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Novel Coronavirus Daily Update

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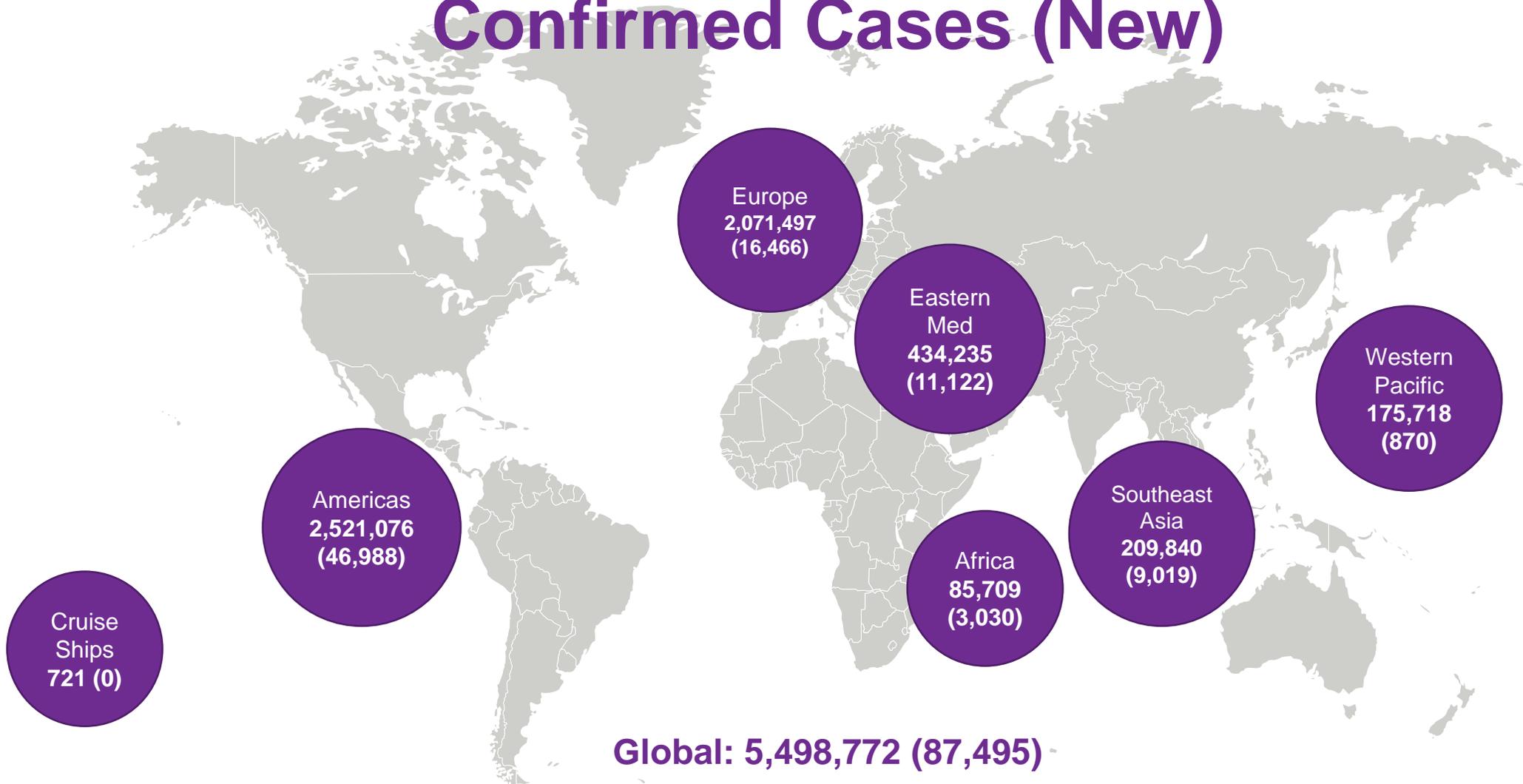
KEY TAKEAWAYS

Global confirmed cases passed 5.5m while the rate of global deaths continue to decline.

China agrees to an independent investigation into the origins of the virus with conditions.

A French study showed strong immunity among health workers a month after being infected.

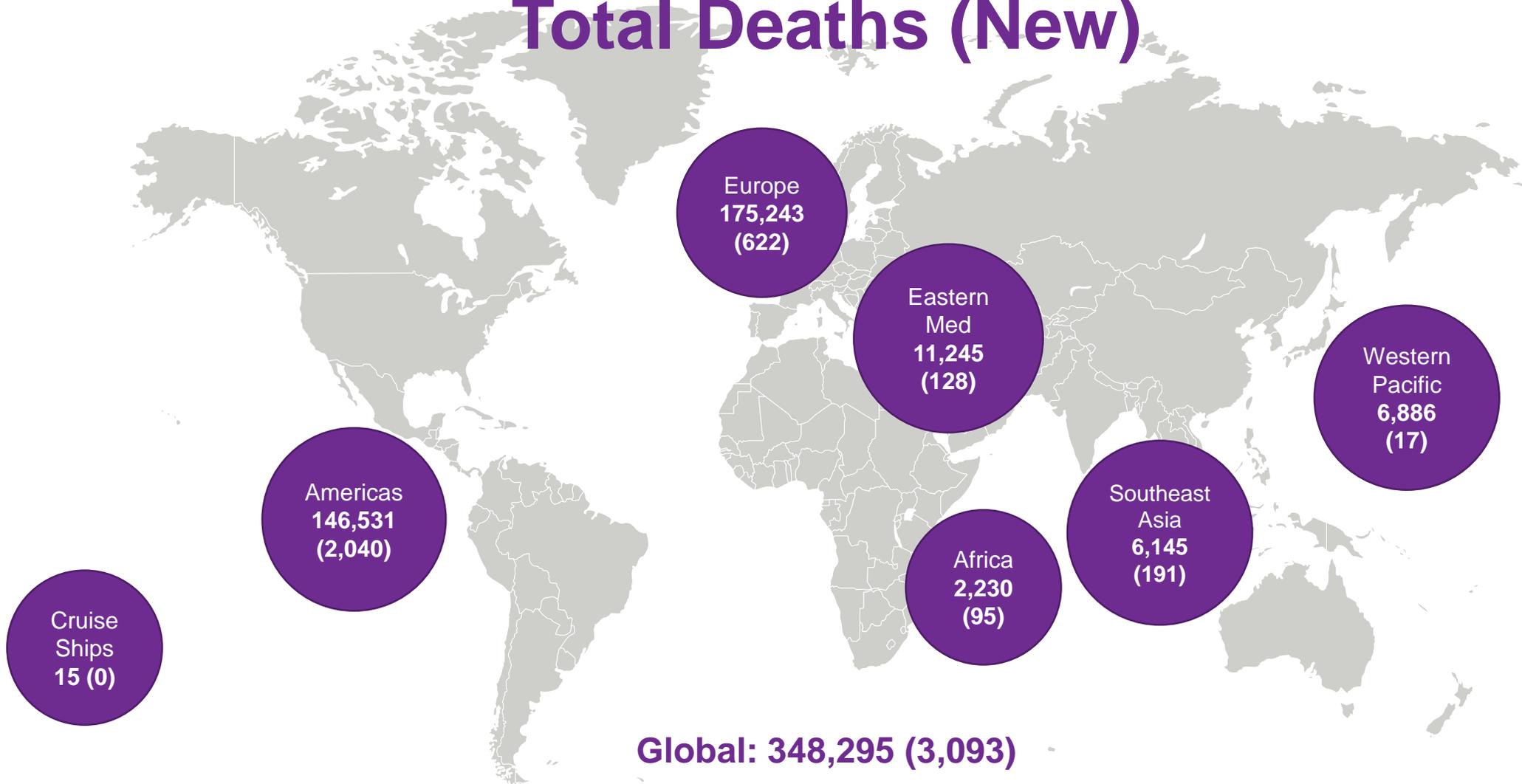
Confirmed Cases (New)



