

Dentons Flashpoint

Daily Global Situation Report

December 21, 2020

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Flights to/from the UK banned in efforts to contain mutant COVID-19 strain.

Brexit negotiations extended again as deadline looms and differences remain “*significant.*”

US Congress to vote on \$900 billion stimulus package after weekend breakthrough.

Global

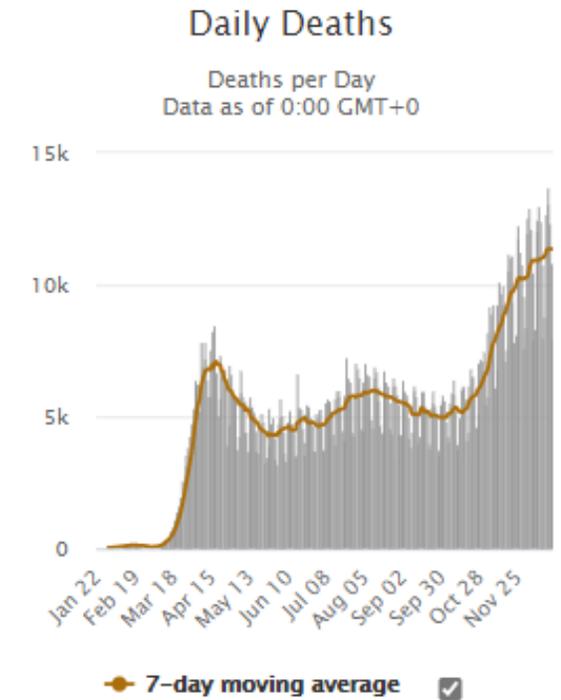
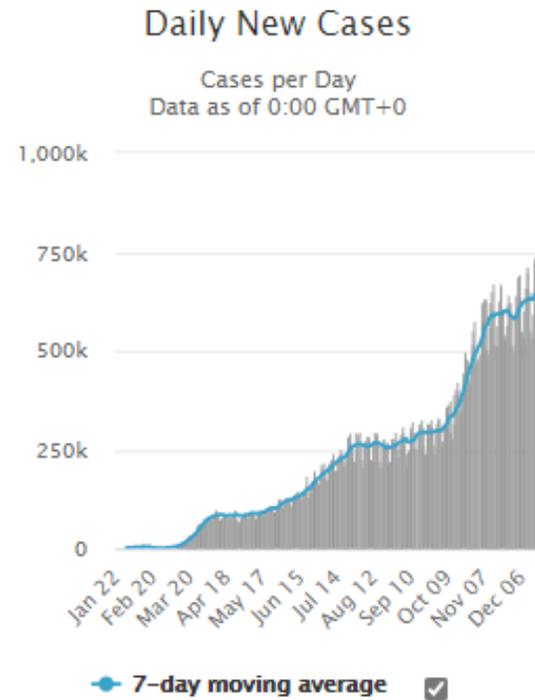
Over the weekend, global coronavirus cases blew past 76 million.

- The rapid spread of the **COVID-19 mutation** is prompting a global response to isolate the UK in a containment effort.
- The WHO said on Saturday it was in close contact with UK officials over a new **COVID-19 virus variant** which is up to 70 percent more infectious, but it is not thought to be more deadly.

Global

Over the past week, the global curve for new cases continued to flatten, while topping 76 million. One week ago, the count was 72 million. The US continues to be the global leader for new infections, average around 225,000 new cases last week. Turkey's surge eased somewhat while new cases in Brazil have returned to summer highs.

The rate of global deaths continued to ease as the global surge has cooled. The race to vaccinate is at full bore, with more countries announcing launch dates.



Source: WorldoMeter

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COVID-19 Vaccine

US distribution of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine began on Saturday, with more than 3,700 sites due to start receiving and administering shots as soon as Monday.

- A CDC advisory panel recommended **US** frontline essential workers (first responders, teachers, food and agriculture, manufacturing, US Postal Service, public transit, and grocery store workers) and people 75 and older should be next in line to get the Moderna Inc's vaccine; non-frontline workers such as those in media, finance, energy and IT and communication industries, persons in the 65-74 age group, and those aged 16-64 years with high-risk conditions should be in the ensuing round.
- **Canadian** health regulator said it expects to complete the review on Moderna Inc's coronavirus vaccine in the coming weeks.
- WHO announced that **poorer countries** will begin to receive coronavirus vaccination doses early next year from the Covax facility.
- **France** will begin vaccinating people against Covid-19 on December 27, starting with the most vulnerable.
- **Russia** plans to start vaccinating citizens over the age of 60 years next week.

Markets

President Trump signed legislation that would kick Chinese companies off US stock exchanges unless they adhere to American auditing standards.

- A more than 5 percent drop in travel stocks led a slump in **European shares** on Monday, as the rapid spread of a new strain of the coronavirus forced more stringent curbs in England and a travel ban from many countries.
- **Asian markets** closed down.
- **Tesla Inc** will on Monday make its much anticipated debut into the benchmark S&P 500 index.
- **Oil prices** tumbled by \$2 on Monday.

Business

China's former finance minister Lou Jiwei suggested that China could restrict the number of banks a single fintech platform can partner with, to prevent any platform from gaining too much market share.

- Bahrain-based **Investcorp** has agreed to sell its indirect stake in **Banque Paris Bertrand** to **Rothschild & Co**, which last week announced that it is buying the Swiss private bank.
- Privately held **Hilcorp Energy Co** said on Friday its unit completed a \$5.6 billion acquisition of **BP Plc's business in Alaska**, taking over the region the British oil major had operated in for 60 years.
- **Rent-A-Center Inc** said it will buy lease-to-own business **Acima Holdings LLC** for \$1.65 billion.
- The break-up of Philip Green's **Arcadia** retail empire, which includes Topshop, Burton and Wallis brands, has begun with the sale of the Evans brand to an Australian group.
- Private-equity firm **Thoma Bravo LP** has struck a deal to buy property-management-software provider **RealPage Inc.** for \$9.6 billion, in one of the largest recent leveraged buyouts.

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Africa

- The UN Security Council extended its peacekeeping mission in the **Democratic Republic of Congo** by one year, while initiating a plan for a gradual withdrawal from the country.
- Leaders of the three main armed rebel groups occupying large areas of the **Central African Republic** announced a coalition Saturday, ahead of next week's elections and as UN peacekeepers deployed in response to fresh attacks. The move could further fuel tensions already on the rise in the troubled country ahead of a presidential and legislative vote on December 27, which the opposition fears will be marked by massive electoral fraud.
- A **Somalia** suicide bombing missed Prime Minister Roble but kills several top commanders.
- **South Africa** surpassed 900,000 virus infections as the second wave continues to gather steam; scientists believe the UK mutant strain may be driving this new surge.



