

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

January 22, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Per the WHO, Guinea is the sole low-income country in Africa to receive vaccine doses.

A standoff over the filibuster has put America's 50-50 Senate power-sharing deal in limbo.

Eurozone consumer confidence dips amid January lockdowns.

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# Global

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## Confirmed coronavirus cases surpassed 97 million, with deaths at 2.09 million.

- Three **mutant variants** of the coronavirus that emerged in Britain, South Africa and Brazil pose a high risk in Europe and will lead to more COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths, Europe's disease surveillance agency assessed, recommending that countries "should prepare their healthcare systems for a further escalation in demand."
- Three new laboratory studies are raising concerns that the **immune response** triggered by a COVID-19 infection or vaccination may be less effective at protecting against the new strain of the coronavirus that first emerged in South Africa.
- Eli Lilly said its **antibody drug** prevented many COVID-19 infections among nursing home staff and residents.

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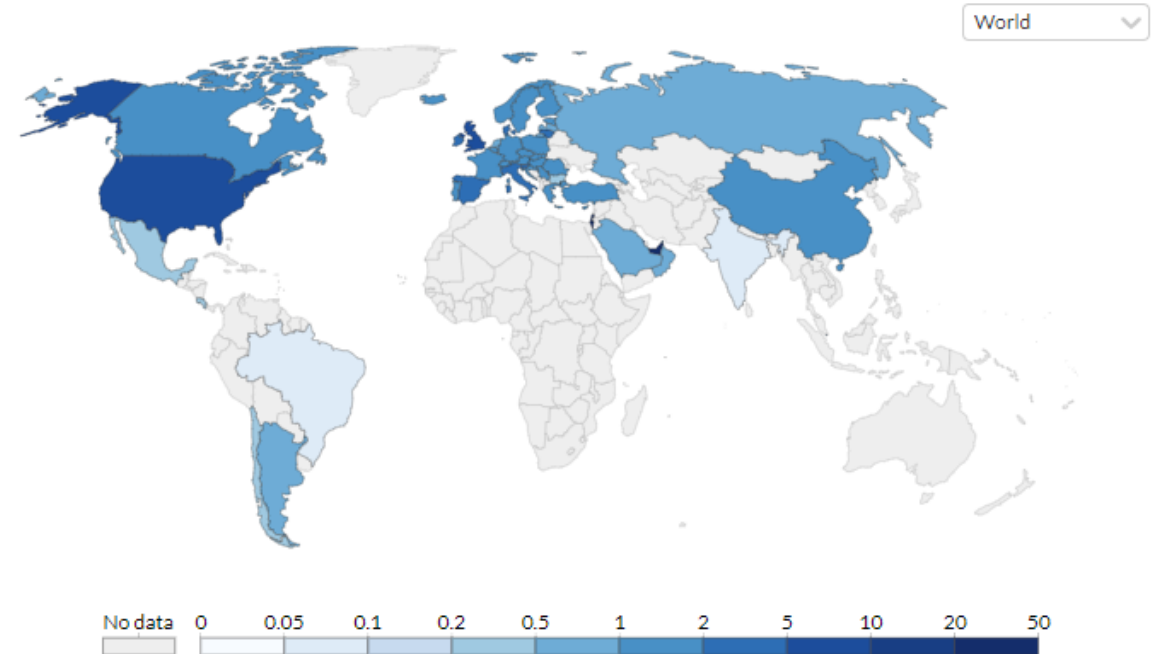
# COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 56.58 million have received vaccinations as of Thursday, up from 53.8 million on Wednesday.

The US and China lead in total number of doses administered, 17.55 million and 15.00 million, respectively.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Jan 22, 2021  
Total number of vaccination doses administered 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).

Our World in Data



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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**Pfizer and BioNTech have agreed to supply their COVID-19 vaccine to the WHO co-led COVAX vaccine access scheme.**

- Expanding its **vaccine diplomacy**, China will provide Pakistan 500,000 doses of its Sinopharm vaccine for free by the end of January, with another 1.1 million to arrive in February.
- Hungary became the first EU country to approve Russia's **Sputnik V vaccine**.
- According to the WHO, Guinea is the sole **low-income country in Africa** to receive vaccine doses, with only 25 people being inoculated so far. The Seychelles is the only African country to have started a national vaccination campaign.

# Markets

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## **Palm oil prices are near a decade high, as pandemic-related labor shortages in Indonesia and Malaysia have reduced production.**

- **European stocks** fell on Friday, reversing almost all of its weekly gains after data showed euro zone business activity shrank in January.
- **Asian-Pacific markets** also edged down. As China's blue-chip index approaches an all-time high, growing fears about **bubbles** developing in some parts of the country's stock market are prodding some investors to seek bargains in Hong Kong.
- The **US Nasdaq** rallied to close at a record high Thursday, as investors bought tech stocks ahead of coming earning reports.
- The European Central Bank will check lending rates, corporate credit conditions and government bond yields to determine how much it will spend on its **emergency bond-buying program**.
- **Bitcoin** wavered on Friday and was heading toward its sharpest weekly drop since September.
- **Sterling** retreated from a near three-year high after figures signaled the UK economy is doing worse than analysts had feared.
- Global index publisher **FTSE Russell** will delete CNOOC Ltd from its global and China indexes due to the U.S. investment ban.

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# Business

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**Google has threatened to close its search engine in Australia if the government proceeds with a plan to force Big Tech groups to pay news providers for their content.**

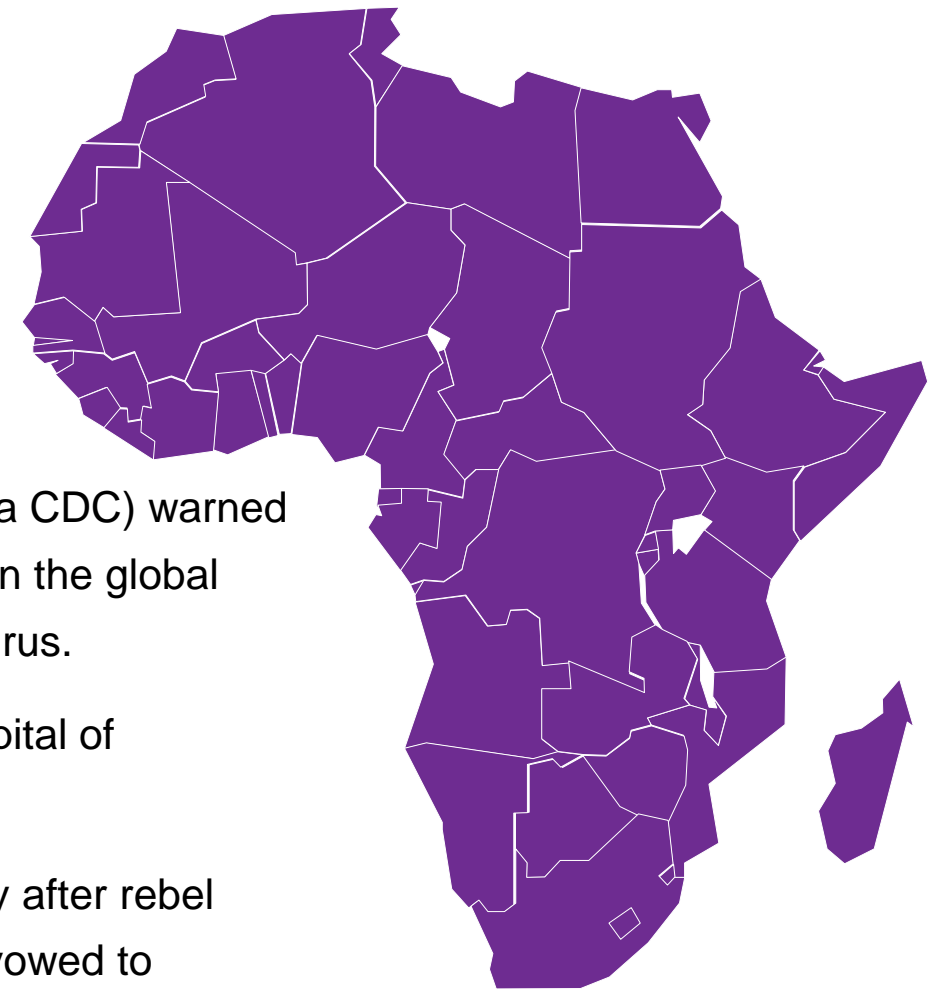
- **IBM** revealed a revenue decline last year of 6.5 percent but expects to return to growth this year.
- **Intel** posted a record annual revenue with sales of \$77.9bn for 2020.
- Dutch airline **KLM** may cut another 1,000 jobs this year as travel outlooks remain grim.
- **Facebook** is referring its decision to suspend Trump's account to a newly formed "*Supreme Court*" independent oversight board for review.
- **Parler** lost its bid to require **Amazon** to restore web hosting services.
- An **A.P.Moller-Maersk** cargo ship lost several hundred containers while sailing from China to Los Angeles, the latest in a series of weather-related accidents at sea impacting international shipping.
- The release of *No Time to Die*, the latest James Bond film, has been delayed until October as the pandemic means many **cinemas** remain closed. In the US, last year's domestic box-office revenues were just \$2.28 billion, down from \$11.4 billion in 2019.