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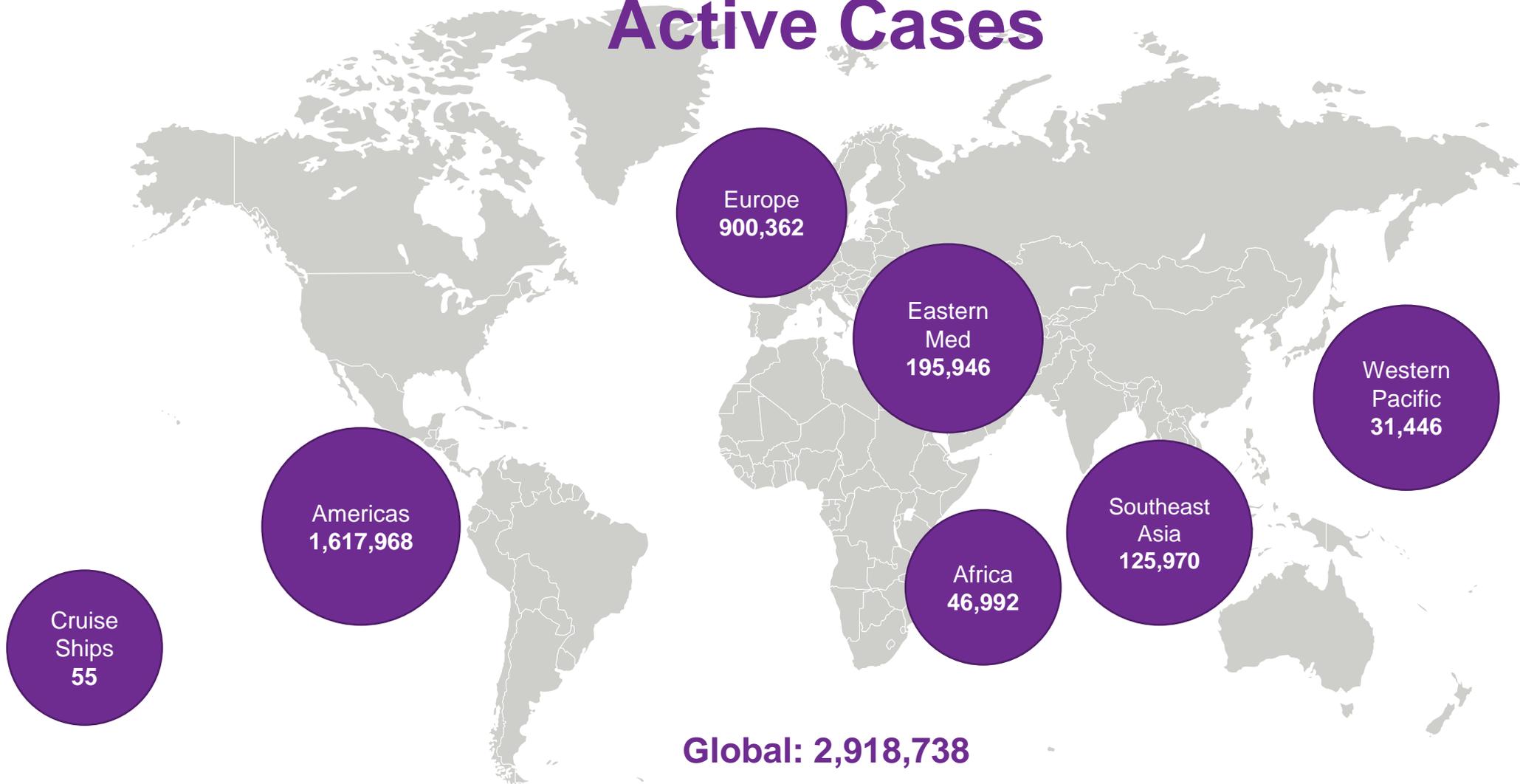
Total Deaths (New)



