

Dentons Flashpoint

Daily Global Situation Report

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Canada became the third nation to approve Pfizer's vaccine.

The US FCC and 46 state attorneys general bring a sweeping antitrust suit against Facebook.

The EU prepares sanctions against Turkey as it begins a summit of European leaders.

Global

Overnight, confirmed coronavirus cases rose to 69,332,094 in 217 countries and territories, with 1,577,777 deaths.

- The UNHCR mid-year report found that the number of **displace people** surpassed 80 million in 2020, with violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen driving growth.
- Countries in Asia-Pacific that have secured vaccines for their populations can expect their **services sectors** to recover more quickly than those that have yet to make vaccine deals, according to an Oxford Economics report.
- The World Bank set a new 5-year target for 35 percent of its financing to have **climate co-benefits**, up from 28 percent in the last period.
- The IMF's Managing Director Georgieva predicted that the **debt freeze** for poor countries would be extended through 2021.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

A cyber-attack on the European Medicines Agency exposed documents related to the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

- **Canada** granted interim authorization to the Pfizer vaccine, and will begin administering doses as soon as the beginning of next week.
- **British** regulators ordered hospitals not to give the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to patients with histories of significant allergic reactions after two healthcare workers had adverse reactions.
- The People's Vaccine Alliance warned that only 1 in 10 people in the world's **70 poorest countries** are on track to be vaccinated next year.
- The head of the FDA's vaccine advisory panel predicted Pfizer's vaccine will be approved. The **US** will receive 2.9 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine in the first shipment. US HHS Secretary Azar said that 20 million Americans could get the vaccine in "*a matter of weeks.*" Johnson & Johnson will cut the size of its US vaccine trial to 40,000.
- Firefighters in the **UK** are prepared to help with vaccine distribution.

Markets

Australia has sold short term treasury bills at a negative yield for the first time in its history, joining Japan and a raft of European nations that are being paid to borrow money from investors.

- **European markets** were little changed on Thursday after a meeting between Britain and EU leaders on a trade deal failed to yield a breakthrough, while a European Central Bank decision due later in the day kept investors from making big bets.
- **Asian markets** edged downward.
- **US stocks** dropped Wednesday on difficulty around stimulus talks. Continued uncertainty over a Brexit deal continued to hurt the pound late into Wednesday.
- Oil rose above \$49 a barrel on Thursday as hopes of a faster demand recovery after the release of COVID-19 vaccines. The US Energy Information Administration reported that **US crude stocks** have risen to their highest level since last week's oil crash.
- **Gold prices** fell Wednesday, continuing a stretch of volatility in the safe-haven asset.

Business

The US government and 46 attorneys general filed antitrust suits against Facebook, seeking to undo Facebook's acquisition of Instagram and WhatsApp and constrain further acquisitions.

- **Delta** says it has banned nearly 700 passengers for refusing to wear a mask onboard. Delta's CEO said the company still needs employees to volunteer for unpaid leave.
- **AirAsia's** CEO said that he expects Asian governments, not airlines, to set vaccine mandates.
- **Campbell's** sales rose 7 percent last quarter on demand for soup and other food products.
- **Apple and Google** will stop data broker **X-Mode Social** from collecting location data after revelations about the company's national-security work.
- France's data privacy watchdog has handed out its biggest ever fine of 100 million euros (\$121 million) to Alphabet's **Google** for breaching the country's rules on online advertising trackers (cookies).
- Germany's antitrust regulator has started abuse proceedings against **Facebook** to examine the linking of Oculus virtual reality products with the social network and its platform.
- **Top Glove** said operation disruptions would continue for another two weeks due to an outbreak among workers in Malaysia.
- **Starbucks** plans to build more "walk-through" cafes.
- **GE** will pay the US SEC a \$200 million fine for misleading investors.
- **DoorDash** closed its Wednesday IPO with shares having jumped over 85 percent; its IPO filing showed that the company was making half of all food deliveries in the US in October.
- **Deutsche Bank's** China business has received a domestic fund custody license from the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

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Africa

- The incumbent President Nana Akufo-Addo was reelected in the **Ghanaian** presidential elections; police say 5 were killed in election-related violence.
- The UN reported that the humanitarian situation in **Ethiopia** is “spiraling out of control” as Addis Ababa maintained that there was no guerrilla war in Tigray. Ethiopia’s Oromo opposition party said they would find it “*extremely hard*” to participate in elections given ongoing persecution of Oromo politicians.
- Uganda will allow **Chinese** nationals residing in the country to order Chinese vaccine doses for their own use ahead of WHO safety assessments.
- **Mauritania** surpassed 10,000 virus cases.
- The economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic will send personal incomes in **Nigeria**, Africa’s largest economy, back four decades, the World Bank warned.



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Asia

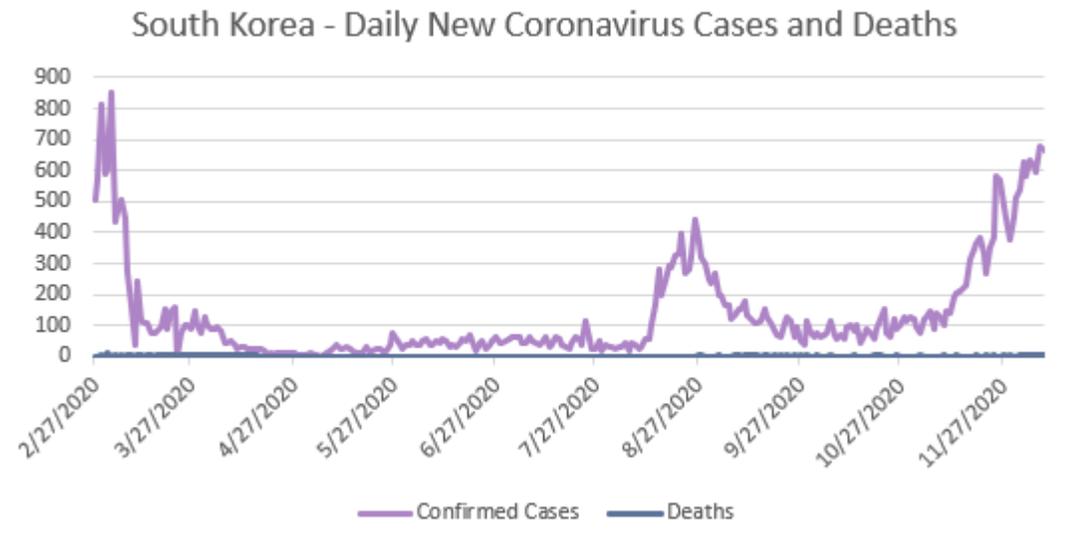
- **South Korean** President Moon convened an emergency meeting on the country's current surge in cases.
- In **Japan**, Tokyo's senior residents are being infected with COVID-19 at nearly twice the rate of the last case wave in August.
- **Indonesia** reported its highest daily death toll since the beginning of the pandemic with 171 deaths.
- Kim Yo Jong, Kim Jong Un's sister, criticized **South Korea's** foreign minister for casting doubt on the idea that **North Korea** has zero coronavirus cases.
- Nearly 1,700 passengers on a Royal Caribbean "cruise-to-nowhere" from **Singapore** were confined to their cabins after an infection was confirmed on board.
- **Australia's** energy minister said the country is on track to cut carbon emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris agreement.
- **China** plans to revoke visa exemption treatment for **US** diplomatic passport holders visiting **Hong Kong and Macau** after the US imposed financial sanctions and a travel ban on more than a dozen Chinese officials. Beijing will also implement reciprocal sanctions against some U.S. officials, members of Congress, personnel at non-governmental organizations, and their family members.