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Asia

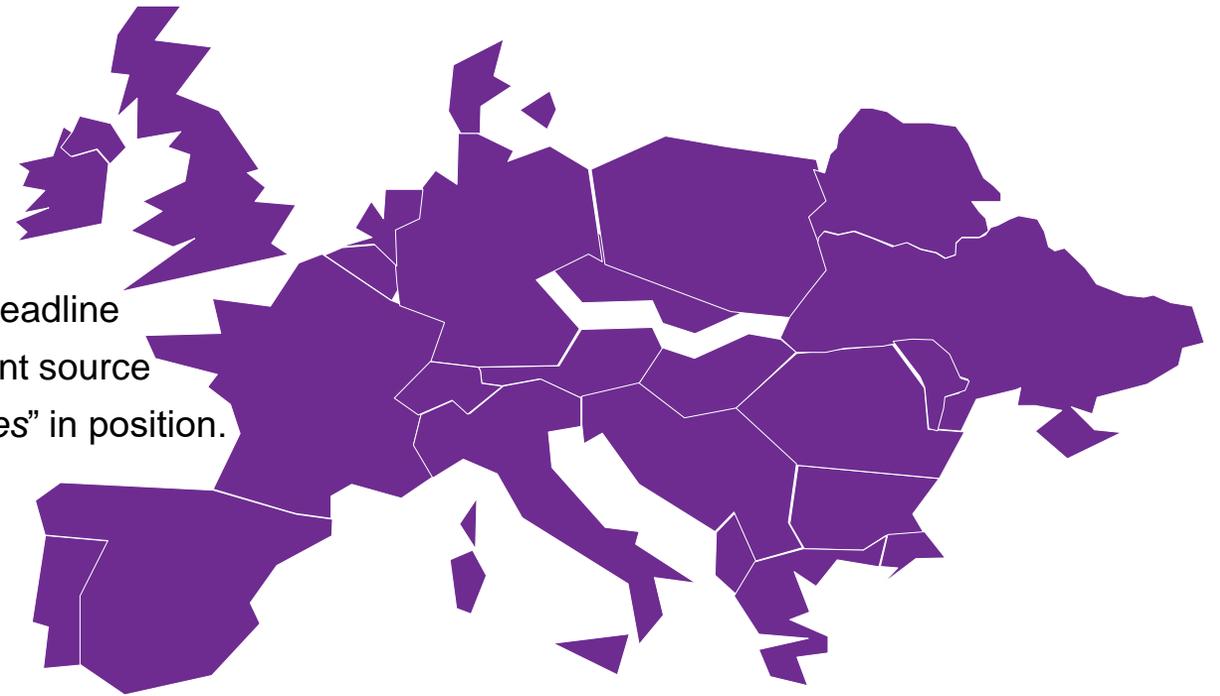
- **South Korean** capital Seoul bans most gatherings of over 5 people in efforts to contain their virus outbreak.
- **Thais** voted nationwide on Sunday in provincial elections that mark the first test of democracy since a general election last year that drew accusations of manipulation and helped spawn months of youth protests.
- A powerful cyclone that tore through **Fiji**; aerial assessment showed that Bua province on the northern island of Vanua Levu suffered 70 percent damage and destruction, while the small island of Kia was completely destroyed.
- Sydney was isolated from the rest of **Australia** on Sunday after all of the country's states and territories imposed travel restrictions on its residents because of a virus outbreak.
- **China** has drawn up new rules that will allow authorities to review foreign investment on national security grounds. The new review system will cover foreign investments in military sectors as well as “*important*” investment in energy, natural resources, agriculture, internet technology and financial services. Factories across China are shutting down as a ban on **Australian** coal worsens a power shortage that is hitting everything from streetlights to elevator lifts.
- **India** surpassed 10 million infections as the rate of new cases continued to decline. However, surveys conducted around the country that measure seropositivity rates have indicated that the virus's spread has been far wider than the official numbers suggest.



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Europe

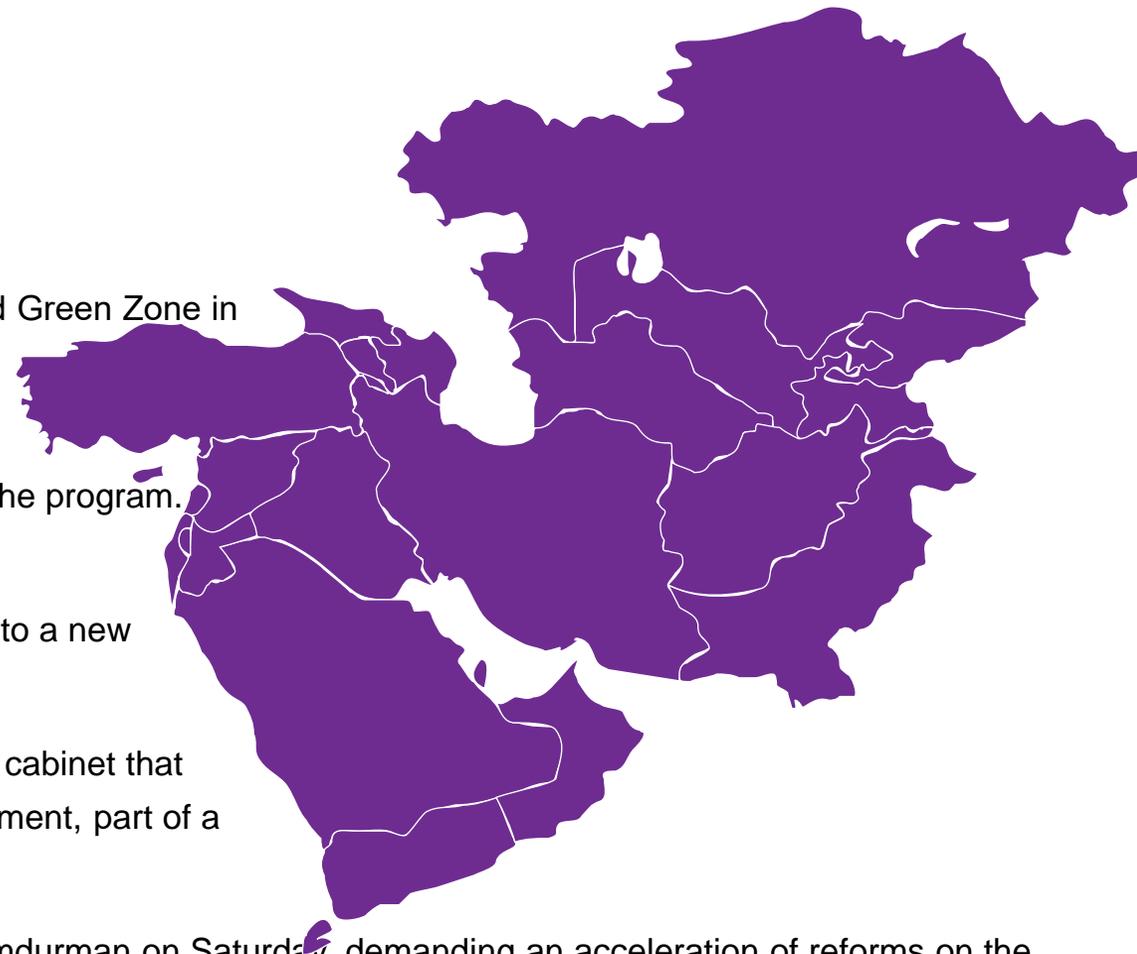
- **Brexit** negotiations will continue on Monday, beyond a Sunday deadline set by the **European** Parliament, and a senior **British** government source described them as “*difficult*” because of the “*significant differences*” in position.
- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson imposed an effective lockdown on over 16 million people in England and reversed plans to ease curbs over Christmas. Over the weekend, virus infections surpassed 2 million and deaths 60,000. After **France** curtailed freight transport across the English Channel due to the spread of the COVID-19 mutation, **Germany, Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Austria, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, India and Hong Kong** banned all passenger flights from **UK**. Johnson will chair an emergency response meeting to discuss international travel and the flow of freight in and out of Britain amid fears of supply chain disruptions. **France** announced it seeks to establish Europe-wide sanitary protocol measures to allow the resumption of traffic flows with the UK. **Italy** will be placed under new restrictions over the Christmas and New Year periods; shops, bars and restaurants will be closed and travel between regions will be banned. The surge of infections continues in **Turkey**, which surpassed 2 million infections, doubling in nine days.



