

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

February 5, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

In Israel, early data suggests that COVID-19 vaccines might have the potential to slow transmission of the virus.

US President Biden, in his first major foreign policy speech, promised a new era of US foreign policy.

The \$1.9 trillion relief package moved through the US Senate, a step closer to passage.

# Global

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**Confirmed coronavirus cases rose to 104.8 million with 2.28 million deaths, continuing the downward trend in daily new infections and deaths.**

- Nigeria's Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is a step closer to becoming director-general of the **WTO** after South Korea's candidate quit the race following months of uncertainty over the body's leadership.
- Egypt has been elected to chair the 15th session of the **UN Peacebuilding Commission** for the first time, succeeding Canada.

# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**Johnson & Johnson has filed an application seeking emergency use authorization for its COVID-19 vaccine with the US Food and Drug Administration, bringing the company one step closer to getting the first single-shot vaccine distributed in the US.**

- In Israel, cases of COVID-19 and hospitalizations have dropped dramatically among people who were vaccinated within just a few weeks, with early data suggests that the vaccines are working nearly as well in practice as they did in clinical trials and suggesting that vaccines might even have the **potential to slow transmission** of the virus.
- British researchers are to explore mixing doses of the **Pfizer and AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines** in a world first trial aimed at finding new ways to swiftly reduce coronavirus infections as new mutated variants emerge.
- The US FDA announced it is planning a **rapid review process** for quick turnaround of new COVID-19 booster shots if variants of the coronavirus emerge against which the vaccines do not provide protection.
- **Pfizer Inc** said on Friday it had withdrawn an application for emergency-use authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine in India, after failing to meet the drug regulator's demand for a local clinical trial.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

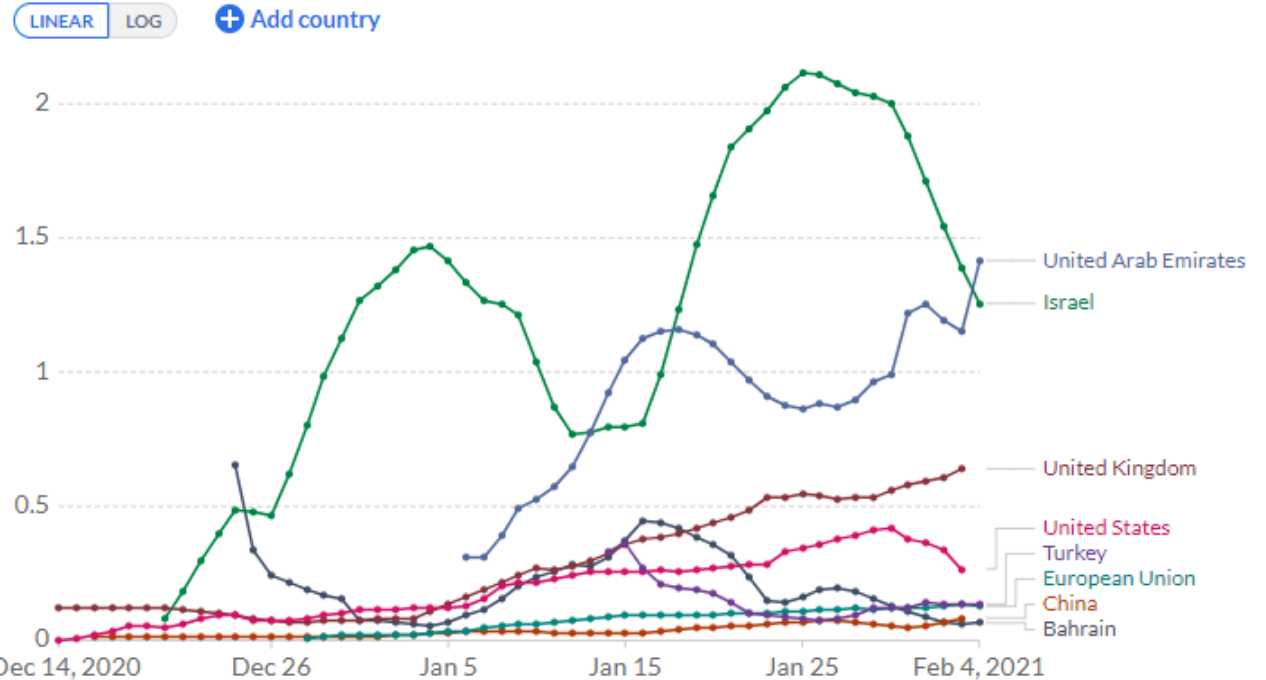
Globally, 119.48 million have received vaccinations.

Countries are facing headwinds in accelerating vaccinations due to supply disruptions and capacity shortages for delivery. Israel, despite the slowdown, has successfully inoculated almost 40 percent of its population.

## Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people

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

Our World in Data



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# Markets

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**European Union regulators may intervene after a surge in online share trading by retail investors since restrictions to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic were introduced, the bloc's securities watchdog said on Thursday.**

- **European stocks** rose on Friday, tracking an upbeat sentiment from Wall Street on hopes of a faster global economic recovery.
- **Asia-Pacific equities** gained on Friday, following on from record highs on Wall Street amid signs of improvement for the US labor market.
- **US stock futures** rose Friday, suggesting the S&P 500 is poised for its best week in three months, on investors' bets that a fresh coronavirus-relief spending package will bolster the economy.
- **Oil** hit its highest level in a year above \$59 a barrel on Friday supported by hopes of a quicker economic revival and supply curbs by OPEC and its allies.
- The **dollar** headed for its best weekly gain in three months, lifted by growing confidence that the US economic recovery will outpace global peers.
- A sell-off in 30-year **US Treasuries** has pushed the US yield curve — which shows the difference between short- and long-term government bond yields — to its steepest level in more than five years.

# Business

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## Australian farmers have warned that the country's trade dispute with China and supply chain disruptions linked to the coronavirus pandemic will cost the industry \$28 billion over the next decade.