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Asia

By global standards, South Korea has managed the public health crisis exceedingly well, with the country reporting just over 40,000 coronavirus infections and only 564 deaths. The country has adopted aggressive policies to mitigate the spread, imposing targeted lockdowns, aggressive contact tracing, mandatory mask wearing and other social distancing measures.

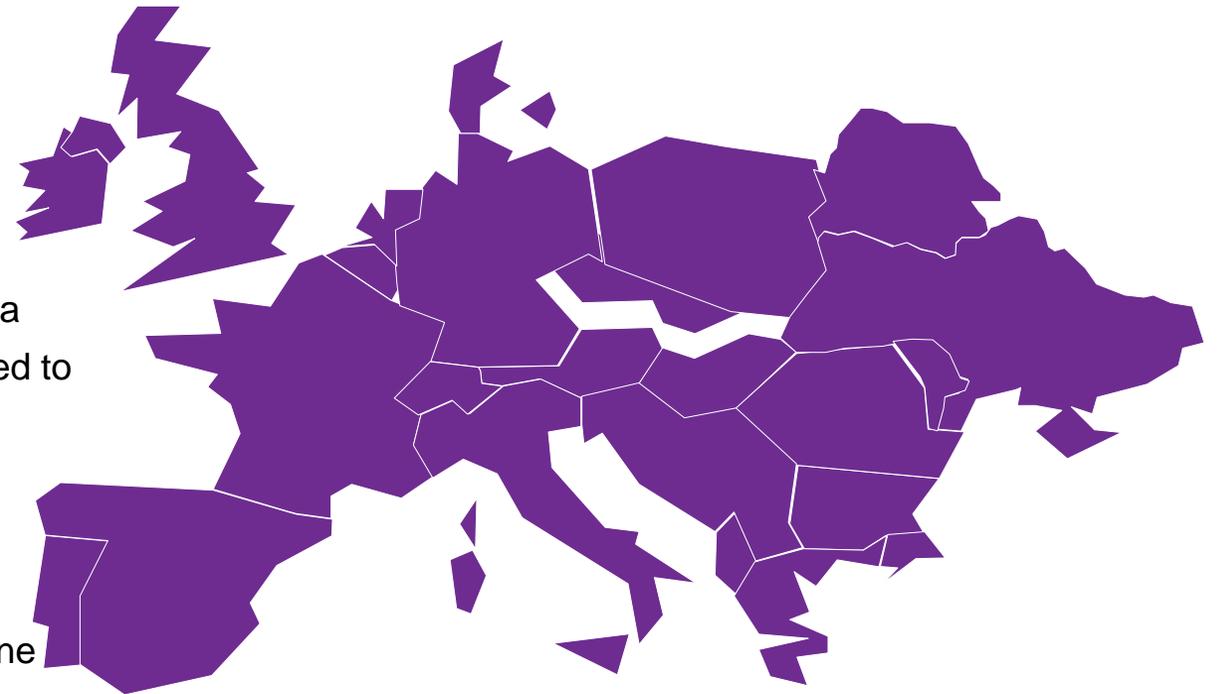


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Europe

- The **EU** is expected to prepare new sanctions against **Turkey** at a summit beginning today: possible targets include individuals linked to drilling off **Cyprus**.
- The French government proposed legislation to ban “*Islamic separatism*.”
- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson and **EU** leaders set a Sunday deadline for a “*firm decision*” on **Brexit**; talks remain deadlocked over fair competition for businesses and EU fishing rights in UK waters. The EU’s executive on Thursday laid out contingency plans for a ‘no-deal’ Brexit at the end of the year to limit disruption to air traffic, and road and rail travel after talks between British and EU leaders failed to break an impasse.
- **EU** member states seek to finalize the bloc’s recovery fund, with **Poland’s** deputy PM saying a compromise was in reach. The **UK** economic recovery nearly stalled in October as the services sector was hit again by Covid-19 restrictions.
- Hundreds of **Albanians** protested after police shot and killed a man for allegedly violating an overnight COVID-19 curfew. **Ukraine** plans for a deeper lockdown during the Orthodox Christmas holidays from January 6-7. In **Spain**, four lions at the Barcelona Zoo have reportedly tested positive for COVID-19. **Turkey** surpassed 900,000 virus cases.



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Middle East

- **Israeli** PM Netanyahu said that Israel's vaccination campaign would begin December 27, and that he would be the first to receive the dose to boost confidence.
- Senior **Palestinian** Liberation Organization official Hanan Ashrawi resigned and called for political reforms.
- **Lebanese** Prime Minister Hariri presented President Aoun with a proposed government lineup in the first step to end months of gridlock; Aoun will review the list this week. Lebanon's General Labor Union, and umbrella for 43 unions and guilds, will strike next week over recent government spending cuts.
- **Iran** blacklisted the **US** ambassador to **Yemen** in retaliation the US' sanctioning of the Iranian envoy earlier this week. Iran's health minister said the country's number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients has fallen 30 percent thanks to recent lockdown measures.
- **Oman** will allow visitors from 103 countries to enter the country visa-free for 10 days to boost the tourism industry.
- **Abu Dhabi** will "*fully resume economic, tourism, cultural, and entertainment activities*" in the next two weeks.