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Active Cases



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Condition Updates

As of A.M. US EDT on May 26

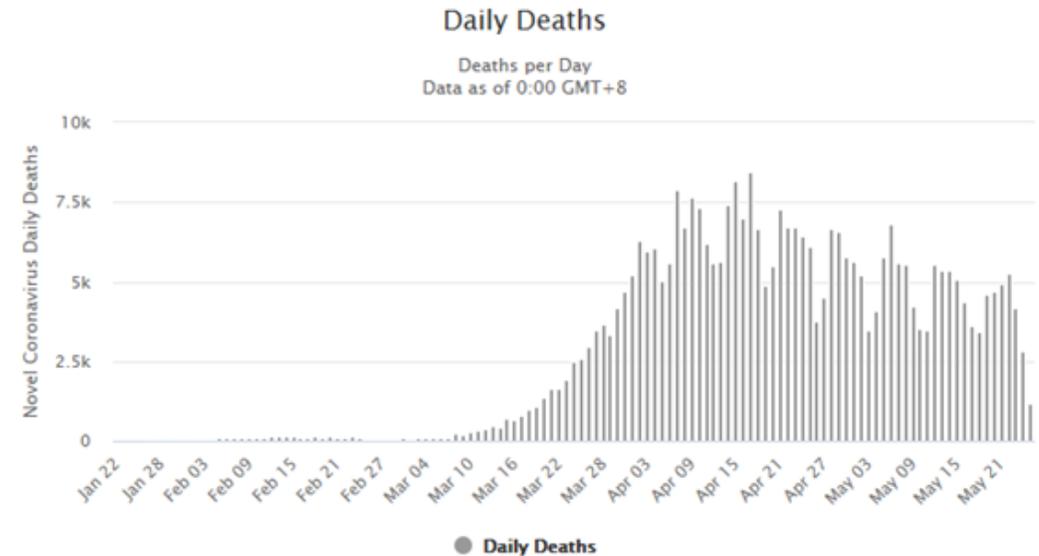
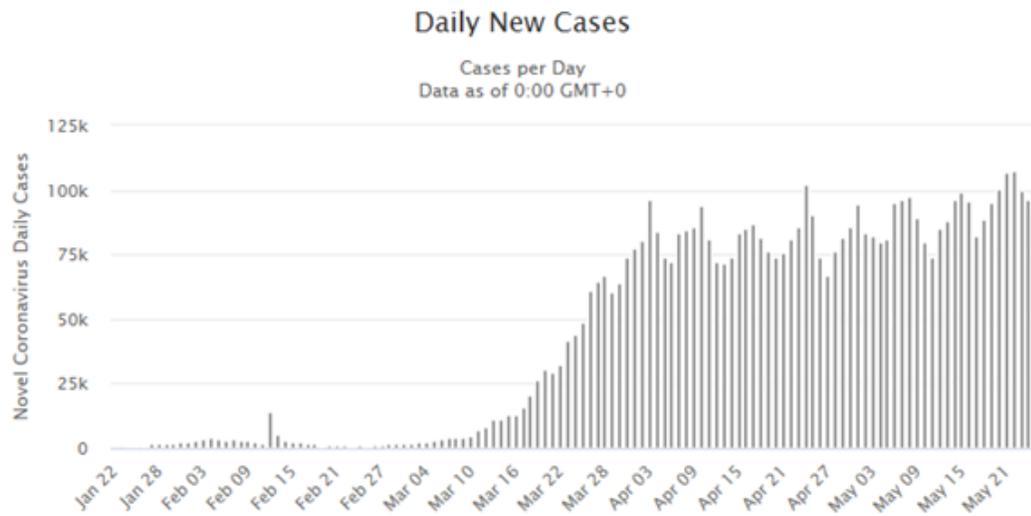
Global

Overnight, confirmed cases grew to 5,607,726 in 213 countries and territories, with 348,256 deaths.

- A Lancet study suggests **hydroxychloroquine** not just ineffective in treating Covid-19 patients but potentially harmful, increasing death rates and heart problems.
- WHO temporarily drops hydroxychloroquine from coronavirus trials over **safety concerns**.
- Tests on coronavirus-infected health workers in two French hospitals show that 98 per cent of them maintained strong **immunity** a month later.
- Levels of coronavirus detected in municipal **sewage** are an accurate leading indicator of future Covid-19 cases in the community, according to a study by Yale University scientists.

Global

While the number of global confirmed cases are trending up, the rate of deaths continues to drop.



Source: Worldometer - www.worldometers.info

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Markets

The New York Stock Exchange reopened on Tuesday, with traders wearing masks, avoiding public transportation and following tough social-distancing rules.

- **European and Asian stocks** opened up, reflecting optimism on additional easing of lockdowns and ignoring growing US-China tensions.
- **Lumber futures** have soared since the start of April, a sign that the home-building season might be salvaged and brisk business at home-improvement stores.
- U.S. moves to audit Chinese firms to move into compliance with mainstream practices of **accounting-quality checks** that other public firms undergo, in anticipation of passage of legislation in Congress that would kick Chinese companies off U.S. stock exchanges unless their audits are inspected by U.S. regulators.

Business

European slaughterhouses report clusters of infections, posing risks to food supplies and workers at those plants.

- **Lufthansa** will receive a €9bn rescue package from the German government, which will gain at least one-fifth ownership stake in the carrier.
- **Hertz** car rental filed for bankruptcy protection Friday and has started selling off its fleet of newest cars below list price.
- **Novavax** coronavirus vaccine began human testing for safety and immune response, and company has started to scale up manufacturing before knowing whether the vaccine will be proven.
- In the US, **mortgage lenders** are stiffening conditions on refinancing, even though interest rates are low, spooked by the downturn and regulations.
- French billionaire Bernard Arnault agreed to take a stake in the holdings of the controlling shareholder of media conglomerate **Lagardère MMB**, giving a financial lifeline to a long-time friend.
- **Latam Airlines**, Latin America's largest carrier, has filed for bankruptcy protection.

Africa

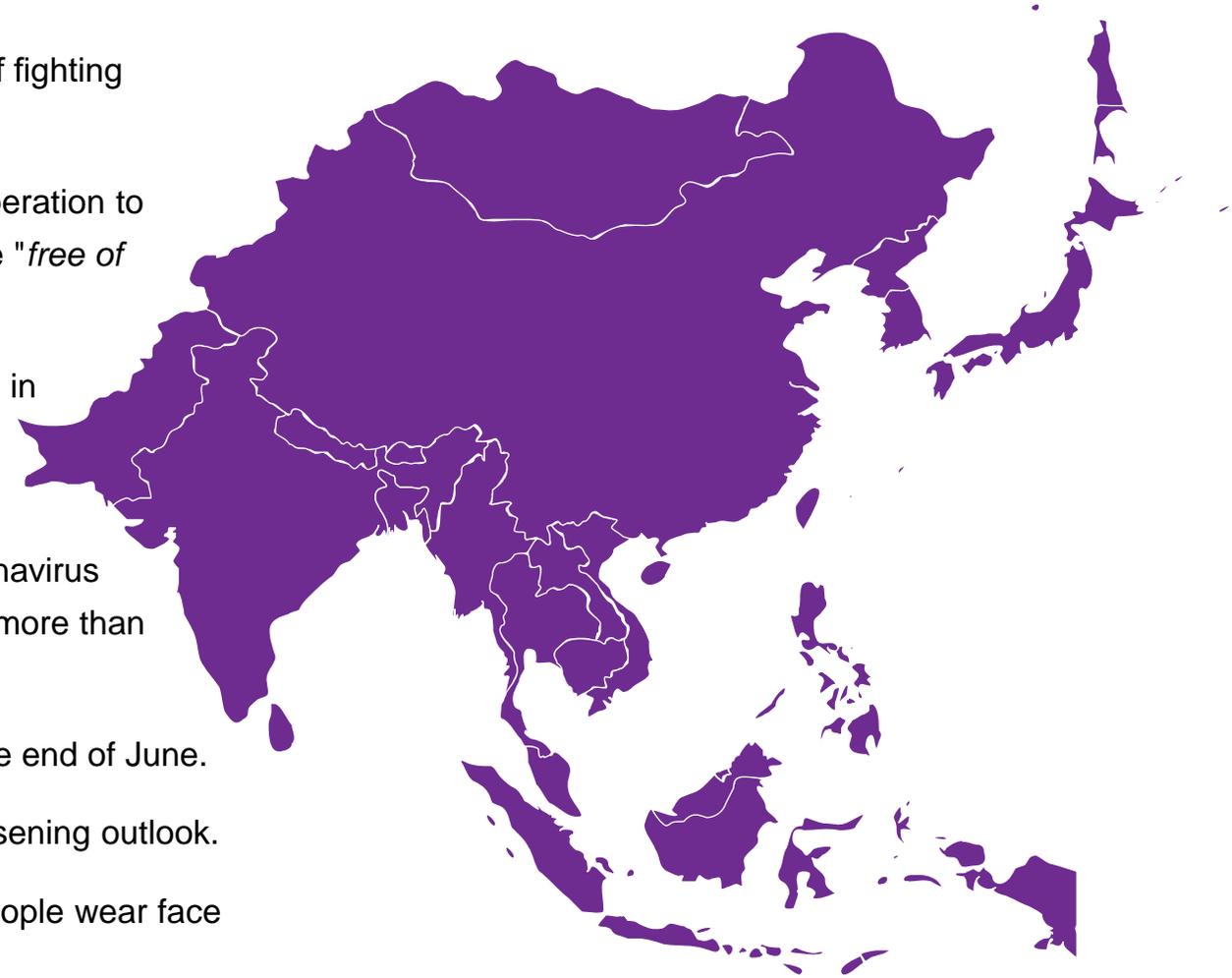
- **South Africa's** Cape Town has emerged as African Covid-19 hotspot, with more 15,000 confirmed cases, up 8,000 in one week. On Sunday President Ramaphosa announced a phased loosening of the national lockdown starting at the end of this month, amid pressure over mounting economic distress.
- **Madagascar's** government has announced it will dispatch troops and doctors to an eastern town after two people died from the coronavirus.
- **Equatorial Guinea** and **Mali** reported 1,000 confirmed cases each.