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Middle East

- In **Iraq**, at least eight Katyusha rockets landed in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone in an attack targeting the US Embassy.
- Facebook has taken down content that spread lies in **Israel** against coronavirus vaccinations as the government seeks to drum up support for the program.
- The **Palestinian** foreign minister urged **Israel** to return to talks based on a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ahead of the transition to a new **US** administration.
- The Saudi-led coalition fighting in **Yemen** announced a new power-sharing cabinet that would include southern separatists in the internationally-recognized government, part of a deal to end a power struggle between the nominal allies.
- Thousands of **Sudanese** protesters took to the streets of Khartoum and Omdurman on Saturday, demanding an acceleration of reforms on the second anniversary of the start of an uprising that ousted Omar al-Bashir.
- **Saudi Arabia** has suspended international flights for at least a week to protect the kingdom against the new strain of coronavirus. **Israel** barred entry to all foreign citizens arriving from the **UK, Denmark and South Africa**. **Oman** will close its borders for one week.
- **Egypt's** Al-Azhar Fatwa Global Center has said that joining the Muslim Brotherhood and other terrorist groups is forbidden according to Shariah.



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Americas

- Governors from 17 **Brazilian** states urged President Bolsonaro to extend a “*state of public calamity*” due to the pandemic now set to expire at the end of the year. Emirates announced on Sunday that it would operate its Airbus A380 planes to and from São Paulo next month.
- **Mexican** business leaders seek to buy Covid-19 vaccines in addition to those already ordered by the government to administer to their staff. The former governor of the Mexican state of Jalisco was shot dead in one of the most high-profile political killings since Mexico embarked on its "War on Drugs" in 2006.
- **Colombia** surpassed 1.5 million virus infections and 40,000 deaths.
- **Canada** surpassed 500,000 infections over the weekend. The Ontario government is poised to impose a provincewide lockdown starting Christmas Eve. Lockdown orders in Toronto and Peel Region that were set to expire this week are being extended.



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Americas: US



- Congressional leaders will vote on Monday on a \$900 billion **stimulus package**, which includes extension on unemployment payments at \$300 a week, individual stimulus payments at \$600, billions for small businesses, food assistance, vaccine distribution, transit and healthcare. It extends a moratorium on foreclosures and provides \$25 billion in rental aid.
- President Donald Trump signed a **temporary spending bill** into law on Sunday night to avoid a government shutdown.
- **President-elect Joe Biden** introduced his climate and energy team on Saturday, a group that will seek to advance an ambitious climate agenda that reverses many Trump administration policies: Michael Regan for the Environmental Protection Agency, Gina McCarthy to fill a new role as national climate adviser and former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm as energy secretary. Biden wants the United States to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- **New COVID-19 cases** across the nation dropped below 200,000 on Sunday, as **hospital admissions** also showed a slight decline. The roll out of the **COVID-19 vaccines** to the most vulnerable continued, with additional guidance emerging on distribution priorities in next stages.
- As **Tennessee** surpassed 500,000 virus infections, the state bans gatherings of more than 10 people. Over the weekend, Gov. Lee revealed that his wife had tested positive for the coronavirus. Multiple states passed milestones for infections over the weekend: **California** – 1.8 million; **Florida** – 1.2 million; **Illinois** – 900,000; **Ohio** – 600,000.

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Country in Focus: Brazil

By Briana Boland

With the third highest case numbers and second highest COVID-19 death toll in the world, Brazil has long been an epicenter of the global pandemic. The country is now experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 infections, which had fell steadily from a July peak until beginning to pick up again in early November. Last week saw a record daily case rise of over 70,000 new cases, and though unlike the northern hemisphere, Brazil does not have to worry about cold weather driving people indoors, the coming holidays still promise to spread the virus further. Epidemiologists have blamed the recent case surge on growing complacency among Brazilians in measures like social distancing and mask wearing. Google mobility data has shown that in some parts of the country, public transport and workplaces are being more frequented than even before the pandemic.

Despite Brazil's disastrous experience with COVID-19, the country's public health and immunization institutions have enjoyed a strong reputation. The Global Health Security Index

ranks Brazil as 22nd in the world, the highest ranking of any Latin American country. However, the country's pandemic response and nascent vaccination plans continue to be characterized by politics and confusion, leading to international uncertainty and doubt about Brazil's prospects for ending its outbreak.

Brazil's Vaccination Plans

According to Duke University's Global Health Innovation Center database, Brazil has made deals for 100 million doses of the Oxford University and AstraZeneca vaccine, 50 million doses of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine, 46 million doses of Sinovac's

Fact Box

- Active Cases: 643,319
- Confirmed Cases: 7,238,600
- Deaths: 186,764
- Population: 211 million
- GDP: \$1.84 trillion (2019)
- GDP per Capita: \$8,717 (2019)
- Global Health Security Index: 22 (out of 195)

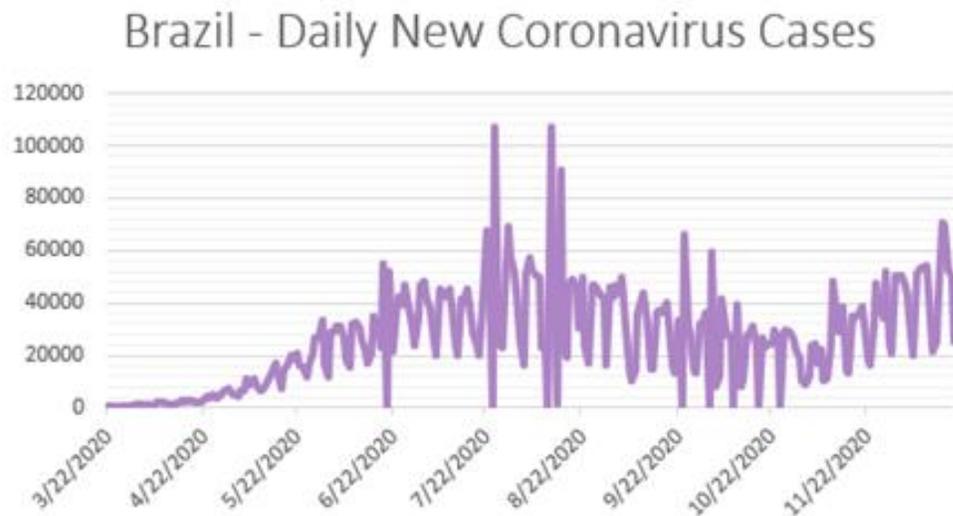
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CoronaVac vaccine, and an unknown amount of the Pfizer and BioNTech vaccine. However, the country's distribution plans remain unclear. The health ministry has presented plans on the order in which people will receive the vaccine but has not provided a clear timeline for when vaccinations may begin. The Supreme Court has ruled that vaccines will be mandatory, meaning that people who refuse to vaccinate could be banned from certain public spaces and activities, but the pathway for all

of Brazil to have access to vaccines is uncertain. President Jair Bolsonaro himself has said the government is unlikely to have vaccines for the full population by the end of 2021 and has been criticized for discouraging inoculation. Opposition politicians have been vocally critical of federal shortcomings, and state authorities have frequently broken with the government to develop contrasting vaccine plans. Most prominently, Brazil's São Paulo state, home to 46 million Brazilians, has directly negotiated deals to acquire vaccine doses for its entire population, vowed to make vaccines mandatory, and pledged to start vaccinations in January, contingent on the approval of Brazil's health regulator Anvisa.