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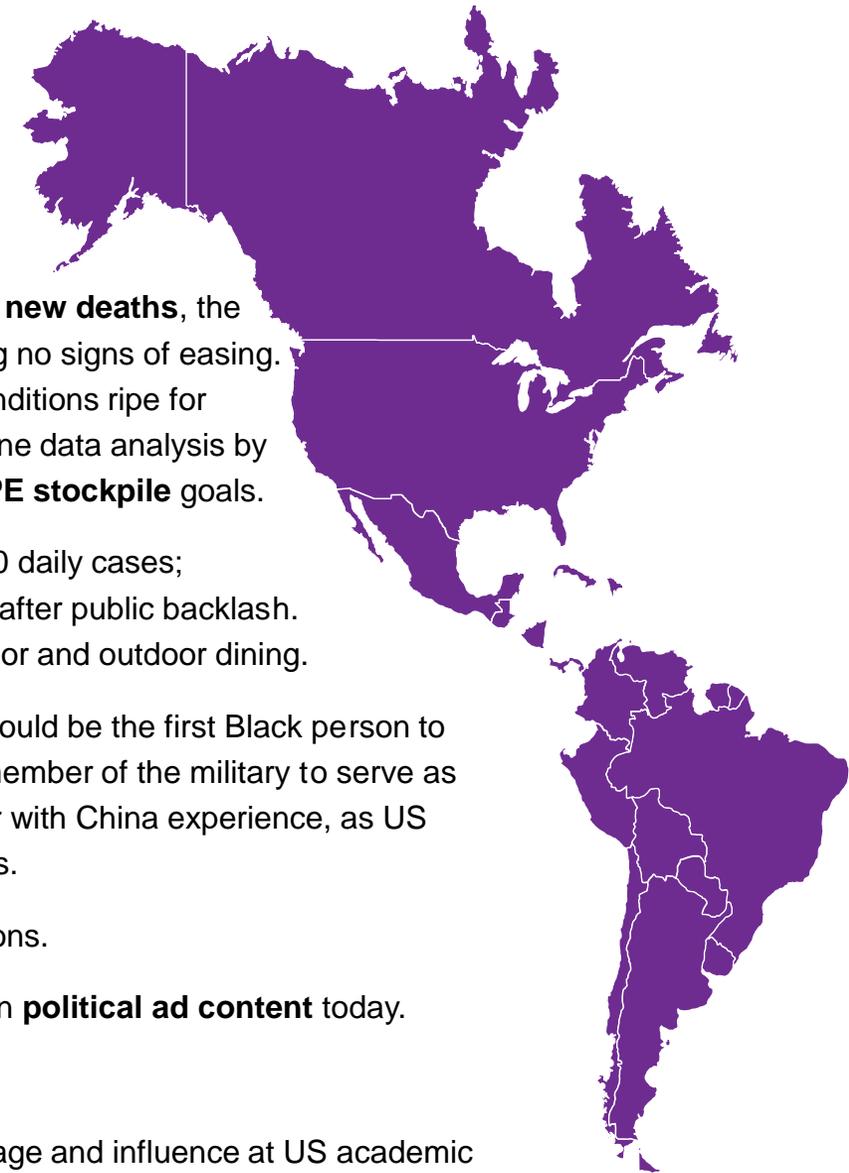
Americas

- **Mexico's** central government is considering reducing the tax burden on state oil company Pemex. Nine opposition state governors in Mexico said they would back a face mask mandate.
- The **US** will formally challenge **Canada's** dairy tariff rates via the USMCA dispute resolution mechanism.
- **Venezuelan** opposition leader Juan Guaidó says he will stay in Venezuela and press for an end to President Maduro's rule; Guaidó called for the revision of international sanctions to pressure the transfer of power.
- **Brazil** reported over 53,000 cases, its highest daily case rise since August.



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Americas: US



- On Wednesday, the nation reported the second highest numbers of **new coronavirus infections and new deaths**, the record having been set last week. **Hospitalizations** continued to break previous record highs, showing no signs of easing. Public health experts warn that the onset of **winter** driving people indoors for socializing will create conditions ripe for further spread. More than 1 in 5 Americans spent Thanksgiving **away from their homes**, per cell phone data analysis by SafeGraph, and 1 in 8 traveled further than 30 miles. The federal government has fallen short of its **PPE stockpile** goals.
- **Pennsylvania** Gov. Wolf tested positive for the coronavirus. **California** broke records with over 30,000 daily cases; hospitalizations in the state are nearing 12,000. California reversed its closure of outdoor playgrounds after public backlash. Baltimore announced **Maryland's** strictest coronavirus restrictions yet, including shutting down all indoor and outdoor dining.
- President-elect Biden formally named Gen. (ret.) Lloyd Austin to be his Secretary of Defense; Austin would be the first Black person to hold the position but already faces some opposition over the need to pass a waiver to allow a recent member of the military to serve as Secretary of Defense. Biden reportedly plans to **nominate** Katherine Tai, an experienced trade lawyer with China experience, as US Trade Representative. Hunter Biden said his tax affairs are under **investigation** by federal prosecutors.
- The House passed a one-week **funding extension** ahead of a deadline to agree on FY21 appropriations.
- YouTube will remove news videos falsely claiming election fraud; Google will lift its post-election ban on **political ad content** today.
- The New York State pension fund aims to be **carbon neutral** by 2040.
- In a speech at George Tech, US Secretary of State Pompeo discussed the danger of **Chinese** espionage and influence at US academic and research institutions.

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Science Under the Scope: The COVID-19 Mental Health Crisis and its Potential Impacts on the Workforce

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There has been a great deal of discussion about the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Experts have raised concern about the potential for increasing rates of depression and anxiety, especially among teenagers.¹ There is notable concern about the COVID-19 pandemic leading to an increase in suicide rates² due to financial hardships, social isolation, and a general lack of ability to access societal support.

Another group that has received notable attention are parents. A study conducted by the American Psychological Association showed that parents with children under the age of 18 are significantly more stressed than non-parents.³ And although it could easily be assumed that the main cause of parental stress is protecting themselves and their families from infection, the study found that making sure their children are maintaining their education and providing for their children's basic needs are the largest stressors. The study stated, "*Parents are more likely than those who are not parents to say basic needs--such as access to food and housing--are a significant source of stress (70% compared to 44%).*"⁴ The levels of stress are even more elevated for Black, Latinx, and single parents.