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# Africa

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- **African Union** member states voted to use digital COVID-19 certificates for travelers to reduce travel restrictions.
- The head of Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) warned that mortality rates in more than 20 **African countries** are higher than the global average, likely due to the spread of the South African variant of the virus.
- **Sierra Leone** re-imposed a lockdown and overnight curfew in the capital of Freetown, citing “*exponential*” growth of COVID-19 cases.
- The **Central African Republic** declared a 13-day state of emergency after rebel groups disputed the outcome of the recent presidential election and vowed to overthrow the victor, President Touadera.



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# Asia

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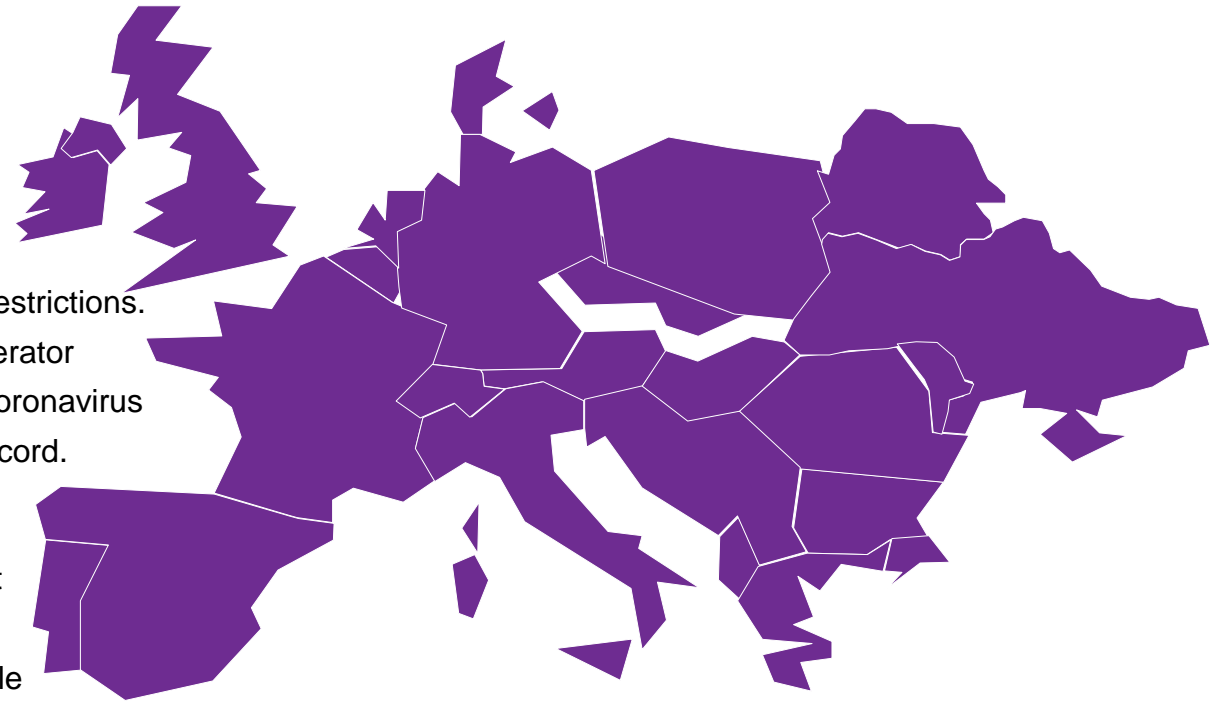
- **Micronesia** reported its first confirmed coronavirus infection.
- **Indonesian** authorities halted the search for victims of the recent Sriwijaya Air Jet crash.
- **Taiwan's** de facto ambassador to the US attended President Joe Biden's inauguration, calming fears in Taiwan that US support would erode in the post-Trump era.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said **India** was completely self-reliant on coronavirus vaccine supplies as the world's second-most populous country inoculated more than one million people within a week of starting a massive campaign. Five people were killed in a fire at an unfinished plant of India's Serum Institute; the chief of the institute said that it would not disrupt production of the vaccine - the Institute is currently a key producer for Oxford-AstraZeneca.
- The **Japanese** government has insisted the Tokyo Olympics will go ahead this summer despite reports that the already postponed games will be cancelled amid growing concern about the level of Covid-19 infections. Japan's UN mission said, in a diplomatic note, that **China's** territorial claims in the South China Sea fail to abide by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.