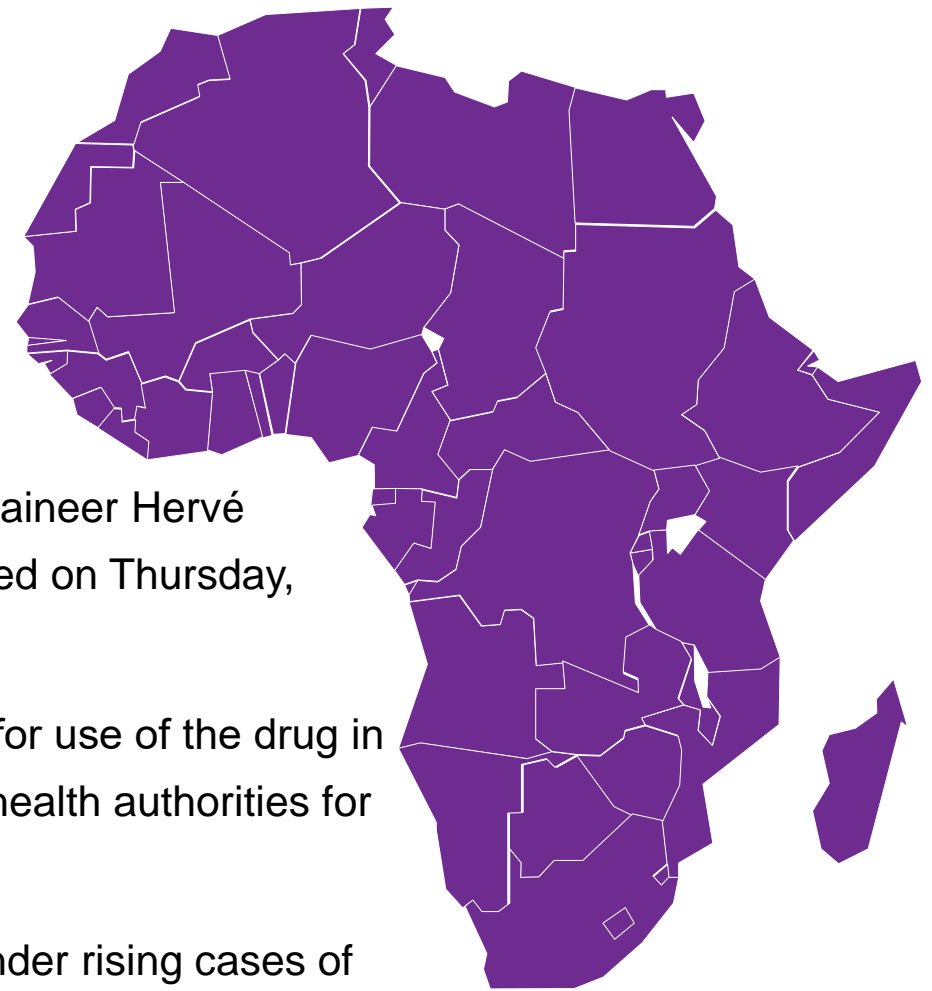
- South Korea unveiled a 48.5 trillion won (\$43.2 billion) plan to build the world's largest **wind power plant** by 2030 as part of efforts to foster an environmentally-friendly recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Luckin Coffee** has filed for bankruptcy protection in the US, less than a year after the China-based coffee chain said hundreds of millions of dollars of sales had been fabricated.
- **CVC Capital Partners** is in talks to buy a minority stake in the **San Antonio Spurs** at a roughly \$1.3 billion valuation, in a move that signals how private equity is poised to reshape the ownership structures of **National Basketball Association** franchises.
- **Kuaishou Technology** more than doubled in its Hong Kong stock market debut on Friday, becoming the fifth-largest listed company in the city, driven by massive demand from mom-and-pop investors for the Chinese online video service operator.
- **Gilead** generated almost \$2 billion in revenue from its COVID-19 drug in the fourth quarter, helping the US biotech's sales soar 26 per cent and beat expectations.

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# Africa

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- **Zimbabwe** will receive 200,000 free doses of China's Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine, President Mnangagwa announced.
- The trial of fourteen suspects in the 2014 beheading of French mountaineer Hervé Gourdel has been postponed until February 18, a court in **Algeria** ruled on Thursday, citing the main suspect's poor health.
- Ivermectin manufacturer Merck reported it found “*no scientific basis*” for use of the drug in treating COVID-19 patients, after it was approved by **South African** health authorities for cases “*deemed urgent.*”
- **Mozambique** imposed a curfew on the Maputo area as its buckles under rising cases of coronavirus; this is the first curfew since the civil war ended in 1992 and will last from February 5 to March 7.



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# Asia

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- A **US** warship sailed near the Chinese-controlled Paracel Islands in the disputed South China Sea on Friday in a freedom of navigation operation; **China** says it has irrefutable sovereignty and has accused Washington of deliberately stoking tension.
- The number of COVID-19 infections in Tokyo may have jumped by nine-fold since last summer, coronavirus antibody tests showed, as **Japan** tries to rein in the country's third and most lethal wave of the pandemic ahead of the Olympics in July. AstraZeneca filed for Japan's approval of COVID-19 vaccine, making it the second pharmaceutical firm to do so after Pfizer Inc.
- At least one in five of **India's** 1.4 billion people have been infected by the coronavirus, according to a recent study carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- **Myanmar** police arrested another key aide of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and media said at least 30 people had been detained over pot-banging protests against a military coup as shows of anger gathered pace on Friday. Teachers became the latest group to join a civil disobedience campaign with some lecturers refusing to work or cooperate with authorities.
- A panel of **South Korean** advisers has urged caution over the use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine for people older than 65, citing a lack of data.

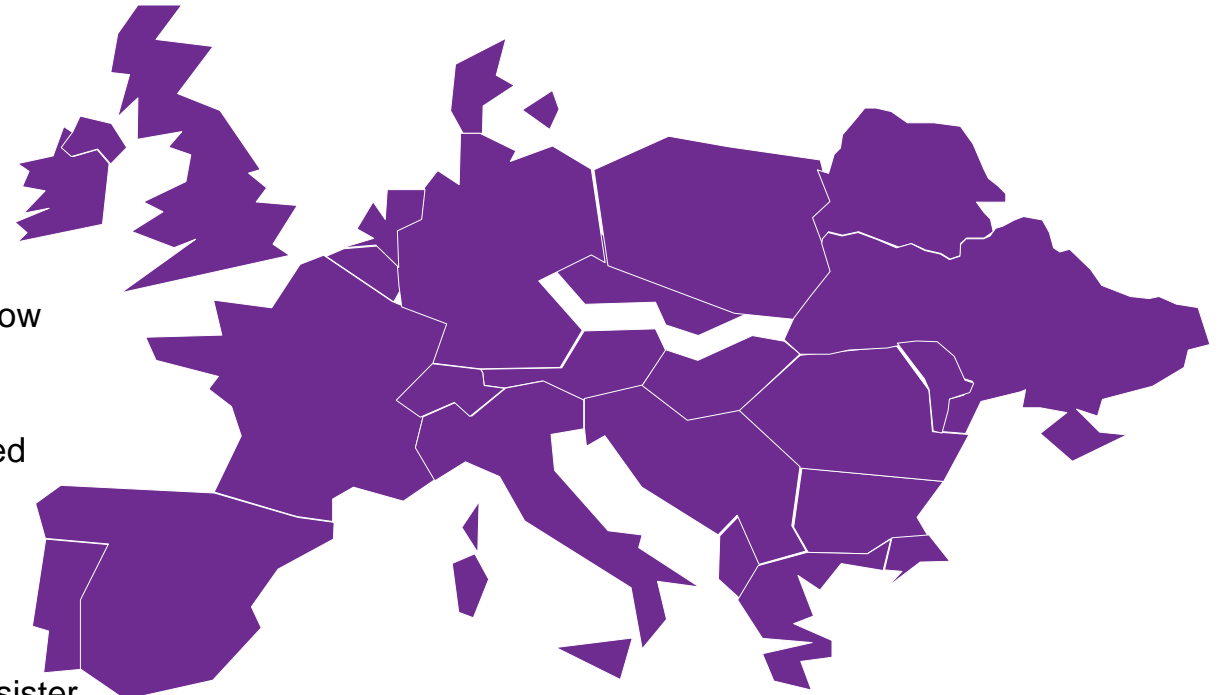


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# Europe

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- The **EU's** top diplomat told **Russian** authorities on Friday that their treatment of jailed opposition politician Alexei Navalny represented a low point in ties as Navalny appeared in court again over a slander case.
- **Turkey's** interior minister accused the US of being behind a 2016 failed coup prompting a curt and categorical denial, calling the remarks unfounded, irresponsible and inconsistent with Turkey's status as a NATO ally and strategic partner.
- **Britain** revoked the license of CGTN, the **Chinese** English-language sister channel of state broadcaster CCTV, after concluding that China's ruling Communist Party had ultimate editorial responsibility for the channel. In the past year the UK expelled three Chinese spies who were in the country on journalism visas, according to a report by *The Telegraph*.
- The **European Commission** is in talks to acquire doses of the US-based Novavax COVID-19 vaccine. **UK** COVID-19 daily cases have fallen 70 per cent to end-of-November levels, the drop attributed to the reimposition of the national lockdown. Britain will place travelers arriving from COVID-19 hot spots in quarantine in hotels from February 15. **Italy** surpassed 90,000 deaths and **Germany**, 60,000 deaths. **Poland's** hotels, cinemas and theatres will be able to reopen partly next week as the country becomes one of the first EU nations to ease the latest coronavirus-induced restrictions. **Northern Ireland** will give students a one-off cash payment of £500 in compensation for the disruption they have suffered during the pandemic.