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Asia

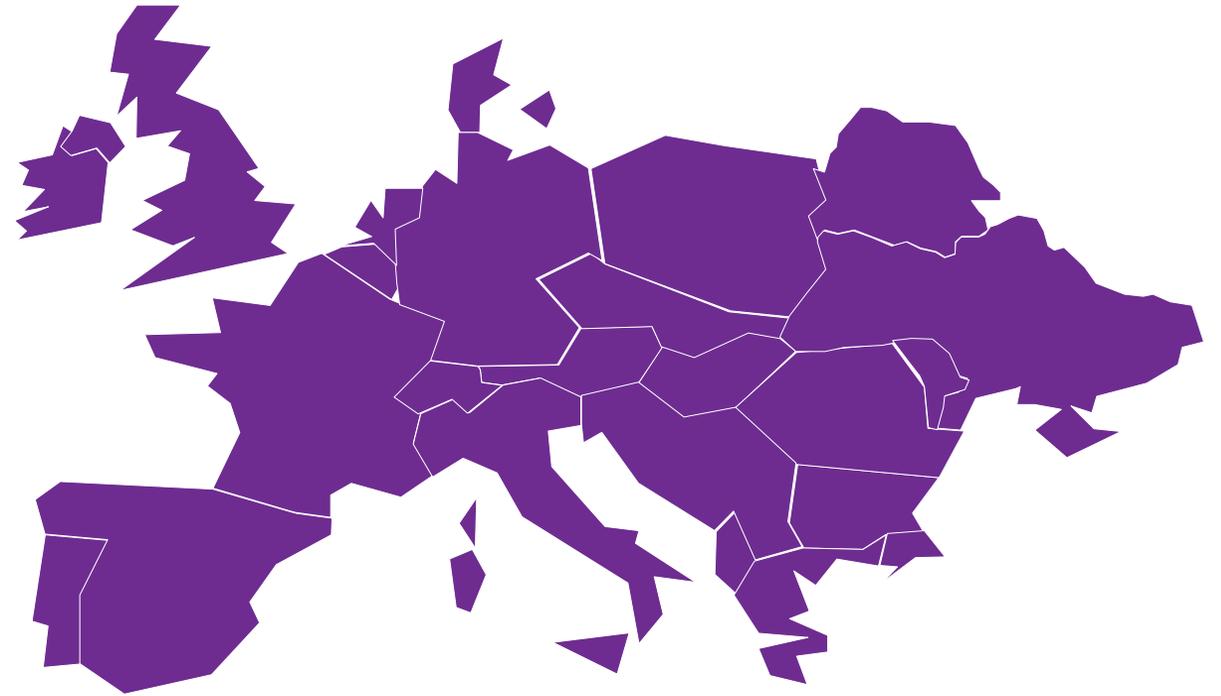
- **Japanese** PM Shinzo Abe declared victory for the “*Japan model*” of fighting coronavirus as he lifted a nationwide after 7 weeks.
- **China’s** foreign minister says Beijing is “*open*” to international cooperation to identify the source of the coronavirus, but any investigation must be “*free of political interference.*”
- **South Korea’s** night clubbers and bar hoppers will now have to log in with QR-codes to aid in contact tracing.
- In **India**, with the economy collapsing and public finances severely strained, the government wants Indians to forget their fears of coronavirus and get back to work, despite nearly 150,000 active infections and more than 4,100 deaths. India resumed domestic flight operations Monday.
- **Thailand** extended a state of emergency imposed in March until the end of June.
- **Singapore** cuts GDP forecast to as low as minus 7 percent on worsening outlook.
- **Indonesia** deployed the military across the country to insure the people wear face masks and practice social distancing.