Another study conducted by George Washington University found that

the pandemic is a chronic and destabilizing force in the lives of many families. Parents are concerned about their ability to feed, clothe, and house their children, a stress that is even more elevated among families where one or more parents have lost their job because of the pandemic.⁵ Additionally, rates of anxiety and depression have increased among pregnant women, which can lead to health risks such as preterm birth and increased risk of postpartum depression, along with a higher risk of cognitive and behavioral problems for the children that experience prenatal stress.⁶ Lastly, a recent study found that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a significant increase in maternal depression and anxiety.⁷ This finding does not just apply to mothers who have recently given birth, but rather demonstrates a widespread mental health crisis.

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While the mental health impacts on parents are significant and severe, the problem getting less attention is the long-term impacts on the children experiencing elevated and chronic stress in their households. As a University of Oregon report stated, *“In many cases, younger children will face getting lost in the shuffle of these conflicting obligations [family finances and older children’s schooling], with long term consequences for children and for society as a whole.”*⁸ These researchers stress that without immediate action to relieve these stresses, there will be long-term impacts on our future workforce.

Decades of research have shown that chronic levels of high stress, sometimes termed toxic stress, impact the healthy development of a child’s brain and can increase an individual’s vulnerability to depression, anxiety, alcoholism, drug abuse, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke, and other physical and mental disorders.⁹ Additionally, chronic stress can lead to learning and memory impairments for children that last throughout their lives.¹⁰ These impacts of chronic stress are most commonly seen in children who

grow up in economic hardship, particularly those in extreme poverty. Research has found that the chronic stress experienced by children actually leads to changes in brain structure.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created circumstances of chronic stress for many families who previously may have never struggled with economic hardship or other life circumstances which tend to cause chronic stress. The numbers of parents, and by association children, suffering from high-levels of chronic stress could result in much higher numbers of adults with learning impairments, cognitive impairments, and behavioral issues. It could also lead to a higher percentage of future adults with severe mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. Such outcomes will have a notable impact on the workforce in the United States and any country around the world with children facing similar stress environments. The problems of parental stress now are likely to cause national hardships for decades to come.

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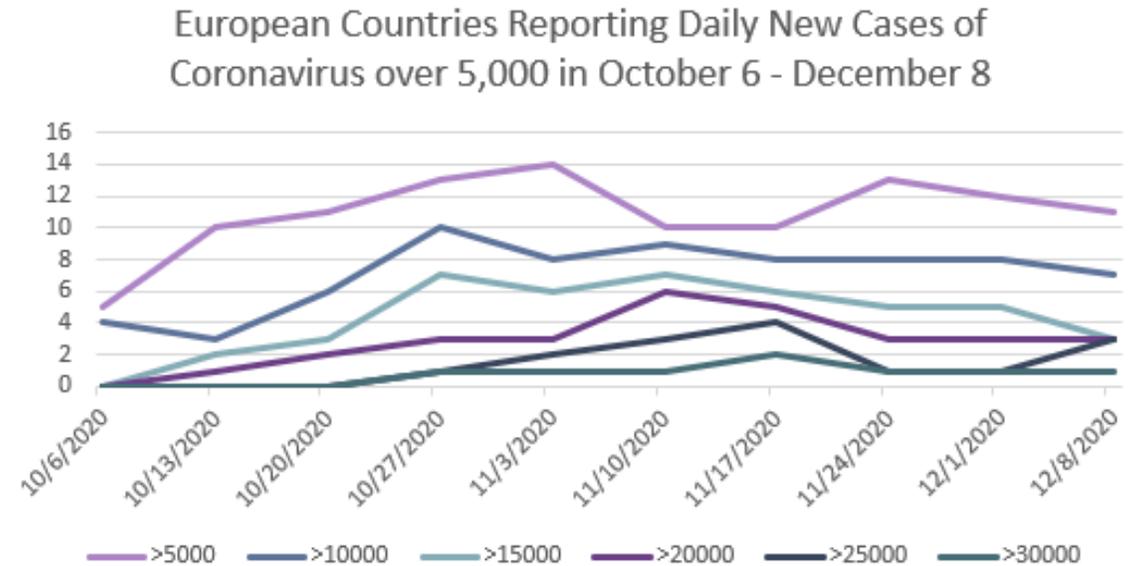
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Charts in Focus: Europe's Second Wave

Most of Europe is on the downward slope of the second wave of coronavirus, the exception being Turkey, Russia and Germany, which continue to report daily new cases over 25,000. With vaccine distribution starting and social distancing and other mitigation measures still in place, the region should start seeing significant improvement in public health early in 2021.



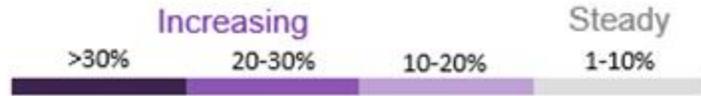
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Change in COVID-19 cases - Past Week

% change of 7-day average of cases from Dec. 4 - 10



Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 4-10
Lithuania	22.40%
Serbia	20.87%
Latvia	19.46%
Estonia	18.90%
Croatia	15.37%
Denmark	14.20%
Hungary	13.24%
Sweden	12.68%
Albania	12.10%
Slovenia	11.67%

Bulgaria	11.42%
Germany	10.87%
Slovakia	10.32%
Ukraine	10.30%
Finland	9.92%
Kosovo	9.73%
Romania	8.93%
N. Macedonia	8.67%
Moldova	8.59%
Portugal	8.50%
Greece	8.41%

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Dec. 4-10
Belarus	8.23%
Montenegro	8.22%
San Marino	8.02%
Liechtenstein	7.96%
Netherlands	7.72%
Switzerland	7.70%
Russia	7.60%
Italy	7.26%
Bosnia	7.13%
Luxembourg	6.95%
Austria	6.93%

