

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

December 23, 2020

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Israel is heading to elections again in March as the Knesset failed to pass a key budget measure.

US life expectancy could fall by 2-3 years in 2020.

France has reopened its borders with the UK to travelers and truck drivers who test negative for Covid-19.

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# Global

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**Tuesday set another record coronavirus death toll, with 14,459 fatalities across the globe. Confirmed infections surpassed 78 million.**

- BioNTech's CEO said the **new strain of COVID-19** could complicate reaching herd immunity, as a more contagious variant means a higher percentage of the population may need to be immunized.
- A new study found that **pulse oximeters** can return faulty information in over 10 percent of patients with dark skin.
- The Committee to Protect Journalists found that Mexico saw the most **journalists killed** this year in retaliation for their work, followed by Afghanistan and the Philippines.
- A coronavirus vaccine candidate developed by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) was found to be safe and triggered immune responses in early and mid-stage trials, per researchers. CAS plans to recruit 29,000 people across China, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Ecuador for **stage three trials**.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**An AstraZeneca spokesperson said its vaccine should be effective against the new strain of the coronavirus.**

- Dr. Fauci publicly received Moderna's vaccine. Pfizer is reportedly near a deal to provide tens of millions additional vaccine doses to the **US**.
- **Mexico** expects its first shipment of Pfizer's vaccine today.
- **Brazil's** Ministry of Health expects 150 million vaccine doses to be available in H1 2021.
- **Dubai** will start inoculating people with the COVID-19 vaccine produced by Pfizer and BioNTech for free from Wednesday.

# Markets

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## The US Securities Exchange Commission approved a new type of NYSE direct listing which provides an alternative to the traditional IPO.

- **European shares** gained for a second day on Wednesday, extending a recovery from a sharp sell-off at the start of the week.
- **Asian equity markets** moved cautiously higher on Wednesday.
- **US stocks** closed mixed Tuesday as Congressional approval of a \$900 billion stimulus package met with muted enthusiasm.
- A US Treasury Department-led report called for policymakers to make major changes protecting **money market funds** from investor runs.
- **Sterling** pushed higher against the dollar on Wednesday as traders placed bets on the UK reaching a post-Brexit trade deal with the EU.

# Business

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**US companies are dumping record volumes of office space on to the sublease market, flashing a potential warning sign over the long-term health of the office properties that comprise the biggest chunk of US real estate.**

- The US Department of Justice is suing **Walmart** for its alleged role in the opioid crisis.
- **US Postal Service** is struggling with a surge in online holiday orders.
- **IAC/InterActive Corp** will spin off **Vimeo** into an independent public company.
- The US COVID-19 stimulus package contained \$1.9 billion in funds for **US telecoms carriers** to remove and replace **Huawei and ZTE networks**.
- Two US Republican Senators urged the Trump Administration to further tighten restrictions on **China's SMIC**.
- **Formula One** is in “active” talks with US internet giant Amazon over streaming deals to screen its Grand Prix races.
- French cosmetics maker **L’Oreal** has signed an agreement to buy Japanese skincare company **Takami**.
- **Apple Inc.** is removing thousands of videogame apps from its platform in China as the government clamps down harder on such content, illustrating the tech giant’s vulnerability to state pressure on its business.

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# Africa

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- Scientists announced that the new coronavirus variant has been found in **Nigeria**; Nigerian officials advised state governments to close all bars and restaurants and cut capacity for gatherings.
- **Swaziland** police used teargas to break up large groups of people violating coronavirus restrictions in multiple cities.
- The **Central African Republic's** fourth-largest town, which was seized by rebels on Tuesday ahead of elections this weekend, is in the hands of United Nations peacekeepers and national security forces, the UN said.



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# Asia

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- **Taiwan** identified its first local infection of the coronavirus since April, ending a global record for the longest stretch without community transmission.
- **Indonesia's** President Widodo announced a major cabinet reshuffling that will replace six ministers, including the health minister.
- *South China Morning Post* reported that Beijing is considering an overhaul of **Hong Kong's** Election Committee that would quash opposition influence.
- **India's** Prime Minister Modi and **Vietnam's** Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan discussed issues related to defense and the South China Sea during a virtual summit.
- The political head of **Tibetans** in exile welcomed legislation passed by the **US** Congress that reaffirms the rights of Tibetans to choose a successor to their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, a move that infuriated **China**.



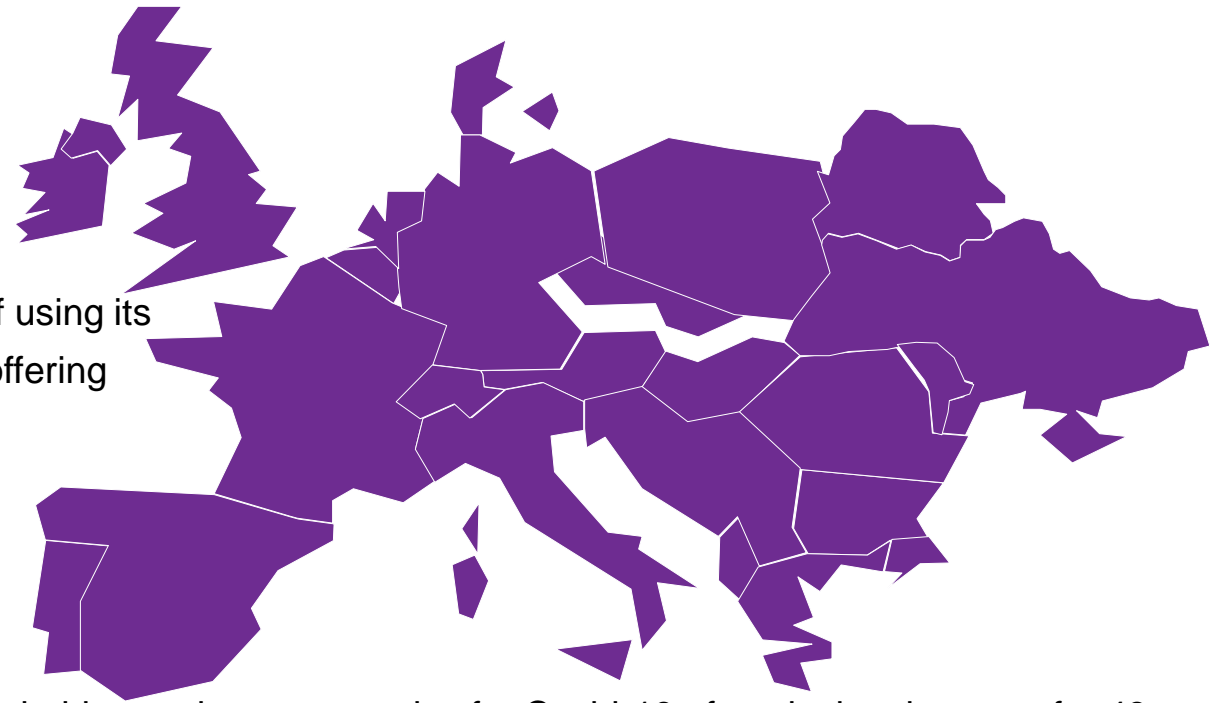
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# Europe

