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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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Global

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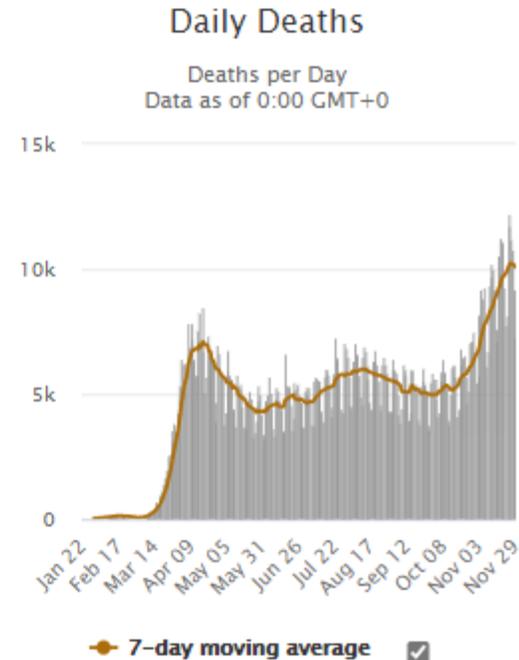
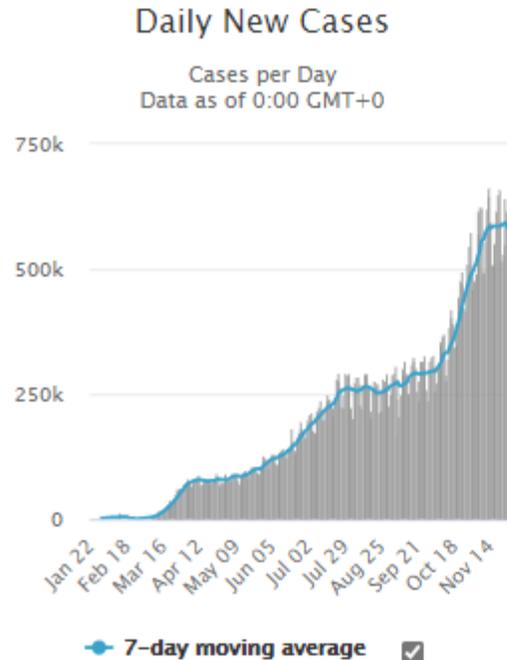
- The first **coronavirus vaccine** is on track for international deployment within weeks, with health officials on both sides of the Atlantic confident that inoculations will begin before the end of the year.
- The UK is expected to become the first country to approve a **vaccine** developed jointly by Pfizer and BioNTech, with the aim of delivering the first inoculations as soon as December 7.
- Vaccine maker Novavax Inc has pushed back the start of a US-based, **late-stage trial** for its experimental COVID-19 vaccine, due to difficulties in scaling up production.

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Global

Over the past week, the rate of daily new cases of coronavirus eased, while topping 62 million. One week ago, the count was 58 million. The spread of infections in Western Europe appears to have peaked.

The upward trend for global deaths continued. Total coronavirus deaths are in excess of 1.59 million.



Source: WorldoMeter

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Markets

The head of the Tokyo Stock Exchange has resigned over a debacle that closed the \$6 trillion bourse for a day in early October and resulted in a business improvement order from the financial regulator.

- Many European stock markets are boasting their **best month ever** with France up 21 percent and Italy almost 26 percent. The MSCI measure of world stocks is up nearly 13 percent for November, while the S&P 500 has climbed 11 percent to all-time peaks.
- On Monday, **Asia-Pacific shares** edged lower while **European shares** were mostly flat.
- Saudi Arabia's benchmark **Tadawul All Share Index** on Sunday had the highest closing since July 2019.
- **Oil prices** tumbled on Monday on uncertainty about whether OPEC+ would agree to extend large output cuts at talks this week.

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Business

Data giant S&P Global Inc is nearing a deal to buy IHS Markit Ltd, creating a heavyweight in the increasingly competitive market for financial information.