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Europe

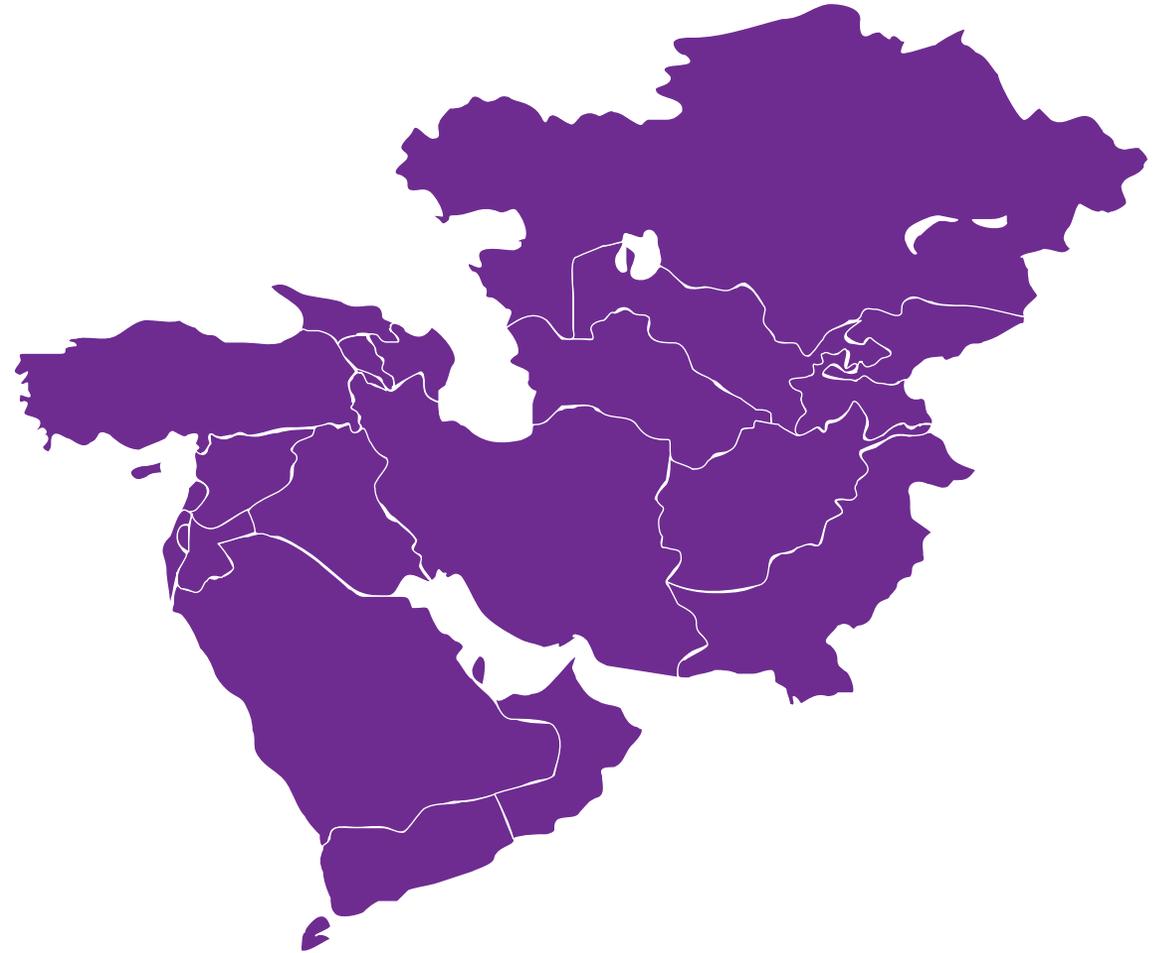
- **Europe** reports more than 2 million confirmed cases.
- The **EU** will call for new environmental taxes and corporate levies as it looks for innovative ways to finance €500bn in debt from the coronavirus recovery plan.
- In **Spain**, lockdown measures were eased in Madrid and Barcelona and beaches opened to local residents. Beginning on July 1, Spain will no longer require international tourists to quarantine upon arrival.
- **France** has lowest daily increase in new Covid-19 cases and deaths since imposing the lockdown.



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Middle East

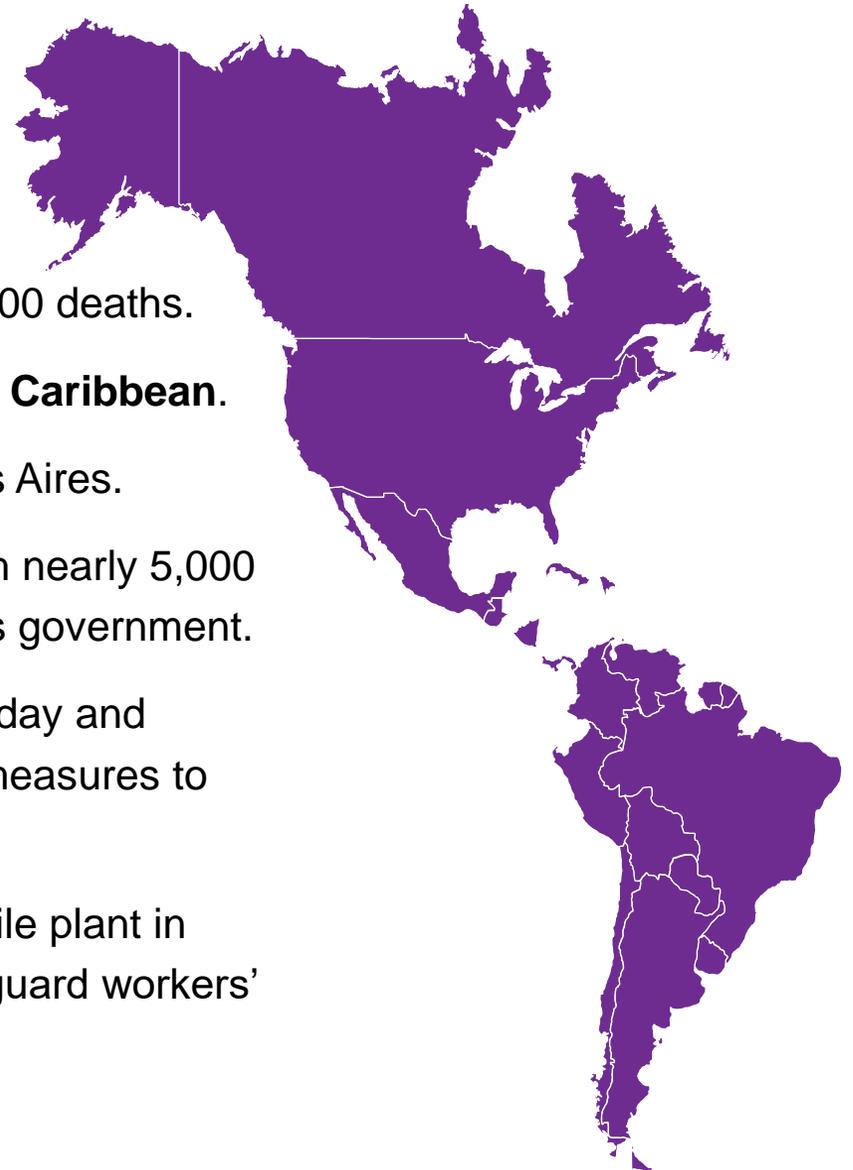
- **Kuwait and Saudi Arabia** will not extend its 24-hour curfew beyond May 30.
- **Dubai** will allow free movement and business activity to restart during the day from Wednesday.
- The Palestinian government ended its two-month coronavirus lockdown in the **West Bank**, opening Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, among other tourist sites.
- **Iran** on Monday reopened major shrines to mark the end of Ramadan, allowing worshipers to gather for prayer despite a rise in new coronavirus infections.
- **Afghanistan** passed 10,000 reported cases.