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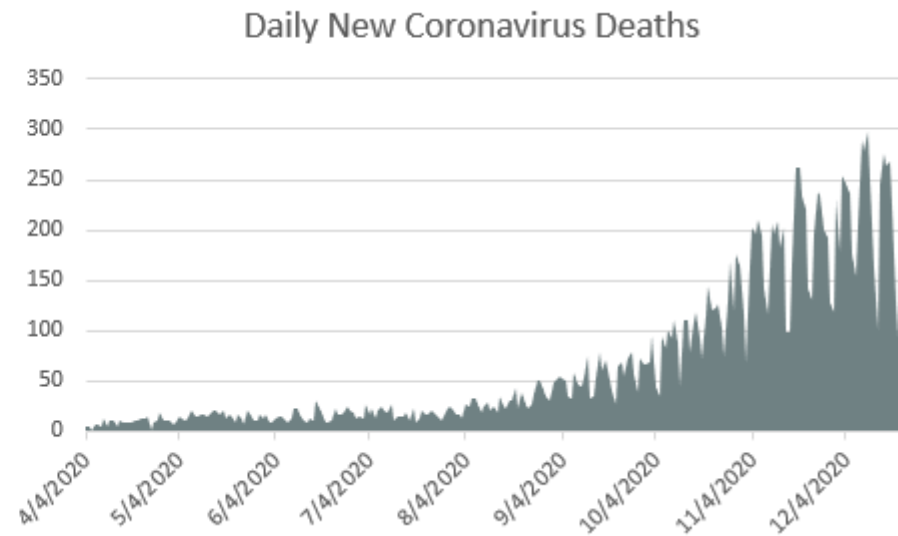
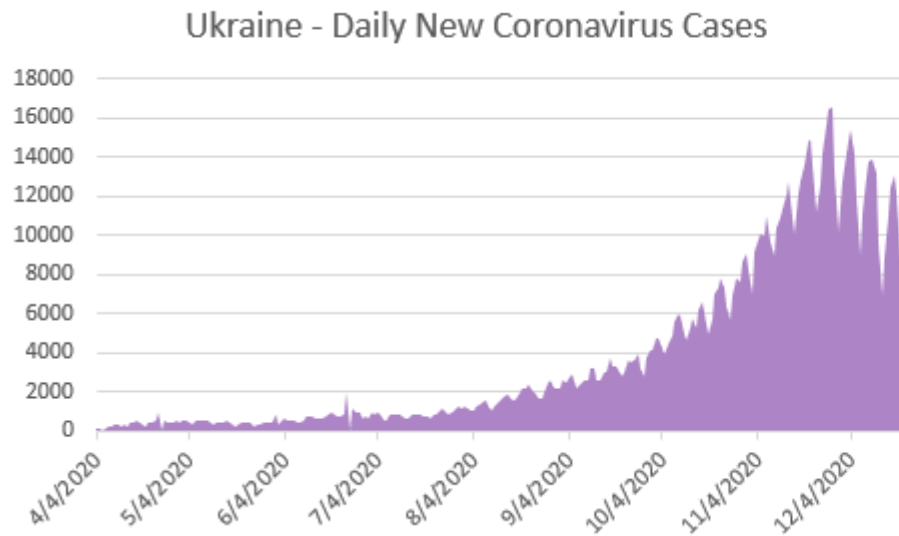
- **European** tech executives and diplomats are accusing the **US** of using its sanctions regime to shut them out of the **Chinese** market while offering exemptions for American companies.
- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson and **EU** Ursula von der Leyen have begun a phase of “*hotline*” talk, hoping to settle a **Brexit** trade deal by tonight.
- **France** has reopened its borders with the UK to travelers and truck drivers who test negative for Covid-19 after closing the route for 48 hours to prepare measures against a new strain of the virus in **England**. A proposed French bill would allow the prime minister to prevent those refusing vaccinations from accessing public transportation or other public spaces. **Ireland** extended a ban on travel from Britain amid a continued surge in infections. **Ukraine** became the 16th country to surpass 1 million confirmed coronavirus infections.
- Following opposition activist Navalny’s recent leaked phone call, **Russia** passed a law criminalizing revealing any personal data about members of the security service. Russian President Putin signed a bill granting former presidents lifetime immunity.
- The **European** Court of Human Rights order **Turkey** to release jailed Kurdish politician Selahattin Demirtas.
- Opposition supporters set up a protest camp outside of **Armenia’s** government headquarters.



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# Europe

Yesterday, Ukraine surpassed 1 million confirmed coronavirus infections. New cases are on the decline, but remain very high, averaging over 10,000 daily for the last seven days. Last week, the Kyiv moved forward plans for a national lockdown, originally scheduled to begin in January. The government expects to start administering the Pfizer vaccine in February. Ukraine is also moving forward with the development of its own vaccine, planning to start clinical trials shortly, according to the health ministry.



