8162	105269 (721)	3165 (9)	50530	1519	3.85%
Oman	7822	142896 (369)	1583 (0)	27516	305	1.62%
Uruguay	7702	60945 (871)	631 (7)	17504	181	8.61%
Panama	7677	343281 (540)	5895 (11)	78729	1352	1.14%
Belarus	7571	291621 (1174)	2011 (9)	30868	213	2.99%
South Korea	7451	91638 (398)	1627 (8)	1779	32	2.96%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Myanmar	7229	142000 (16)	3200 (1)	2598	59	0.11%
Denmark	7011	214007 (521)	2375 (4)	36741	409	1.70%
Guatemala	6897	176876 (626)	6435 (8)	9752	355	2.11%
Bahrain	6739	124857 (588)	462 (4)	71724	265	3.49%
Venezuela	6562	140960 (577)	1364 (6)	4967	48	2.19%
Lesotho	6327	10522 (1)	307 (2)	4886	143	0.51%
Armenia	6014	173307 (491)	3208 (6)	58412	1081	1.20%
Morocco	5545	485147 (394)	8669 (16)	13040	233	0.54%
Sudan	5500	30479 (0)	1895 (0)	641	43	0.80%
Australia	5188	29021 (14)	909 (0)	1129	35	0.22%
Ghana	5145	85239 (890)	629 (18)	2705	20	4.18%
Congo (Kinshasa)**	5028	26340 (93)	711 (0)	288	8	4.54%

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\*\* Indicates moved up a risk category

## 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
Syria	4642	15815 (62)	1050 (5)	889	59	2.59%
Cuba	4631	53308 (807)	336 (3)	4708	30	10.77%
Botswana*	4627	31746 (1019)	359 (27)	13320	151	10.63%
Senegal	4460	35247 (210)	898 (2)	2069	53	4.27%
South Sudan	3997	8414 (109)	100 (3)	746	9	12.66%
Afghanistan	3967	55775 (5)	2446 (0)	1416	62	0.17%
Somalia	3675	7850 (123)	274 (14)	485	17	14.82%
Croatia	3558	244872 (667)	5564 (9)	59898	1361	1.34%
Sri Lanka	3285	84610 (384)	489 (5)	3940	23	3.16%
Azerbaijan	3148	235647 (314)	3232 (2)	23101	317	0.80%
Malta	3128	23588 (362)	325 (4)	53326	735	7.90%
Zambia	3080	80687 (597)	1109 (1)	4309	59	4.36%
Luxembourg	3018	56110 (208)	647 (4)	88669	1022	2.21%
Maldives	2671	20447 (167)	64 (1)	37386	117	5.38%

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# Country Risk Assessment

## 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
Saudi Arabia	2581	378708 (375)	6514 (4)	10766	185	0.62%
Cameroon	2569	35714 (0)	551 (0)	1323	20	0.00%
Haiti	2458	12536 (5)	250 (0)	1090	22	1.47%
Georgia	2238	271872 (133)	3553 (12)	68241	892	0.76%
El Salvador	2106	60800 (309)	1887 (9)	9342	290	2.57%
Nicaragua	2090	6489 (0)	174 (0)	972	26	0.68%
Congo (Brazzaville)	2029	9179 (359)	131 (3)	1637	23	3.91%
Namibia	1987	39466 (169)	436 (2)	15346	170	3.19%
Mali	1689	8470 (24)	357 (0)	410	17	1.43%
Gabon	1671	15254 (0)	88 (0)	6747	39	6.69%
Cote d'Ivoire	1535	33976 (691)	196 (2)	1267	7	4.95%
Kyrgyzstan	1516	86410 (0)	1470 (2)	13100	223	0.37%
Burundi	1492	2268 (28)	3 (0)	187	0	7.14%
Eswatini	1436	17129 (26)	654 (2)	14662	560	1.07%

## 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
Rwanda	1386	19334 (136)	266 (1)	1468	20	4.04%
Guinea	1236	16420 (129)	93 (1)	1228	7	3.84%
Sierra Leone	1169	3900 (0)	79 (0)	482	10	0.41%
Togo	1166	7323 (135)	88 (3)	871	10	9.37%
Zimbabwe	1108	36223 (44)	1483 (5)	2414	99	0.63%
Benin	1033	6071 (0)	75 (0)	492	6	10.49%
Nepal**	1027	274488 (107)	2778 (0)	9309	94	0.22%