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# Europe

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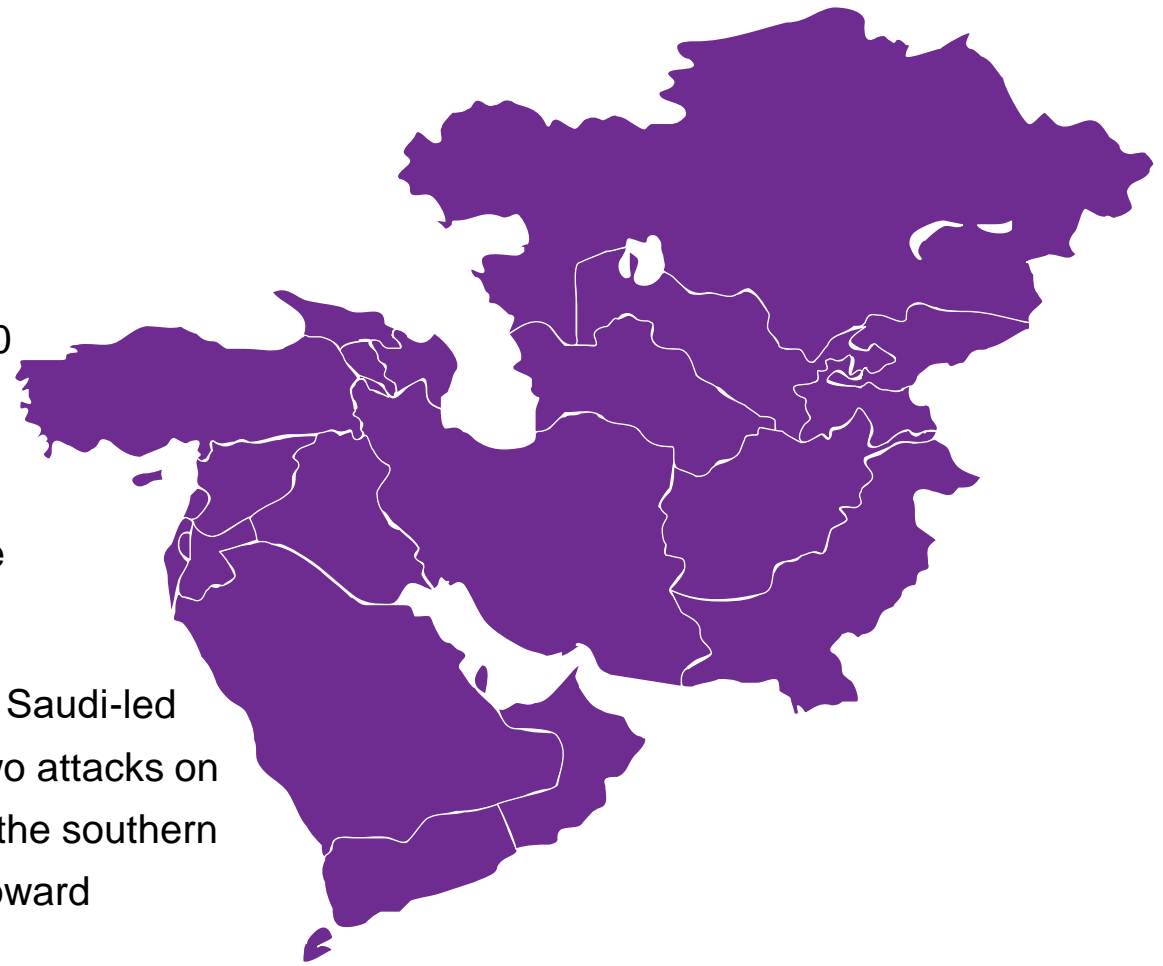
- **Eurozone** consumer confidence dipped in January amid new coronavirus restrictions. The **UK and French** governments are in talks about offering aid to train operator Eurostar. British retailers struggled to recover in December from a partial coronavirus lockdown the previous month, marking a weak end to their worst year on record.
- **Russia** is cracking down on supporters of jailed opposition activist Navalny, warning of more arrests as calls for protests circulate. The Kremlin said that nationwide protests planned for Saturday to call for the release of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny were illegal and were being promoted by people it called provocateurs. The **EU** called on Russia to immediately release Navalny. **US** President Biden will seek to extend the New START treaty with Russia for 5 years.
- **German** Chancellor Merkel warned that she will not agree with **US** President Biden on everything but expressed overall optimism for a reset in cross-Atlantic ties. **EU** parliament MEPs overwhelmingly voted in favor of a resolution saying the bloc has lost credibility on human rights by making an investment deal with **China**.
- **Northern Ireland** extended its lockdown to March 5 as hospitals struggle. **UK** advisers warned against ending lockdowns too quickly. Hospitalizations and case rates are stabilizing in England. The UK canceled its Glastonbury Festival for the second year. **Portuguese** schools will close for at least 15 days. **Spain's** central government is resisting calls to give the country's regions greater power over coronavirus restrictions. The **EU** is resisting internal border closures to stop the spread of the UK strain, citing harm to the common market. **France** is requiring European visitors as well as those from outside the bloc to have a negative Covid-19 test performed less than three days before they enter the country. **Romania** surpassed 700,000 infections.

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# Middle East

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- Though **Israel** has vaccinated over 2m people (just over 600,000 have received both doses), COVID-19 infections are surging among the unvaccinated population.
- Sudanese news sources reported that the **UAE** is attempting to mediate the GERD issue between **Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan**.
- **Saudi Arabia** will reopen its embassy with **Qatar** “in days.” The Saudi-led coalition fighting against **Yemen’s** Houthi movement thwarted two attacks on Friday morning, including destroying an explosive-laden boat in the southern Red Sea, and intercepting an explosive-laden drone launched toward Saudi Arabia.
- The UN mission to **Libya** set the dates for voting on the leadership of a new transitional government between February 1-5.
- **Lebanon** extended its 24-hour lockdown for two weeks, shutting down the country for nearly four total weeks as COVID-19 deaths hit record highs three days in a row.



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# Americas

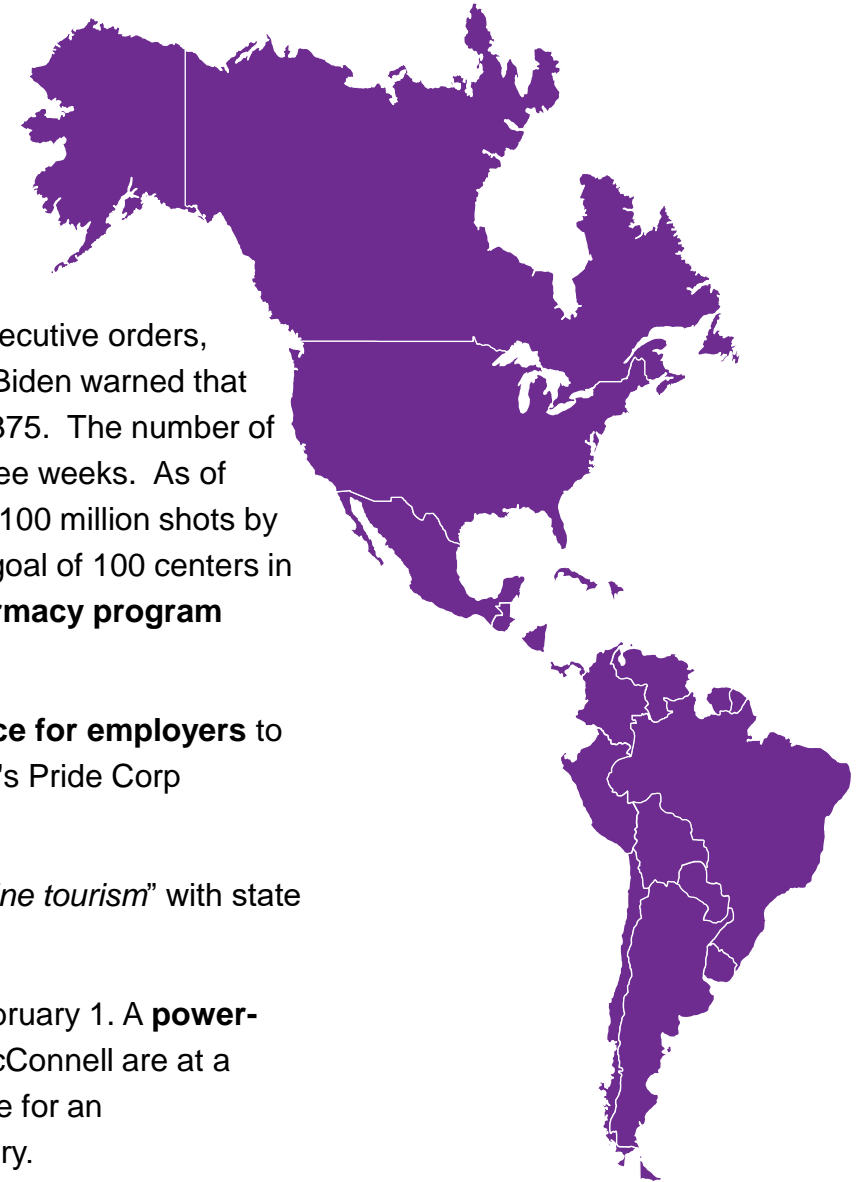
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- The mayor of Rio de Janeiro announced that Carnival would not take place, after the festival was earlier postponed to the summer. **Brazil** gave iron miner Vale SA a ten-day deadline to produce a better reparations package to the victims of deadly dam disaster in 2019 which killed 270.
- The European Parliament called on the **EU** to recognize Juan Guaido as **Venezuela's** leader.
- **Mexico** again posted a record high for coronavirus deaths, 1,803 according to the Minister of Health. With 146,174 fatalities recorded since the pandemic began, this is equivalent to more than one death a minute.
- Coronavirus deaths in **Colombia** have surpassed 50,000. Intensive care unit occupancy rates exceed 90 percent in its three biggest cities, the capital Bogota, Medellin, and Cali. Columbia does not expect to receive first supplies of vaccine until early February.