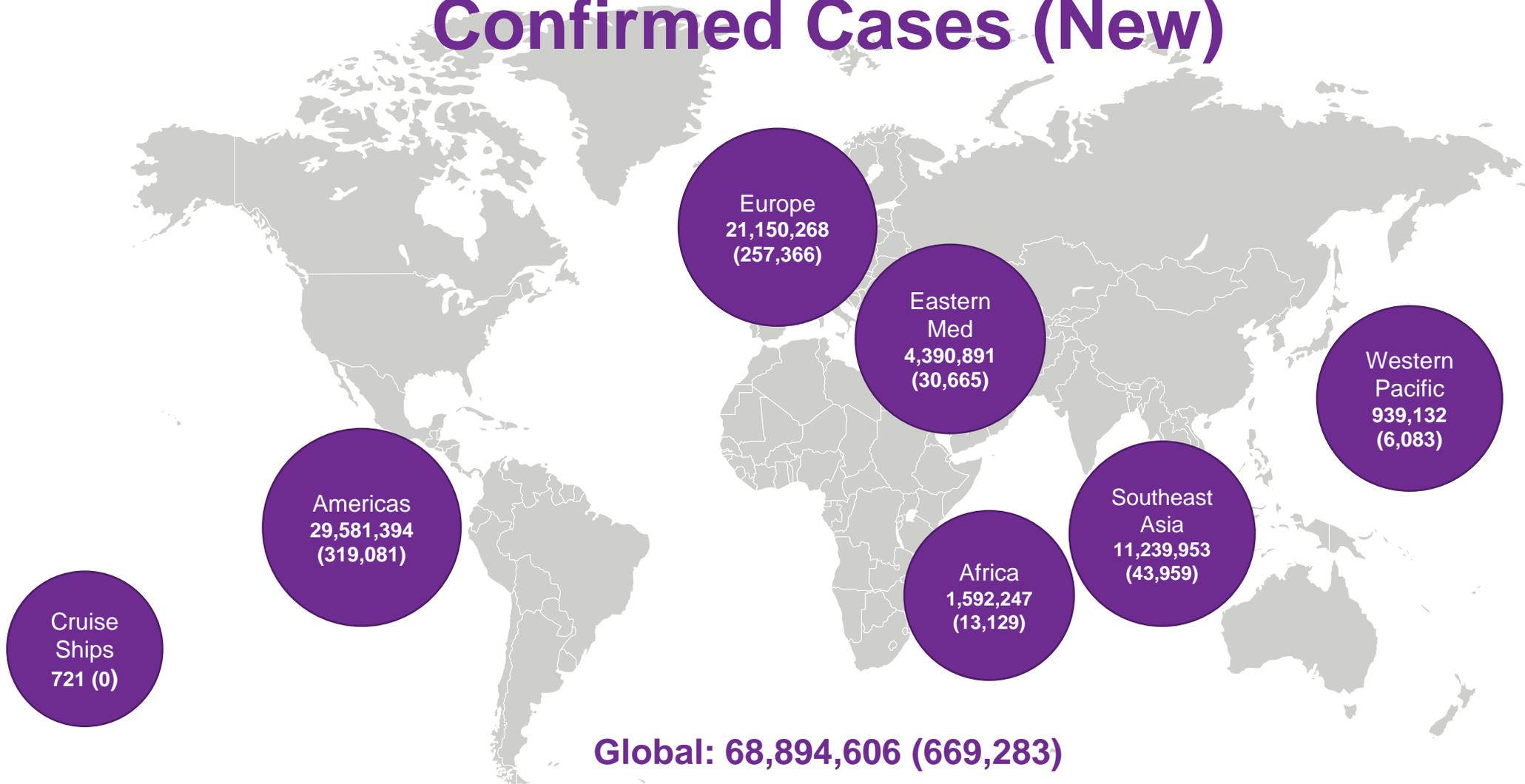
Poland	6.85%
Norway	6.47%
UK	6.10%
Monaco	5.19%
Andorra	4.47%
France	4.33%
Czechia	4.29%
Spain	2.71%
Belgium	2.58%
Ireland	2.45%

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on December 9

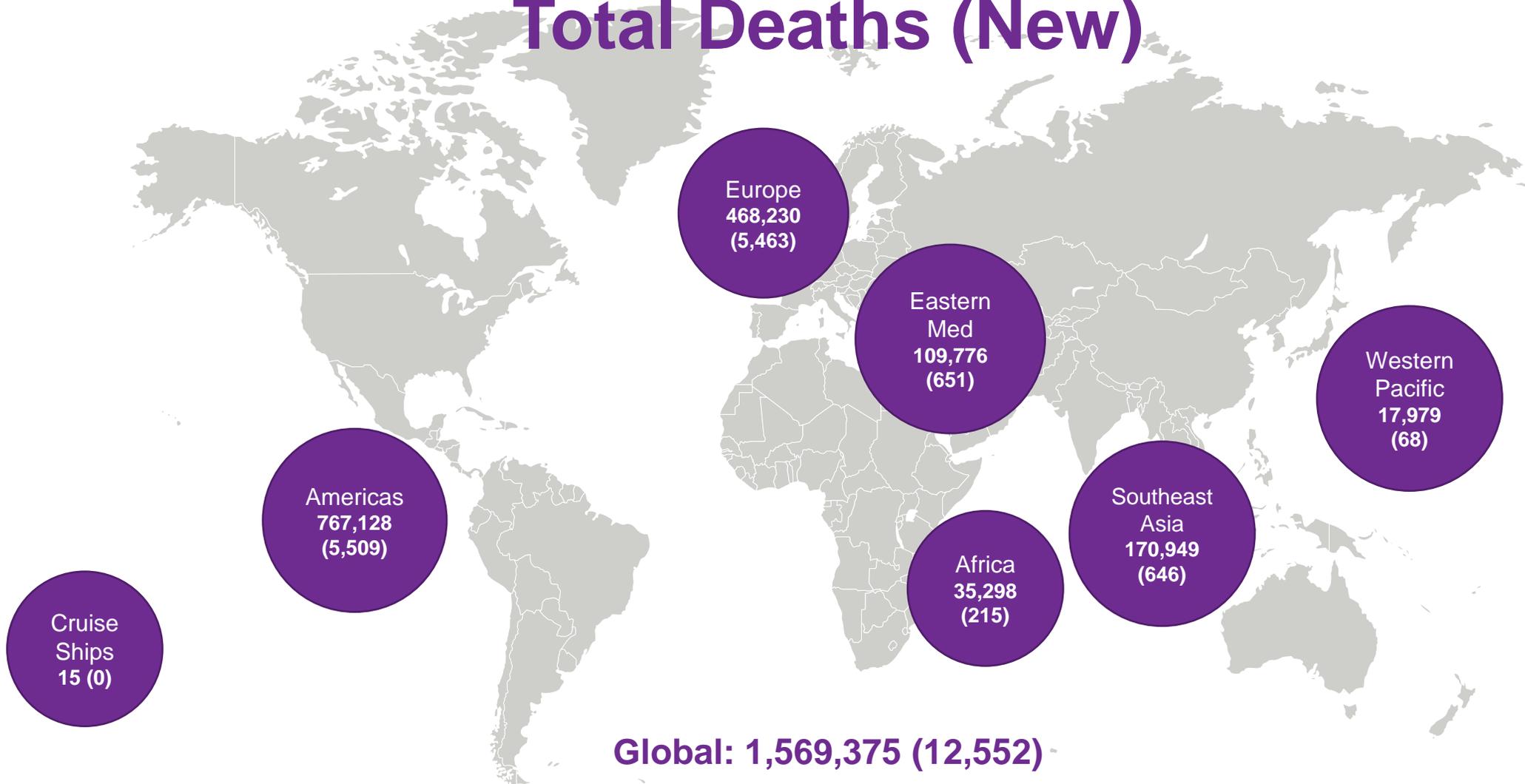
Confirmed Cases (New)