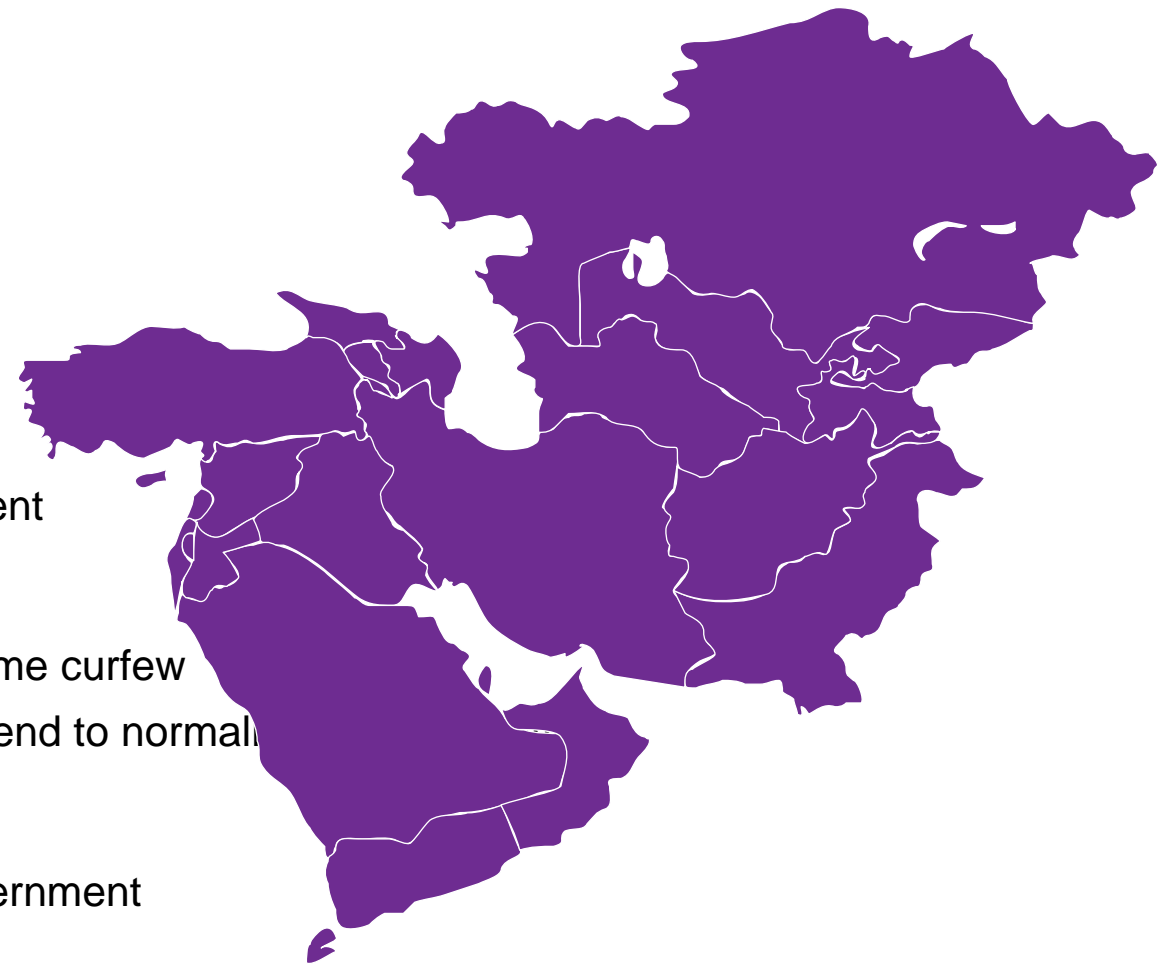
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# Middle East

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- The **Israeli** parliament failed to pass a budget resolution, prompting the country's fourth election in two years.
- The **US** expanded sanctions on **Syria's** leadership to President Bashar al-Assad's wife and her family.
- **Tunisia** will ban New Year celebrations and extend its nighttime curfew to curb coronavirus transmission. Tunisia said it does not intend to normalize relations with **Israel**.
- **Lebanese** PM-designate Hariri promised to announce a government formation before Christmas.
- **Qatar's** foreign minister called for de-escalation of tensions in the **Gulf** and for dialogue between Arab countries and **Iran**.
- The **US** FBI concluded that **Iran** was behind an online effort to incite violence against officials defending US election results.



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# Americas

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- **Mexico** decided against halting flights from the UK. Mexican investigators filed money-laundering complaints against five religious groups.
- International groups and countries condemned a new **Nicaraguan** law that allows for effectively banning opposition candidates.
- **Colombia's** President Duque said undocumented **Venezuelan** migrants will not be given free vaccines.
- Rio de Janeiro police arrested outgoing Mayor Crivella for an alleged kickbacks scheme in **Brazil**.
- **Canada and Britain** said they have reached a short-term deal to ensure post-Brexit free trade as they work on a broader bilateral deal. Canada rejected Shandong Gold Mining's bid for indebted TMAC Resources, amid concerns about a **Chinese** state-owned entity operating in the country's sensitive Arctic region.
- **Russia's** Foreign Ministry declared two **Colombian** diplomats *personae non gratae* in a tit-for-tat move after the expulsion of two Russians diplomats from the South American country for espionage.
- **Venezuela** has resumed direct shipments of oil to **China** disregarding US sanctions.



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# Americas: US



- President Trump threatened not to sign a \$892 billion **coronavirus relief bill**, saying it should be amended to remove certain items and increase the stimulus checks to \$2,000. **US existing home sales** fell in November for the first time in six months; **US consumer confidence** fell to its lowest level since August.
- **Hospitalizations** surpass 115,000; ICU capacity has hit critical levels in parts of Southern California. Americans again were warned not to **travel for Christmas**. **Life expectancy** in the US could fall in 2020 by the largest amount since WWII, with COVID-19 the third-leading cause of death. The CDC acknowledged that the **new UK coronavirus variant** may already be present in the US. A study by Lending Tree found that Americans are again **stocking up** on lockdown essentials including food, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies.
- **Indiana, Wisconsin, Mississippi and West Virginia** reported their highest daily death tolls yet on Tuesday, **South Carolina** Gov. McMaster tested positive for the coronavirus.
- A poll from Yale School of Management found that 31 percent of Americans would rather resign than accept an **employer-mandated COVID-19 vaccine**, with the highest opposition found among Republican, Black, and Hispanic workers.
- **President-elect Biden** called on President Trump to officially attribute the SolarWinds hack to **Russia**. Biden tapped longtime staffer Bruce Reed as Deputy Chief of Staff and is expected to name Connecticut Education Commissioner Miguel Cardona as education secretary. Biden's NSA Jake Sullivan voiced concern over **China's** planned investment deal with the EU.
- In the sweeping act of **clemency** three days before Christmas, President Trump gave pardons to 20 people, including two Republican former members of Congress and two people convicted of crimes in connection with Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

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# Science Under the Scope: COVID-19 Spread in the Workplace

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***As these orders were lifted people began returning to work and the World Health Organization (WHO) released guidelines for maintaining a safe work environment. Despite the WHO guidelines, and efforts by many employers to prevent the spread, workplaces have become a primary cause of COVID-19 clusters.***

In March, most of the world implemented lockdowns or shelter-in-place orders that instructed citizens to stay in their homes. The length of time these orders stayed in place varied by country and even sometimes by county or city. As these orders were lifted people began returning to work and the World Health Organization (WHO) released guidelines for maintaining a safe work environment. The WHO guidelines suggested that employers should make sure that workplaces are clean and hygienic, that employees practice good hand-washing, hygiene, and cough etiquette, and that everyone wears masks.<sup>1</sup> WHO also provided additional guidance for preventing spread during in-person meetings, which included developing a preparedness plan in case an individual gets sick during or after the meeting.<sup>2</sup>

Despite the WHO guidelines, and efforts by many employers to prevent the spread, workplaces have become a primary cause of COVID-19 clusters. In the United Kingdom, there were 8,666

notifications of workplace infection between April 10 and August 8, 2020<sup>3</sup> and every week this fall the UK continues to experience new workplace clusters.<sup>4</sup> It has been argued that there are three possible reasons for continued workplace outbreaks in the UK. The first is that the control measures put forth in government guidance are either inadequate or wrong.<sup>5</sup> The second is employer working practices are poor and do not meet the guidelines provided. The third possibility is that monitoring and enforcement by public health officials is deficient.<sup>6</sup> It has also been noted that some workplace outbreaks could be the result of a combination of all three issues and the Directors of Public Health in the UK do not have the power to shut down workplaces when they are not complying with COVID-19 precautions.