Anvisa's approval process will be watched beyond Brazil's borders, as it will be assessing multiple vaccines from China and Russia that are not currently scheduled to face scrutiny from other internationally trusted health regulators like the European Medicines Agency or the US FDA. Brazil's neighbors may also use Anvisa's approval to begin vaccinations among their own people. Chile's government, for example, has said that it waits



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the approval of either Anvisa or its own regulator to begin use of China's CoronaVac vaccine from Sinovac Biotech. Instituto Butantan, a research center in Sao Paulo running Sinovac's Phase III trials, said that preliminary trial results will be submitted to Anvisa for assessment by December 23.

Over a million doses of CoronaVac have already been delivered to Brazil, making it the most likely candidate for beginning vaccinations in the country. However, CoronaVac and its country of origin have been the source of significant controversy. President Bolsonaro has criticized China throughout the pandemic and has accused CoronaVac of being untrustworthy due to its Chinese origin, at one point cancelling a federal plan to purchase millions of doses of CoronaVac. On December 14, Anvisa said that China's authorization process was not transparent, raising concerns that political controversy could impact the decision of the historically apolitical body (Bolsonaro has also recently appointed political allies to positions in Anvisa). Moreover, the CoronaVac deal was spearheaded by Sao Paulo governor João Doria, a chief political rival of Bolsonaro.

Tensions between Bolsonaro's government and opposition party state governors have tainted Brazil's pandemic response since March and promise to continue pervading the country's immunization campaign.

President Jair Bolsonaro

President Bolsonaro been in the spotlight of his country's COVID-19 outbreak since the spring, discussed internationally for his downplaying of the virus. His approach to the pandemic and propensity for inflammatory statements has not shifted as vaccines have promised the beginning of the end of COVID-19. He has himself pledged not to get vaccinated, saying he already has antibodies from previously contracting the disease in July, and has been criticized for other rhetoric undermining confidence in the vaccines. Politically, it is unclear whether the pandemic and Bolsonaro's approach to it will ultimately help or hurt him. Despite frequent international criticism and the severity of Brazil's outbreak, polling this month from Brazilian firm Datafolha suggests that Bolsonaro's approval rating

Country in Focus: Brazil

remains at its highest level since taking office, with a majority of Brazilians surveyed saying the president deserves “no blame” for the COVID-19 death toll.

However, Brazil’s recent round of local elections showed a contrasting effect, as centrist and center-right parties won big while candidates supported by Bolsonaro floundered. Moreover, the end of 2020 will bring new political trials, as the country’s pandemic relief package, which has distributed a highly popular boosted stipend to poor families throughout the pandemic, is set to expire. The stipends have boosted Bolsonaro’s popularity among recipients, and his administration is exploring ways to continue the program. Beyond political calculus, Brazil’s wealth transfer programs have been hugely impactful in reducing inequality and poverty in the country and have helped cushion the country’s economic contraction – Brazil’s economy is now on track to shrink in 2020 by half the amount economists initially estimated. However, rising public debt and a constitutionally mandated spending cap will make it difficult for Brazil to continue its budget deficit. Beyond how Brazil handles rising coronavirus

cases and vaccinations, the future prospects of millions of Brazilians, and likely of President Bolsonaro, will depend on how the government manages the continuation of its COVID-era economic policy.

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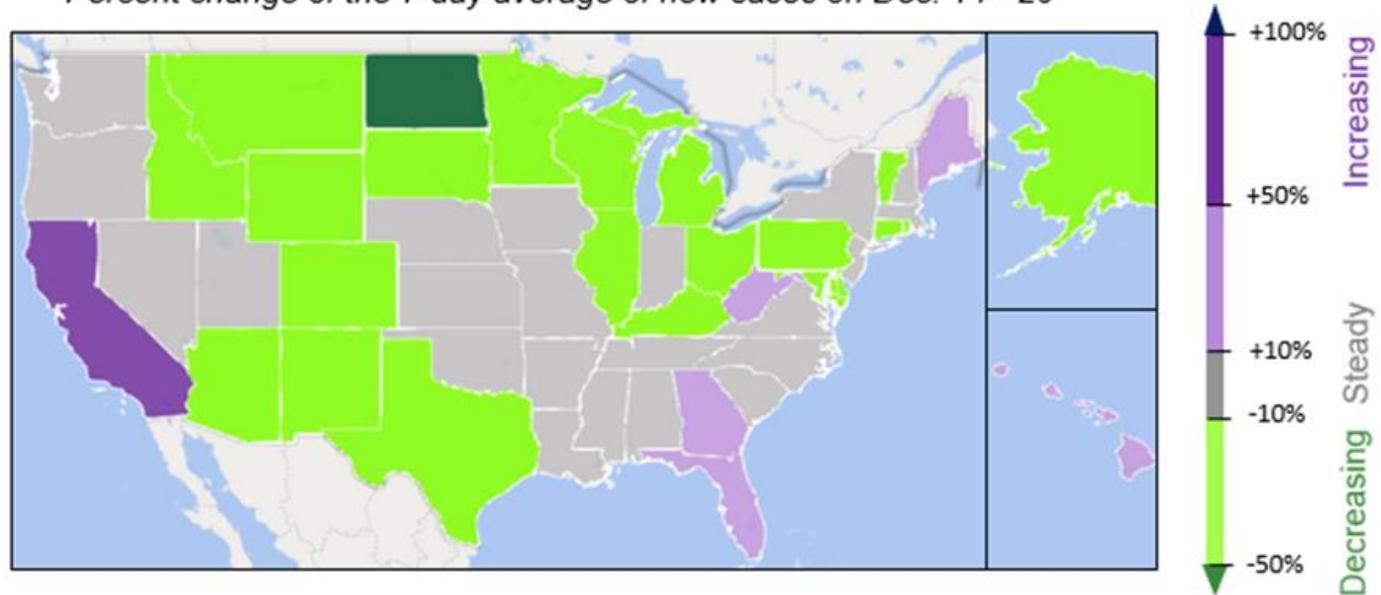
Country in Charts: US Holiday Surge

The third wave of coronavirus eased across most of the nation, with only nine states seeing a rise in the rate of cases while 28 states saw a drop. California had a terrible week, with new cases averaging over 43,000 a day, deaths over 230 and zero remaining capacity for ICU beds in the populous south of the state.

The death toll topped 3,000 thrice over the week, with California, Texas and Pennsylvania routinely reporting tolls of more than 200 daily.