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# Americas: US

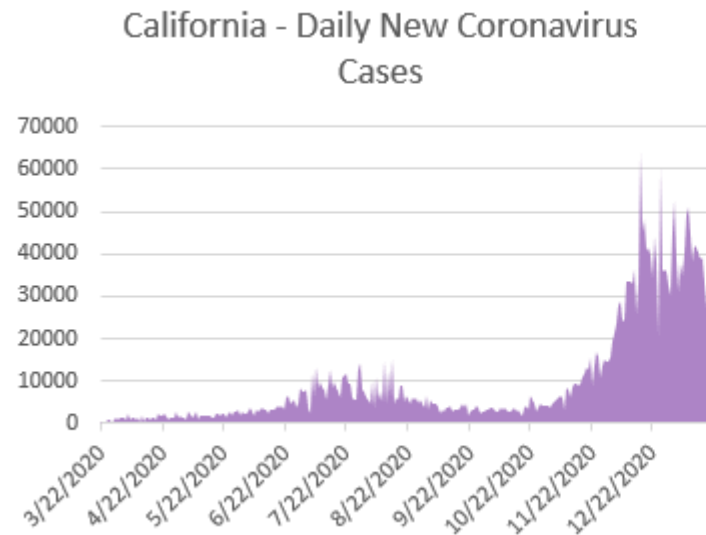


- President Biden released his **national COVID-19 strategy** and signed a string of COVID-19 related executive orders, including a mask mandate for travel, increasing vaccinations, and addressing inequities in healthcare. Biden warned that COVID-19 deaths could top 500,000 next month. The US saw its second-highest daily **death toll** of 4,375. The number of people **hospitalized** with coronavirus fell below 120,000 on Thursday for the first time in more than three weeks. As of yesterday, 15.1 million Americans have been **vaccinated**. To meet an aggressive vaccination target of 100 million shots by the end of Biden’s first 100 days in office, FEMA will create community **vaccination centers**, with the goal of 100 centers in the next month. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will also launch a **federal pharmacy program** making vaccines available in local pharmacies.
- President Biden has directed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue clear **guidance for employers** to help keep workers safe from COVID-19 exposure. Meatpacker JBS USA and chicken company Pilgrim's Pride Corp announced they will pay \$100 to US employees who voluntarily receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Texas** surpassed 2.2 million infections and **Florida**, 1.6 million. Florida has begun to take aim at “*vaccine tourism*” with state and local officials saying vaccines would only be administered to residents.
- Speaker Pelosi said the House will be “*completely ready*” to pass Biden’s **\$1.9 trillion relief bill** by February 1. A **power-sharing deal** in the 50-50 Senate is in limbo as Democratic leader Schumer and Republican leader McConnell are at a standoff over the filibuster. McConnell is proposing giving former President Trump two weeks to prepare for an **impeachment** trial. Congress backed a **waiver** for General Austin to become Biden’s Defense Secretary.
- Republican lawmakers pressured the Biden Administration to respond more strongly to **China’s sanctions** on top Trump Administration officials

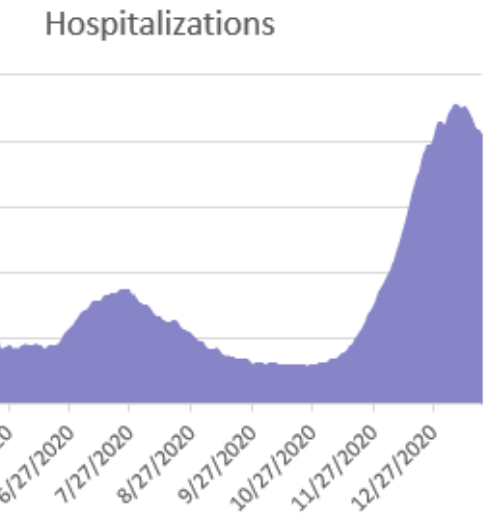
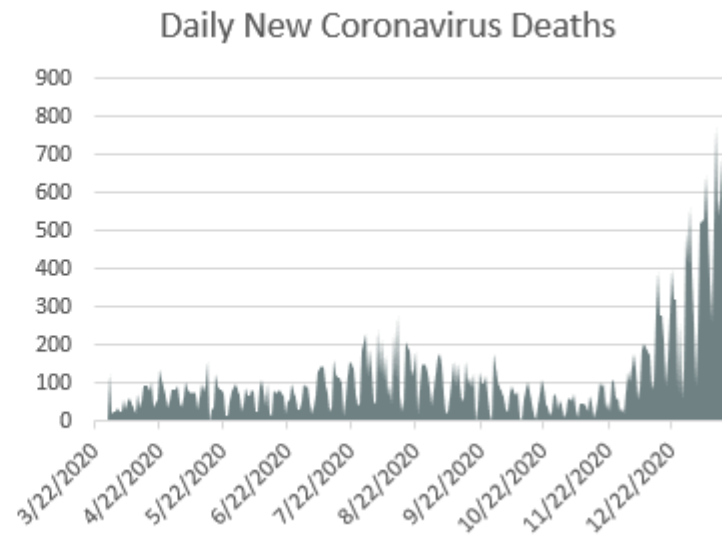
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# Americas: U.S.

California, the national hotspot, is beginning to see positive effects from its strict lockdown, with daily new COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations on firm downward trendlines. The death toll continues to be high, averaging 484 a day over the past week, but is down from an average of 529 a day the week before.



Source: Johns Hopkins University



Source: The COVID Tracking Project

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# State of the Transition: Biden Inaugurated and Immediate Geostrategic Threats

By Alexander Lucaci

***Following a non-peaceful transitional period that included a violent insurrection at the capital, a second impeachment in the House of Representatives, and the removal of President Trump from social media platforms, Joseph R. Biden Jr. was officially sworn in as President of the United States at noon on January 20.***

On his first day, President Biden signed 17 separate executive orders which immediately reversed several Trump-era policies, including re-joining the Paris Climate Accords, reversing a travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries, and re-instating protections that prevent federal discrimination on the basis of gender identity. One of the Biden Administration's main focuses now is getting Cabinet nominees confirmed - on Inauguration Day, the Senate confirmed Avril Haines as the Director of National Intelligence by an 84-10 vote. The timelines for

other key national security and cabinet posts remain unclear, including when Secretary of State and Defense nominees (Antony Blinken and General Lloyd Austin respectively) will receive a full confirmation vote in the Senate - as of the writing of this report, sources in the Senate indicate that Austin may receive a vote on Friday morning, while Blinken could be confirmed on Monday or Tuesday next week. Senator Josh Hawley (MO) has announced his intention to hold up Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas. The Senate schedule for hearings and nomination votes over the next several weeks is set to be further complicated by the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump.

