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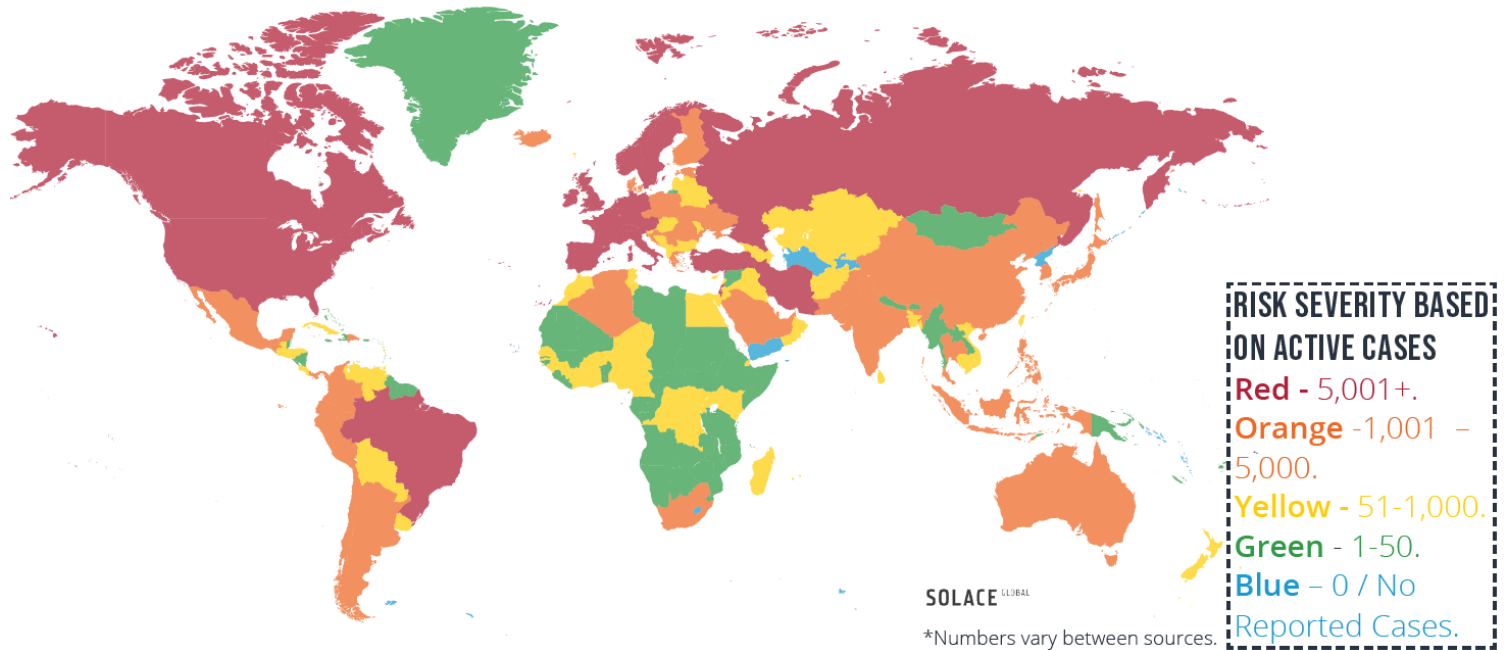
COVID-19 Outbreak Update
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Executive Summary

There are now just over 1,355,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide, with approximately 76,000 deaths and around 290,000 recoveries. Nearly all countries globally have reported at least one case and/or have implemented some form of travel restriction. The situation continues to evolve rapidly, with new travel restrictions, both internationally and domestically, being implemented with little or no notice.

The Security Centre and Solace Global advises against all non-essential travel at this time due to the already widespread in-place travel restrictions and the risk of new ones being implemented without notice. Additionally, prior to any and all essential travel, it is advised that you check your relevant government's travel advice and contact your airline or travel provider for more details. People aged 70 and over, or those with underlying health issues, should also reconsider their need to travel, even domestically, as to limit their chances of exposure.



Latest Updates

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been transferred to an intensive care unit (ICU) at St Thomas' Hospital, London, after his condition is said to have worsened. He was initially admitted to the hospital on Sunday 5 April as a "precautionary measure", as he continued to experience Covid-19 symptoms, 10 days after testing positive for the virus. Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab will now deputise and head the UK government while Mr Johnson remains in hospital.