Change in new COVID-19 cases in the past week

Percent change of the 7-day average of new cases on Dec. 14 - 20

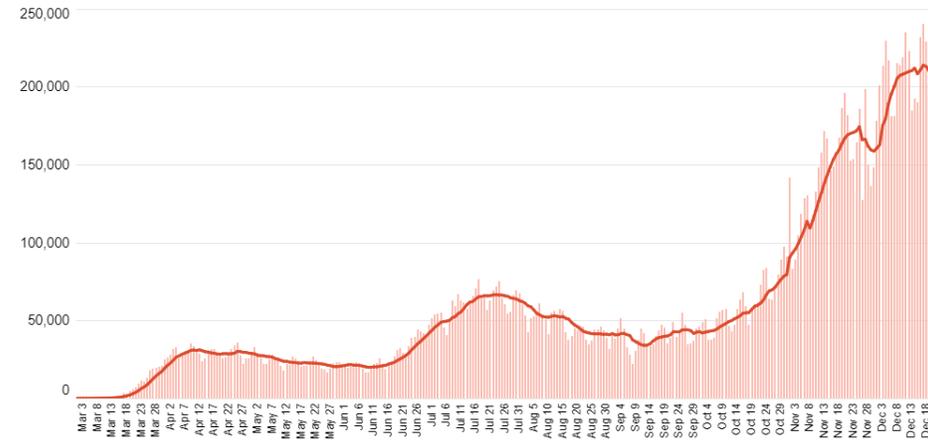


The good news is that as of today, two vaccines are being administered to the most vulnerable, with the CDC issuing guidance on priority levels for the next rounds, expanding the list to essential workers, the elderly, high-risk individuals and then non-essential workers.

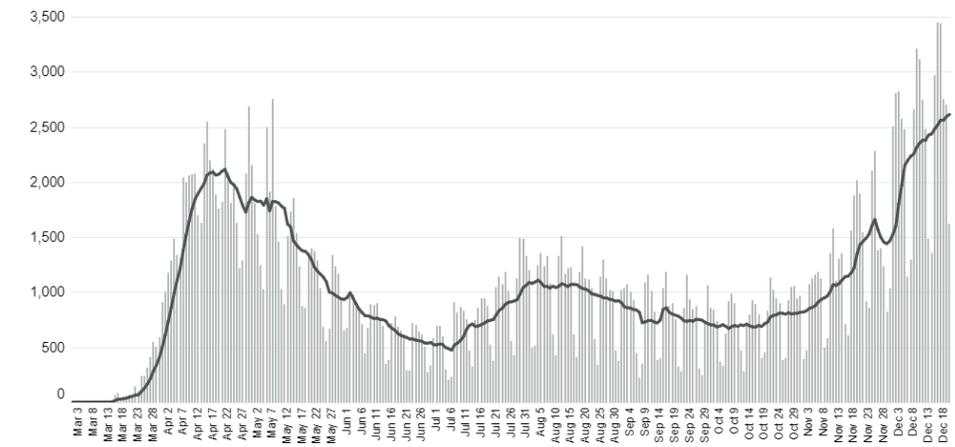
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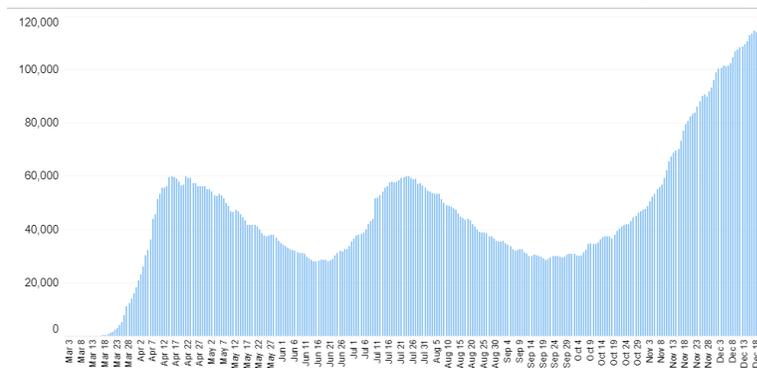
US DAILY CASES. 7-DAY AVERAGE LINE



US DAILY DEATHS. 7-DAY AVERAGE LINE



US CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19



Source: The COVID Tracking Project at The Atlantic

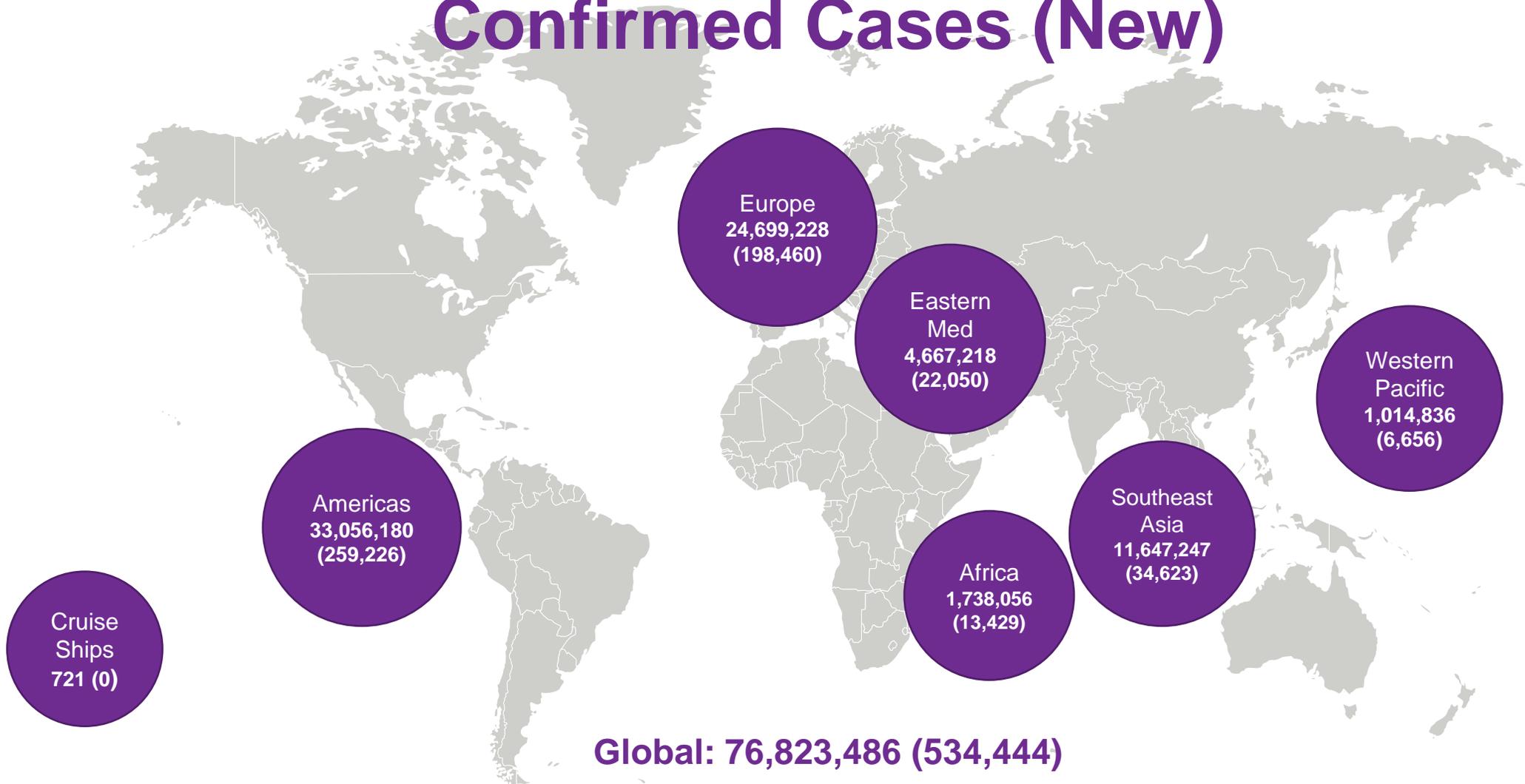
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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on December 20

