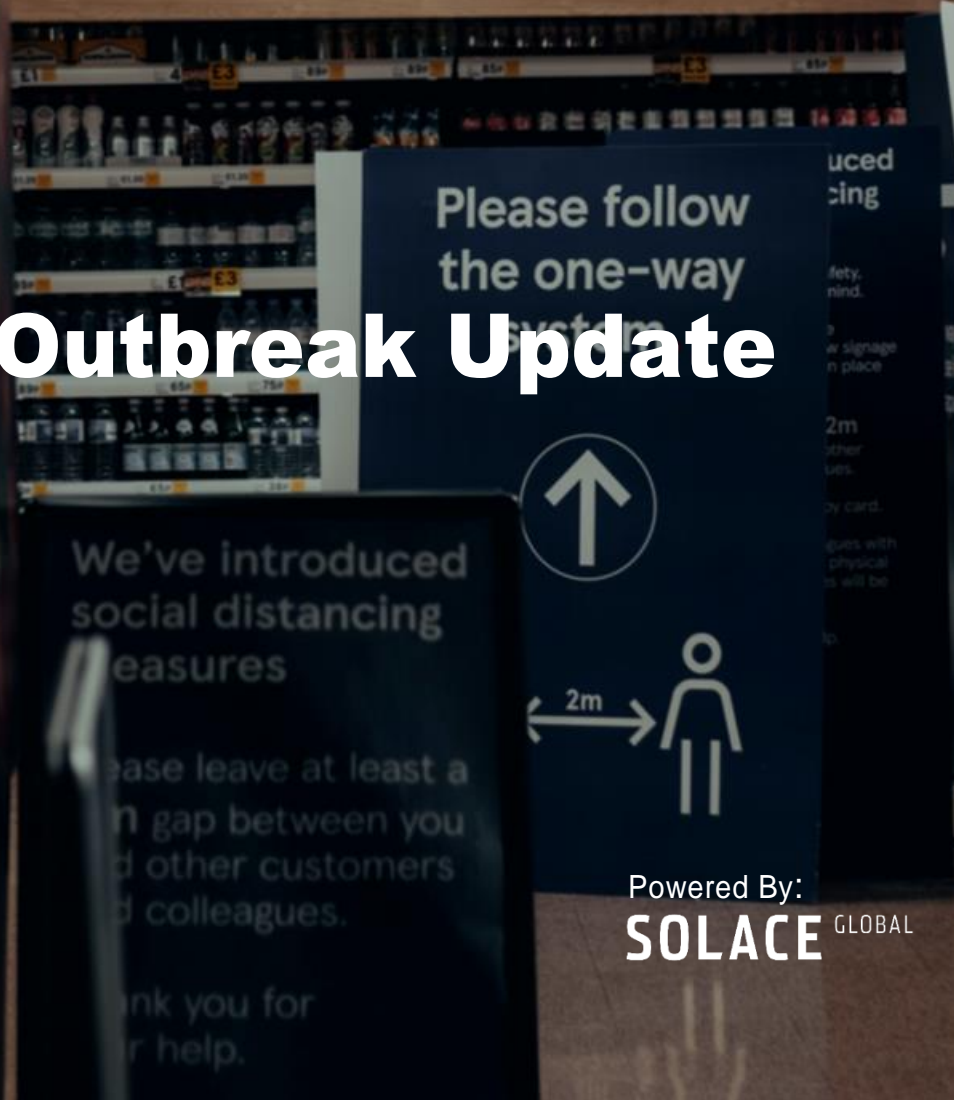




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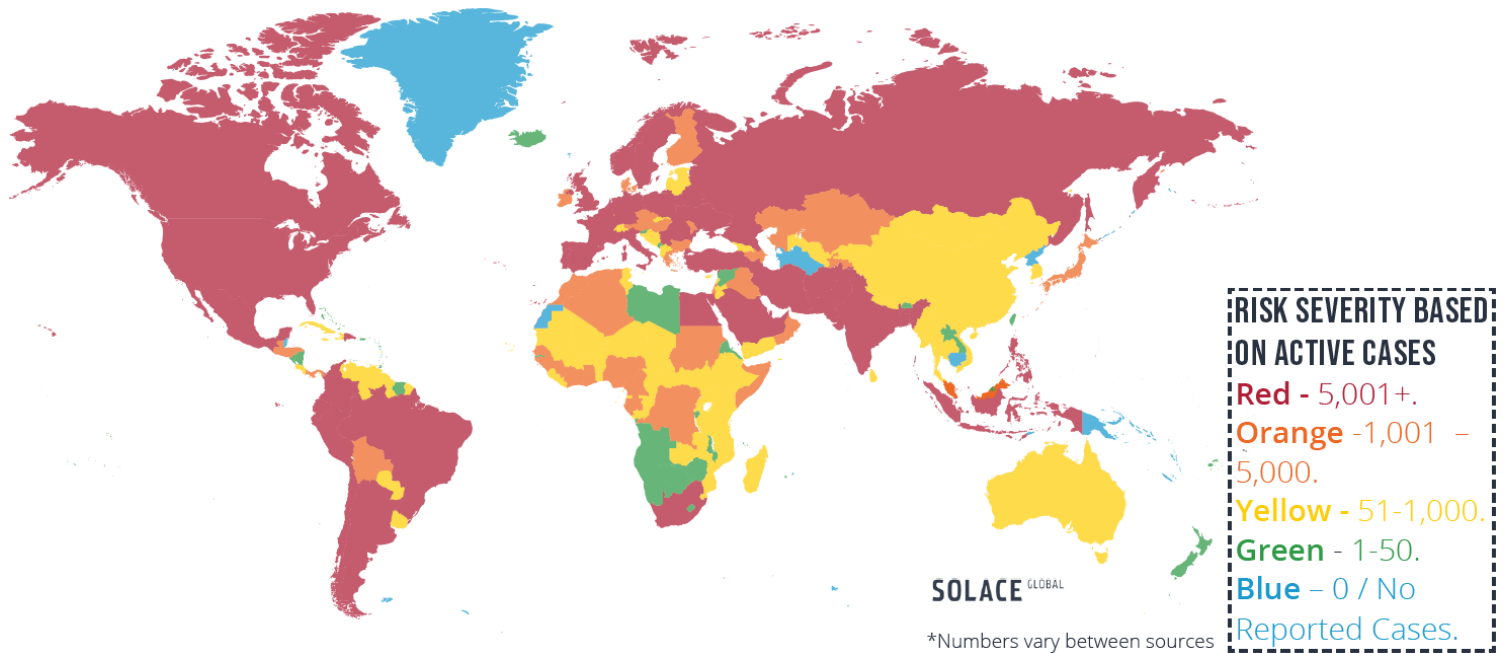


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Executive Summary

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases globally has surpassed 5 million, with approximately 329,000 deaths and approximately 2 million recoveries. Nearly all countries globally have reported at least one case and have implemented some form of travel restriction. While the situation has stabilised in many European and Asian countries in the past weeks, it is highly likely that the in-place travel restrictions, both internationally and domestically, will remain in place for the foreseeable future. Internally, some countries 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

The World Health Organization has reported 106,000 new COVID-19 infections worldwide. This represents the highest daily increase in cases so far in the pandemic. The total number of reported cases has passed the 5 million mark, with a high proportion of new infections occurring in the Americas. The US remains the worst affected nation, with more than 1.5 million confirmed cases and over 92,000 deaths. Around 330,000 fatalities have been reported worldwide so far.

The Malaysian Government has extended its Conditional Movement Control Order (which restricts the entry of foreign nationals into the country) until 9 June. Under the order, no foreign nationals can enter Malaysia unless they hold a diplomatic passport, have permanent residence status or are an 'expatriate in an essential service'.