In the immediate term, the Biden Administration faces several pressing foreign policy and international security challenges. US-Russian relations, already at an all-time low, are set to be further tested by the looming expiration of the New START Treaty in early February. The arms control agreement, which limits the number of tactical and strategic nuclear weapons and systems deployed around the world, is the last existing treaty between Washington and Moscow. On Thursday, sources in the Biden Administration indicated that the US is

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willing to agree to a clean five-year extension of New START, a timeframe to which the Kremlin had previously been open. If this is indeed the case, the US will have averted the potential for a nuclear arms buildup and notched a clean diplomatic victory within the first few weeks of a new Administration. Cooperation between Moscow and Washington may end there for the time being, as the White House is expected to apply pressure on human rights issues (including the detention of Alexey Navalny), energy matters (Nordstream II) and great power competition questions in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Europe is also poised to return as an area for security competition, as the Biden Administration reevaluates decisions made by President Trump to cut US troop levels in Germany and Poland.

In the Middle East, Iran is looking to test the Biden Administration on several fronts. A month before President Biden's inauguration, the Iranian parliament passed a law requiring uranium to be enriched at 20 percent, far exceeding the limits set in the JCPOA, or Iran Nuclear Deal. While still below the levels required for weaponization, the decision to enrich has shortened Tehran's "breakout" time to a nuclear bomb and introduced an additional element of uncertainty in the region. Another simmering flashpoint is Iran's return to seizing tankers in the Strait of Hormuz, as evidenced by the capture of a South

Korean vessel in early January. Although far behind the capabilities of its regional rivals, Iran has engaged in a slow buildup of naval forces in the Gulf and will likely have the ability to further disrupt energy and commercial shipping if they so choose. The Biden Administration will likely seek to tamp down tensions through slow, strategic diplomatic outreach, although the sequencing of such actions remains unclear. Washington and Iran have both claimed that the other must come into compliance before rejoining the JCPOA, setting up a tense beginning to 2021. Furthermore, the window for action is closing as Iranian presidential elections are set for June. Barring any significant geopolitical developments before the summer, a hardline candidate is expected to ascend to the Iranian presidency and further complicate any hopes of a diplomatic resolution.

Finally, two simmering crises in the Western Hemisphere will demand President Biden's attention in the first several months of 2021. The Trump Administration's decision to re-label Cuba as a state sponsor of terror will complicate any planned diplomatic outreach from the new White House, while Venezuela remains an intractable problem for policymakers in the US and Europe. Despite losing international recognition as the legitimate leader of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro has

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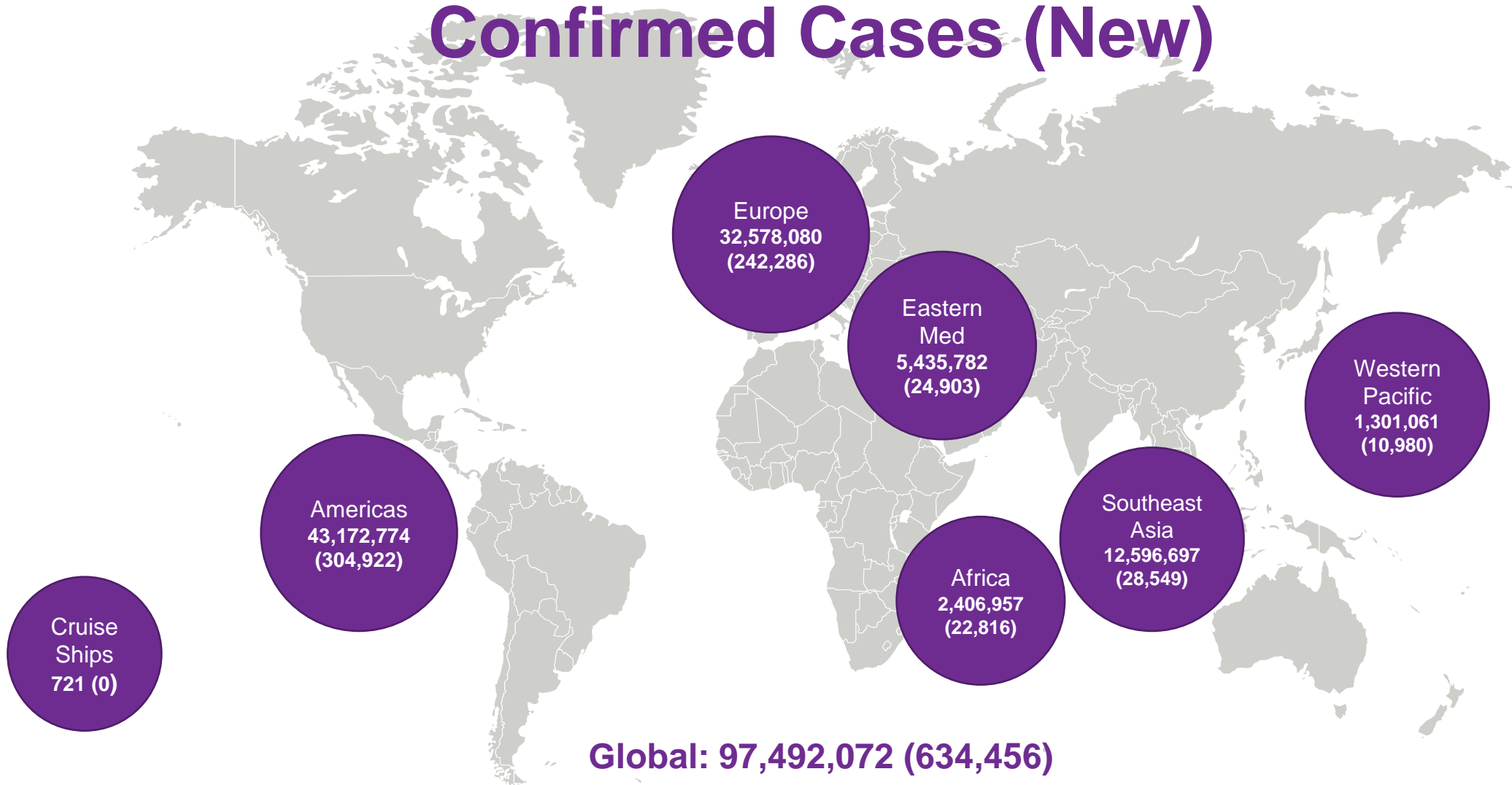
consolidated his power in the country with the aid of Iran and Russia. The decision of Juan Guaido and his opposition movements in Venezuela to boycott December's parliamentary elections appears to have backfired and allowed Maduro to further entrench his regime. The expanding presence of Moscow and Tehran in South America will worry the Biden Administration as it seeks to stabilize ongoing geopolitical threats. As a general strategy, look for the President Biden and his national security team to first "*do no harm*" on matters of foreign policy while engaging with historical allies and partners on a multilateral basis. This may not be enough however, as the ongoing public health crises at home distract from the growing flashpoints abroad.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on January 21, 2021