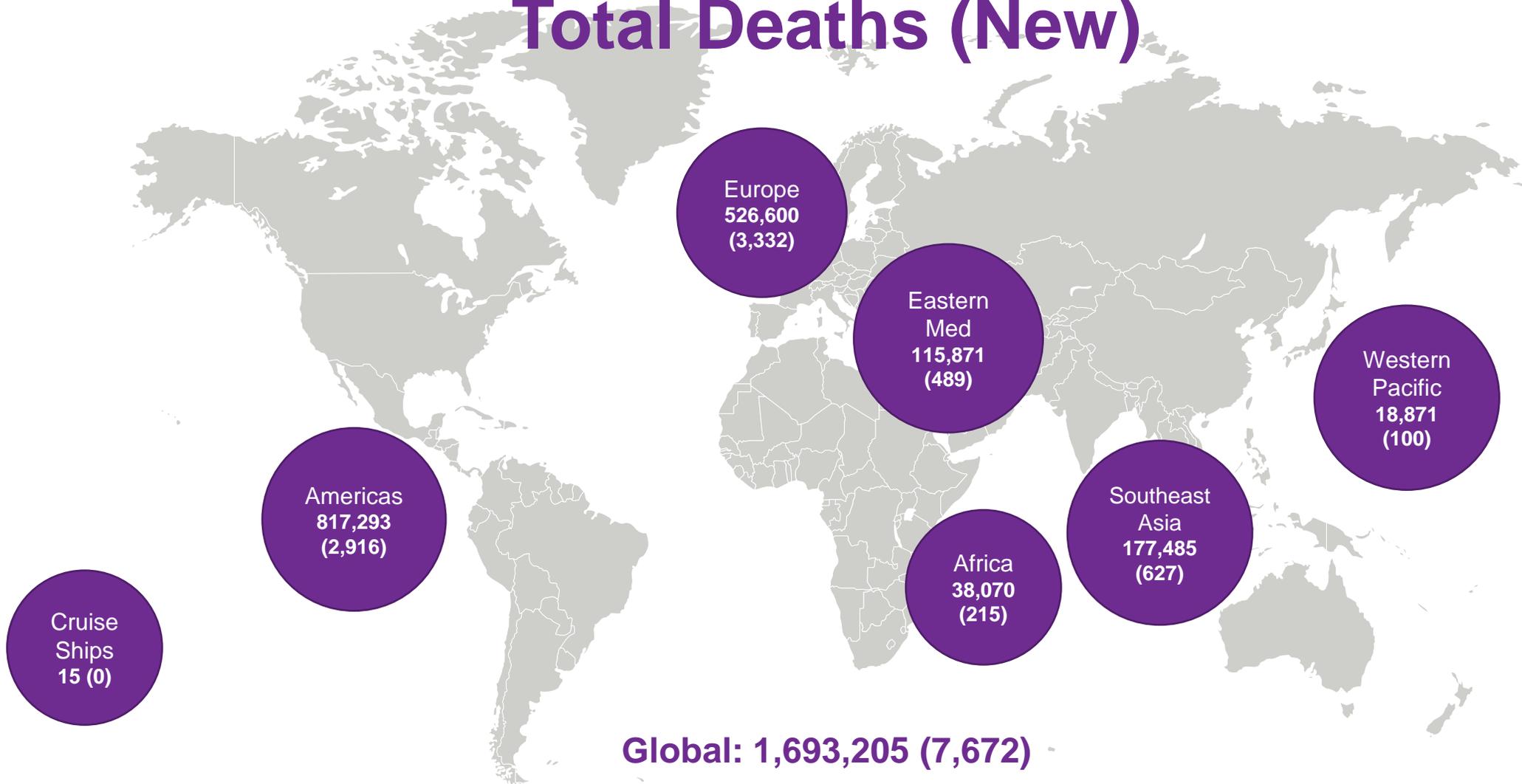
Confirmed Cases (New)



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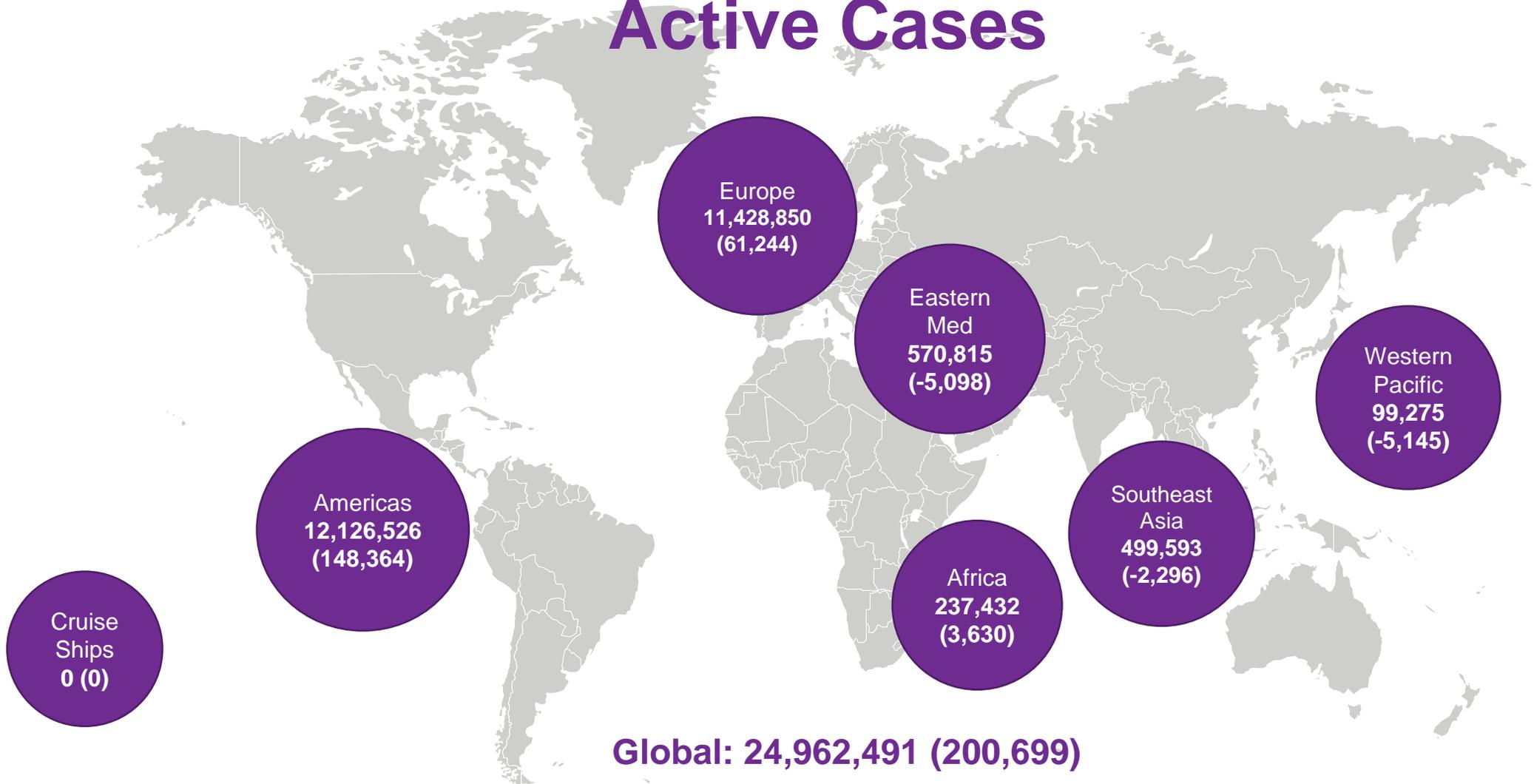
Total Deaths (New)