Authorities in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta have extended the city's lockdown until 4 June, maintaining restrictions that limit public transportation and gatherings. The move comes despite the Central Government's original plans to ease the policy and allow businesses to resume operations. Residents leaving their houses at dusk and night during the holy month of Ramadan were cited as the reason behind the extension. Police are predicting potential clashes should large crowds of worshippers attempt to gather at mosques to celebrate the end of the holy fasting month. Jakarta has also shut its schools and most shops and malls have chosen to close.

In Japan, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has stated that the state of emergency could be lifted in Tokyo and its surrounding regions should the number of coronavirus infections continues to decrease. Additionally, however, the head of the International Olympic Committee has warned that the Tokyo Olympic Games would have to be cancelled all together should they not be able to take place next year due to the pandemic.

In the Gambia, President Adama Barrow has announced an extension of lockdown restrictions until at least 11 June. Public places such as school and markets are shut, freedom of movement will continue to be severely curtailed, and the country's land and air borders remain closed.

Spanish Health Minister Salvador Illa has announced that the use of face masks will be compulsory from 21 May onwards in closed spaces and on streets where a two-meter distance between individuals cannot be maintained. The previous requirement of face masks in public transport will also remain in place. Spain has endured one of Europe's strictest lockdowns, and despite restrictions slowly being lifted, the government has requested a two-week extension of the state-of-emergency.

In Chile, protests erupted in the capital Santiago due to tensions over food shortages, rising prices and unemployment caused by the lockdown. Military forces have been deployed to aid police in restoring order to the streets as protesters resorted to throwing rocks at security forces.