The UK is not the only country experiencing workplace outbreaks, however. Both South Korea and the United States have documented numerous outbreaks stemming from workplaces.<sup>7</sup> By May 15,

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2020, there were more than 11,000 cases of COVID-19 reported in South Korea and 15.7 percent of them occurred in workplaces. Upon the discovery of a high rate of workplace outbreaks, South Korea implemented social distancing, flexible work schedules, and early infection identification procedures, which has been attributed to lower the number of workplace outbreaks in the country.<sup>8</sup>

In the United States, workplace outbreaks have been a continuing problem. As of June 5, 2020, the State of Utah had reported 277 total outbreaks, 210 of which were workplace outbreaks.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, more than half of these outbreaks occurred in just three sectors: manufacturing, construction, and wholesale trade.<sup>10</sup> The high rate of outbreaks in these sectors could indicate a deficiency in COVID-19 precautions. King County, Washington, the county in which Seattle is located, has also reported that workplace outbreaks are a primary source of COVID-19 cases. The workplace outbreaks in King County have disproportionately impacted Hispanic/Latino workers and 29 percent of the county's overall cases have been reported among essential workers.<sup>11</sup>

A study conducted by researchers at the University of Arizona demonstrates why workplaces have so commonly been the source of

COVID-19 outbreaks. The study argues that offices are shared spaces with high touch areas, which allows for a greater concentration of microbes on both surfaces and in the air.<sup>12</sup> The researchers also used a harmless microbe placed on a single office doorknob to measure spread around the office.<sup>13</sup> They found that within 2-4 hours the microbe was detected on 40-60 percent of the workers in the office. Lastly, a 2019 study of workers in the UK found that only 61 percent of UK office workers wash their hands properly.<sup>14</sup>

While workplaces have been a primary driver of COVID-19, some scholars argue that these outbreaks can be reduced through continuous testing.<sup>15</sup> Such testing would allow infected people to be identified and isolated quickly. These early actions could prevent workplace outbreaks and help make workplaces safer from COVID-19.

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# Charts in Focus: Europe

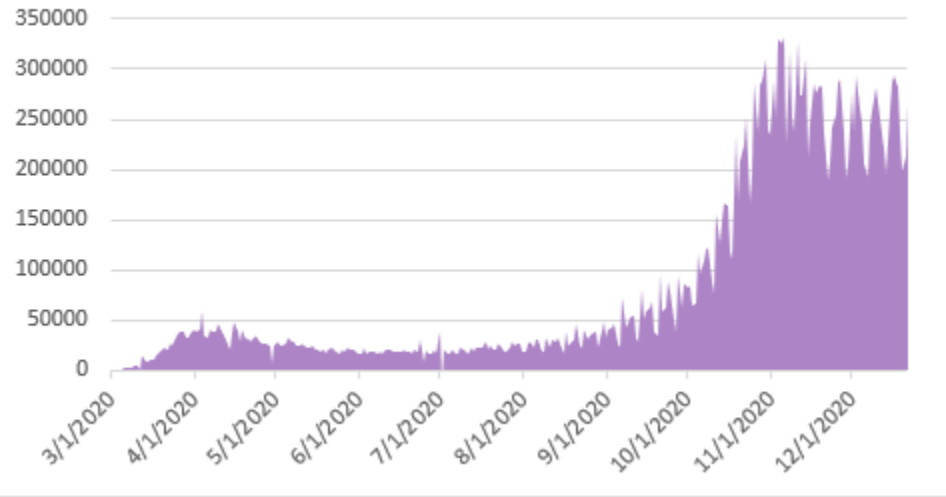
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*Europe's targeted fall lockdowns frequently cited a common goal: to "save" Christmas, flattening outbreak curves by the holidays. However, with Christmas around the corner, Europe faces unforeseen headwinds. The new, more contagious strain of the coronavirus spreading in southern Britain has sparked a return of virus fears and restrictions, cutting off the UK just as it faces a full Brexit departure from the EU within days. Along with the UK, Germany is approaching Christmas in lockdown, following an unexpected case rise in a country that has generally handled the pandemic better than other large European nations. Meanwhile, other countries including Italy and Austria will implement targeted lockdown measures over the Christmas and New Year holidays. Though the European Medicines Agency issued its first emergency approval for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine this week, the region faces a grim outlook in coming weeks.*

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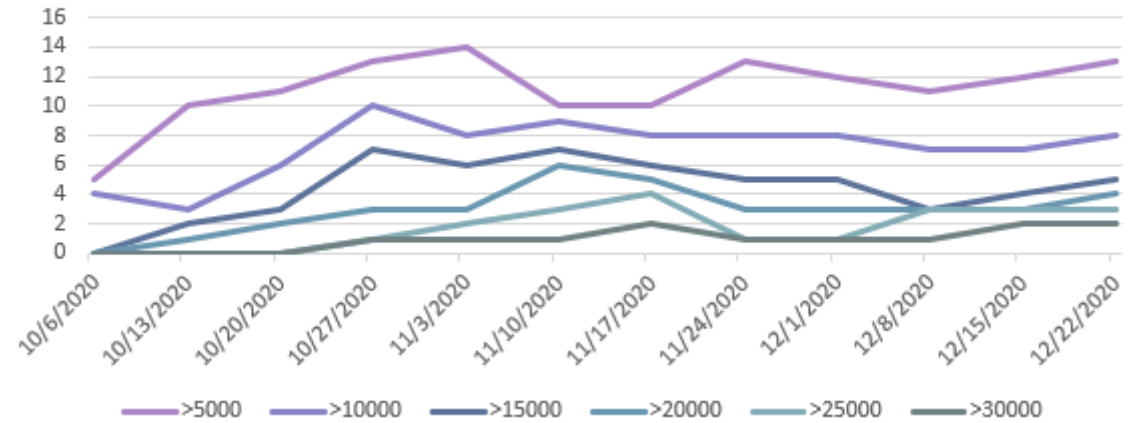
# Charts in Focus: Europe

### Europe - Daily New Coronavirus Infections



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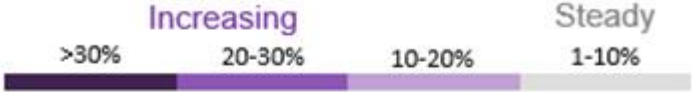
### European Countries Reporting Daily New Cases of Coronavirus over 5,000 in October 6 - December 22



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**Change in COVID-19 cases - Past Week**  
 % change of 7-day average of cases from Dec. 18- 23



Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 18-23
Latvia	18.14%
Estonia	17.51%
Denmark	17.18%
Lithuania	17.11%
Liechtenstein	13.53%
Slovakia	12.69%
Sweden	12.43%
Netherlands	11.55%
Germany	11.42%
UK	10.55%
Monaco	10.32%
Serbia	9.93%
Croatia	8.92%
San Marino	8.92%
Slovenia	8.83%
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Belarus	7.45%
Ukraine	7.29%
Albania	7.09%
Switzerland	7.04%
Norway	6.85%

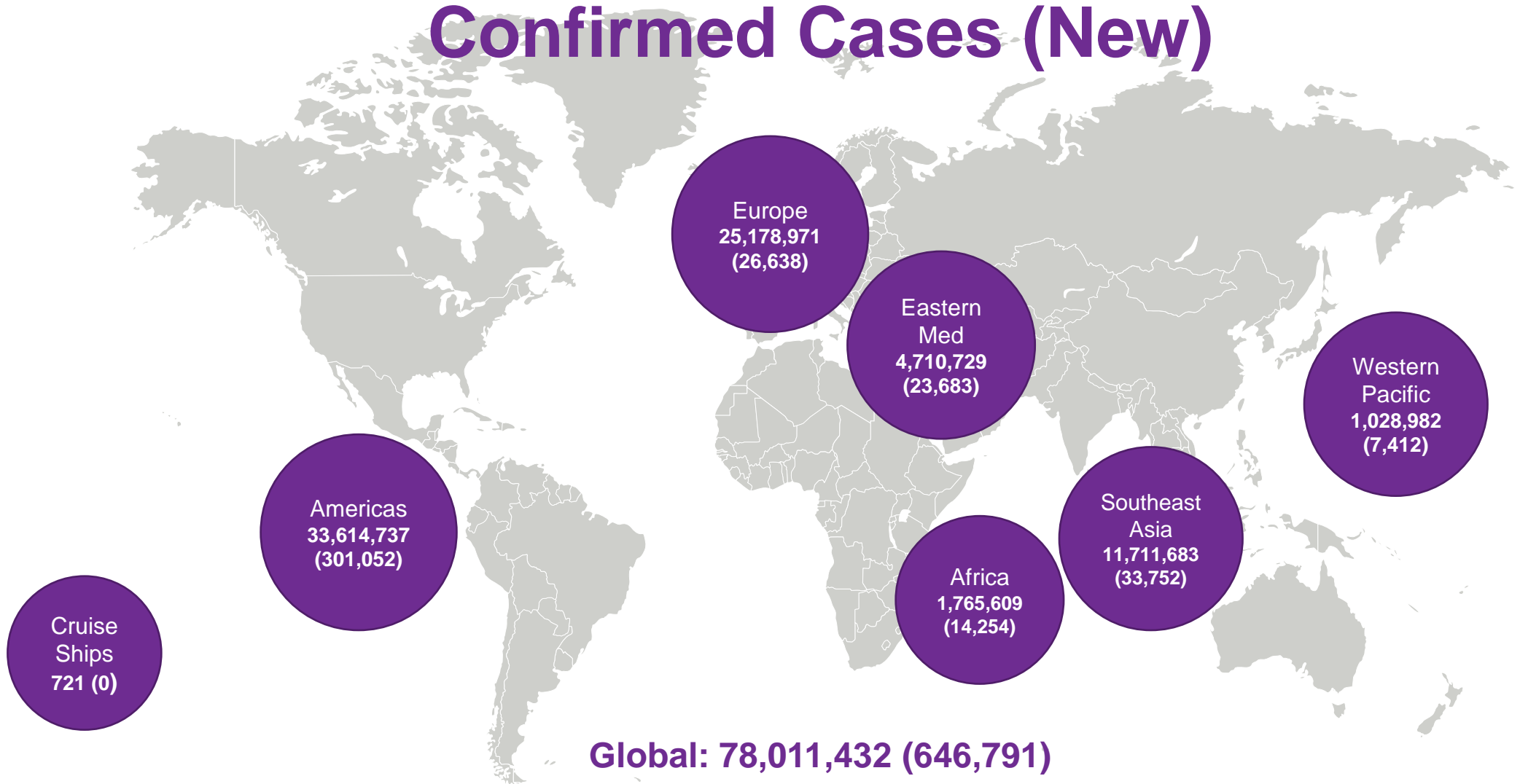
Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 18-23
Russia	6.79%
Hungary	6.73%
Finland	6.70%
Portugal	6.62%
Moldova	6.04%
Luxembourg	5.71%
N. Macedonia	5.63%
Poland	5.52%
Romania	5.52%
Ireland	5.48%
Italy	5.40%
Montenegro	5.37%
Bulgaria	5.14%
Greece	4.57%
Bosnia	4.35%
Austria	4.25%
Kosovo	4.00%
France	3.96%
Spain	3.70%
Andorra	3.29%
Belgium	2.81%