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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	1064341 1	17767027 (187865)	316156 (1483)	55036	979	8.92%
France	2250984	2471458 (12619)	60186 (130)	37853	927	3.94%
UK	1973964	2044393 (36064)	67484 (326)	29978	990	9.37%
Spain	1597934	1797236 (0)	48926 (0)	38865	1046	3.71%
Netherlands	679214	689705 (13032)	10491 (32)	40209	612	11.05%
Brazil	643319	7238600 (25445)	186764 (408)	33941	876	4.65%
Italy	622760	1953185 (15102)	68799 (352)	32327	1139	5.60%
Belgium	607304	625930 (2170)	18626 (81)	53710	1597	2.84%
Russia	517057	2821125 (28510)	50242 (498)	19514	348	6.79%
Ukraine	371506	991700 (8763)	17201 (129)	22116	380	7.39%
Germany	364837	1514962 (6444)	26400 (229)	18052	319	10.84%
Sweden	359127	367120 (0)	7993 (0)	36245	789	12.81%
India	303639	10055560 (24337)	145810 (333)	7254	105	1.71%
Serbia	297376	300062 (3534)	2686 (54)	34408	308	11.21%

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Poland	239034	1202700 (8590)	25397 (143)	31795	671	5.57%
Mexico	224341	1320545 (6870)	118202 (326)	10139	910	5.34%
Iran	219705	1158384 (6312)	53625 (177)	13709	635	4.33%
Turkey	206218	2024601 (20316)	18097 (246)	23885	213	9.28%
Hungary	197447	302989 (2967)	8099 (185)	31402	839	7.46%
Argentina	131126	1541285 (4116)	41813 (50)	33956	921	2.80%
Greece	103826	131072 (587)	4172 (70)	12604	401	4.99%
South Africa	103317	921922 (9445)	24691 (152)	15453	414	6.61%
Indonesia	103239	664930 (6982)	19880 (221)	2419	72	7.08%
Colombia	93415	1507222 (11160)	40475 (207)	29474	791	5.40%
Switzerland	85867	403989 (0)	6622 (20)	46519	763	7.47%
Bulgaria	84828	191195 (166)	6609 (58)	27615	955	6.14%
Czechia	80502	624140 (5304)	10331 (60)	58233	968	7.22%
Romania	78123	591294 (3350)	14394 (98)	30834	751	5.91%

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Portugal	70754	374121 (3334)	6134 (71)	36741	602	6.78%
Lithuania	60619	112359 (2930)	1019 (14)	41550	377	17.14%
Azerbaijan	60099	202088 (2961)	2210 (35)	19847	217	12.97%
Honduras	59728	117022 (810)	3027 (4)	11711	303	2.28%
Bangladesh	55906	500713 (1153)	7280 (38)	3026	44	2.03%
Ireland	54020	79542 (766)	2158 (4)	16025	435	4.22%
Iraq	50479	584145 (1027)	12697 (17)	14373	312	1.63%
Lebanon	44490	158104 (1534)	1281 (11)	23213	188	7.33%
Denmark	42136	134434 (2828)	1035 (16)	23171	178	18.36%
Slovakia	41953	151336 (2061)	1555 (45)	27713	285	12.13%
Pakistan	40491	458968 (1680)	9392 (62)	2051	42	3.96%
Panama	35265	212339 (2755)	3566 (39)	48852	820	9.10%
Dominican Republic	33726	160386 (1322)	2384 (2)	14716	219	3.55%

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Morocco	32014	417125 (1899)	6957 (48)	11238	187	4.20%
Japan	31309	199270 (2455)	2784 (35)	1551	23	9.35%
Bosnia	31279	105524 (0)	3625 (0)	32259	1108	4.18%
Austria	30290	338854 (1645)	5351 (142)	37523	593	4.84%
Costa Rica	29988	157472 (0)	1996 (0)	30780	390	4.14%
Algeria	29277	95203 (422)	2666 (7)	2153	60	3.26%
Tunisia	28645	120687 (1536)	4158 (32)	10162	350	7.73%
Peru	28455	995899 (6442)	37034 (176)	30057	1118	1.50%
Libya	28397	94560 (788)	1353 (7)	13674	196	4.00%
Jordan	28275	274949 (2152)	3568 (23)	26822	348	5.58%
Georgia	26103	208638 (1731)	2094 (39)	52349	525	9.06%
Paraguay	25894	99789 (632)	2088 (16)	13911	291	6.22%
Norway	25503	43905 (323)	404 (0)	8069	74	6.61%
Kazakhstan	25194	191650 (681)	2622 (1)	7763	114	2.80%

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Albania	23794	53003 (461)	1088 (14)	18427	378	8.44%
Israel	23554	374760 (1874)	3099 (25)	40745	337	4.69%
West Bank & Gaza	23523	122643 (1427)	1141 (24)	23784	221	10.52%
N Macedonia	21979	78305 (356)	2292 (18)	37586	1100	5.96%
Philippines	21708	459789 (1745)	8947 (36)	4170	81	2.26%
Belarus	20564	173523 (1944)	1324 (8)	18366	140	7.62%
Uganda	20487	31187 (485)	231 (1)	672	5	11.72%
Slovenia	20010	105899 (886)	2353 (39)	50936	1132	9.05%
Armenia	18663	153825 (652)	2630 (14)	51865	887	3.58%
Croatia	18627	194962 (1975)	3177 (76)	47630	776	9.78%
Myanmar	18304	116134 (947)	2443 (19)	2128	45	6.71%
Kenya	17126	94500 (349)	1639 (6)	1740	30	2.76%
Malaysia	15563	93309 (1340)	437 (4)	2866	13	10.54%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Cyprus	15540	17688 (212)	91 (2)	14600	75	14.63%
Ethiopia	15118	119951 (457)	1853 (7)	1032	16	2.65%
South Korea	14738	50591 (926)	698 (24)	968	13	14.05%
Ecuador	14358	206257 (337)	13948 (0)	11608	785	2.01%
Moldova	13820	135207 (629)	2752 (25)	33554	683	6.43%
Chile	13436	585546 (2191)	16154 (53)	30508	842	2.33%
Bolivia	13018	150023 (253)	9036 (1)	12749	769	1.92%
Egypt	11640	125555 (664)	7098 (29)	1216	69	3.17%
Puerto Rico	11611	68433 (1222)	1368 (26)	35020	404	8.77%
French Polynesia	11237	16182 (0)	103 (0)	57449	366	3.49%
Kosovo	11079	48905 (223)	1256 (8)			4.75%
Finland	10173	33162 (309)	489 (0)	5981	88	7.09%
Latvia	9450	30940 (643)	439 (12)	16490	234	17.02%
Montenegro	9247	43955 (246)	626 (2)	69980	997	5.75%

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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
Nigeria	8910	78434 (501)	1221 (3)	376	6	6.71%
Sri Lanka	8818	37261 (594)	176 (5)	1737	8	12.00%
Afghanistan	8744	49817 (136)	2067 (20)	1288	54	2.59%
Nepal	8320	253772 (588)	1788 (11)	8637	61	2.11%
Sudan	8218	22823 (202)	1434 (9)	515	32	6.30%
Luxembourg	8057	43728 (0)	434 (0)	70538	704	6.80%
Estonia	8030	21794 (575)	174 (4)	16426	131	17.16%
Guatemala	7115	132765 (170)	4656 (32)	7347	258	2.62%
Angola	6665	16644 (18)	387 (1)	499	12	2.74%
Oman	6605	127667 (648)	1488 (5)	24709	288	1.12%
Guadeloupe	6160	8557 (59)	155 (1)	21302	385	0.99%
Martinique	5494	5634 (33)	42 (0)	15019	112	1.05%

