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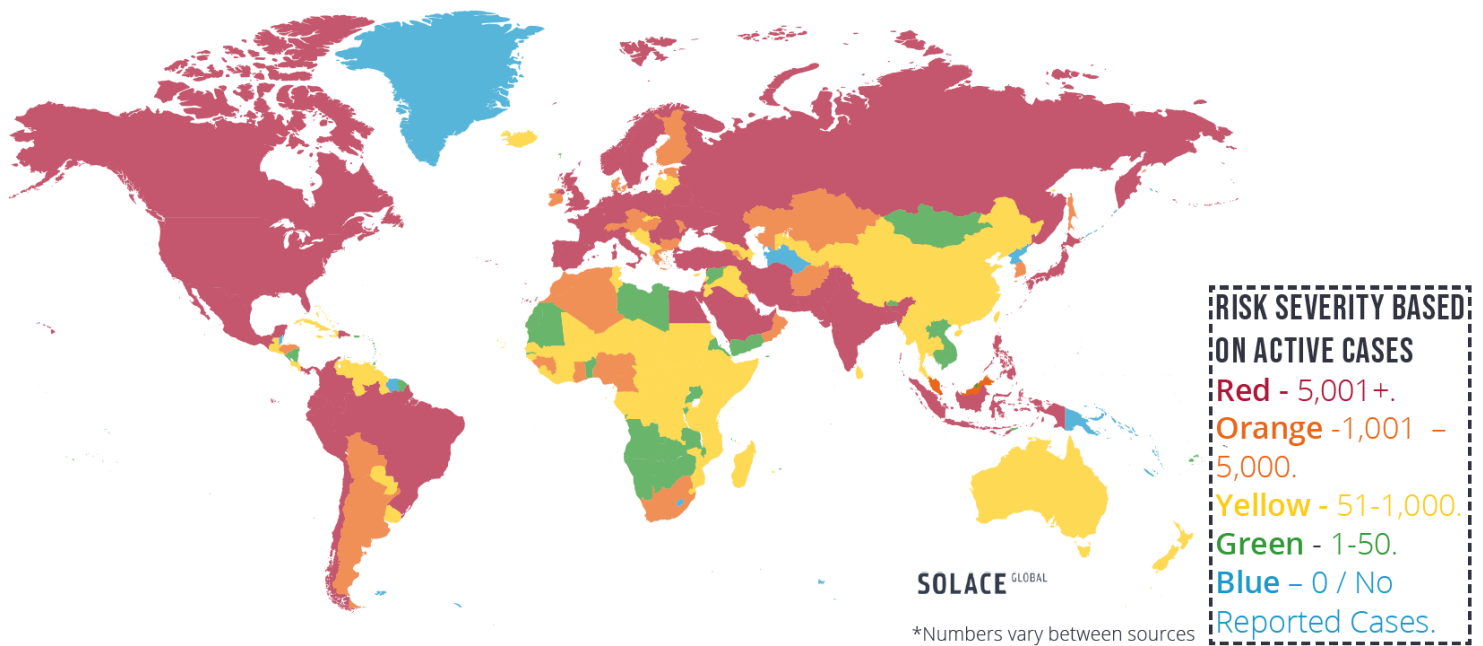
COVID-19 Outbreak Update
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Executive Summary

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases globally have exceeded 3.91 million, with approximately 270,711 deaths and around 1.3 million recoveries. Nearly all countries globally have reported at least one case and/or have implemented some form of travel restriction. The situation has stabilised somewhat in the past weeks with many travel restrictions, both internationally and domestically, in place for the foreseeable future. Some countries worldwide are beginning to ease their restrictions; however, this process will be slow, with restrictions on international travel likely to be one of the last measures to be lifted.

The Security Centre and Solace Global continues to advise against all non-essential travel at this time due to the widespread travel restrictions. However, if conducting essential travel, it is advised that you check your relevant government's travel advice and contact your airline or travel provider for more details. Be aware that it is likely that many destinations globally will have some form of quarantining measure in place upon arrival. At this time, Solace Global still advises that 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

In Denmark, the government has announced that shopping malls will be reopened on 11 May, with cafes and restaurants following a week later on 18 May. Professional sporting fixtures are set to resume immediately although without spectators. A ban on gatherings with more than 10 people remains in place. On 1 June, the government will announce if travel bans are to be lifted or extended.

The government of Mauritania has relaxed some of the COVID-19 restrictions. The overnight curfew has been reduced by two hours in length and is now enforced from 23:00hrs and 06:00hrs local time. Markets and educational centres are able to reopen albeit with social distancing measures in place whilst restaurants are able to provide a takeaway service only. It is mandatory for citizens to wear a face mask in public and travel between regions remains banned. International flights are also suspended.

The Japanese government has approved the use of the Remdesivir drug on patients experiencing severe symptoms, becoming the first nation to make such an announcement. The drug was granted an Emergency Use of Authorization in the US but the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have not approved it for use on patients. Gilead Sciences, the manufacturer of the drug maintains that it reduces recovery times for COVID-19 patients. However, a trial conducted by the US Institute for Health found that the use of Remdesivir did not significantly improve survival rates.