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on December 22

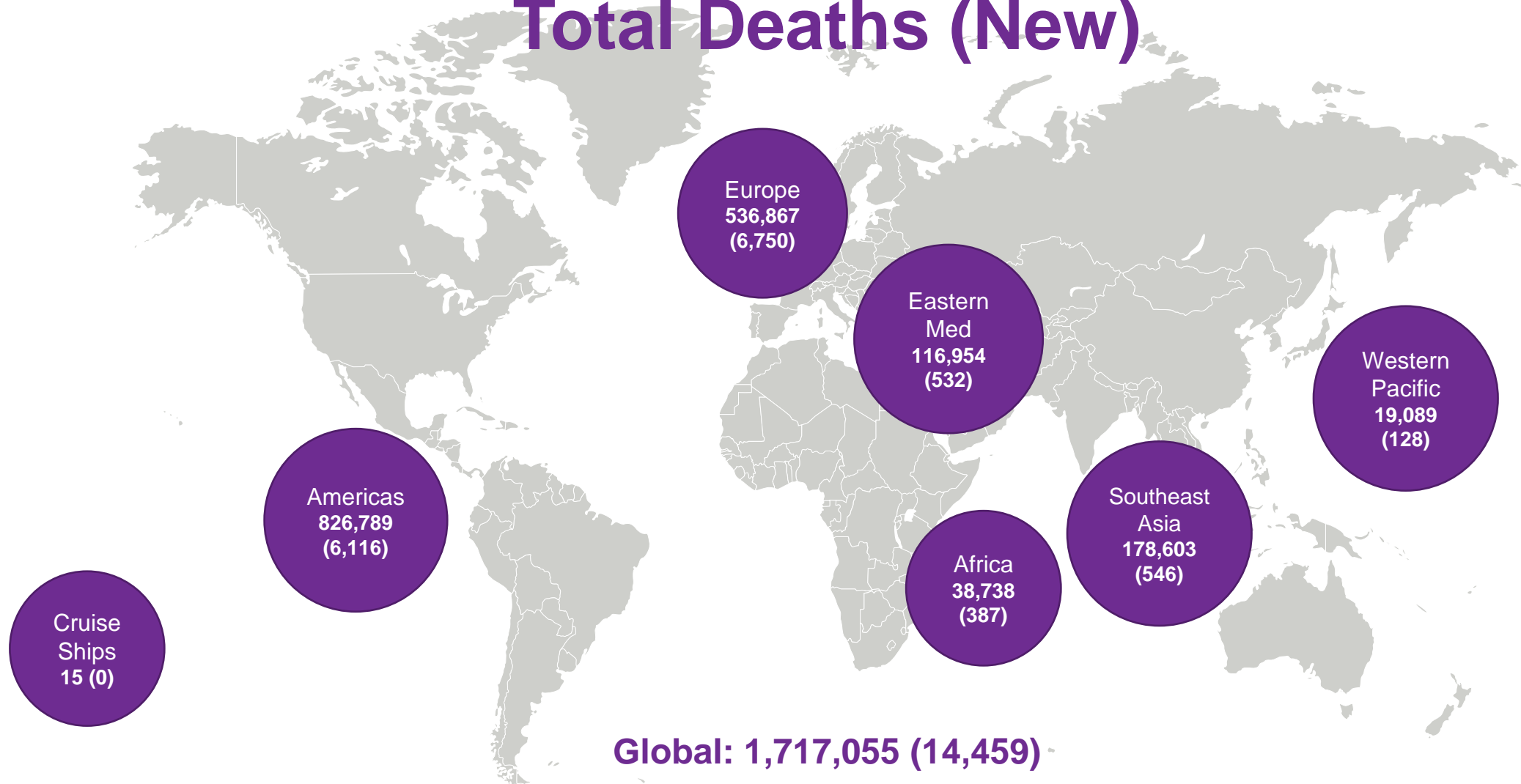
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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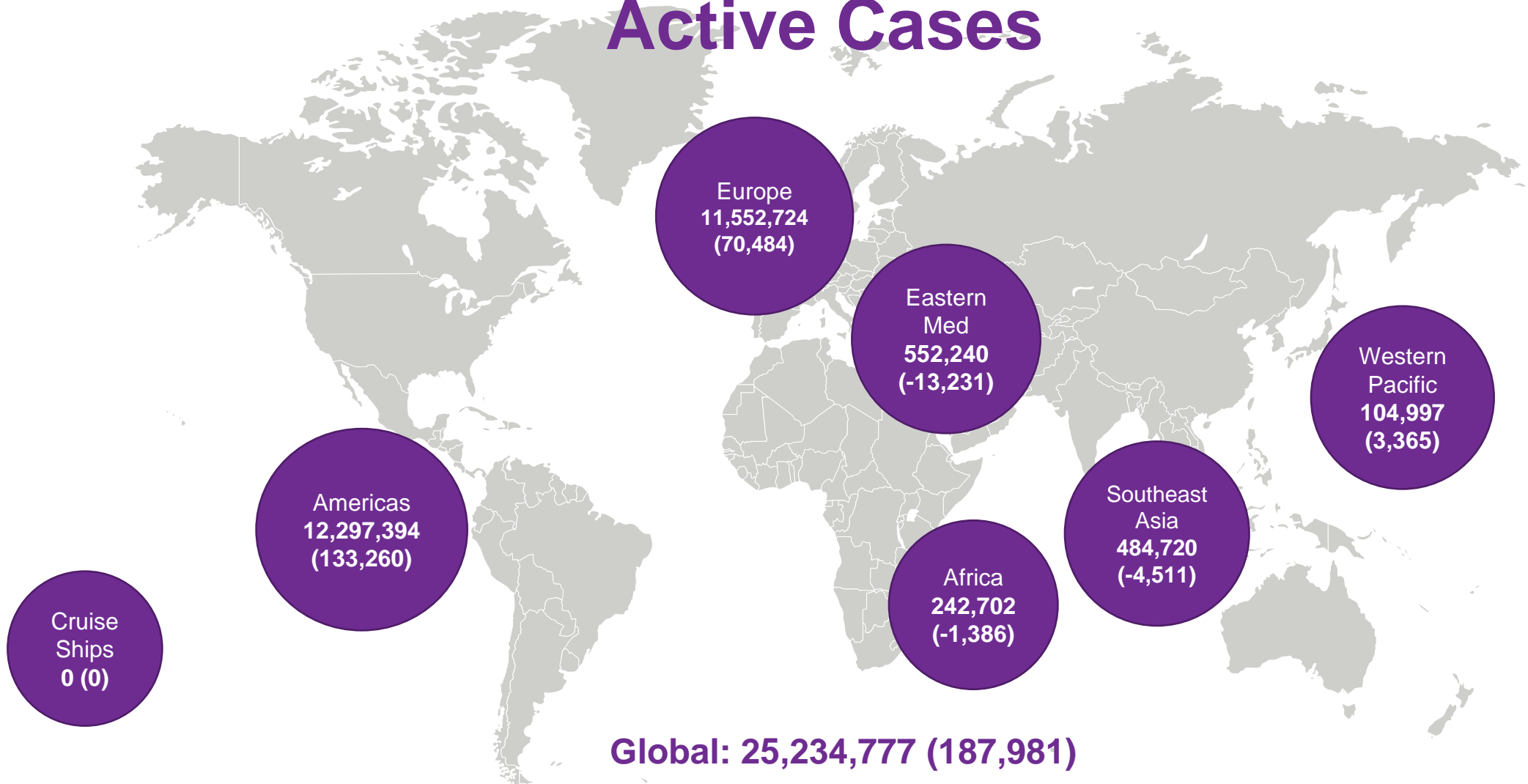
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	10834667	18151042 (193930)	321228 (3391)	56291	997	8.30%
France	2265010	2488889 (11634)	61339 (802)	38121	944	3.96%
UK	2043448	2114794 (36889)	68390 (691)	31008	1004	10.55%
Spain	1630007	1829903 (10654)	49520 (260)	39318	1059	3.70%
Netherlands	700050	710683 (9810)	10633 (114)	41432	620	11.55%
Brazil	629221	7318821 (55202)	188259 (968)	34321	883	4.77%
Belgium	610288	629109 (2198)	18821 (124)	53980	1610	2.81%
Italy	605955	1977370 (13316)	69842 (628)	32728	1156	5.40%
Russia	529819	2878382 (28340)	51274 (551)	19912	356	6.79%
Sweden	381272	389439 (22319)	8167 (174)	39099	815	12.43%
Germany	370831	1570371 (36153)	28096 (986)	18551	337	11.42%
Ukraine	367573	1007627 (8949)	17535 (242)	22462	387	7.29%
Serbia	305045	307827 (4080)	2782 (49)	35299	319	9.93%
India	289240	10099066 (23950)	146444 (333)	7284	106	1.65%