- **Facebook's** Libra cryptocurrency is readying to launch as early as January.
- **BAE Systems** won a £2.4 billion (\$3.20 billion) contract to keep supplying weapons and equipment to the UK armed forces.
- Sweden's **Ericsson** raised its global forecast for 5G mobile subscriptions to 220 million by the end of this year, citing faster than expected uptake in China.
- Italy's antitrust authority said on Monday it had fined **Apple** €10 million (\$12 million) for “*aggressive and misleading*” commercial practices regarding its iPhones.

Africa

- **Ethiopian** troops took Tigray's capital Mekelle over the weekend and declared defeat for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). The leader of Tigray's forces vowed to keep fighting amid fears of a protracted guerrilla conflict.
- **Burkina Faso** President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré has won re-election in the November 22 poll with 57.87 percent of the vote, according to full preliminary results announced by the election commission.



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Asia

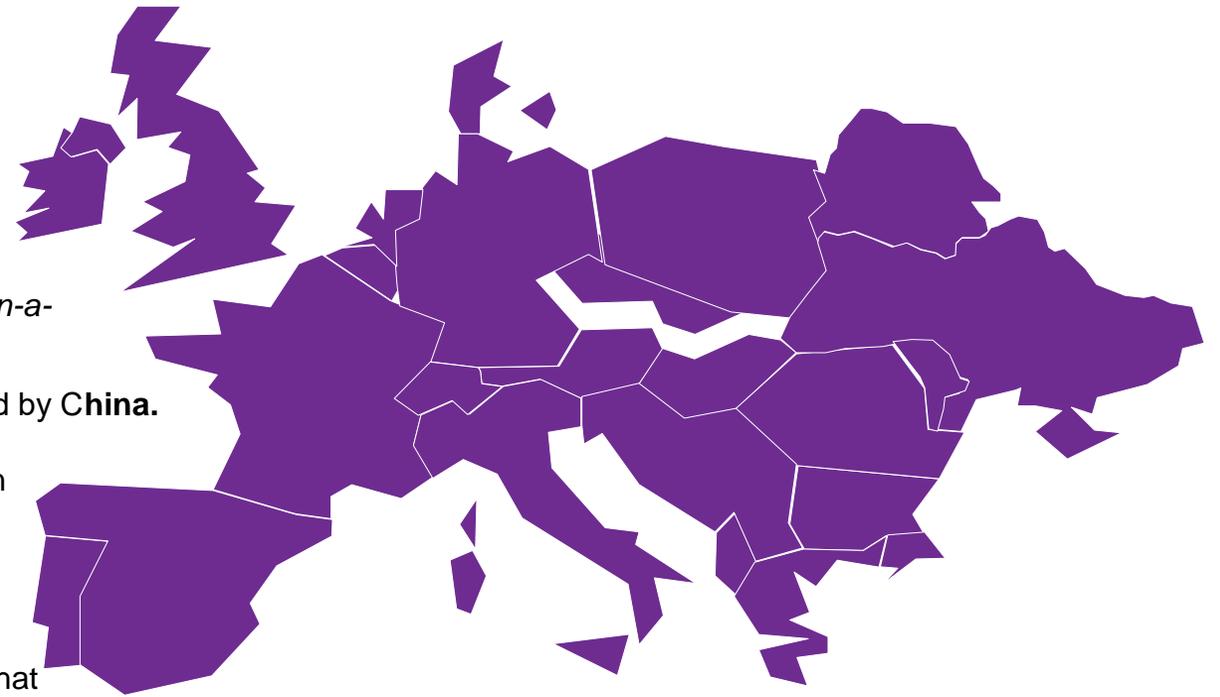
- Suspected **North Korean** hackers have tried to break into the systems of **British** drugmaker AstraZeneca in recent weeks.
- **China** plans to impose sanctions on four people working for **US** NGOs focused on democracy promotion, over what it called interference in the Asian financial hub of **Hong Kong**.
- Canberra has accused **China** of sharing a “*repugnant*” and fake image of an **Australian** soldier holding a bloodstained knife to the throat of an **Afghan** child in an escalation of diplomatic tensions.
- **Hong Kong** plans to set up a hotline to enable citizens to report on people gathering to party and dance on private yachts and homes as the territory grapples with another wave of coronavirus infections.