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Americas

- The US imposed ban on travelers from **Brazil** after surge in Covid-19 cases, now reporting 375,000 cases and more than 23,000 deaths.
- The **UK** pledges \$3.8m to WHO for the COVID-19 response in the **Caribbean**.
- **Argentina** extended until June 7 a mandatory lockdown in Buenos Aires.
- **Chile** registered a new high for coronavirus cases on Monday, with nearly 5,000 infections in 24 hours, including two ministers in President Pinera's government.
- In **Ecuador**, demonstrators defied coronavirus restrictions on Monday and marched in protest against President Moreno's drastic economic measures to tackle the crisis.
- More than 200 coronavirus infections have been reported at a textile plant in **Guatemala** after the company failed to institute measures to safeguard workers' health, according to the government.
- **Venezuela** surpasses 1,000 reported cases.



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Americas: US

- **President Trump** is pushing Americans to return to normal life. President Trump threatened to move the Republican National Convention out of North Carolina if the state's governor will not guarantee that the event will take place at full capacity and no coronavirus-related restrictions on the numbers of attendees.
- The Memorial weekend holiday brought people out to **beaches, parks and clubs**, often ignoring social distancing requests.
- The US **death toll** neared 100,000.
- **Universities** across the country have announced widely differing plans for the fall semester, with some moving to entirely virtual instruction and others planning a normal fall semester, complete with football games and active social clubs.
- Recovering **air travel, hotel bookings and mortgage applications** are among the early signs the U.S. economy is slowly creeping back to life.
- Despite efforts in the **meat slaughtering and packing industry**, workers continue to fall ill at high rates, endangering continued operations and the food supply; an industry report warns that that meat supplies in grocery stores could shrink as much as 35 percent, prices could spike 20 percent.



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Science under the Scope: Politicians vs. Scientists

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The pandemic has brought to light distinct differences throughout the globe in the understanding of, and respect for, science among world leaders. On one side there are leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel, who holds a PhD in quantum chemistry and has closely followed the advice of her scientific advisors. On the other side of the equation are the world's many populist leaders like Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, who has consistently contradicted the advice of leading scientists and famously said, "So *what?*" when asked about the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country.(1)

The outcomes for countries that have respected scientific expertise vs. those who have ignored or contradicted it, is sizable. New Zealand took an aggressive approach, based on the advice of the nation's scientists, and their leader has won praise around the world. As of this writing, New Zealand has been said to have eliminated COVID-19.(2) Likewise, Iceland leaned heavily on its scientific advisors and began wide-scale testing at the very beginning of the country's outbreak. Due in large part to this response, Iceland has experienced 1,802 cases and 10 deaths at the time of this writing.(3)

Countries such as Germany, New Zealand, and Iceland have closely followed the recommendations of their leading scientists in crafting their pandemic response, but so has Sweden - which has taken a decidedly different approach. Throughout the world Sweden's

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approach has been dubbed the “*herd immunity*” approach, but the country strongly disagrees with this label. Instead, they argue that they have followed the recommendations of their public health advisors and have relied on the remarkably high levels of public trust to encourage people to voluntarily follow social distancing guidelines. (4) Despite the widespread attention Sweden has received, the data shows that the country’s death rate per million is higher than that of their neighbors who have imposed strict social distancing measures.(5)

By contrast, countries that have actively ignored or contradicted their scientific advisors and played down scientific expertise are struggling to manage the outbreak. Brazil is experiencing the highest rate of transmission among the 48 countries examined in a study by the Imperial College of London.(6) Mexico, whose government has not reported potentially thousands of COVID-19 deaths in Mexico City, faces an especially difficult challenge with both its leading health expert and its federal government at odds with the country’s doctors and local elected officials.(7) The United Kingdom, where the national government fought publicly with its scientific experts until Prime Minister Boris Johnson ended up in the ICU, has one of the highest deaths per million in the world at 518.(8)

The differences between countries that follow scientific advice as they move through the crisis and those who do not, is larger than the number of deaths. For many living in countries with leaders that ignore or contradict scientific advisors, the mishandling of the pandemic response has led to increased anxiety, uncertainty, and confusion. In the United States, the tension has led to an increasingly partisan divide surrounding the pandemic that some have called a “*culture war.*”(9) In Nicaragua, the distrust of science has led the national government to limit the number of COVID-19 tests to 50 per day(10) and discourage people from wearing masks.(11)

As countries move forward in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the tension between politicians and scientists in some countries appears to be intensifying. Science is a process of discovery, especially when dealing with a novel virus such as SARS-CoV-2. This process means that new data can overturn policies based on existing data. However, scientific consensus and science-based thinking is centered on the analysis of the factual evidence. Ignoring the scientific evidence or disagreeing with scientific knowledge will not help any country overcome the pandemic. As Neil deGrasse Tyson famously stated, “*The good thing about science is that it’s true whether or not you believe in it.*”(12)

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From the perspective of the politicians and policymakers, scientists at times do not understand the other equities which must be considered when making decisions such as the long term dire economic consequences of prolonged shutdowns which will drive up the level of poverty, cause the destabilization of the social order, increase crime and violence, and damage institutions. According to a statement issued last week by UNICEF, the respected UN Agency, social distancing, sequestering people in their homes, and quarantine will likely cause starvation deaths in the developing world as many poorest families do not have more than two or three days of food supply in their homes, and rely on informal markets for their food and employment. Policymakers complain scientists by amending their guidance sometimes 180 degrees based on new studies, damage politician's creditability with the public because the constantly changing advice they give based on this research. Perhaps the greatest weakness of science in the current pandemic has been the use of modeling to project the number of deaths. These models have sometimes contradicted each other by wide margins, and scientists who have designed them have quarreled in public with each other over their projections. Finally, science is morally neutral, and by the nature of the process of scientific inquiry cannot make moral judgements about the right course of action.

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What is #Plandemic?

Over the last few weeks, a conspiracy theory video entitled “Plandemic” has swept the internet. Versions continue to pop up despite claims that it has been scrubbed from Facebook, Youtube, Instagram and Twitter; most recently, it has been circulating via Google Drive links, its spread nearly unchecked due to Google’s lack of content moderation abilities on the file sharing platform. The Plandemic website actively encourages users to download the video and repost it. Before being deleted, the video garnered over 2.5 million interactions on Facebook and over 8 million views on Facebook, and viewership on Google Drive is nearly impossible to measure. The video has been widely discredited, but its cultural influence remains. What is in the “Plandemic” video, and where did it come from?