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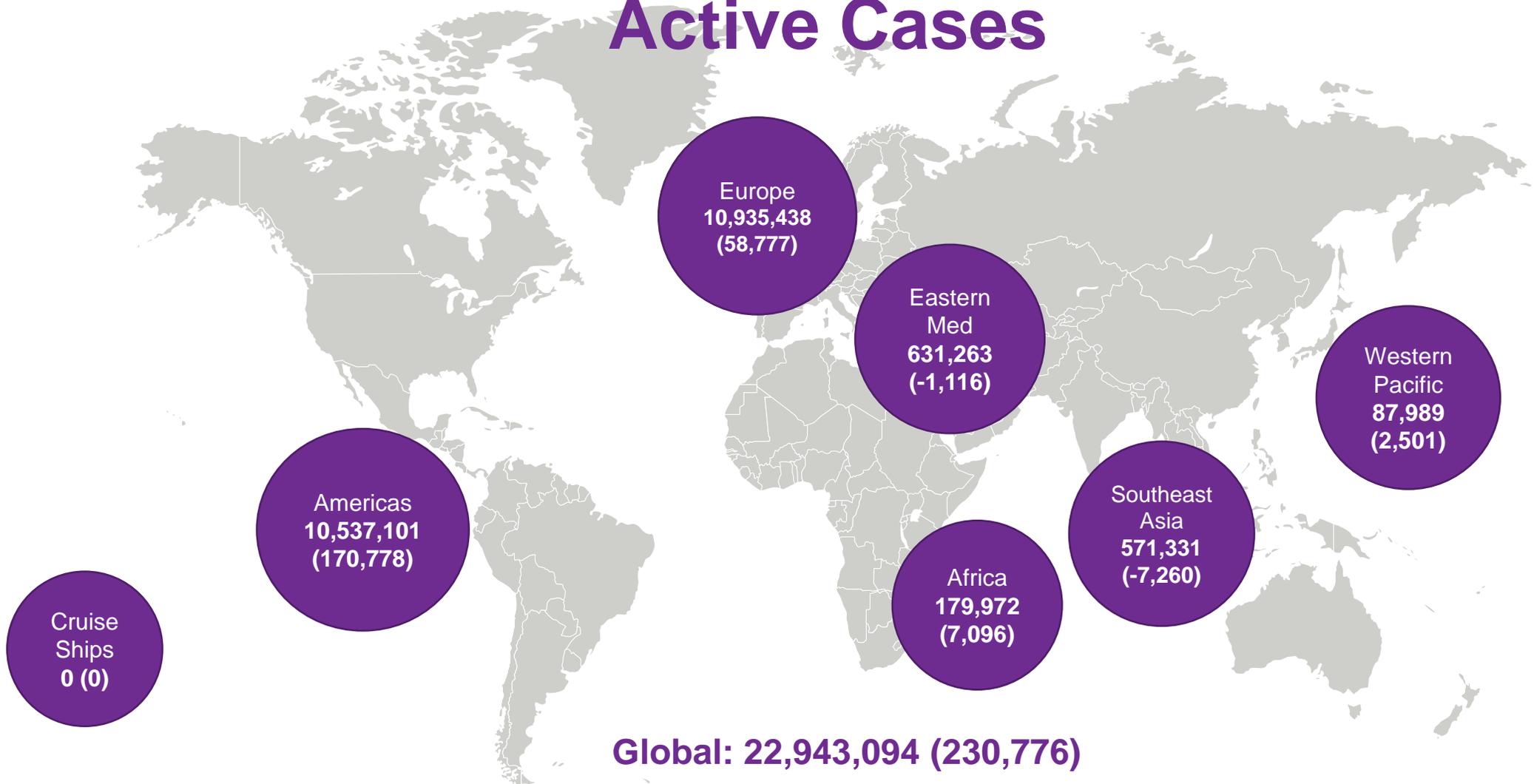
Total Deaths (New)



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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	9198694	15318750 (220993)	288016 (3123)	47675	894	9.53%
France	2115484	2321996 (14126)	56293 (292)	35572	867	4.33%
UK	1704955	1770040 (16623)	62644 (533)	25966	919	6.10%
Spain	1514706	1712101 (9773)	47019 (373)	36898	1005	2.71%
Italy	710515	1770149 (12755)	61739 (499)	29296	1022	7.26%
Brazil	583339	6728452 (53453)	178995 (836)	31563	840	4.34%
Belgium	580040	597643 (3071)	17603 (96)	51204	1508	2.58%
Netherlands	567124	576965 (6528)	9841 (66)	33639	574	7.72%
Russia	484621	2518551 (25838)	44220 (546)	17410	306	7.60%
Turkey	462450	925342 (31712)	15531 (217)	10920	183	24.26%
Ukraine	384089	867991 (12937)	14702 (289)	19381	326	10.30%
India	372293	9767371 (31521)	141772 (412)	7044	102	2.38%
Germany	304626	1254358 (25089)	20460 (458)	14806	247	10.87%
Poland	298945	1088346 (12166)	21160 (568)	28771	559	6.85%