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Europe

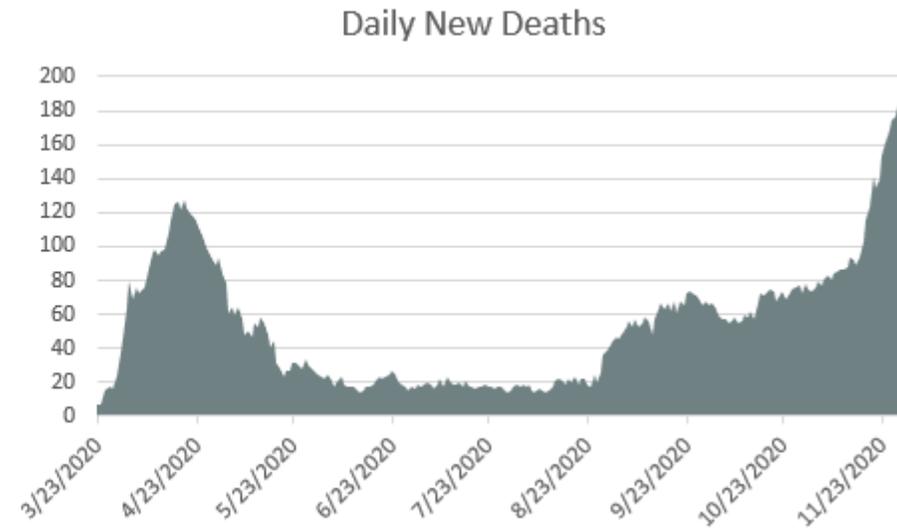
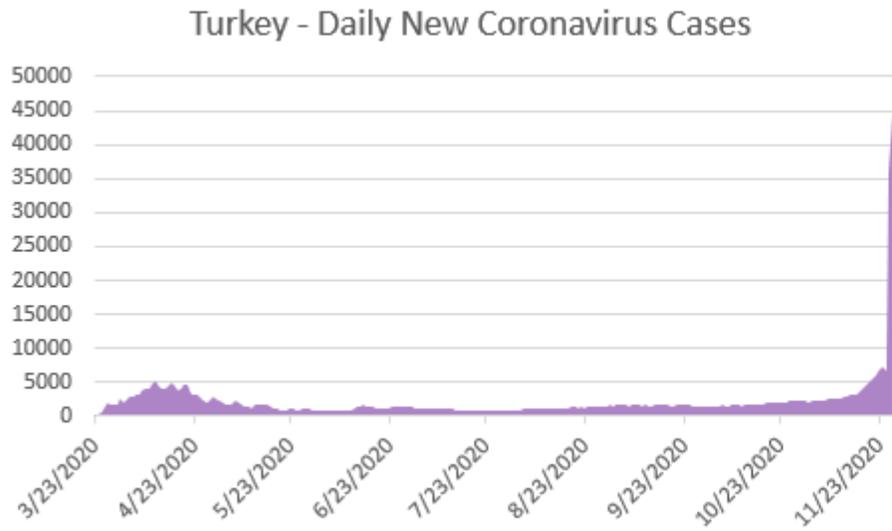
- The **EU** will call on the incoming **US** Biden Administration to seize a “*once-in-a-generation*” opportunity to forge a new global alliance, in a detailed pitch to bury the tensions of the Trump era and meet the “strategic challenge” posed by **China**.
- Approvals for mortgages for home purchases in the **UK** jumped to 97,500 in October, the highest since September 2007. The **Italian** government has approved a further support package worth €8bn for businesses struggling during the coronavirus pandemic. **Turkey** enjoyed rapid growth between July and September as the government encouraged a huge lending spree that came at the cost of a plunge in the lira.
- **Germany’s** partial lockdown measures could be extended until early Spring if infections are not brought under control, according to Economy Minister Altmaier; Germany surpassed 1 million virus cases over the weekend. Coronavirus infections in **England** have fallen by 30 percent since the latest lockdown began. In the north west and north east the decline is more than 50 percent. With deaths surpassing 52,000, **France’s** top health advisory body recommended a tiered system for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine, with retirement homes receiving first priority and second phase which would target those aged 65 and over. **Russia’s** tally of coronavirus cases has risen as much in the past seven days as in all of September; total cases topped 2.2 million. **Turkey** continued to report record numbers of new coronavirus cases, almost 140,000 in the last four days, with more than 600,000 total cases.
- The **European Parliament** has called for sanctions on **Turkey** following President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s controversial visit to Northern Cyprus on November 15.