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

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Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Poland	234470	1214525 (7192)	25783 (309)	32108	682	5.52%
Mexico	222629	1338426 (12511)	119495 (897)	10233	915	5.32%
Iran	212742	1170743 (6208)	54003 (187)	13854	639	4.04%
Hungary	189230	306368 (1238)	8462 (180)	31753	877	6.73%
Turkey	177543	2062960 (19256)	18602 (251)	24336	219	7.97%
Argentina	133299	1555279 (8141)	42254 (257)	34262	931	2.90%
South Africa	106725	940212 (9501)	25246 (339)	15759	423	7.08%
Indonesia	105146	678125 (6347)	20257 (172)	2467	74	7.18%
Greece	105016	132430 (833)	4340 (83)	12735	417	4.57%
Switzerland	99842	418266 (4275)	6924 (143)	48161	797	7.04%
Colombia	95288	1530593 (12526)	40931 (251)	29929	800	5.62%
Czechia	83840	635414 (7891)	10562 (151)	59289	990	7.74%
Bulgaria	82302	194271 (1799)	6879 (114)	28061	994	5.14%
Romania	75177	598792 (5009)	14636 (155)	31226	763	5.52%

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Portugal	67577	378656 (2436)	6254 (63)	37187	614	6.62%
Lithuania	61068	116358 (1871)	1093 (54)	43033	404	17.11%
Honduras	60096	117588 (398)	3046 (12)	11743	304	2.25%
Azerbaijan	56384	205877 (2284)	2294 (41)	20218	225	10.99%
Ireland	55693	81228 (961)	2171 (13)	16363	437	5.48%
Bangladesh	54243	503501 (1318)	7329 (17)	3043	44	1.85%
Iraq	49434	586503 (1158)	12725 (15)	14429	313	1.56%
Lebanon	44544	160979 (1693)	1311 (17)	23636	192	7.52%
Denmark	43172	140175 (2543)	1070 (17)	24160	184	17.18%
Slovakia	43035	155218 (2663)	1618 (0)	28423	296	12.69%
Pakistan	37905	462814 (2142)	9557 (83)	2067	43	3.64%
Panama	37142	217202 (3164)	3632 (35)	49967	836	9.31%
Dominican Republic	33817	161930 (878)	2398 (13)	14856	220	3.79%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Japan	31669	203732 (2658)	2877 (44)	1589	23	9.32%
Costa Rica	31135	160804 (911)	2051 (14)	31430	401	4.17%
Morocco	30693	420648 (2646)	7030 (30)	11333	189	4.05%
Bosnia	30597	106986 (764)	3792 (86)	32707	1159	4.35%
Algeria	29362	96069 (410)	2687 (12)	2172	61	3.13%
Libya	28245	95706 (506)	1385 (16)	13839	200	3.85%
Israel	28164	382487 (4228)	3136 (25)	41586	341	5.71%
Austria	27091	342226 (1853)	5540 (105)	37895	613	4.25%
Jordan	27009	279892 (2444)	3627 (23)	27303	354	5.31%
Norway	26529	44932 (596)	405 (0)	8257	74	6.85%
Paraguay	25778	101544 (932)	2120 (17)	14154	296	6.10%
Peru	25120	998475 (958)	37173 (70)	30135	1121	1.24%
Kazakhstan	24876	193503 (924)	2677 (51)	7836	116	2.90%
Philippines	24375	462815 (1310)	9021 (64)	4197	82	2.37%

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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
UAE	23785	195878 (1226)	642 (3)	19692	65	4.40%
Albania	23454	53814 (389)	1111 (13)	18710	386	7.09%
Tunisia	23323	123323 (1605)	4237 (38)	10383	357	8.18%
West Bank & Gaza	22953	125506 (1561)	1198 (29)	24336	232	9.64%
Georgia	21936	212526 (3064)	2182 (42)	53325	547	8.29%
Belarus	21126	177274 (1858)	1341 (8)	18763	142	7.45%
Uganda	21026	31910 (526)	238 (0)	687	5	11.73%
N Macedonia	20751	79190 (756)	2340 (26)	38011	1123	5.63%
Malaysia	17646	97389 (2062)	439 (1)	2991	13	11.06%
Myanmar	17643	117946 (964)	2484 (19)	2161	46	6.17%
Slovenia	17427	107805 (1511)	2418 (39)	51852	1163	8.83%
Armenia	17343	154602 (537)	2673 (17)	52127	901	3.55%
Kenya	16899	94768 (154)	1647 (3)	1744	30	2.44%
Cyprus	15851	18004 (0)	96 (0)	14860	79	12.30%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Croatia	15115	197323 (1595)	3328 (71)	48209	813	8.92%
South Korea	15085	52550 (1090)	739 (17)	1003	14	13.53%
Ethiopia	13956	120638 (290)	1864 (3)	1037	16	2.57%
Bolivia	13467	151059 (674)	9052 (9)	12800	770	2.21%
Chile	13127	589189 (1196)	16217 (20)	30696	845	2.35%
Moldova	12726	136931 (1021)	2803 (26)	33982	696	6.04%
Egypt	12331	127061 (788)	7167 (37)	1231	69	3.50%
French Polynesia	11462	16410 (65)	106 (0)	58257	376	3.29%
Kosovo	11132	49169 (0)	1262 (0)			4.00%
Puerto Rico	11063	69912 (1063)	1391 (9)	35638	411	9.29%
Ecuador	10797	206364 (35)	13949 (0)	11613	785	1.94%
Finland	10706	33717 (303)	511 (5)	6081	92	6.70%
Latvia	10064	32339 (1004)	459 (16)	17237	245	18.14%
Nigeria	9679	79789 (999)	1231 (4)	383	6	7.09%

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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
Montenegro	8756	44542 (258)	637 (7)	70915	1014	5.37%
Sri Lanka	8576	38059 (428)	183 (2)	1774	9	10.35%
Afghanistan	8509	50190 (177)	2096 (14)	1299	54	2.47%
Sudan	8324	23316 (353)	1468 (18)	526	33	6.23%
Estonia	8065	22647 (564)	187 (6)	17065	141	17.51%
Nepal	7729	255236 (722)	1798 (3)	8686	61	1.98%
Luxembourg	7135	44809 (227)	453 (3)	71036	718	5.71%
Guatemala	6947	133601 (734)	4718 (30)	7393	261	2.63%
Oman	6708	128143 (212)	1490 (1)	24798	288	1.11%
Angola	6680	16802 (116)	393 (3)	504	12	2.62%
Guadeloupe	6160	8557 (0)	155 (0)	21462	385	0.69%
Martinique**	5494	5634 (0)	42 (0)	16125	112	0.59%
Venezuela**	5032	110828 (315)	997 (4)	3903	35	2.12%