Meanwhile in the US, the governor of Michigan Gretchen Whitmer has extended the state-wide stay-at-home order until 28 May. Citizens may only leave their homes to work in specified industries or to conduct essential household tasks. Manufacturing companies will resume work on 11 May, with the large car manufacturing industry resuming on 18 May, albeit with social distancing measures in place.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that the virus could result in the deaths of 190,000 people across Africa if it is not contained. Dr Matshidiso Moeti made the statement in an address to reporters. Several factors such as poor health infrastructure, high poverty rates and numerous conflicts were some of the reasons why the virus would be so deadly. The transmission rate is currently lower than that in the US and Europe with experts believing that it will more than likely persist in hotspots over a prolonged period of time. Several countries including Algeria, South Africa and Cameroon are thought to be the most high-risk nations if the virus is not sufficiently suppressed,

Domestic flights in Pakistan will continue to be suspended until 10 May because of the ongoing outbreak. It is unknown if the government is considering extending the suspension again past that date or if all domestic flights will resume. International flights remain suspended until 15 May.

Australian Prime Minister, Scott Morrison has announced a three-tier approach to reopen the country beginning today. Up to five guests are now allowed to gather in a house, whilst a maximum of 10 people can gather in public. Restaurants, retail shops and cafes have reopened, whilst classrooms and playgrounds

have reopened. Step two will see gatherings of up to 20 people along with the reopening of cinemas, gyms and salons whilst step three will allow crowds of up to 100 people to gather in one place. The dates of when stages two and three are currently unknown but the government will review the situation every three weeks before making decisions.

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

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| Asia | <p>While restrictions across the region remain extensive, some countries are now easing their internal lockdown measures after successfully managing to curb their outbreaks; these include China, Taiwan and South Korea.</p> <p>International travel restrictions will, however, likely remain in place for the time being. China, for example, has implemented a limit on the number of flights to the country and are denying entry to foreigners with previously issued visas and residence permits.</p> |
| Europe | <p>The EU Commission has invited all Schengen Member States and Schengen Associated States to prolong the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU until at least 15 May. Airlines, however, continue to operate limited flights to and from the majority of EU countries.</p> <p>Austria, Denmark, Germany, Norway and some other European countries are now seeing an easing of internal restrictions after overcoming what the peak of the outbreak in their countries. Most recently, France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland have also announced plans to ease their containment measures. In Italy, businesses started to open on the 4 May.</p> |
| Americas | <p>The US continues to be the worst affected country globally. The majority of states now have a “stay-at-home” order of some kind or have closed “non-essential” businesses. However, some are now looking to ease restrictions, largely due to protests occurring in response to the lockdowns. In some cases, the demonstrators have attended these rallies armed.</p> <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>The majority of countries in the Americas have some form of restriction on both internal and international travel.</p> |
| Africa | <p>African countries have, thus far, not been as severely impacted by the outbreak, with the continent’s case numbers lower than all other continents except Oceania. However, the risk that the pandemic poses to the Africa cannot be understated. As such, many countries implemented lockdown measures very early, when only a handful of cases had been recorded. Indeed, many countries announced restrictions before any confirmed cases.</p> <p>While the majority of countries have some form of restrictions in place, especially on major cities, some, including Ghana, have been able to start relaxing their lockdowns. The DRC is also relaxing restrictions on the capital Kinshasa, which had been struck relatively hard before the outbreak. South Africa has also begun to ease restrictions since 1 May.</p> <p>International travel is likely to remain limited for the foreseeable future. For example, Nigeria, Africa’s most populous nation, closed its land borders and banned all international flights in late March.</p> |
| Middle East | <p>The Middle East has some significant lockdowns in place, most countries are also now looking to ease restrictions. Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Jordan, among others, have all eased the restrictions on people’s movements.</p> <p>Notably, Saudi Arabia has eased restrictions nationwide, with the exception of Mecca, with malls, wholesale and retail shops, also being allowed to reopen from the sixth day of Ramadan. Mecca remains under a 24-hour curfew with calls for the kingdom to postpone Hajj in July.</p> |
| Australia/Oceania | <p>All states in Australia appear to have contained the spread of the coronavirus. Some states and territories including Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory will start to ease their restrictions from 1 May. Variations on restriction rules apply between states.</p> <p>Additionally, New Zealand’s Prime Minister announced that the country has stopped the transmission of the virus. As such, some of the lockdown restrictions were eased from 11.59 local time on 27 April. New Zealand also lifted its level 4-lockdown that has been in effect for more than 4 weeks. The level 3 phase, which is reportedly in effect for two weeks, allows non-essential businesses such as retailers, schools and restaurants to reopen.</p> |
| TSCL and Solace Global Advice | <p>At this time, we continue to advise that only business-critical travel is conducted. Otherwise, ensure that you can access the country you intend to travel to. Extensive travel restrictions are making even business-critical travel difficult, as such, it is important that travellers are aware of the restrictions that are in place, including any potential mandatory quarantining, and are prepared for travel to be postponed or disrupted at short notice. It is likely that restrictions will continue to be eased in the coming weeks and months; however, these will remain fluid, with spikes in new cases likely resulting in renewed lockdowns and travel restrictions.</p> |