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Europe

Over the past week, Turkey recorded a strong surge in new coronavirus cases. The spike, however, is deceiving because it reflects a change in how Turkey is reporting new cases, previously limited to those requiring treatment, not all positive cases. The Turkish Medical Association has been warning for months that the government's previous figures were concealing the graveness of the spread and that the lack of transparency was contributing to the surge. The rising death toll in August is a better indicator of when the current surge began. ICU beds in Istanbul are nearing full occupancy. The government has imposed a nightly curfew during the weekdays and limited restaurants to takeout only.



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Middle East

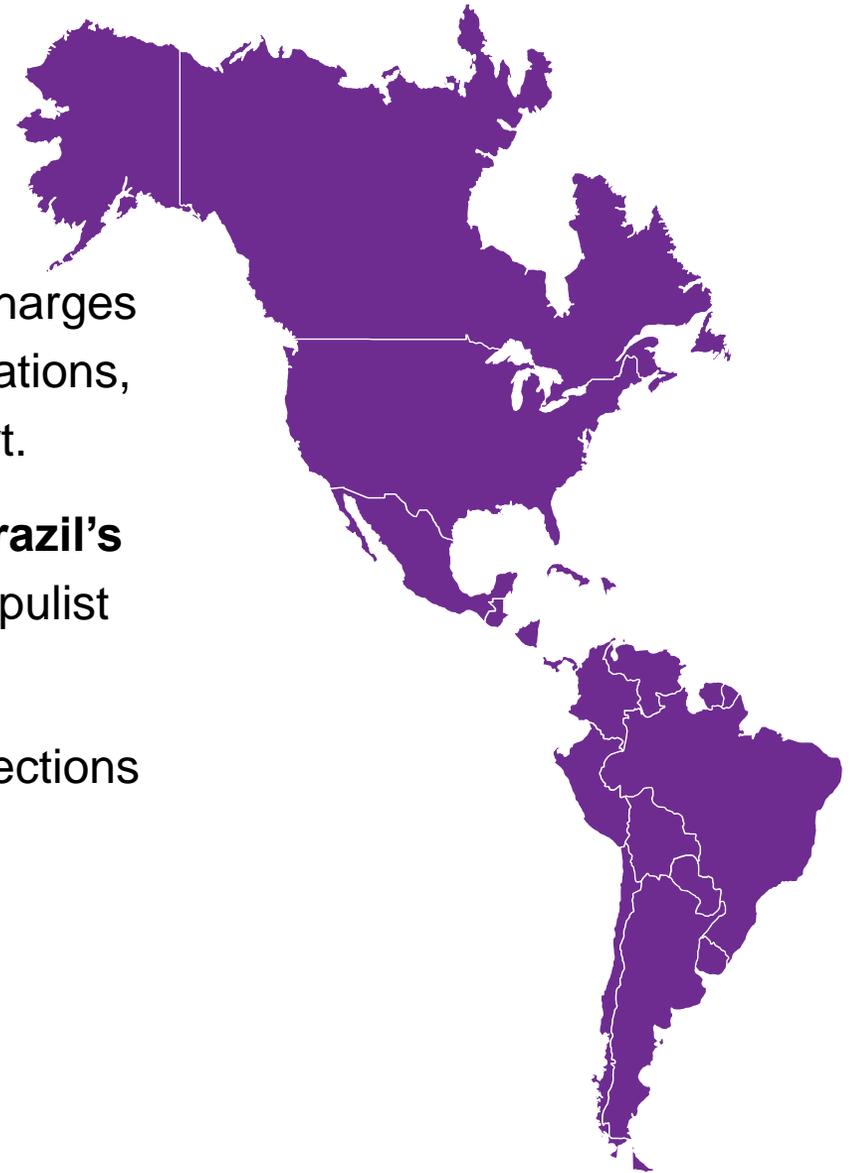
- **Iran's** supreme leader promised to retaliate for the killing of Iran's top nuclear scientist, who the West and Israel believed was the architect of a secret Iranian program to make weapons; the scientist, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, was gunned down on Friday in Tehran. Iran's coronavirus surge continued, with cases nearing 950,000 and deaths 50,000.
- After intense political maneuvering, **Lebanon's** parliament approved the audit of all state institutions, including the Central Bank, suspending bank secrecy laws for one year.
- Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways will start a passenger service to Beijing from December 7, underscoring both **China's** and the **United Arab Emirates'** control of the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Israel-Lebanon** maritime border talks were postponed after Jerusalem rejects Beirut's proposals.