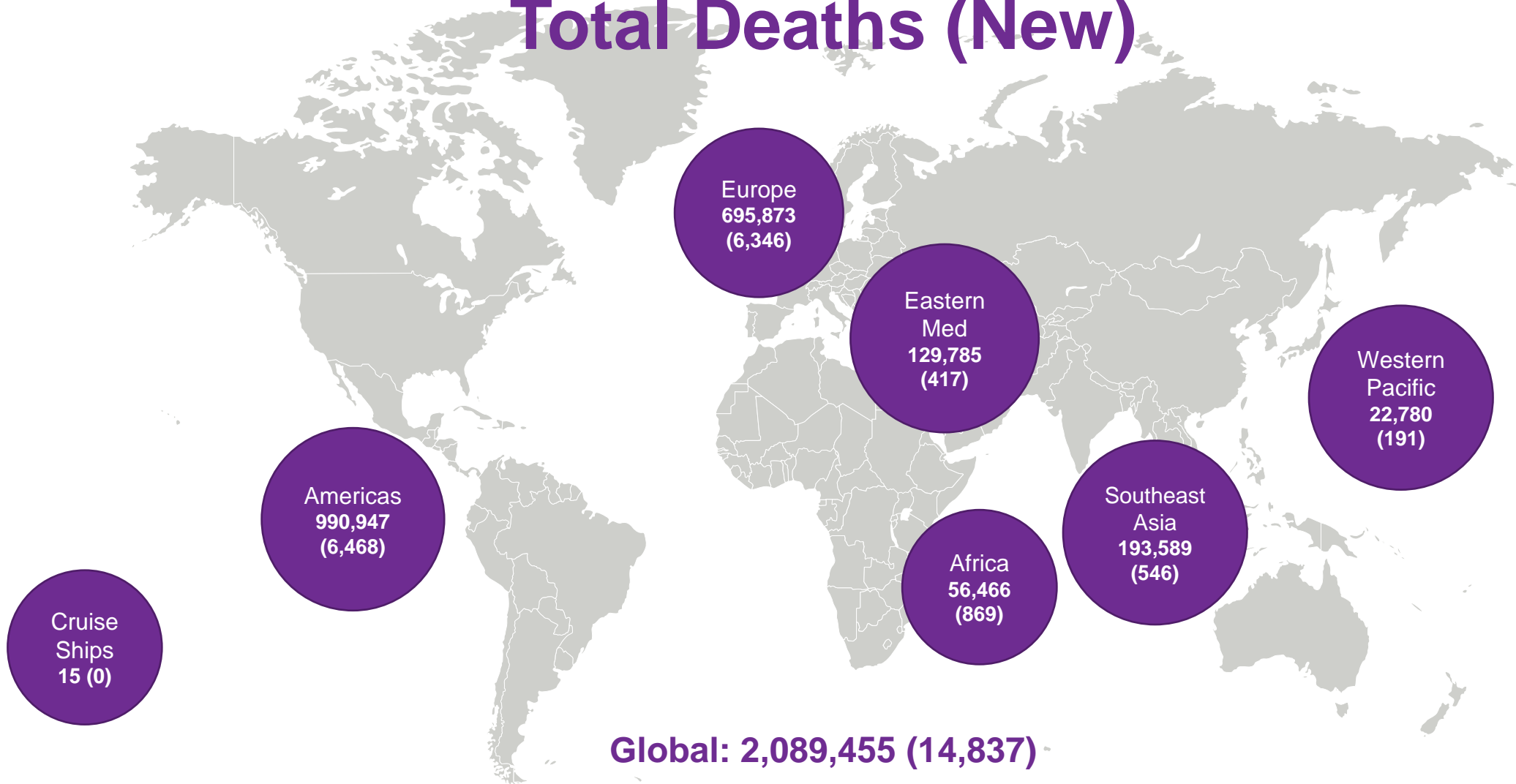
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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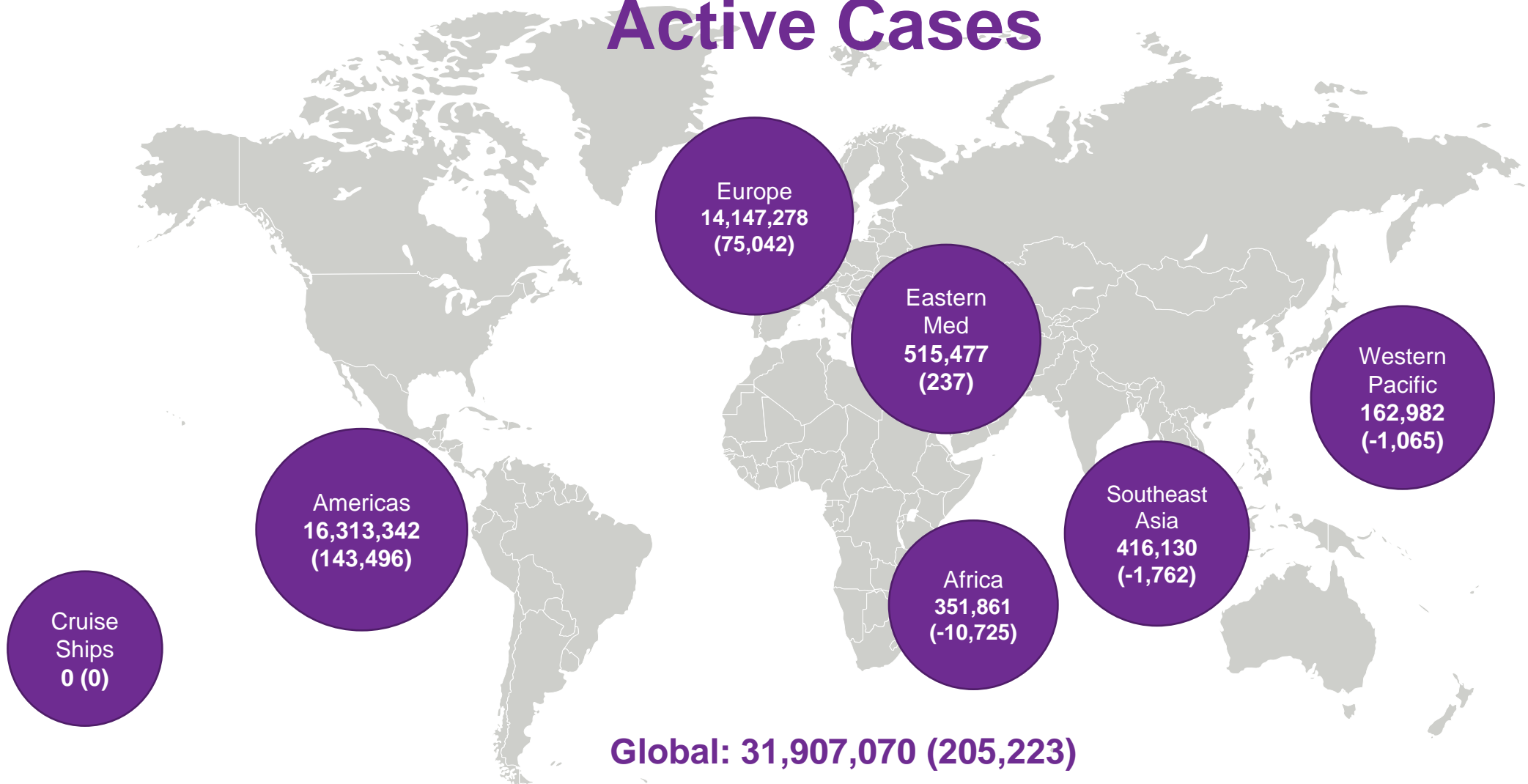
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	14455230	24627675 (193392)	410102 (4101)	75872	1266	5.36%
UK	3450427	3553773 (37977)	94765 (1296)	52047	1389	7.99%
France	2753582	3046371 (22710)	72139 (347)	45719	1102	4.49%
Spain	2251258	2456675 (44357)	55041 (404)	54754	1177	9.96%
Netherlands	920354	945948 (5842)	13439 (89)	54376	777	3.98%
Brazil	810129	8697368 (59119)	214147 (1316)	40767	1004	4.29%
Belgium	666207	686827 (2571)	20620 (48)	58897	1771	2.03%
Sweden	532031	542952 (4985)	10921 (124)	53575	1078	4.45%
Russia	528009	3616680 (21544)	66810 (596)	25045	465	4.35%
Italy	516568	2428221 (14055)	84202 (521)	40194	1394	3.79%
Serbia	375263	379093 (1648)	3830 (20)	43486	439	2.91%
Mexico	279793	1688944 (0)	144371 (0)	13023	1113	5.95%
Germany	260371	2108895 (8277)	50876 (866)	25126	609	4.44%
Ukraine	247172	1216780 (5926)	22521 (257)	27018	493	3.41%