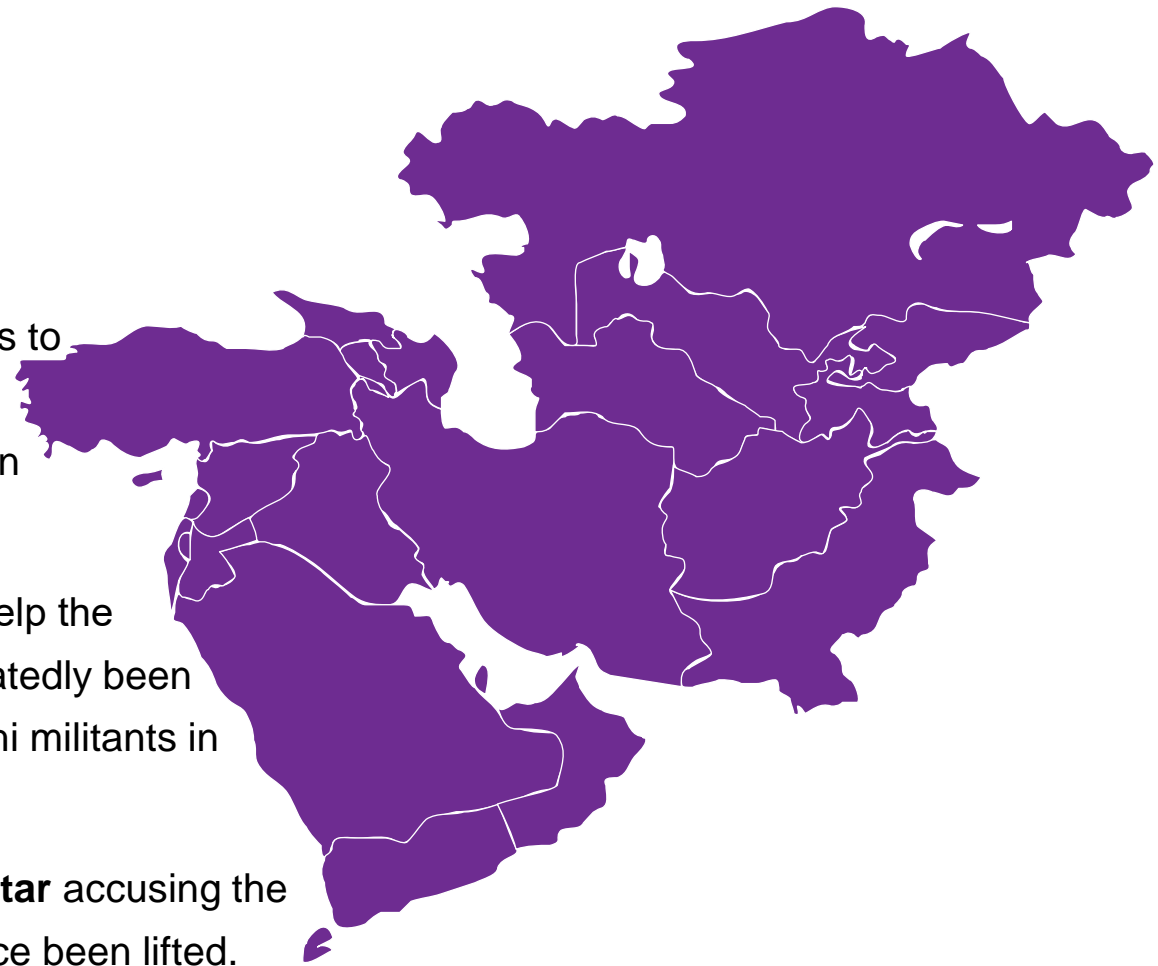


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# Middle East

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- **French** President Macron welcomed the renewed **US** willingness to engage with **Iran**, offering himself as an honest broker and that **Saudi Arabia and Israel** must ultimately be involved somehow in the process.
- **Saudi Arabia** welcomed **US** President Biden's commitment to help the Kingdom defend its people and territory. The Kingdom has repeatedly been the target of missiles and drones launched by Iran-backed Houthi militants in **Yemen**.
- The International Court of Justice rejected a case brought by **Qatar** accusing the **UAE** of discrimination during a blockade of Doha, which has since been lifted.
- Hundreds of **Europe**-bound migrants were intercepted in the Mediterranean Sea off Libya's coasts and taken into detention over the last 24 hours by the **Libyan** navy. The UN Security Council ordered the deployment of ceasefire monitors to war-torn Libya, with the approval of the warring parties.