In other news, the number of prisoners to have died in England and Wales after contracting the virus has risen to nine. The inmates had been held at Littlehey jail, Cambridgeshire; Low Newton prison, in County Durham; Birmingham prison; HMP Manchester; Altcourse, in Merseyside; Belmarsh, in south-east London; and Whatton jail, Nottinghamshire. Moreover, 107 prisoners across 38 prisons have now tested positive for Covid-19, while 1300 inmates are currently self-isolating and thousands of prison staff are absent due to Covid-19-related issues. Over the weekend, the UK government announced that up to 4000 inmates would be released early in order to free up space in prisons to allow for single-occupancy cells to limit further infections.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has extended the stay-at-home order until the 29 April. The restrictions were first announced on the 20 March and resulted in the closure of all non-essential businesses and schools. The governor also announced that he has raised the fine for those caught violating the order from 500 to 1,000 USD. Elsewhere, in South Carolina, Governor Henry McMaster announced that a stay-at-home order is to be implemented from 17:00hrs local time on the 07 April. As part of the order, non-essential businesses will be closed and all residents are advised to stay at home unless travelling to work, exercising, buying essential goods or visiting family. Anyone caught violating the order is eligible for 30 days in jail or a 100 USD fine for each day of violation.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has banned all road, rail and air travel in the capital Nairobi and the port city of Mombasa, as well as Kilifi and Kwale counties. These four areas are the worst affected by the COVID-19 virus. The new restrictions are due to be implemented for a 21- day period. There are 158 confirmed cases and 6 associated fatalities nationwide. Meanwhile in Sao Tome, Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus has announced that four people have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, the first confirmed cases in the country. Further details such as how or where the victims caught the virus have not been reported; however, it means that Lesotho and Comoros are now the only African countries without confirmed cases of the virus.

In Saudi Arabia, the government has implemented a 24-hour lockdown for all major cities including Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Dhahran, Tabuk, Hofuf, Tai, Al Qatif and Khobar. All businesses except pharmacies, medical centres, grocery stores and a few other essential services must close. Residents are only allowed out of their homes between 06:00hrs and 15:00hrs local time.

Some Latin American nations have announced increased restrictions and tougher enforcement in order to limit the spread of the virus. El Salvador's President Bukele has warned citizens that police will be enforcing restrictions, which could include confiscating vehicles or detaining people in so-called "containment centres". In Honduras, authorities have banned the carrying of firearms as of 7 April, while Peru has announced a nationwide curfew for both 9 April (Maundy Thursday) and 10 April (Good Friday); more than 50000 people have been detained for flouting curfew rules which came into effect three weeks ago.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has declared a month-long state of emergency for Tokyo, Osaka and five other prefectures following recent surges in confirmed cases. However, the prime minister reiterated that there be no “European-style” lockdowns and the state of emergency declaration will allow city governors and heads of designated prefectures to do more to reinforce calls for social distancing. Virtually all measures currently in place are requests that cannot be enforced by law.

Region Specific Updates and New Restrictions – Be aware these are fluid and subject to change, check for any updates prior to travel.

Asia	<p>Nearly all countries in Asia have implemented some form of restriction on travel. Many Asian countries have limited internal travel and have in-place lockdowns.</p> <p>Countries with a global travel ban on non-citizens/residents include Azerbaijan, Brunei, China (and its SARs), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, N. Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Turkmenistan. The majority of other countries also have restrictions in place, though these vary in severity.</p>
Europe	<p>The EU has closed the bloc's external borders and restrictions have also been implemented inside the majority of countries, with the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and many others imposing a lockdown and restricting people from travelling or gathering, unless for specific reasons.</p> <p>At this time, the Schengen area has banned all incoming travel other than citizens from countries in the European Union, European Economic Area, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, long-term residents and people with long-term visa or residence permits, family members of EU and EEA citizens, medical personnel and people responsible for the transport of goods for 30 days. The majority of other European countries have some form of similar restrictions in place.</p>
Americas	<p>The US has implemented a level 4: Do Not Travel global advisory. The Department of State advises US citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19 and for those who are currently abroad to return as soon as possible. The United States has also ordered a border closure for all non-essential travel from both Canada and Mexico.</p> <p>Restrictions within the US are also being implemented extensively. The majority of states now have a “stay-at-home” order of some kind or have closed “non-essential” businesses.</p> <p>At this time, Argentina, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay all have at least some form of restriction on inbound travel. Additionally, restrictions vary on many other Caribbean islands with most banning all inbound travel and implementing some form of lockdown.</p>
Africa	<p>A number of countries in Africa have implemented travel restrictions on people arriving from affected countries. At this time, Algeria, Angola, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Libya, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda all have at least some restrictions on inbound travel. Currently, this includes most of Europe, China and the US.</p> <p>Additionally, a number of countries have already implemented national lockdowns, including South Africa, while others have implemented city wide lockdowns, as with Lagos and Abuja in Nigeria.</p>
Middle East	<p>The Middle East also has some significant restrictions, Saudi Arabia, has implemented a ban on all foreign arrivals, including pilgrims, a measure that now looks unlikely to be lifted before Hajj. Strict movement restrictions are in place in most Middle Eastern countries.</p> <p>Most countries have also closed schools and non-essential businesses, banned large gatherings, including prayers at mosques. Israel, Jordan, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and the UAE all have restrictions on inbound travel by non-citizens/residents. The majority of other countries have varying levels of restrictions.</p>
Australia/Oceania	<p>Australia and New Zealand have closed their borders to anyone who is not a citizen or resident. Internal restrictions are also coming into force in Australia with many states now under a state of emergency and travel between states in the country.</p> <p>Most Pacific Island nations have also imposed border control measures and quarantine requirements on travellers arriving from affected countries.</p>
TSCL and Solace Global Advice	<p>At this time, travellers should reconsider their need to travel globally, with only business-critical travel being advised. Otherwise, ensure that you can access the country you intend to travel to and consider deferring journeys to countries with more than 1,000 cases or have travel restrictions already in place. In the coming weeks, extensive travel restrictions are likely to make even business-critical travel difficult – liaise with your relevant government agency for further instructions and information.</p>