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Poland	207462	1457755 (7008)	34561 (420)	38543	914	2.98%
India	188692	10625424 (14541)	153030 (161)	7658	110	1.07%
Switzerland	180552	507123 (2205)	8971 (47)	58357	1032	2.82%
Argentina	170967	1843077 (11396)	46355 (139)	40572	1020	3.93%
South Africa	157863	1380807 (11381)	39501 (647)	23120	661	6.08%
Ireland	155740	181922 (2598)	2818 (50)	36615	567	10.37%
Iran	152821	1354520 (6204)	57150 (93)	16013	676	3.15%
Indonesia	151658	951651 (11703)	27203 (346)	3459	99	8.62%
Portugal	151226	595149 (13544)	9686 (221)	58463	951	13.00%
Colombia	121024	1972345 (15366)	50187 (395)	38534	981	6.25%
Czechia	119828	917359 (8228)	14973 (153)	85579	1405	5.54%
Hungary	108673	355662 (1410)	11713 (98)	36869	1214	2.26%
Lebanon	108268	269241 (4594)	2151 (67)	39546	316	11.93%
Turkey	97833	2412505 (6289)	24640 (153)	28434	290	1.98%

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Honduras	74230	138044 (1146)	3422 (16)	13701	341	4.41%
Japan	74226	352129 (5621)	4872 (93)	2734	38	11.76%
Canada	65685	736441 (6111)	18510 (94)	19286	491	5.81%
Lithuania	57901	173819 (1759)	2554 (40)	64356	946	5.41%
Dominican Republic	51170	199672 (1549)	2482 (12)	18304	228	6.10%
Greece	51145	150479 (506)	5570 (25)	14477	536	2.12%
Panama	50593	305752 (1975)	4944 (32)	70248	1136	4.73%
Tunisia	47435	190884 (2511)	5989 (68)	16058	504	10.47%
Bangladesh	47231	530271 (584)	7966 (16)	3202	48	0.86%
Slovakia	46312	231242 (2464)	3801 (64)	42343	696	5.74%
Romania	44934	703776 (2878)	17554 (69)	36721	916	2.68%
Malaysia	41755	172549 (3170)	642 (12)	5293	20	14.31%
Norway	41717	60259 (372)	544 (1)	11067	100	4.19%

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Peru	40661	1073214 (0)	39044 (0)	32591	1182	3.07%
Costa Rica	40247	188477 (765)	2506 (14)	36811	489	2.78%
Bolivia	38831	196393 (2648)	9818 (54)	16473	830	7.83%
Pakistan	34916	528891 (1745)	11204 (47)	2361	50	2.75%
Algeria	30656	104852 (246)	2853 (4)	2367	64	1.65%
Philippines	30126	507717 (1778)	10116 (74)	4599	92	2.58%
Bulgaria	27769	213864 (455)	8741 (90)	30910	1263	1.36%
Cyprus	27401	29636 (164)	178 (2)	24447	147	5.10%
UAE	27170	267258 (3529)	766 (4)	26841	77	9.09%
Albania	26194	69916 (678)	1296 (5)	24310	451	5.61%
Egypt	25743	159715 (752)	8801 (54)	1545	85	3.74%
Kazakhstan	25523	221053 (1526)	2952 (2)	9121	127	3.73%
Chile	25401	685107 (4367)	17702 (108)	35668	922	4.14%
Uganda	24791	38806 (178)	316 (11)	834	7	1.86%

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Ecuador	22331	236189 (1874)	14526 (89)	13275	816	4.31%
Paraguay	22100	125518 (1071)	2570 (14)	17478	358	4.68%
Iraq	21705	611407 (809)	12977 (9)	15014	319	0.85%
Nigeria	21524	116655 (1964)	1485 (7)	558	7	9.58%
Libya	20121	111746 (622)	1716 (1)	16141	248	3.86%
Slovenia	19645	154306 (1455)	3284 (27)	74218	1580	5.72%
Morocco	16329	463706 (1164)	8076 (33)	12481	217	1.59%
Austria	16150	399798 (1702)	7288 (51)	44249	807	2.64%
Kenya	15162	99630 (186)	1739 (3)	1831	32	0.94%
Latvia	15136	58710 (902)	1057 (25)	31322	564	9.76%
Denmark	14361	192947 (760)	1910 (37)	33128	329	3.69%
Belarus	13935	232298 (1804)	1619 (9)	24588	171	5.44%
Myanmar	13180	136166 (445)	3013 (16)	2493	55	2.42%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Ethiopia	12263	132326 (292)	2057 (13)	1136	18	1.82%
N Macedonia	11676	89817 (354)	2754 (15)	43112	1322	2.04%
South Korea	11519	74262 (344)	1328 (12)	1441	26	4.07%
Mozambique	10432	30225 (829)	283 (12)	952	9	19.71%
Estonia	10115	39212 (668)	354 (5)	29548	267	9.16%
Zambia	10094	42213 (1264)	597 (12)	2261	32	22.30%
Guatemala	10026	152395 (1071)	5389 (46)	8420	298	3.58%
Georgia	9972	251071 (1137)	2998 (11)	63006	752	2.57%
Finland	9933	41565 (399)	632 (0)	7495	114	4.74%
Jordan	9783	318181 (776)	4198 (11)	31013	409	1.93%
Zimbabwe	9561	30047 (639)	917 (38)	2005	61	15.57%
West Bank & Gaza	9487	154063 (473)	1757 (6)	29817	340	2.31%
Malawi	9339	16049 (1198)	396 (43)	827	20	37.75%
Sudan	8988	26279 (0)	1603 (0)	592	36	2.09%