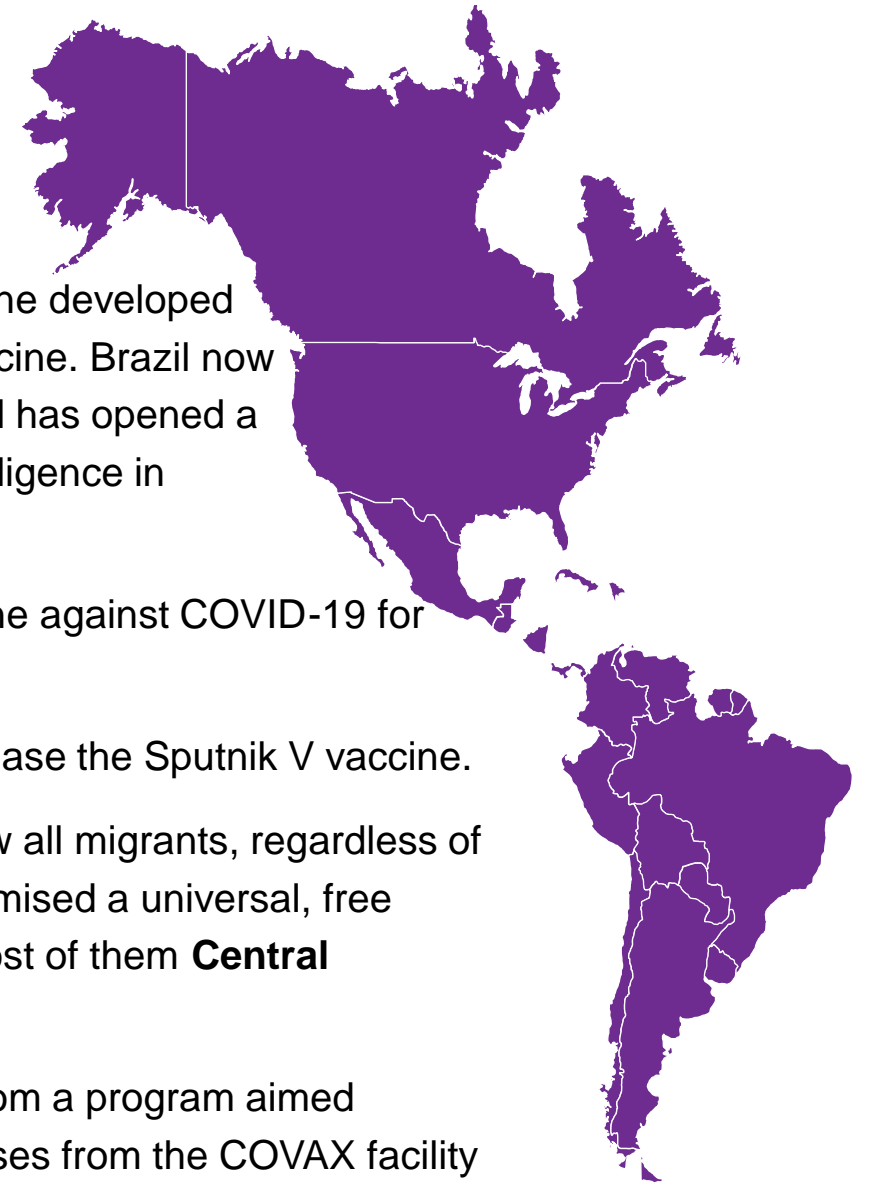


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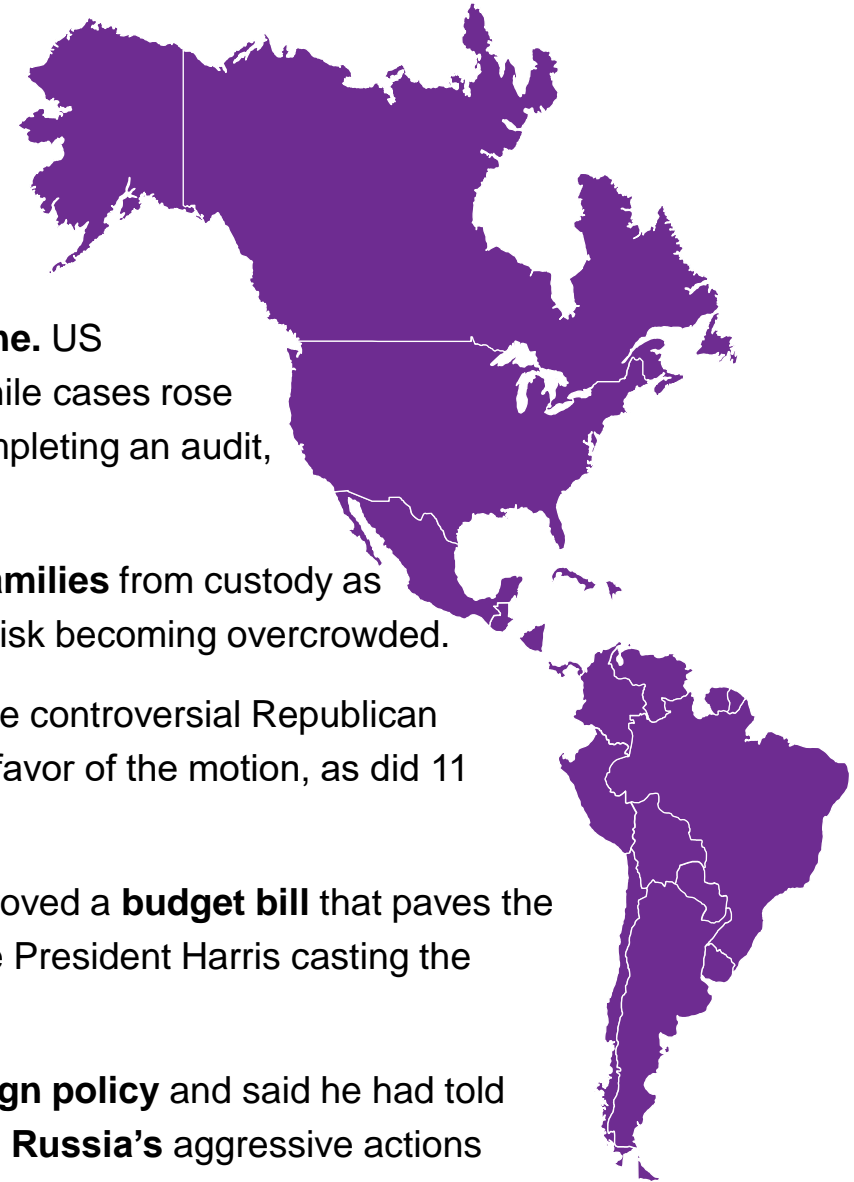
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- **Brazil** is in talks to buy an additional 20 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine developed by **China's** Sinovac Biotech, in a show of confidence in the efficacy of the vaccine. Brazil now has over 100 million doses of CoronaVac on order. Brazil's prosecutor-general has opened a preliminary investigation into its president and health minister for possible negligence in response to a COVID-19 outbreak in Manaus city.
- **Panama's** government is seeking 3 million doses of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against COVID-19 for 1.5 million people, hoping to receive them by March.
- **Paraguay** signed a contract with the Russian Direct Investment Fund to purchase the Sputnik V vaccine.
- International Rescue Committee urged **Mexico** to follow the US lead and allow all migrants, regardless of their immigration status, to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Mexico has promised a universal, free vaccination program but has not specified whether migrants in the country, most of them **Central American**, will be eligible.
- **Canadian** officials are defending a decision to accept coronavirus vaccines from a program aimed primarily at helping low- and middle-income countries, saying that drawing doses from the COVAX facility was always part of its strategy.



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# Americas: US



- Nationally, 28.2 million Americans have received at least one dose of coronavirus **vaccine**. US coronavirus **hospitalizations** fell below 90,000 for the first time since late November, while cases rose by the most in five days. Indiana added an additional 1,500 **deaths** to its records after completing an audit, bring the state to 11,597 total coronavirus deaths.
- US officials in Texas are releasing an increasing number of Central American **migrant families** from custody as local authorities in Mexico have balked at taking them back and border patrol facilities risk becoming overcrowded.
- The House voted to strip **Marjorie Taylor Greene** of her committee assignments over the controversial Republican lawmaker's previous endorsement of conspiracy theories. All of the Democrats voted in favor of the motion, as did 11 Republicans.
- New US **jobless claims** dropped to their lowest level since November. The Senate approved a **budget bill** that paves the way for passage of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion **coronavirus relief package**, with Vice President Harris casting the tiebreaking vote.
- President Biden, in his first major foreign policy speech, promised a new era of **US foreign policy** and said he had told President Vladimir Putin that the days of the US rolling over in the face of what he called **Russia's** aggressive actions were over. Biden also declared a halt to US support for a Saudi Arabia-led military campaign in **Yemen**, calling for an end to the war. Biden named Timothy Lenderking, a long-serving US diplomat in the Middle East, as a special envoy to Yemen.

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# How do You Manage Cyber Risks?

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# Emerging & Existing Hotspots: A New Push to End Yemen's Civil War

By Nathaniel Clark

***In his first major foreign policy speech, President Biden announced that he would be ending US support for offensive operations in Yemen. As part of his remarks, Biden also called for an end to the war. These statements attempt to draw a clear line between the controversial Yemen policies of the last two Administrations and US policy going forward. They should not, however, be interpreted to mean that the US no longer plans to play a role in Yemen. The Biden and senior Administration officials have indicated that engagement with both Yemen and partners in the region will continue, but with shifted priorities. It is less clear whether the US has sufficient leverage to break the stalemate that is perpetuating Yemen's crisis.***

In line with commitments made during the campaign, President Biden has outlined a new policy agenda that will redefine the US role in the conflict. The early stages of this policy shift focused on reviewing Trump Administration decisions. One priority for the Biden Administration was reviewing the Trump Administration's decision to designate the Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). Even prior to the decision, humanitarian and international organizations warned that the designation could push Yemen closer to famine. Secretary of State Blinken said he is "particularly focused" on the designation and has temporarily suspended some of the

sanctions in response to humanitarian concerns. The most headline grabbing shift was the decision to withdraw US support for the Saudi-led coalition's offensive operations. As part of cutting support the Biden Administration also placed under review and then halted arms sales to Saudi Arabia associated with offensive operations. Under Biden's new strategy, the US is instead redoubling its push for a political solution by appointing a Yemen envoy. Biden emphasized during his remarks that the US would still help boost the defenses of Saudi Arabia to protect against cross border drone attacks from the Houthis.