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Current Total Cases	1,356,354 (+73,791)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	290,554 (+21,060)	Total Confirmed Deaths	75,760 (+5,577)
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The list below comprises of the top 40 countries in each section, for a complete list please go to [Worldometers](#), [Johns Hopkins University](#) or the [WHO](#).

Countries with the most confirmed cases		Countries with the greatest increase in case numbers yesterday		Countries with the most confirmed deaths		Countries with the most confirmed recoveries	
USA	367,650	USA	+30,799	Italy	16,523	China	77,167
Spain	140,510	France	+5,171	Spain	13,798	Spain	43,208
Italy	132,547	Spain	+5,029	USA	10,943	Germany	36,081
Germany	103,375	UK	+3,802	France	8,911	Iran	27,039
France	98,010	Italy	+3,599	UK	5,373	Italy	22,837

China	81,740	Germany	+3,252	Iran	3,872	USA	19,810
Iran	60,500	Turkey	+3,148	China	3,331	France	17,250
UK	51,608	Iran	+2,274	Belgium	2,035	Switzerland	8,056
Turkey	30,217	Canada	+1,155	Netherlands	1,867	S. Korea	6,694
Belgium	22,194	Belgium	+1,123	Germany	1,810	Belgium	4,157
Switzerland	21,855	Russia	+954	Switzerland	787	Austria	4,046
Netherlands	18,803	Netherlands	+952	Turkey	649	Canada	3,616
Canada	16,667	Brazil	+929	Brazil	566	Australia	2,547
Austria	12,399	Pakistan	+609	Sweden	477	Denmark	1,378
Brazil	12,232	Switzerland	+557	Canada	323	Turkey	1,326
Portugal	11,730	India	+489	Portugal	311	Malaysia	1,321
S. Korea	10,331	Israel	+474	Austria	243	Peru	997
Israel	9,006	Portugal	+452	Indonesia	221	Thailand	824
Russia	7,497	Philippines	+414	Denmark	203	Chile	728
Sweden	7,206	Sweden	+376	S. Korea	192	Israel	683
Australia	5,908	Ireland	+370	Ecuador	191	Mexico	633
Norway	5,866	Chile	+344	Romania	182	Diamond Princess	619
Ireland	5,364	Denmark	+312	Philippines	177	Japan	592
Denmark	4,978	Poland	+311	Ireland	174	Saudi Arabia	551
India	4,858	Panama	+299	Algeria	173	Luxembourg	500
Czechia	4,828	Serbia	+292	India	137	Russia	494
Chile	4,815	Peru	+280	Mexico	125	Romania	460
Poland	4,532	UAE	+277	Poland	111	Iceland	460
Romania	4,057	Mexico	+253	Japan	92	Bahrain	458
Malaysia	3,963	Japan	+252	Peru	92	Pakistan	429
Pakistan	3,918	Finland	+249	Dominican Republic	86	India	382
Japan	3,906	Austria	+246	Egypt	85	Iraq	344
Philippines	3,764	Czechia	+235	Morocco	83	Singapore	344
Ecuador	3,747	Qatar	+228	Norway	83	Argentina	325
Luxembourg	2,843	Indonesia	+218	Czechia	80	Finland	300
Saudi Arabia	2,752	Saudi Arabia	+203	Greece	79	Greece	269
Indonesia	2,738	Romania	+193	Iraq	64	Egypt	259
Peru	2,561	Norway	+178	Malaysia	63	Netherlands	250
Mexico	2,439	Australia	+145	Israel	59	New Zealand	241
Finland	2,308	Malaysia	+131	Russia	58	Hong Kong	236