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

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 mid-June. Airlines, however, continue to operate limited flights to and from the majority of EU countries.</p> <p>European countries are now seeing an easing of internal and international restrictions after overcoming what the peak of the outbreak in their countries. Most recently, Italy has announced that it will allow travel to and from abroad from 3 June.</p>
Americas	<p>The US continues to be the worst affected country globally. The majority of states have imposed restrictions or have 'stay-at-home' orders in place. However, in recent days and weeks, many states have begun to ease measures and have allowed businesses to resume limited operations as part of phased reopening plans.</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 Africa cannot be understated. South Africa and Egypt are both seeing a strong increase in case numbers with Cameroon and Sudan also seeing a rise in the increase in confirmed cases</p> <p>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.</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. Additionally, Kuwait announced a 'total curfew' from 10 May for 20 days.</p>
Australia/ Oceania	<p>All states in Australia appear to have contained the spread of the coronavirus. Most states and territories including Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales, Northern Territory and Victoria have eased restrictions.</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. Updated reports indicate that New Zealand also lifted the nationwide state of emergency and entered the Level 2 phase. The new phase allows public spaces such as restaurants and gyms 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>
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Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Current Total Cases	5,092,046 (+87,910)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	2,026,199 (+65,137)	Total Confirmed Deaths	329,768 (+4,794)
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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	1,593,039	USA	+22,140	USA	94,941	USA	370,812
Russia	317,554	Brazil	+21,472	UK	35,704	Spain	196,958
Brazil	293,357	Russia	+8,764	Italy	32,330	Germany	158,000
Spain	279,524	India	+5,553	France	28,132	Italy	132,282

UK	248,293	Peru	+4,537	Spain	27,888	Brazil	116,683
Italy	227,364	Chile	+4,038	Brazil	18,894	Turkey	113,987
France	181,575	Mexico	+2,713	Belgium	9,186	Iran	98,808
Germany	178,531	Saudi Arabia	+2,691	Germany	8,270	Russia	92,681
Turkey	152,587	Iran	+2,346	Iran	7,183	China	78,249
Iran	126,949	Pakistan	+1,932	Mexico	6,090	France	63,354
India	112,442	Bangladesh	+1,617	Canada	6,031	India	45,422
Peru	104,020	Qatar	+1,491	Netherlands	5,748	Peru	41,968
China	82,967	Canada	+1,030	China	4,634	Canada	40,776
Canada	80,142	Turkey	+972	Turkey	4,222	Mexico	38,876
Saudi Arabia	62,545	UAE	+941	Sweden	3,831	Saudi Arabia	33,478
Mexico	56,594	Belarus	+918	India	3,438	Switzerland	27,800
Belgium	56,235	Kuwait	+804	Russia	3,099	Chile	22,504
Chile	53,617	South Africa	+803	Peru	3,024	Ireland	21,060
Pakistan	48,091	France	+766	Ecuador	2,888	Belgium	14,988
Netherlands	44,447	Colombia	+752	Switzerland	1,892	Austria	14,951
Qatar	37,097	Egypt	+745	Ireland	1,571	Pakistan	14,155
Ecuador	34,854	Sweden	+724	Indonesia	1,278	Israel	13,617
Belarus	32,426	Spain	+721	Portugal	1,263	Japan	12,286
Sweden	31,523	Germany	+704	Romania	1,151	UAE	11,809
Switzerland	30,658	Ecuador	+703	Pakistan	1,017	Belarus	11,415
Singapore	29,812	Indonesia	+693	Poland	965	Singapore	11,207
Portugal	29,660	Italy	+665	Philippines	846	Romania	10,356
Bangladesh	28,511	Singapore	+570	Japan	771	S. Korea	10,135
UAE	26,004	Afghanistan	+492	Egypt	680	Denmark	9,536
Ireland	24,315	Argentina	+474	Austria	633	South Africa	8,950
Indonesia	20,162	Poland	+471	Colombia	630	Poland	8,452
Poland	19,983	Oman	+372	Ukraine	579	Dominican Republic	7,142
Ukraine	19,706	Bahrain	+356	Algeria	568	Qatar	6,600
South Africa	18,003	Ukraine	+354	Denmark	554	Australia	6,470
Colombia	17,687	Philippines	+279	Chile	544	Portugal	6,452
Kuwait	17,568	Nigeria	+276	Hungary	473	Ukraine	6,227
Romania	17,387	Dominican Republic	+254	Dominican Republic	446	Panama	6,194
Israel	16,670	Armenia	+230	Bangladesh	408	Czechia	5,830
Austria	16,404	Portugal	+228	Argentina	403	Malaysia	5,796
Japan	16,385	Kazakhstan	+218	Saudi Arabia	339	Bangladesh	5,602