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# Emerging & Existing Hotspots: A New Push to End Yemen's Civil War

Though often framed as a simple proxy war between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the conflict in Yemen is rooted in local disputes. What began as a Houthi power grab in the aftermath of Arab Spring protests has now devolved into a civil war, drawing in a range of international backers. With Iranian arms and training, the Houthis continue their attempts to push into southern and eastern Yemen, however their offensives have made little progress. The uneasy alliance between the Southern Transitional Council (STC) and internationally recognized government of President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi has held out with the support of a Saudi Arabia-led coalition, but fighting has not been limited to the frontlines. Divisions between the Hadi government and STC have flared up into open conflict, often triggered by the STC's pursuit of independence. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has also been active in Yemen, filling vacuums left behind as the factions and their backers compete.

Even if mediators could reach a political solution to the conflict, Yemen would still face several crippling challenges. Fighting between the factions has devastated Yemen's already underdeveloped economy and healthcare system with dire consequences for the population. Yemen is dealing with outbreaks of both cholera and

COVID-19. The country has been on the brink of famine for years, but international humanitarian efforts have faced Houthi obstructionism and government corruption. A recent UN report accused the Hadi government of laundering hundreds of millions of dollars that was deposited in the Central Bank to buy food. This is likely to fuel questions about the internationally recognized government's legitimacy, which has already been strained by a long period in exile. The Houthis, meanwhile, are risking an environmental catastrophe by stalling the UN's efforts to prevent a dilapidated oil tanker moored off the coast of Yemen from leaking. While the Biden Administration is likely to place more of an emphasis on resolving the crises in Yemen, there are no quick fixes and Yemen is likely to remain on the US agenda for the foreseeable future.

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# Key Takeaways from OSHA's COVID-19 Guidance

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**At the direction of the Biden Administration, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published new guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace last week. The guidance covers many well-known elements of COVID-19 control: how the virus spreads, the importance of face coverings, the need to avoid close contact, and good hygiene practices.**

Beyond the broad overview of virus mitigation measures, the guidance directs employers to implement COVID-19 prevention programs in the workplace, providing detailed descriptions for office best practices for everything from the best type of vacuum filter cleaners should use to precise quarantine guidelines for workers exposed to the coronavirus. Informational in content, the guidance is not a legally binding OSHA standard - but it does provide a view of what may be included in a coming Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), which OSHA could implement as soon as mid-March.

Mask wearing, social distancing, and good hygiene have all become redundant concepts in COVID-19 control, but OSHA's guidance can help employers establish the details of how to ensure these broad practices are actually implemented. The guidance explains precisely in which instances workers should wash their hands, how ventilation systems should be improved, and methods for enforcing six feet of distance between workers (everything from tape marks on the floor to staggering remote work shifts).

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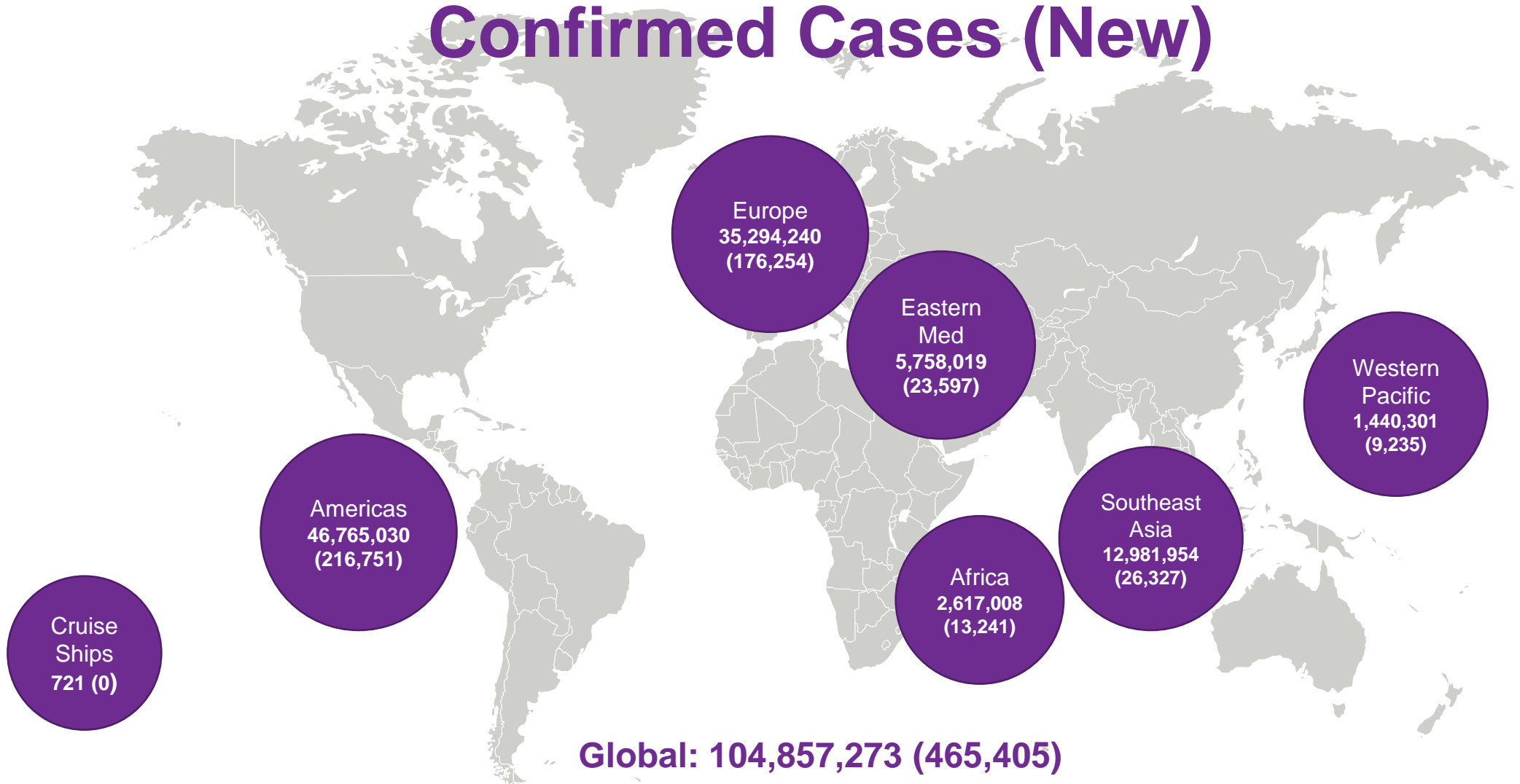
- Beyond advice for how to tailor the physical workspace for COVID-safety, the guidance includes several broader recommendations that should be included in COVID-19 employer plans:
- Assign a workplace coordinator who will be responsible for COVID-19 issues on an employer's behalf.
- Focus on establishing systems of effective communication with employees. This includes ensuring workers can report COVID-19 exposure or symptoms without fear of reprisal, as well as educational initiatives such as signs detailing COVID-19 protocols.
- Set up an anonymous process for workers to voice concerns about COVID-19-related hazards.
- Provide guidance for workers on testing and screening, following state and local practices.
- Minimize the impact of quarantine and isolation for workers, through telework, isolated work areas, or paid leave.
- Make COVID-19 vaccines available at no cost to all eligible employees and provide training on the benefits and safety of vaccinations.
- Do not distinguish between workers who are vaccinated or unvaccinated, as there is still too little information to determine what role vaccinated individuals may play in virus transmission.
- These guidelines will be updated to reflect developments in science, standards, and best practices. For example, the recommendation to treat vaccinated and unvaccinated workers the same, in terms of transmission risk, could change in the future as scientists build understanding of whether vaccines prevent transmission and policymakers weigh the need to incentivize vaccinations.
- Full guidance can be found [here](#).