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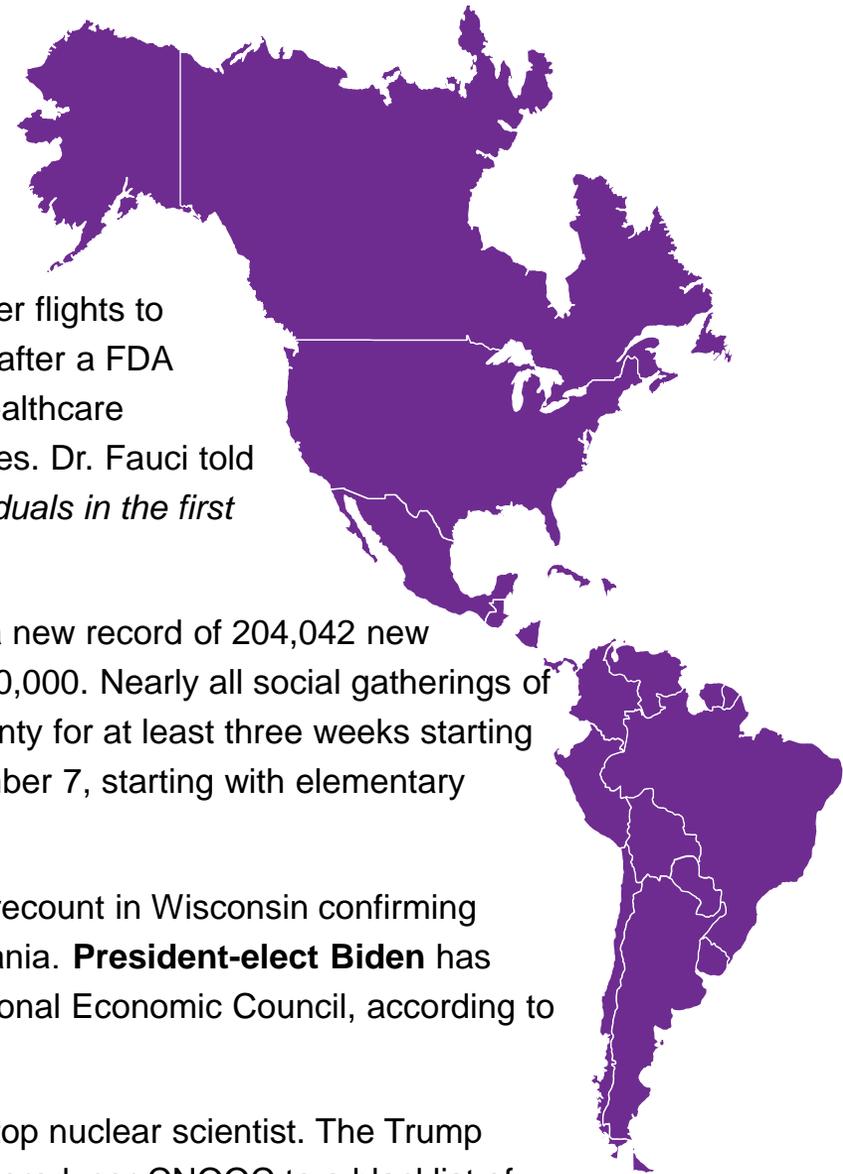
Americas

- **El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras** have brought criminal charges against more than 700 members of cross-border criminal organizations, primarily the MS-13 and 18th Street gangs, in a **US**-assisted effort.
- Traditional center and center-right parties won the big prizes in **Brazil's** municipal elections on Sunday, while candidates supported by populist President Jair Bolsonaro floundered.
- New virus cases in **Mexico** are surging, with over 65,000 new infections last week.