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Sweden	297497	304793 (7061)	7296 (96)	30097	720	12.68%
Iran	255769	1072620 (10223)	51212 (295)	12699	606	7.74%
Serbia	239715	241831 (7804)	2116 (54)	27728	243	20.87%
Mexico	204406	1205229 (11974)	111655 (781)	9212	856	5.94%
Hungary	177038	259588 (3221)	6280 (160)	26902	651	13.24%
Argentina	123512	1475222 (5303)	40222 (213)	32509	886	2.38%
Bulgaria	94132	171493 (3328)	5283 (127)	24764	763	11.42%
Romania	93403	532040 (7365)	12821 (161)	27739	668	8.93%
Greece	93357	119720 (1675)	3289 (95)	11511	316	8.41%
Indonesia	87284	592900 (6058)	18171 (171)	2158	66	7.32%
Switzerland	74944	363654 (5086)	5710 (117)	41883	658	7.70%
Portugal	72181	332073 (4097)	5192 (70)	32609	510	8.50%
Bangladesh	71208	484104 (2159)	6930 (24)	2927	42	3.03%
Canada	70732	439142 (6399)	13009 (122)	11490	343	10.39%

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Colombia	66228	1392133 (7523)	38308 (150)	27232	749	4.17%
Azerbaijan	60470	158555 (4403)	1755 (42)	15576	172	18.30%
Honduras	58943	112792 (1085)	2961 (11)	11247	296	3.23%
Czechia	58032	556927 (5857)	9136 (100)	51963	857	4.29%
Iraq	57526	569873 (1735)	12501 (24)	14031	308	2.31%
South Africa	51366	828598 (6709)	22574 (142)	13894	379	3.88%
Ireland	49434	74900 (218)	2102 (5)	15095	424	2.45%
Pakistan	46376	429280 (3138)	8603 (56)	1913	38	5.23%
Lithuania	46144	80556 (3130)	704 (31)	29777	260	22.40%
Lebanon	45211	140409 (1274)	1156 (20)	20613	170	6.49%
Jordan	44955	250219 (3088)	3206 (44)	24417	313	9.20%
Austria	41131	311002 (2932)	4056 (54)	34444	449	6.93%
Morocco	40072	388184 (4096)	6427 (57)	10462	173	6.18%
Costa Rica	39200	148688 (1258)	1864 (18)	29071	364	4.94%

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Bosnia	32844	97317 (1296)	3151 (70)	29745	963	7.13%
Slovakia	30943	121796 (2564)	1084 (38)	22304	199	10.32%
Dominican Republic	29803	150161 (531)	2350 (3)	13782	216	3.31%
Algeria	29314	90014 (598)	2554 (15)	2037	58	5.48%
Peru	29107	976621 (2709)	36401 (127)	29461	1099	1.33%
Libya	28683	88522 (536)	1261 (6)	12807	182	5.01%
Georgia	27482	174383 (4734)	1614 (38)	43751	405	17.78%
Japan	26587	169429 (2837)	2376 (42)	1313	19	9.44%
Philippines	26545	444164 (1379)	8677 (7)	4030	79	2.21%
Ethiopia	25821	114834 (568)	1769 (3)	988	15	3.35%
Kazakhstan	25679	182657 (936)	2546 (2)	7331	111	3.46%
West Bank & Gaza	25209	102992 (1883)	890 (23)	19987	173	12.43%
Paraguay	24354	90146 (725)	1901 (14)	12571	265	6.28%
Croatia	23750	159372 (4520)	2367 (69)	38928	578	15.37%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Panama	22843	182977 (1811)	3264 (23)	42117	751	7.45%
Denmark	22086	97357 (2558)	904 (3)	16782	156	14.20%
Tunisia	21935	106856 (1411)	3717 (49)	9000	313	7.09%
N Macedonia	21579	69954 (502)	2023 (46)	33578	971	8.67%
Belarus	21273	152453 (1851)	1230 (8)	16136	130	8.23%
Norway	21166	39525 (362)	361 (0)	7266	66	6.47%
Albania	21165	45188 (752)	951 (15)	15710	331	12.10%
Armenia	21141	144066 (1138)	2393 (21)	48577	807	4.74%
Slovenia	20738	90075 (2139)	1900 (38)	43325	914	11.67%
Latvia	20657	22816 (712)	293 (5)	12156	156	19.46%
Myanmar	19277	103166 (1427)	2174 (23)	1890	40	9.27%
UAE	18468	180150 (1313)	598 (2)	18118	60	4.84%
Kenya	17915	89661 (561)	1552 (7)	1652	29	5.05%
Uganda	15330	25059 (1859)	219 (12)	540	5	14.57%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Israel	15248	350271 (1986)	2934 (2)	38083	319	3.04%
Moldova	14516	120970 (1766)	2481 (21)	30019	616	8.59%
Kosovo	12253	44442 (561)	1148 (11)			9.73%
Nepal	12245	244433 (1056)	1651 (14)	8324	56	3.35%
Bolivia	11566	146060 (214)	9004 (2)	12420	767	0.73%
Ecuador	11226	199228 (476)	13814 (20)	11218	778	2.18%
Cyprus	11161	13286 (0)	68 (0)	10969	56	15.89%
Malaysia	10748	76265 (959)	393 (5)	2343	12	10.81%
Montenegro	10590	39607 (454)	556 (7)	63058	885	8.22%
French Polynesia	10479	15411 (79)	90 (4)	54722	320	4.51%
Finland	10199	28732 (490)	433 (9)	5182	78	9.92%
Chile	9917	564778 (1244)	15690 (10)	29433	818	1.93%
South Korea	8897	40098 (666)	564 (8)	769	11	10.96%
Egypt	8796	119702 (421)	6832 (19)	1160	66	2.49%

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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
Luxembourg	8324	38476 (0)	360 (0)	61647	585	6.95%
Sri Lanka	8128	30072 (694)	144 (2)	1402	7	15.50%
Afghanistan	7900	47851 (135)	1919 (13)	1235	49	1.82%
Puerto Rico	7782	58962 (646)	1219 (13)	30575	360	8.91%
Sudan	7433	20084 (337)	1307 (6)	458	30	9.11%
Oman	6995	125490 (165)	1461 (7)	24306	283	1.07%
Guatemala	6885	127127 (654)	4311 (25)	7039	239	2.88%
Angola	6867	15804 (75)	358 (3)	474	11	3.07%
Guadeloupe	6079	8472 (0)	151 (0)	21172	377	0.53%
Estonia	6055	16054 (544)	139 (2)	12099	105	18.90%
Kyrgyzstan	5812	76012 (322)	1306 (5)	11567	198	3.29%
Martinique	5435	5575 (55)	42 (1)	14861	112	0.99%