Originally published on Youtube and the Plandemic website on May 4, the video is a slickly produced trailer for a theoretically upcoming documentary entitled Plandemic. The video features the filmmaker, Mikki Willis, interviewing former medical researcher Judy Mikovitz, interspersed with news clips including broadcasts, clips of Drs. Deborah Birx and Anthony Fauci, and recordings of Mikovitz’s presentations during her career. Throughout, a fake news

broadcaster voice echoes the sentiments of Mikovitz and Willis. The gist of Mikovitz’ and Willis’ argument throughout the video is that COVID-19 was directly engineered by US government scientists from the SARS so that government officials, including Dr. Fauci, can profit from vaccine patents. Mikovitz, prompted by Willis, asserts that the virus is “certainly” developed by humans, claiming that a mutation of the SARS virus would have taken over 800 years to develop in nature. Despite claiming that she is not anti-vaccine, the core of Mikovitz’s argument seems to be an opposition to vaccinations - she says that influenza vaccines make humans more susceptible to coronaviruses and that Italy was hit hard by the virus because the population was given a “new, untested” influenza vaccine. She comes out in support of hydroxychloroquine, calling it a “proven treatment” (for malaria, that is), and opposes social distancing and the widespread wearing of masks, playing interviews by supposed medical professionals arguing that isolation weakens our immune systems and that mask usage “triggers” the virus in some way.

Mikovitz herself is a controversial figure - in the video, she claims that she was arrested, bankrupted, and placed under a gag order for her research suggesting that the use of animal and human tissue in

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medical research was leading to a profusion of new diseases. She claims that Dr. Fauci himself paid millions for the silence of AIDS researchers. According to independent fact-checkers, she was actually arrested for removing research from a government-funded institute, with no evidence that her finances were specifically targeted or that she was not permitted to speak on medical issues. In fact, Mikovitz has since been vocal about a proposed cure for autism, which she has similarly accused the government of restricting because it would decrease their profits.

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Mikovitz is a conspiracy theorist who has seized upon multiple sensitive health crises - such as autism and AIDS - to take advantage of widespread fear to further her anti-government and anti-vaccine rhetoric. Mikovitz and Willis are only two of a few conspiracy theorists to have reached the mainstream, but they are not the only online movements to have capitalized on people's fear and feeling of powerlessness in the face of a global pandemic to their own gain. For example, the prolific online QAnon conspiracy theory group has echoed the anti-establishment, anti-vaccine rhetoric of Plandemic. The suggestions of the Plandemic video, of course, run counter to widely verifiable public health recommendations such as social distancing, mask usage, and vaccine usage, and could wreak havoc on the virus containment effort if widely adopted. In addition, the fact that Plandemic was a viral hit that multiple streaming sites have struggled to scrub from their platforms demonstrates that people are especially vulnerable to manipulation and disinformation online amid a terrifying and uncertain global pandemic.

Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| US | 1185074 | 1662454 (19056) | 98223 (500) | 5158 | 302 |
| Russia | 230996 | 353427 (8946) | 3633 (92) | 2422 | 25 |
| UK | 224281 | 262233 (1626) | 36983 (121) | 3849 | 544 |
| Brazil | 197592 | 374898 (11687) | 23473 (807) | 1773 | 111 |
| France | 88217 | 180166 (307) | 28407 (90) | 2803 | 436 |
| India | 80072 | 144950 (6414) | 4172 (148) | 105 | 3 |
| Peru | 69401 | 123979 (4020) | 3629 (173) | 3766 | 110 |
| Spain | 56272 | 235400 (-372) | 28752 (0) | 6042 | 574 |
| Italy | 55300 | 230158 (300) | 32877 (92) | 3806 | 544 |
| Chile | 43934 | 73997 (4895) | 761 (43) | 3874 | 40 |
| Netherlands | 39615 | 45445 (209) | 5830 (8) | 2653 | 340 |
| Pakistan | 37700 | 56349 (1748) | 1167 (34) | 256 | 5 |
| Canada | 35813 | 87119 (1013) | 6655 (121) | 2273 | 174 |
| Qatar | 35076 | 45465 (1751) | 26 (3) | 15809 | 9 |
| Turkey | 33430 | 157814 (987) | 4369 (29) | 1873 | 52 |
| Belgium | 32733 | 57342 (250) | 9312 (32) | 4950 | 804 |
| Saudi Arabia | 28728 | 74795 (2235) | 399 (9) | 2152 | 11 |
| Bangladesh | 27750 | 35585 (1975) | 501 (21) | 216 | 3 |
| Sweden | 24843 | 33843 (384) | 4029 (31) | 3353 | 399 |
| Iran | 22560 | 137724 (2023) | 7451 (34) | 1642 | 89 |
| Belarus | 22491 | 37144 (946) | 204 (5) | 3931 | 22 |

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Singapore | 16199 | 31960 (344) | 23 (0) | 5467 | 4 |
| Ecuador | 16149 | 37355 (599) | 3203 (95) | 2121 | 182 |
| Colombia | 15966 | 21981 (806) | 750 (23) | 432 | 15 |
| Indonesia | 15717 | 22750 (479) | 1391 (19) | 83 | 5 |
| Kuwait | 15181 | 21967 (665) | 165 (9) | 5152 | 39 |
| UAE | 14402 | 30307 (822) | 248 (3) | 3068 | 25 |
| Mexico | 14020 | 71105 (2485) | 7633 (239) | 533 | 57 |
| Ukraine | 13388 | 21245 (259) | 623 (6) | 486 | 14 |
| Egypt | 12284 | 17967 (702) | 783 (19) | 176 | 8 |
| Portugal | 11636 | 30788 (165) | 1330 (14) | 3019 | 130 |
| Poland | 11348 | 21631 (305) | 1007 (11) | 571 | 27 |
| South Africa | 11217 | 23615 (1032) | 481 (52) | 399 | 8 |
| Germany | 11092 | 180600 (272) | 8309 (26) | 2158 | 101 |
| Philippines | 10123 | 14319 (284) | 873 (5) | 131 | 8 |
| Afghanistan | 9857 | 11173 (591) | 219 (1) | 288 | 6 |
| Argentina | 8162 | 12628 (552) | 467 (15) | 280 | 10 |
| Dominican Rep | 6328 | 15073 (272) | 460 (2) | 1391 | 42 |
| Oman** | 5800 | 7770 (0) | 37 (0) | 1526 | 7 |
| Bolivia** | 5752 | 6660 (397) | 261 (11) | 537 | 21 |
| Nigeria** | 5524 | 8068 (229) | 233 (7) | 39 | 1 |
| Romania | 5448 | 18283 (213) | 1205 (20) | 950 | 63 |
| Serbia | 5034 | 11193 (34) | 239 (1) | 1281 | 27 |