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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	1660118	3587567 (5247)	53466 (383)	90805	1353	0.92%
New York	836743	1670716 (7468)	48049 (114)	87865	2483	3.04%
Florida	728494	1930232 (6118)	31387 (120)	89871	1462	1.97%
Arizona	690068	821108 (1154)	16185 (96)	112809	2224	1.00%
Virginia	524792	581408 (1300)	9357 (31)	68116	1096	1.79%
South Carolina	512903	521563 (1567)	8660 (40)	101300	1682	1.92%
Georgia	492745	1017428 (2886)	17750 (125)	95826	1672	1.97%
Maryland	367152	384765 (809)	7922 (3)	63643	1310	1.38%
Kentucky	355716	408440 (1067)	4732 (28)	91421	1059	1.64%
Kansas	292702	297474 (30)	4772 (0)	102357	1653	0.76%
New Jersey	227251	802669 (3193)	23491 (42)	90368	2645	2.95%
Indiana	218220	664446 (935)	12663 (30)	98696	1881	0.80%
Alabama	192292	498076 (922)	10094 (65)	101582	2059	1.40%
Colorado	179164	433021 (1351)	5974 (4)	75194	1037	1.93%

## 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
Connecticut	169589	284500 (878)	7693 (15)	79797	2158	1.88%
Washington	167080	343090 (854)	5032 (20)	45473	670	1.58%
Texas	166790	2683386 (7674)	44757 (294)	92677	1552	1.89%
Missouri	162047	496813 (519)	8488 (6)	85442	1423	0.61%
Oregon	154389	156673 (386)	2284 (32)	37146	542	1.35%
Rhode Island	117346	127727 (442)	2539 (5)	120570	2397	1.99%
Michigan	94742	652589 (1827)	16589 (39)	65345	1661	1.49%
Delaware	86199	87643 (218)	1444 (4)	90004	1483	2.10%
Idaho	75187	172587 (299)	1876 (0)	96576	1050	1.15%
Illinois	71774	1193177 (1737)	22902 (49)	94166	1807	1.01%
Pennsylvania	63016	943933 (3010)	24208 (74)	73931	1900	1.95%
Wisconsin	60975	619942 (855)	7082 (13)	97177	1111	0.76%
Alaska	58835	59138 (145)	303 (0)	77569	409	1.67%
Nebraska	43833	201973 (365)	2092 (1)	104411	1081	0.90%

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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
Iowa	40688	364782 (0)	5536 (35)	115884	1755	0.68%
Nevada	40260	295069 (385)	5005 (18)	95797	1625	0.83%
Ohio	37838	974480 (1875)	17346 (0)	83367	1484	1.24%
North Carolina	36818	868056 (2502)	11399 (36)	82766	1087	1.74%
Maine	31699	45231 (140)	705 (0)	33646	524	2.46%
New Mexico	30679	186156 (258)	3769 (16)	88780	1797	1.12%
Massachusetts	27735	586310 (1567)	16296 (44)	85065	2363	1.76%
Hawaii	27450	27890 (55)	440 (0)	19563	311	1.28%
Utah	14476	372708 (0)	1955 (0)	116445	613	0.88%
Tennessee	13483	779449 (1514)	11501 (42)	114135	1684	1.09%
Oklahoma	12379	426641 (895)	4534 (0)	107820	1146	1.05%
Mississippi	11228	296154 (479)	6764 (21)	99509	2273	1.13%
District of Columbia	10703	41014 (196)	1024 (1)	58114	1451	2.17%
Puerto Rico	7284	100867 (102)	2053 (5)	54231	606	1.24%

## 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
Minnesota	7057	487374 (940)	6589 (14)	86419	1168	1.14%
Louisiana	6887	432527 (756)	9686 (18)	93041	2084	1.12%
West Virginia	6318	132677 (261)	2309 (0)	74032	1288	1.40%

## 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
Arkansas	4132	323756 (403)	5417 (0)	107282	1747	1.74%
Vermont	2489	15686 (199)	207 (0)	25138	332	5.39%
New Hampshire	2191	76178 (188)	1178 (3)	56025	866	2.11%
South Dakota	2056	113065 (232)	1896 (3)	127806	2143	0.97%
Montana	1657	100531 (180)	1375 (2)	94062	1287	1.08%

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