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## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Armenia	8461	165528 (307)	3021 (5)	55802	1018	1.18%
Montenegro	8262	56998 (419)	762 (4)	90745	1213	4.71%
Sri Lanka	7816	56076 (887)	276 (2)	2613	13	9.23%
Uruguay	7718	34992 (698)	347 (11)	10054	100	14.30%
Venezuela	6832	122260 (569)	1129 (7)	4306	40	3.14%
Azerbaijan	6806	228246 (218)	3053 (9)	22399	300	0.90%
Moldova	6305	154788 (670)	3315 (16)	38421	823	2.00%
Oman	6239	132486 (169)	1517 (1)	25585	293	0.92%
Kuwait	6057	159834 (570)	951 (0)	37122	221	2.13%
Congo (Kinshasa)	5889	21398 (96)	644 (4)	235	7	4.29%
Syria	5690	13398 (85)	866 (8)	755	49	4.76%
Lesotho	5534	7504 (469)	103 (1)	3487	48	15.30%
Kosovo	5409	57028 (616)	1433 (13)			3.84%
Afghanistan	5153	54403 (125)	2363 (9)	1382	60	1.15%

## 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
El Salvador	4845	52388 (951)	1530 (9)	8054	235	4.26%
Eswatini	4754	14017 (228)	441 (14)	12013	378	12.06%
Cuba	4592	19530 (408)	184 (4)	1725	16	15.26%
Rwanda	4035	12170 (310)	162 (9)	927	12	15.23%
Nepal	3799	268646 (336)	1979 (4)	9129	67	0.78%
Botswana	3638	19654 (1024)	105 (17)	8265	44	11.65%
Qatar	3532	148258 (258)	248 (0)	52802	88	1.06%
Croatia	3506	227326 (776)	4738 (27)	55567	1158	1.86%
Senegal	3441	23909 (267)	552 (6)	1407	32	7.24%
Bahrain	2918	98878 (305)	366 (0)	57024	211	2.09%
Malta	2801	16280 (151)	245 (1)	36816	554	7.38%
Kyrgyzstan	2682	83585 (155)	1394 (2)	12695	212	1.03%
Thailand	2500	12795 (0)	71 (0)	183	1	10.51%
Ghana	2413	59480 (1049)	361 (3)	1892	11	4.20%

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\*\* Indicates moved up a risk category

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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
Jamaica	2410	14550 (63)	331 (0)	4902	112	4.36%
China	2361	98544 (0)	4801 (0)	62	3	1.11%
Luxembourg	2258	49319 (115)	562 (0)	78082	890	1.69%
Saudi Arabia	2096	365775 (212)	6342 (4)	10417	181	0.36%
Namibia	1975	31515 (262)	310 (9)	12280	121	6.17%
Mali	1925	7911 (14)	320 (2)	385	16	1.92%
Australia	1885	28755 (6)	909 (0)	1120	35	0.30%
Burkina Faso	1865	9719 (166)	106 (0)	458	5	9.36%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1831	7794 (85)	117 (3)	1394	21	8.13%
Haiti	1813	11035 (72)	243 (3)	961	21	3.62%
Nicaragua	1811	6204 (0)	168 (0)	930	25	0.84%
Angola	1553	19177 (84)	448 (4)	574	13	2.94%
Cote d'Ivoire	1490	25751 (154)	142 (0)	963	5	4.56%

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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
Bahamas	1193	8088 (13)	175 (0)	20458	443	0.95%
Maldives	1032	14765 (53)	50 (1)	27051	92	2.98%

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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	3060265	3095814 (25442)	35549 (635)	78554	905	7.04%
Florida	1589145	1613884 (12873)	24739 (161)	75142	1152	5.12%
New York	1133043	1293719 (13908)	41787 (200)	68315	2151	7.75%
Illinois	1065910	1086333 (4979)	20423 (138)	85728	1612	3.10%
Georgia	831910	844799 (8150)	12889 (111)	79567	1214	6.33%
Arizona	592940	699942 (9398)	11772 (244)	96163	1617	7.27%
New Jersey	561423	646189 (5049)	20760 (96)	72751	2338	5.64%
Missouri	449179	455889 (2112)	6710 (35)	78374	1155	2.69%
Virginia	417285	459604 (4013)	5940 (79)	53846	696	9.09%
Texas	411682	2208871 (23317)	33942 (451)	76382	1178	6.35%
Colorado	355479	381210 (1983)	5440 (18)	66197	945	3.16%
Maryland	318325	334519 (2166)	6735 (46)	55332	1114	4.99%
Kentucky	293263	338033 (3713)	3301 (58)	75662	739	6.12%
Washington	292022	296087 (2070)	4065 (125)	39338	545	4.16%

## 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
Nevada	262433	266343 (1200)	3910 (47)	86471	1269	3.82%
Kansas	256842	265709 (187)	3565 (0)	91231	1227	4.79%
Connecticut	219222	235796 (1662)	6774 (48)	66137	1900	6.04%
South Carolina	216797	404492 (4649)	6373 (45)	78562	1239	8.24%
Indiana	205020	601937 (3624)	9593 (64)	89411	1425	3.89%
Alabama	192946	432536 (2881)	6379 (96)	88215	1301	4.15%
Pennsylvania	157785	793138 (5554)	20063 (252)	62073	1576	5.04%
Massachusetts	148071	486180 (5140)	13906 (77)	70538	2018	6.54%
Michigan	135041	592382 (2513)	14933 (163)	59316	1495	2.67%
Oregon	134130	135973 (831)	1843 (11)	32238	437	4.21%
Ohio	126322	849704 (7271)	10518 (109)	72692	900	4.99%
North Carolina	110187	698099 (7187)	8339 (139)	66561	795	6.76%
Rhode Island	100157	108786 (910)	2076 (18)	102690	1960	4.96%
Idaho	83029	158200 (612)	1654 (17)	88525	926	3.06%

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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
New Mexico	72683	166823 (988)	3044 (35)	79560	1452	3.76%
Delaware	71496	72523 (748)	1027 (1)	74477	1055	6.15%
Wisconsin	71230	575688 (2569)	6090 (55)	90701	963	2.52%
Nebraska	53870	185346 (864)	1868 (6)	95369	963	2.81%
Alaska	52351	52605 (212)	254 (1)	69635	344	2.75%
Utah	52129	330469 (2089)	1547 (30)	103080	483	3.91%
Louisiana	49851	378318 (3736)	8442 (59)	81380	1816	4.54%
Tennessee	49655	697783 (3492)	8684 (128)	102177	1272	3.91%
Mississippi	45680	259117 (2290)	5668 (30)	87065	1904	5.12%
Iowa	33991	310440 (1653)	4445 (51)	98142	1409	2.54%
Oklahoma	32771	363046 (2686)	3140 (55)	91748	794	5.11%
West Virginia	25737	112617 (940)	1849 (13)	62839	1032	6.57%
Hawaii	24622	24949 (112)	327 (3)	17473	232	3.35%
Maine	22974	35638 (675)	536 (6)	26512	399	10.33%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Arkansas	20648	279220 (3106)	4496 (55)	92524	1490	5.27%
Puerto Rico	13236	88728 (215)	1732 (15)	44896	511	4.41%
Minnesota	10961	450762 (1270)	6079 (32)	79928	1078	1.96%
District of Columbia	9497	34612 (209)	864 (1)	49043	1224	5.18%
New Hampshire	6204	60294 (857)	962 (12)	44343	708	9.15%

## 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
Montana	4841	90649 (394)	1100 (6)	84816	1029	2.80%
South Dakota	4089	106400 (337)	1673 (6)	120262	1891	1.77%
Vermont	3329	10580 (109)	168 (3)	16955	269	9.52%
Wyoming	1910	50424 (300)	550 (0)	87124	950	3.42%
North Dakota	1146	96369 (147)	1422 (13)	126460	1837	1.03%

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