Data Source: Johns Hopkins University

** Indicates moved up 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 |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Ghana | 4706 | 6808 (125) | 32 (0) | 220 | 1 |
| Panama | 4594 | 11183 (257) | 310 (4) | 2596 | 72 |
| Kazakhstan | 4419 | 8969 (438) | 35 (0) | 455 | 2 |
| Bahrain | 4404 | 9171 (33) | 14 (0) | 5411 | 8 |
| Armenia | 3881 | 7113 (452) | 87 (6) | 2401 | 29 |
| Honduras | 3534 | 4189 (239) | 182 (2) | 399 | 18 |
| Guatemala | 3427 | 3760 (336) | 59 (1) | 191 | 3 |
| Sudan | 3303 | 3976 (156) | 170 (5) | 87 | 4 |
| Algeria | 3147 | 8503 (197) | 609 (9) | 194 | 14 |
| Puerto Rico | 3131 | 3260 (71) | 129 (2) | 963 | 38 |
| Moldova | 3084 | 7147 (54) | 261 (11) | 1771 | 65 |
| Cameroon | 2860 | 4890 (0) | 165 (0) | 185 | 6 |
| Morocco | 2558 | 7532 (99) | 200 (1) | 204 | 5 |
| Czechia | 2503 | 9002 (47) | 317 (2) | 841 | 30 |
| Israel | 2146 | 16734 (17) | 281 (2) | 1819 | 31 |
| Japan | 2139 | 16581 (31) | 830 (10) | 131 | 7 |
| Ireland | 2032 | 24698 (59) | 1606 (-2) | 5007 | 326 |
| Congo (Kinshasa) | 1893 | 2297 (156) | 67 (4) | 26 | 0.8 |

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| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Tajikistan | 1659 | 3100 (171) | 46 (0) | 326 | 5 |
| Iraq | 1658 | 4632 (163) | 163 (3) | 115 | 4 |
| Guinea | 1582 | 3275 (0) | 20 (0) | 250 | 2 |
| Senegal | 1580 | 3130 (83) | 35 (0) | 187 | 2 |
| Gabon | 1559 | 2135 (201) | 14 (2) | 962 | 6 |
| Hungary | 1554 | 3756 (15) | 491 (5) | 389 | 51 |
| Azerbaijan | 1479 | 4271 (149) | 51 (2) | 422 | 5 |
| Bulgaria | 1441 | 2433 (6) | 130 (0) | 350 | 19 |
| Somalia | 1388 | 1689 (95) | 66 (5) | 107 | 4 |
| Djibouti** | 1375 | 2468 (198) | 14 (4) | 2502 | 14 |
| Greece | 1336 | 2882 (4) | 172 (1) | 276 | 16 |
| Malaysia | 1323 | 7417 (172) | 115 (0) | 229 | 4 |
| Maldives | 1236 | 1395 (24) | 4 (0) | 2586 | 7 |
| Finland | 1191 | 6599 (20) | 308 (1) | 1191 | 56 |
| El Salvador | 1176 | 1983 (68) | 35 (0) | 306 | 5 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 1136 | 2423 (47) | 30 (0) | 92 | 1 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1129 | 1178 (64) | 7 (1) | 600 | 4 |

* Indications moved down a risk category ** Indicates moved up a risk category

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| New York | 269255 | 362764 (1249) | 29229 (88) | 19148 | 1507 |
| New Jersey | 118692 | 155092 (938) | 11147 (9) | 17631 | 1256 |
| Illinois | 107132 | 112017 (1713) | 4885 (29) | 8840 | 385 |
| California | 92631 | 96400 (2380) | 3769 (15) | 2452 | 96 |
| Massachusetts | 86855 | 93271 (596) | 6416 (44) | 13532 | 931 |
| Florida | 49494 | 51746 (879) | 2252 (15) | 2409 | 105 |
| Georgia | 41552 | 43400 (498) | 1848 (21) | 4088 | 174 |
| Maryland | 41521 | 47152 (839) | 2302 (25) | 7799 | 381 |
| Virginia | 31374 | 37727 (1483) | 1208 (37) | 4420 | 142 |
| Ohio | 30490 | 32477 (566) | 1987 (18) | 2783 | 171 |
| Connecticut | 30004 | 40873 (405) | 3742 (49) | 11464 | 1,050 |
| Indiana | 29731 | 31715 (339) | 1984 (8) | 4711 | 295 |
| Pennsylvania | 25868 | 71925 (362) | 5146 (10) | 5654 | 404 |
| Texas | 19584 | 56409 (548) | 1533 (5) | 1955 | 53 |
| Colorado | 19257 | 24256 (82) | 1333 (1) | 4214 | 231 |
| Washington | 18995 | 20065 (237) | 1070 (9) | 2740 | 143 |

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Michigan | 16472 | 54881 (202) | 5241 (13) | 5495 | 525 |
| Rhode Island | 12338 | 14065 (0) | 608 (0) | 13277 | 574 |
| Nebraska | 12215 | 12362 (228) | 147 (0) | 6387 | 78 |
| Missouri | 11787 | 12476 (327) | 689 (3) | 2025 | 113 |
| Arizona | 11564 | 16575 (198) | 807 (6) | 2275 | 111 |
| Kansas | 8425 | 9125 (121) | 207 (2) | 3179 | 72 |
| North Carolina | 8313 | 24057 (692) | 790 (6) | 2294 | 75 |
| Iowa | 7724 | 17557 (306) | 456 (0) | 5571 | 145 |
| Nevada | 7203 | 7956 (75) | 394 (14) | 2558 | 129 |
| Tennessee | 7124 | 20535 (424) | 338 (2) | 3017 | 49 |
| DC | 6705 | 8225 (115) | 440 (8) | 11654 | 623 |
| Alabama | 6469 | 14986 (508) | 566 (15) | 3056 | 115 |
| Louisiana | 6418 | 37809 (640) | 2691 (0) | 8133 | 579 |
| Wisconsin | 5863 | 15584 (307) | 514 (4) | 2677 | 88 |
| Minnesota** | 5609 | 21315 (742) | 890 (12) | 3780 | 158 |
| Kentucky** | 5078 | 8571 (0) | 391 (0) | 1918 | 88 |

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

| Country | Active Cases | Confirmed (New) | Deaths (New) | Cases/ 1M Pop. | Deaths/ 1M Pop |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| New Mexico | 4242 | 7026 (83) | 320 (3) | 3351 | 153 |
| Delaware | 3940 | 8965 (156) | 332 (6) | 9207 | 341 |
| South Carolina | 3675 | 10178 (82) | 440 (5) | 1977 | 85 |
| Mississippi | 3422 | 13458 (198) | 635 (10) | 4522 | 213 |
| Utah | 3205 | 8521 (129) | 98 (1) | 2658 | 31 |
| Oregon | 2425 | 3949 (22) | 148 (0) | 936 | 35 |
| New Hampshire | 1783 | 4197 (48) | 210 (1) | 3087 | 154 |
| Arkansas | 1663 | 6029 (107) | 117 (1) | 1998 | 39 |
| South Dakota | 1121 | 4586 (23) | 50 (0) | 5184 | 57 |
| Oklahoma | 1063 | 6090 (53) | 313 (2) | 1539 | 79 |

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