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on February 4, 2021

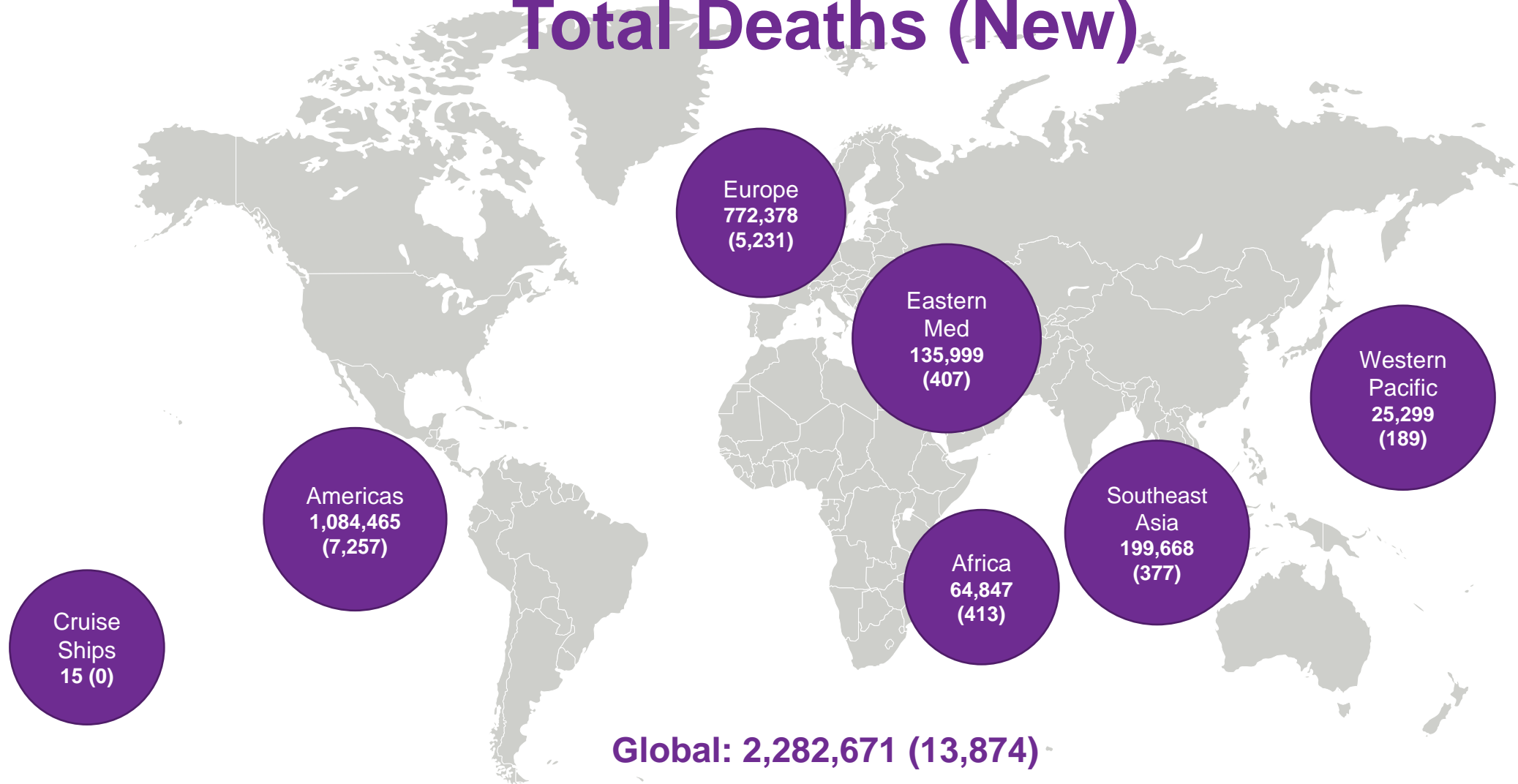
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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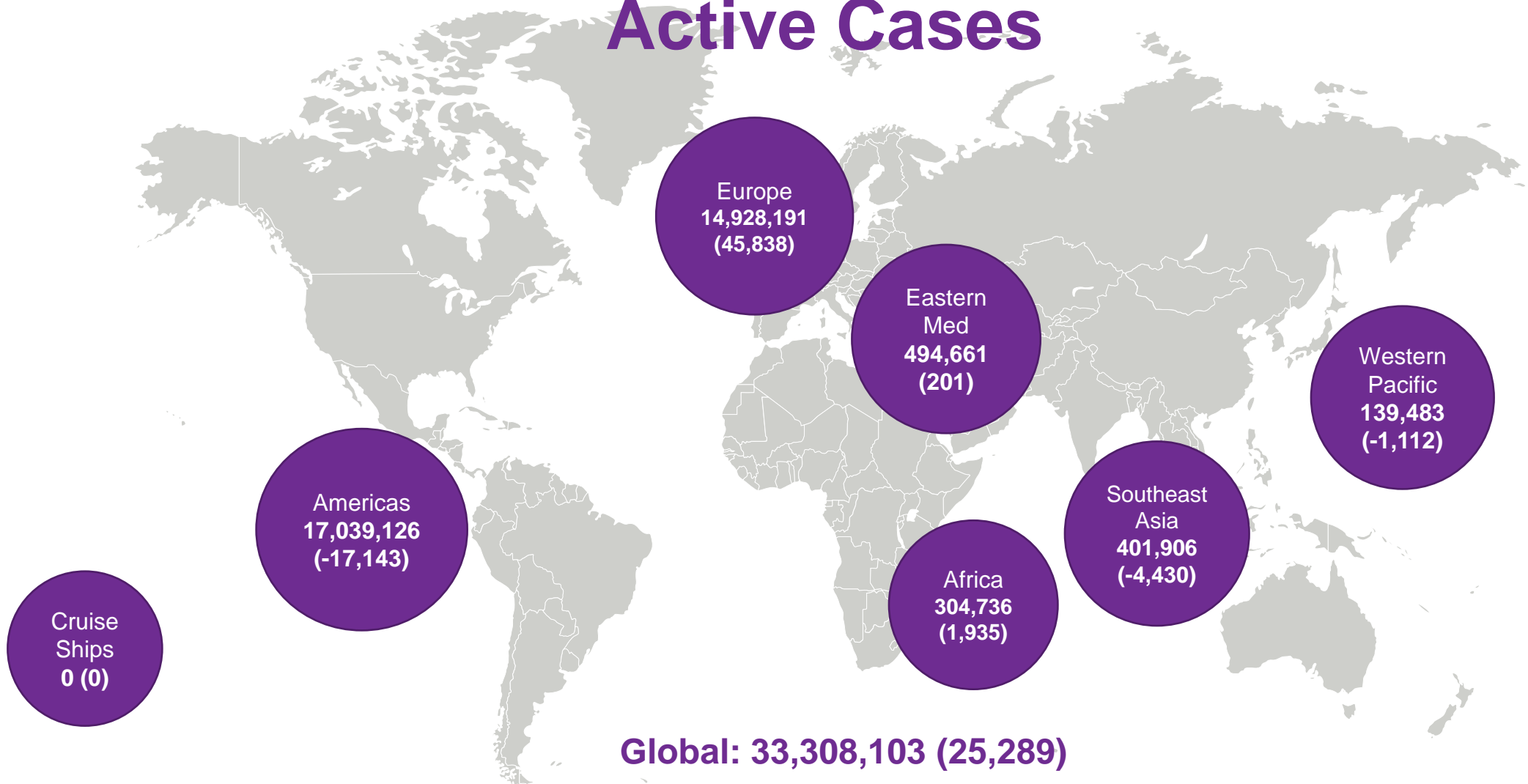
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	15251877	26679499 (122473)	455874 (5077)	82110	1406	3.42%
UK	3783233	3903706 (20734)	110462 (915)	57159	1619	3.82%
France	2997652	3310071 (20)	77741 (0)	50101	1193	4.35%
Spain	2702247	2913425 (29960)	60802 (432)	62938	1300	7.15%
Netherlands	979766	1007268 (4258)	14346 (65)	57900	830	2.74%
Brazil	801301	9396293 (56873)	228795 (1232)	44026	1072	3.59%
Belgium	697587	718847 (2452)	21260 (44)	61653	1826	2.28%
Sweden	572646	584674 (3758)	12028 (89)	57678	1187	3.44%
Russia	448105	3874830 (16463)	74005 (508)	26840	515	3.16%
Italy	430277	2597446 (13656)	90241 (421)	42998	1494	3.15%
Serbia	398615	402700 (1863)	4085 (14)	46201	469	3.00%
Mexico	274768	1886245 (0)	161240 (0)	14539	1243	3.22%
Poland	207004	1533511 (6495)	38344 (447)	40546	1014	2.40%
Switzerland	203133	530289 (1765)	9556 (26)	61006	1099	2.05%