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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
Belize	4261	8519 (506)	183 (4)	21256	457	31.28%
Nigeria	4243	70669 (474)	1184 (2)	339	6	3.83%
Syria	4096	8675 (95)	465 (7)	491	26	7.10%
Venezuela	3967	105852 (468)	933 (5)	3727	33	2.63%
Jamaica	3713	11369 (98)	266 (1)	3832	90	4.44%
Saudi Arabia	3648	359274 (159)	6002 (13)	10250	171	0.39%
Kuwait	3310	145204 (304)	905 (5)	33782	211	1.34%
CAR	2940	4927 (0)	63 (0)	1012	13	0.18%
Botswana	2622	12058 (0)	36 (0)	5083	15	10.91%
Mayotte	2484	5499 (318)	51 (2)	19948	185	5.78%
Uruguay	2453	8104 (298)	87 (1)	2329	25	23.19%
El Salvador	2395	40741 (190)	1174 (6)	6267	181	3.95%
Qatar	2232	140353 (150)	240 (1)	49987	85	0.78%
Uzbekistan	2001	74352 (146)	611 (0)	2207	18	1.37%

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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
Mauritania	1978	10105 (229)	202 (5)	2149	43	12.29%
Malta	1898	10778 (79)	160 (3)	24381	362	6.28%
Mali	1834	5469 (27)	181 (1)	267	9	11.56%
Curacao	1829	3325 (79)	8 (0)	20226	49	20.06%
China	1696	94618 (118)	4755 (2)	60	3	0.87%
Bahrain	1630	88495 (201)	347 (4)	51243	201	1.38%
Mozambique	1618	16440 (67)	138 (2)	520	4	3.49%
Zimbabwe	1556	11007 (95)	304 (1)	736	20	7.98%
French Guiana	1534	11600 (87)	71 (0)	38406	235	2.73%
Nicaragua	1500	5887 (0)	162 (0)	884	24	0.83%
Australia	1428	28000 (7)	908 (0)	1092	35	0.22%
Bahamas	1390	7585 (6)	163 (0)	19207	413	0.55%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Congo (Kinshasa)	1285	13843 (93)	350 (6)	153	4	6.18%
Cameroon**	1176	24963 (211)	443 (0)	930	17	1.91%
Namibia	1122	15472 (174)	155 (2)	6041	61	6.43%
Haiti	1031	9434 (35)	233 (0)	823	20	1.28%

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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	1428576	1448987 (33591)	20411 (206)	36814	518	12.69%
Florida	1063900	1083362 (9592)	19462 (84)	50441	906	6.02%
Illinois	797818	812430 (8256)	14612 (228)	64113	1153	7.86%
New York	608792	733064 (10600)	35183 (65)	39705	1811	9.39%
Georgia	507858	517779 (5512)	9921 (48)	48767	934	6.88%
Missouri	333866	338336 (2780)	4470 (40)	57290	775	7.77%
Arizona	317154	382601 (4444)	7081 (108)	52564	973	10.88%
New Jersey	317020	381486 (4431)	17542 (116)	44149	1989	9.25%
Texas	273896	1359951 (13308)	23657 (285)	48164	822	6.69%
Colorado	254136	272346 (3757)	3639 (267)	47293	632	11.45%
Michigan	239962	448418 (5342)	10706 (81)	44901	1072	10.15%
Virginia	236985	267128 (4398)	4281 (21)	31296	502	9.23%
Maryland	208858	222653 (2692)	4962 (46)	36828	821	8.67%
Washington	186847	189863 (2536)	3016 (49)	25857	399	10.28%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Pennsylvania	180915	450924 (8613)	11726 (205)	35241	928	15.52%
Kansas	176847	182581 (5269)	1941 (85)	62489	666	9.71%
Kentucky	176477	209135 (3468)	2118 (16)	46811	474	10.70%
Nevada	173950	176334 (3050)	2384 (25)	57248	774	10.97%
Ohio	161657	520112 (10094)	7187 (84)	44495	615	15.80%
Indiana	150234	398417 (5754)	6506 (96)	59181	966	11.91%
Connecticut	125463	140548 (2290)	5285 (43)	39421	1482	13.61%
South Carolina	112416	239444 (2490)	4612 (27)	46506	896	7.77%
Alabama	101397	280187 (3522)	3985 (43)	57144	813	8.34%
Massachusetts	88437	269412 (5965)	11166 (90)	39088	1620	13.06%
Wisconsin	84534	452180 (4171)	4142 (88)	72489	668	6.91%
Oregon	81307	88287 (1205)	1110 (30)	20932	263	11.47%
Iowa	74116	250280 (2326)	2724 (0)	79020	958	5.64%
New Mexico	71069	112950 (3003)	1823 (67)	53867	869	10.61%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Idaho	70786	116203 (2298)	1103 (29)	65024	617	9.87%
Nebraska	69038	143924 (1329)	1294 (23)	74402	669	7.92%
North Carolina	63825	410527 (6495)	5661 (56)	39142	540	9.48%
Rhode Island	62588	68299 (1232)	1484 (14)	64472	1401	13.61%
Utah	60473	222545 (2574)	995 (23)	69416	310	9.13%
Tennessee	40940	422962 (8213)	5171 (62)	61935	757	9.14%
Minnesota	39318	363719 (4516)	4168 (82)	64493	739	9.96%
Louisiana	34300	258914 (4352)	6684 (32)	55695	1438	6.79%
Alaska	31392	38707 (591)	150 (4)	51045	204	14.06%
Mississippi	30004	170672 (2746)	4041 (24)	57347	1358	8.09%
Oklahoma	29523	222993 (2307)	1945 (23)	56354	492	9.26%
Delaware	22739	42393 (929)	803 (0)	43535	825	13.43%
Arkansas	20778	176652 (2327)	2786 (34)	58537	923	8.57%
West Virginia	20059	58462 (1402)	901 (31)	32621	503	14.64%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Montana	17294	70133 (787)	771 (8)	65620	721	8.26%
South Dakota	16148	88023 (985)	1147 (36)	99499	1297	6.61%
Hawaii	6832	19056 (80)	266 (4)	13236	188	3.75%
New Hampshire	6509	27592 (969)	570 (4)	20293	419	18.93%
District of Columbia	6069	23854 (265)	704 (3)	33800	998	8.43%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Wyoming	4974	37885 (546)	299 (10)	65459	517	8.96%
North Dakota*	4548	86149 (461)	1086 (22)	113047	1417	6.98%
Maine	3870	14454 (679)	246 (19)	10753	183	15.54%
Vermont	2051	5285 (105)	86 (1)	8470	138	15.59%

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