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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
Kyrgyzstan*	4918	79254 (343)	1331 (3)	12035	202	2.39%
Belize	4799	9791 (0)	213 (0)	25175	549	5.07%
Syria	4799	10195 (145)	610 (9)	576	34	10.09%
Venezuela	4625	110075 (294)	988 (4)	3876	35	2.08%
Uruguay	4602	13048 (491)	119 (5)	3750	34	25.60%
Mauritania	3228	12418 (140)	281 (8)	2639	60	11.65%
Kuwait	3132	147979 (204)	921 (3)	34413	214	1.19%
El Salvador	3085	43477 (282)	1250 (8)	6687	192	4.79%
Saudi Arabia	3010	361010 (162)	6122 (10)	10295	175	0.31%
Jamaica	2972	12224 (89)	286 (1)	4120	96	4.20%
CAR	2949	4936 (0)	63 (0)	1014	13	0.00%
Mayotte	2691	5708 (0)	53 (0)	20691	192	2.75%
Namibia	2570	18714 (277)	177 (6)	7303	69	11.64%
Botswana	2441	13014 (0)	38 (0)	5482	16	3.94%

* Indicates moved down a risk category

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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 Change7-Day Av
French Guiana	2303	12369 (88)	71 (0)	40920	235	4.60%
Mali	2130	6191 (27)	222 (2)	302	11	6.09%
Uzbekistan	2079	75933 (127)	612 (0)	2253	18	1.29%
Qatar	2034	142001 (143)	243 (0)	50574	87	0.73%
Zimbabwe	1981	12325 (174)	320 (2)	1005	20	8.75%
Mozambique	1966	17568 (91)	148 (1)	555	5	3.49%
Congo (Kinshasa)	1678	15495 (98)	370 (1)	171	4	6.67%
Curacao	1660	3947 (27)	11 (0)	24007	67	8.18%
China	1637	95816 (100)	4771 (1)	60	3	0.78%
Bahrain	1602	90282 (220)	349 (0)	52223	202	1.26%
Australia	1581	28198 (30)	908 (0)	1099	35	0.57%
Cameroon	1550	25849 (125)	448 (3)	963	17	2.73%

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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 Change7-Day Av
Nicaragua	1550	5938 (0)	163 (0)	891	24	0.86%
Malta**	1546	11714 (93)	190 (3)	26496	430	4.79%
Bahamas	1460	7746 (13)	164 (0)	19610	415	1.12%
Burkina Faso	1425	5160 (206)	76 (2)	244	4	21.90%
Niger	1154	2659 (47)	87 (1)	108	4	15.08%
Rwanda**	1139	7293 (61)	63 (4)	557	5	8.69%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1112	6200 (0)	100 (0)	1111	18	2.44%
Haiti	1104	9674 (0)	234 (0)	844	20	1.89%
Lesotho**	1053	2546 (0)	48 (0)	1184	22	11.63%

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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
California	1861358	1884033 (41476)	22675 (93)	47788	574	15.85%
Florida	1180998	1201566 (8401)	20568 (95)	55945	958	6.29%
Illinois	883963	900370 (6003)	16407 (81)	71053	1295	5.72%
New York	717032	848042 (9957)	36431 (113)	45605	1871	8.59%
Georgia	577535	587918 (5618)	10383 (2)	55373	978	7.67%
Arizona	378645	453597 (5366)	7971 (34)	62318	1095	9.95%
Missouri	369736	374812 (2271)	5076 (28)	63221	878	5.77%
New Jersey	362958	432592 (5175)	18194 (21)	49775	2063	7.38%
Texas	298630	1593471 (9264)	25827 (113)	55093	897	11.57%
Colorado	288150	308890 (2292)	4368 (29)	53639	758	6.70%
Virginia	274418	306848 (3876)	4650 (7)	35950	545	8.13%
Maryland	236246	250808 (2054)	5448 (36)	41485	901	6.44%
Washington	219496	222600 (0)	3104 (0)	29632	422	9.23%
Pennsylvania	210844	559256 (6361)	13834 (80)	43770	1094	11.47%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kentucky	205315	242320 (1757)	2397 (26)	54239	537	7.93%
Nevada	201166	203945 (2087)	2779 (30)	66213	903	8.39%
Michigan	199251	496056 (0)	12074 (0)	49671	1209	6.23%
Kansas	197188	203654 (5)	2341 (0)	69652	804	7.46%
Indiana	169548	464354 (6483)	7404 (66)	68975	1100	8.38%
Ohio	167317	622806 (8377)	8047 (16)	53281	689	9.65%
Connecticut	147401	162782 (0)	5581 (0)	45657	1565	9.84%
Alabama	134438	322452 (2548)	4389 (0)	65764	895	8.32%
South Carolina	131966	273406 (2869)	4935 (40)	53102	958	7.75%
North Carolina	107671	479168 (6900)	6224 (40)	45687	593	8.88%
Massachusetts	104971	323531 (4261)	11717 (60)	46940	1700	10.19%
Oregon	95719	102930 (1116)	1341 (1)	24404	318	8.82%
Tennessee	78639	519687 (16036)	6071 (111)	76098	889	12.58%
Idaho	78356	129960 (891)	1280 (5)	72723	716	6.76%

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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
New Mexico	73465	129993 (1063)	2171 (16)	61995	1035	7.84%
Wisconsin	72059	492724 (2045)	4743 (21)	78520	759	4.82%
Rhode Island	71426	77812 (0)	1625 (0)	73452	1534	8.99%
Nebraska	62701	156382 (967)	1486 (11)	80842	768	4.81%
Utah	57218	250964 (1994)	1155 (7)	78281	360	6.80%
Iowa	50100	267329 (370)	3588 (56)	84706	1138	4.14%
Louisiana	46378	286145 (3711)	7042 (48)	61553	1515	6.13%
Mississippi	41458	194333 (2222)	4409 (19)	65297	1481	7.66%
Alaska	36522	43871 (183)	184 (0)	57977	250	6.22%
Oklahoma	35752	260838 (4970)	2212 (23)	65919	559	8.88%
Delaware	30903	50616 (480)	862 (4)	51980	885	10.19%
Arkansas	23026	201650 (1536)	3237 (46)	66820	1073	7.91%
West Virginia	22634	72342 (1127)	1128 (6)	40366	629	12.61%
Minnesota	22498	397319 (2684)	4909 (70)	70451	870	4.66%

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	8870	77170 (551)	865 (1)	72204	809	5.01%
Hawaii	8337	20577 (202)	282 (1)	14279	199	4.81%
South Dakota	8270	94727 (391)	1361 (11)	107077	1538	3.89%
Maine	7860	18946 (208)	292 (0)	14095	217	15.96%
New Hampshire	6908	36542 (933)	656 (6)	26875	482	15.29%
District of Columbia	6875	26601 (259)	737 (7)	37692	1044	6.49%

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
North Dakota	2791	90035 (251)	1231 (0)	118152	1615	2.40%
Wyoming	2231	41662 (174)	351 (0)	71985	606	5.53%
Vermont	2177	6443 (100)	111 (3)	10326	178	10.71%

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