## 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	4927	10442 (124)	630 (9)	590	36	9.48%
Kyrgyzstan	4794	79429 (175)	1335 (4)	12080	203	1.61%
Uruguay	4754	14001 (524)	120 (1)	4024	34	25.59%
Mauritania	3450	12745 (178)	290 (4)	2708	62	10.31%
Kuwait	3228	148507 (298)	923 (1)	34533	215	1.21%
El Salvador	3145	43772 (0)	1265 (8)	6732	195	3.75%
Namibia	3131	19629 (330)	181 (1)	7660	71	13.84%
Saudi Arabia	2971	361359 (181)	6139 (8)	10304	175	0.33%
CAR	2949	4936 (0)	63 (0)	1014	13	0.00%
Jamaica	2800	12354 (65)	288 (2)	4163	97	3.88%
Mayotte	2691	5708 (0)	53 (0)	20688	192	1.61%
Botswana	2437	13622 (0)	38 (0)	5738	16	5.50%
French Guiana	2367	12433 (64)	71 (0)	41345	235	4.65%
Mali	2182	6291 (59)	225 (0)	307	11	6.56%

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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
Uzbekistan	2108	76180 (132)	612 (0)	2261	18	1.23%
Zimbabwe	2059	12544 (122)	326 (4)	1014	20	8.15%
Qatar	1936	142308 (149)	243 (0)	50683	87	0.73%
Mozambique	1761	17767 (72)	150 (1)	561	5	4.08%
Congo (Kinshasa)	1704	15810 (141)	370 (0)	174	4	7.67%
Curacao	1635	4006 (32)	11 (0)	24365	67	7.66%
China	1630	95998 (82)	4773 (1)	60	3	0.75%
Bahrain	1618	90634 (184)	350 (0)	52417	202	1.31%
Australia	1611	28237 (18)	908 (0)	1101	35	0.63%
Thailand	1578	5716 (0)	60 (0)	82	1	25.45%
Malta	1553	11910 (108)	196 (2)	26939	443	5.10%
Cameroon	1550	25849 (0)	448 (0)	963	17	1.90%

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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
Nicaragua	1550	5938 (0)	163 (0)	891	24	0.86%
Burkina Faso	1507	5461 (160)	77 (1)	258	4	21.26%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1483	6571 (371)	100 (0)	1177	18	5.65%
Bahamas	1437	7772 (7)	169 (5)	19674	428	0.95%
Rwanda	1282	7511 (109)	66 (1)	573	5	9.04%
Belize	1229	10257 (112)	226 (2)	25576	564	7.27%
Niger	1206	2803 (79)	89 (2)	114	4	15.77%
Haiti	1129	9771 (8)	234 (0)	852	20	1.78%
Lesotho	1053	2546 (0)	48 (0)	1198	23	9.39%
Cuba**	1026	10384 (142)	139 (2)	917	12	7.67%

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# US Risk Assessment

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	1935269	1958508 (34621)	23239 (402)	49762	589	16.02%
Florida	1202261	1223015 (10434)	20754 (74)	56943	966	6.48%
Illinois	894637	911308 (6239)	16671 (144)	71916	1316	5.25%
New York	733856	866765 (9716)	36724 (156)	46615	1888	8.33%
Georgia	590054	600517 (9079)	10463 (64)	56560	985	7.75%
Arizona	390614	467215 (5870)	8125 (153)	64189	1116	9.17%
Missouri	374852	380153 (2205)	5301 (213)	64611	915	5.56%
New Jersey	370046	440366 (4603)	18326 (103)	50727	2078	7.03%
Texas	303203	1626614 (21623)	26117 (181)	56421	913	7.01%
Colorado	292518	313552 (2516)	4378 (0)	54448	759	6.43%
Virginia	281601	314481 (3591)	4705 (51)	36844	551	8.32%
Maryland	240750	255397 (2324)	5519 (48)	42245	913	6.28%
Washington	224756	227887 (1252)	3131 (25)	30356	430	10.01%
Pennsylvania	213944	576787 (7688)	14197 (307)	45085	1116	10.76%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kentucky	209785	247343 (3047)	2440 (28)	55363	546	7.89%
Michigan	207556	504629 (3514)	12342 (189)	50529	1236	5.24%
Nevada	204151	206974 (1090)	2823 (38)	67196	917	7.36%
Kansas	201434	208066 (282)	2448 (0)	71129	840	7.10%
Indiana	161839	471876 (3657)	7581 (143)	70092	1126	7.89%
Ohio	161210	637032 (7678)	8252 (130)	54498	706	9.05%
Connecticut	153457	168960 (1583)	5703 (27)	47390	1600	7.99%
Alabama	141734	329811 (4979)	4452 (63)	67265	908	8.57%
South Carolina	134334	278055 (2322)	4976 (14)	54005	966	7.46%
Massachusetts	112527	331174 (3800)	11804 (45)	48048	1713	9.97%
Oregon	97821	105073 (1318)	1382 (35)	24912	328	8.55%
Idaho	79860	132594 (1717)	1313 (12)	74197	735	6.47%
Tennessee	79754	534019 (4441)	6269 (133)	78197	918	11.45%
North Carolina	79123	488902 (5255)	6291 (51)	46615	600	8.65%

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# US Risk Assessment

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Rhode Island	74529	81187 (956)	1678 (8)	76638	1584	7.33%
New Mexico	73028	132075 (1267)	2203 (23)	62988	1051	7.21%
Wisconsin	70995	497380 (3027)	4879 (128)	79179	781	4.43%
Nebraska	61632	158324 (1221)	1521 (10)	81846	786	4.71%
Utah	56961	255085 (2302)	1173 (12)	79566	366	6.78%
Louisiana	51077	290960 (3699)	7158 (51)	62588	1540	6.42%
Iowa	47571	270294 (1558)	3652 (64)	85327	1158	4.45%
Mississippi	38532	197691 (2191)	4490 (79)	66425	1509	7.28%
Alaska	37104	44463 (440)	194 (10)	58781	264	5.86%
Oklahoma	35189	265620 (2186)	2240 (22)	67127	566	8.90%
Delaware	31900	51623 (567)	872 (1)	53014	895	8.68%
West Virginia	22864	74737 (1400)	1171 (42)	41702	653	12.08%
Arkansas	22004	205048 (1941)	3338 (43)	67946	1106	7.73%
Minnesota	19702	401011 (1700)	4955 (24)	71106	879	4.20%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Maine	8556	19743 (458)	303 (10)	14687	225	15.11%
Hawaii	8533	20773 (64)	282 (0)	14420	199	4.55%
Montana	7951	77947 (623)	895 (14)	72931	837	5.01%
South Dakota	7627	95509 (435)	1381 (0)	107961	1561	3.99%
District of Columbia	6881	26900 (160)	744 (2)	38116	1054	5.80%
New Hampshire	6485	38008 (620)	656 (0)	27953	482	14.37%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
North Dakota	2438	90452 (336)	1238 (5)	118695	1625	2.28%
Vermont	2186	6608 (74)	112 (1)	10590	179	10.37%
Wyoming	1878	42379 (261)	373 (22)	73224	644	5.46%

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