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Germany	184599	2265536 (13032)	60634 (858)	26989	725	3.13%
Indonesia	174798	1123105 (11434)	31001 (231)	4080	113	7.58%
Ireland	173794	200744 (1314)	3586 (74)	40386	721	3.54%
Portugal	161442	748858 (7914)	13482 (225)	73570	1325	8.48%
Ukraine	158306	1275334 (5333)	24429 (153)	28278	533	2.17%
Argentina	158230	1961635 (8891)	48700 (161)	43167	1072	2.86%
Iran	151489	1445326 (7040)	58256 (67)	17078	688	3.22%
India	151460	10802591 (12408)	154823 (120)	7783	112	0.76%
Lebanon	116548	312269 (3107)	3397 (82)	45874	499	6.12%
Czechia	94519	1013352 (9695)	16826 (143)	94530	1577	4.81%
South Africa	93976	1466767 (3751)	45605 (261)	24547	763	1.98%
Honduras	87100	152225 (1122)	3669 (7)	15113	366	4.75%
Turkey	86322	2508988 (7909)	26467 (113)	29559	312	2.07%
Hungary	84848	371988 (1652)	12832 (93)	38565	1330	2.30%

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Colombia	79146	2135412 (9790)	55131 (254)	41703	1077	3.18%
Greece	61268	160935 (1069)	5903 (25)	15486	568	3.81%
Dominican Republic	53391	218948 (1671)	2747 (28)	20064	252	4.72%
Malaysia	48771	231483 (4571)	826 (17)	7098	25	14.37%
Bolivia	48701	224234 (1787)	10633 (62)	18903	898	6.02%
Canada	48140	798394 (3982)	20486 (125)	20921	541	3.50%
Lithuania	48069	184948 (740)	2885 (18)	68515	1069	2.58%
Peru	47670	1158337 (0)	41538 (0)	35045	1256	3.83%
Bangladesh	46938	537030 (485)	8175 (13)	3242	49	0.57%
Norway	45632	64212 (373)	582 (8)	11790	107	3.02%
Japan	44144	399492 (2592)	6172 (104)	3140	48	4.72%
Costa Rica	37749	195992 (455)	2662 (12)	38266	520	1.71%
Tunisia	37601	213949 (1270)	7048 (68)	17991	593	4.49%

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Panama	33608	324489 (1107)	5391 (25)	74508	1238	2.37%
Philippines	32775	531699 (1581)	10997 (55)	4814	100	2.28%
Pakistan	32454	551842 (1302)	11886 (53)	2464	53	1.96%
Algeria	31341	108381 (265)	2904 (4)	2445	66	1.63%
Albania	31032	81993 (1052)	1418 (14)	28510	493	7.98%
Cyprus	29114	31379 (116)	208 (5)	25877	172	2.68%
Ecuador	28557	253339 (949)	14968 (19)	14231	841	2.90%
Kazakhstan	27522	240983 (1257)	3119 (71)	10134	131	3.85%
Egypt	27334	168057 (532)	9512 (52)	1624	92	2.25%
Uganda	25098	39735 (50)	327 (0)	853	7	0.78%
Nigeria	23949	136030 (1340)	1632 (14)	650	8	6.62%
Chile	23258	740237 (3592)	18731 (155)	38526	975	3.53%
UAE	22807	316875 (3249)	888 (10)	31810	89	7.52%

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Paraguay	21577	136023 (794)	2779 (14)	18932	387	3.75%
Slovakia	21471	256903 (2077)	4976 (87)	47041	911	5.25%
Bulgaria	20545	222149 (883)	9272 (54)	32116	1340	2.06%
Libya	17646	122013 (770)	1919 (5)	17615	277	4.29%
Slovenia	16900	171340 (1239)	3580 (16)	82410	1722	4.73%
Mozambique	16388	42488 (1055)	427 (12)	1337	13	15.66%
Kenya	15423	101339 (180)	1773 (4)	1860	33	0.90%
Malawi	14841	25884 (435)	779 (18)	1333	40	13.83%
Finland	14805	46493 (444)	688 (3)	8383	124	5.28%
Iraq	14172	624222 (1150)	13091 (12)	15316	321	1.12%
Austria	13955	419801 (1518)	7936 (34)	46453	878	2.28%
Ethiopia	13789	140157 (749)	2126 (4)	1202	18	3.26%
Morocco	12794	473667 (620)	8351 (28)	12743	225	0.96%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Latvia	12411	69400 (742)	1281 (31)	37040	684	7.79%
Myanmar	11072	141104 (177)	3163 (3)	2583	58	1.38%
Belarus	10508	253413 (1708)	1755 (9)	26823	186	4.17%
Estonia	9562	46334 (671)	443 (10)	34911	334	7.94%
Jordan	9466	331768 (1294)	4354 (10)	32325	424	2.29%
South Korea	8555	80131 (369)	1459 (11)	1555	28	3.41%
Guatemala	8394	161665 (699)	5785 (49)	8926	319	2.52%
West Bank & Gaza	8140	161087 (661)	1865 (8)	31149	361	2.17%
Denmark	7606	201020 (554)	2185 (14)	34514	376	1.56%
N Macedonia	7558	93882 (372)	2900 (7)	45064	1392	2.12%
Congo (Kinshasa)	7459	23222 (40)	678 (3)	255	7	3.88%
Montenegro	7458	63633 (515)	826 (1)	101308	1315	5.26%
Moldova	7247	162624 (982)	3497 (17)	40370	868	2.65%
Kuwait	7190	168250 (840)	962 (1)	39055	223	2.85%