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

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| Current Total Cases | 3,913,644 (+96,262) | Total Confirmed Recoveries | 1,341,022 (+33,414) | Total Confirmed Deaths | 270,426 (+5,589) |
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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 | |
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| USA | 1,292,623 | USA | +29,531 | USA | 76,928 | USA | 217,250 |
| Spain | 256,855 | Russia | +11,896 | UK | 30,615 | Spain | 163,919 |
| Italy | 215,858 | Brazil | +9,082 | Italy | 29,958 | Germany | 139,900 |

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| UK | 206,715 | UK | +5,614 | Spain | 26,070 | Italy | 96,276 |
| Russia | 177,160 | Peru | +3,709 | France | 25,987 | Turkey | 82,984 |
| France | 174,791 | India | +3,364 | Brazil | 9,188 | Iran | 82,744 |
| Germany | 169,430 | Spain | +3,173 | Belgium | 8,415 | China | 77,957 |
| Brazil | 135,693 | Turkey | +1,977 | Germany | 7,392 | Brazil | 55,350 |
| Turkey | 133,721 | Saudi Arabia | +1,793 | Iran | 6,486 | France | 55,027 |
| Iran | 103,135 | Mexico | +1,609 | Netherlands | 5,288 | Canada | 28,972 |
| China | 82,885 | Chile | +1,533 | China | 4,633 | Switzerland | 25,900 |
| Canada | 64,922 | Iran | +1,485 | Canada | 4,408 | Russia | 23,803 |
| Peru | 58,526 | Pakistan | +1,430 | Turkey | 3,641 | Peru | 18,388 |
| India | 56,351 | Canada | +1,426 | Sweden | 3,040 | Mexico | 17,781 |
| Belgium | 51,420 | Italy | +1,401 | Mexico | 2,704 | Ireland | 17,110 |
| Netherlands | 41,774 | Germany | +1,268 | India | 1,889 | India | 16,776 |
| Saudi Arabia | 33,731 | Qatar | +918 | Switzerland | 1,810 | Austria | 13,698 |
| Ecuador | 30,298 | Belarus | +913 | Ecuador | 1,654 | Belgium | 12,980 |
| Switzerland | 30,126 | Ecuador | +878 | Peru | 1,627 | Chile | 11,664 |
| Mexico | 27,634 | Singapore | +741 | Russia | 1,625 | Israel | 10,873 |
| Portugal | 26,715 | Bangladesh | +706 | Ireland | 1,403 | S. Korea | 9,419 |
| Pakistan | 24,644 | Sweden | +705 | Portugal | 1,105 | Saudi Arabia | 7,798 |
| Sweden | 24,623 | Belgium | +639 | Indonesia | 930 | Denmark | 7,711 |
| Chile | 24,581 | France | +600 | Romania | 888 | Pakistan | 6,464 |
| Ireland | 22,385 | Portugal | +533 | Poland | 755 | Romania | 6,144 |
| Singapore | 20,939 | Ukraine | +507 | Philippines | 685 | Australia | 6,040 |
| Belarus | 20,168 | UAE | +502 | Austria | 609 | Belarus | 5,067 |
| Qatar | 18,890 | Colombia | +497 | Pakistan | 585 | Sweden | 4,971 |
| Israel | 16,381 | Netherlands | +455 | Japan | 577 | Japan | 4,918 |
| UAE | 16,240 | South Africa | +424 | Denmark | 514 | Poland | 4,862 |
| Austria | 15,752 | Egypt | +393 | Algeria | 483 | Malaysia | 4,776 |
| Japan | 15,477 | Romania | +392 | Egypt | 482 | Czech Republic | 4,371 |
| Poland | 15,047 | Nigeria | +381 | Colombia | 407 | UAE | 3,572 |
| Romania | 14,499 | Philippines | +339 | Hungary | 383 | Luxembourg | 3,505 |
| Ukraine | 13,691 | Indonesia | +338 | Dominican Republic | 373 | Finland | 3,500 |
| Indonesia | 12,776 | Poland | +307 | Ukraine | 340 | Ecuador | 3,433 |
| Bangladesh | 12,425 | Dominican Republic | +288 | Chile | 285 | South Africa | 3,153 |
| S. Korea | 10,810 | Kuwait | +278 | Argentina | 282 | Thailand | 2,772 |
| Philippines | 10,343 | Bahrain | +265 | Czech Republic | 270 | Ukraine | 2,396 |
| Denmark | 10,083 | Japan | +224 | South Korea | 256 | Indonesia | 2,381 |