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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
Thailand	7181	22058 (809)	79 (0)	316	1	26.46%
Venezuela	6915	128775 (460)	1216 (7)	4536	43	2.65%
Zambia	6886	59003 (1514)	812 (8)	3157	43	14.72%
Kosovo	6657	61404 (318)	1514 (5)			3.93%
Oman	6243	135041 (185)	1532 (0)	26053	296	0.97%
Sri Lanka	6209	67115 (706)	339 (7)	3126	16	8.24%
Lesotho	6190	8969 (0)	178 (0)	4167	83	7.70%
Qatar	6175	152898 (407)	249 (0)	54455	89	1.71%
Ghana	6086	69255 (696)	440 (7)	2202	14	7.76%
Sudan	5952	29577 (41)	1831 (1)	619	41	1.73%
Uruguay	5917	43804 (589)	476 (12)	12584	137	8.94%
Cuba	5652	30345 (816)	225 (5)	2680	20	20.56%
Georgia	5492	260480 (583)	3240 (19)	65372	813	1.61%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Syria	5437	14267 (65)	938 (5)	804	53	2.68%
Armenia	5416	167568 (147)	3107 (11)	56486	1047	0.54%
Bahrain**	5180	105496 (704)	377 (1)	60761	217	3.78%
Zimbabwe	5124	34171 (207)	1288 (19)	2279	86	4.46%

\*\* 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
Afghanistan	4829	55231 (57)	2407 (1)	1401	61	0.62%
Rwanda	4426	15988 (154)	210 (2)	1217	16	9.13%
Eswatini	4332	16045 (71)	591 (6)	13745	506	4.75%
Senegal	4266	27733 (368)	659 (11)	1631	39	7.29%
El Salvador	4224	55821 (198)	1653 (7)	8580	254	3.28%
Botswana	3766	23503 (765)	163 (15)	9876	68	9.40%
Jamaica	3721	16250 (177)	355 (0)	5473	120	5.02%
Azerbaijan	3190	230769 (152)	3148 (3)	22639	309	0.42%
Croatia	2974	234153 (516)	5106 (18)	57249	1248	1.36%
Malta	2545	18385 (79)	273 (0)	41572	617	5.36%
Luxembourg	2431	51330 (202)	588 (1)	81216	930	2.15%
Haiti	2333	11692 (20)	245 (0)	1018	21	3.47%
Nepal	2277	271602 (171)	2033 (2)	9223	69	0.37%
Saudi Arabia	2162	369248 (303)	6389 (3)	10509	182	0.53%

## 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
Congo (Brazzaville)	2092	8060 (173)	122 (5)	1440	22	2.15%
Kyrgyzstan	2056	84920 (88)	1420 (2)	12877	215	0.73%
China	1987	100268 (42)	4822 (1)	62	3	0.52%
Maldives	1937	16410 (134)	54 (1)	30045	99	5.57%
Nicaragua	1904	6299 (0)	170 (0)	944	25	0.73%
Australia	1853	28842 (4)	909 (0)	1123	35	0.15%
Cameroon	1794	30313 (0)	474 (0)	1125	18	2.30%
Cote d'Ivoire	1787	29102 (363)	158 (0)	1087	6	4.84%
Mali	1772	8130 (11)	333 (0)	395	16	0.91%
Namibia	1283	34519 (147)	364 (5)	13441	142	3.07%
Bahamas	1253	8247 (16)	176 (0)	20853	445	1.04%
Sierra Leone	1252	3728 (29)	79 (0)	462	10	11.96%
Burkina Faso	1151	11053 (95)	132 (5)	520	6	6.12%
Angola	1142	19996 (59)	473 (3)	597	14	1.62%

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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	3339812	3382932 (14651)	43120 (636)	85206	1087	3.22%
Florida	1725083	1752330 (7711)	27247 (228)	81588	1269	3.69%
New York	1276312	1450912 (6970)	44298 (150)	76432	2284	4.69%
Illinois	1116062	1137559 (3328)	21497 (77)	89771	1696	1.86%
Georgia	913314	928070 (5706)	14756 (169)	87410	1390	3.78%
Arizona	651986	771796 (4417)	13752 (176)	106035	1889	3.70%
New Jersey	618539	709096 (3289)	21793 (100)	79833	2454	3.92%
Missouri	471339	478750 (1522)	7411 (26)	82193	1253	1.92%
Virginia	468681	516398 (3059)	6650 (75)	60500	779	4.40%
Texas	387083	2463424 (13889)	38453 (414)	85147	1335	5.41%
Colorado	373909	400851 (1584)	5682 (18)	69607	986	2.27%
Maryland	342275	359037 (1554)	7251 (31)	59387	1199	2.87%
Kentucky	323688	372003 (2493)	3921 (58)	83268	878	4.34%
Washington	313462	317878 (1584)	4416 (28)	42205	592	3.17%

## 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	277172	281596 (889)	4424 (51)	91423	1436	2.36%
Kansas	271681	281363 (41)	3872 (0)	96641	1337	2.32%
South Carolina	244019	453878 (3084)	7487 (93)	88154	1454	5.00%
Connecticut	240956	257941 (937)	7185 (28)	72348	2015	3.56%
Indiana	209251	633667 (2336)	11597 (1506)	94128	1729	2.16%
Alabama	206578	467823 (2767)	8365 (162)	95412	1706	3.23%
Oregon	142614	144605 (0)	1991 (0)	34454	474	2.64%
Michigan	120219	617745 (1885)	15725 (81)	61856	1575	1.82%
Pennsylvania	118805	860721 (3389)	22048 (129)	67393	1734	3.73%
Rhode Island	107900	117291 (587)	2209 (11)	110719	2085	3.02%
Massachusetts	93420	533921 (2804)	14784 (76)	77464	2145	3.71%
Ohio	92941	910847 (4120)	11509 (79)	77923	985	2.98%
North Carolina	88377	781802 (5495)	9728 (150)	74542	928	5.41%
Idaho	78658	164565 (402)	1748 (0)	92087	978	1.73%

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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
Delaware	78090	79225 (243)	1135 (5)	81360	1166	3.45%
Wisconsin	66810	597475 (1719)	6545 (49)	93939	1029	1.66%
New Mexico	64712	176211 (559)	3355 (17)	84037	1600	2.55%
Alaska	54726	55005 (185)	279 (0)	72605	379	2.05%
Nebraska	51950	192549 (507)	1952 (21)	99539	1009	1.53%
Louisiana	36494	408995 (2760)	9044 (38)	87979	1945	3.44%
Mississippi	34174	278532 (1210)	6182 (24)	93588	2077	2.89%
Utah	33948	351273 (1273)	1711 (14)	109569	534	2.51%
Tennessee	29058	736370 (3154)	10202 (169)	107827	1494	2.55%
Iowa	28194	323216 (908)	5033 (58)	102286	1595	1.88%
Maine	27423	40534 (301)	630 (3)	30154	469	5.13%
Oklahoma	26935	397065 (2782)	3681 (27)	100346	930	3.94%
Hawaii	25972	26387 (101)	415 (2)	18495	294	2.43%
West Virginia	18469	123044 (574)	2080 (22)	68657	1161	3.64%

## 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	17022	302899 (2469)	5009 (24)	100371	1660	3.98%
District of Columbia	9980	37365 (166)	932 (6)	52944	1321	3.30%
Puerto Rico	9544	94984 (322)	1861 (8)	48813	549	2.57%
Minnesota	8474	465176 (1410)	6319 (17)	82483	1120	1.41%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
New Hampshire	4099	67117 (396)	1085 (9)	49361	798	4.26%
Montana	3401	95111 (301)	1308 (5)	88990	1224	2.29%
Vermont	3369	12503 (174)	181 (2)	20037	290	7.84%
South Dakota	2517	108813 (174)	1788 (6)	123000	2021	0.94%
Wyoming	1069	52468 (180)	624 (0)	90656	1078	1.98%

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