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Americas: US



- United Airlines has begun moving shipments of the **vaccine**, developed by Pfizer Inc, on charter flights to ensure it can be quickly distributed once it is approved. US approval could be granted shortly after a FDA advisory meeting on December 10. The CDC is expected to recommend that the FDA allow healthcare professionals and long-term care facilities to be the first two groups to get initial vaccine supplies. Dr. Fauci told NBC on Sunday: *“We likely, almost certainly, are going to be vaccinating a portion of the individuals in the first priority before the end of December.”*
- Over the weekend, the nation surpassed **13 million confirmed infections** and on Friday, set a new record of 204,042 new cases. **California** surpassed 1.2 million cases, **Illinois** 700,000 and **Wisconsin and Ohio**, 400,000. Nearly all social gatherings of individuals from more than a single household will be banned in **California’s** Los Angeles County for at least three weeks starting Monday. **New York City’s** public schools will begin to reopen for in-person learning on December 7, starting with elementary schools for students whose parents agree to a weekly testing regimen.
- President Trump persisted with efforts to challenge the **outcome of the election**, despite the recount in Wisconsin confirming Biden’s victory and the federal appeals court dismissal of Trump’s legal challenge in Pennsylvania. **President-elect Biden** has picked Brian Deese, a White House advisor during the Obama administration, to head his National Economic Council, according to the *New York Times*.
- US aircraft carrier USS Nimitz deployed to the Gulf this week, days before the killing of **Iran’s** top nuclear scientist. The Trump administration is poised to add **China’s** top chipmaker SMIC and national offshore oil and gas producer CNOOC to a blacklist of alleged Chinese military companies.

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2020 US Ballot Initiatives

By Briana Boland

While most media attention was focused on the dramatic presidential and Congressional races of the 2020 elections, ballot initiatives swept through a series of important state-level policy changes this November. In particular, breakthrough reform in drug legalization and electoral processes may set the stage for wider changes in US policy, while nationwide observers again looked to California initiatives as potential bellwethers of future policy trends.

The Green Wave: Marijuana Legalization in Five States

New Jersey, Montana, South Dakota, and Arizona voted to legalize recreational marijuana, passing ballot measures with decisive margins. Mississippi and South Dakota both also legalized medical marijuana, making South Dakota the first state ever to approve medical and recreational marijuana measures at the same time. This latest round of ballot measures means that recreational marijuana is now legal in 15 states and District of Columbia, while medical marijuana use is legal in 35 states and District of Columbia. Colorado-based business news outlet

Marijuana Business Daily projects that these breakthroughs for the marijuana industry could generate over \$2.5 billion in cannabis sales over the next four years.

The latest round of victories for marijuana legalization is indicative of such policies' growing popularity. Arizona voted on a similar measure in 2016 which was narrowly defeated; this year, however, the proposition passed by a vote of 60-40 percent, despite opposition from Arizona's Republican governor. Similarly, in South Dakota, Republican Governor Kristi Neom campaigned against both legalization measures, but medical legalization

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(Measure 26) passed with almost 70 percent of the vote, while recreational legalization (Amendment A) passed with 54 percent. The show of bipartisan enthusiasm for marijuana legalization is likely to propel plans in further states. In particular, New Jersey's success is likely to inspire further northeastern states to legalize marijuana; New York Governor Cuomo has expressed support for new cannabis policy, and state leaders in Pennsylvania and Connecticut are calling for legalization as well. While significant political resistance to the policy remains, particularly in the Republican party, the impact of marijuana legislation on tax revenues and the criminal justice system has boosted support for legalization even among voters not concerned with marijuana use. This broad perspective may also help drive policy towards federal decriminalization; for example, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has famously pledged to expunge the criminal records of people convicted for cannabis-related offenses in the past, a policy focused on the intersection of marijuana law and the criminal justice system.

Drug Decriminalization: Oregon Ballot Measures 109 & 110

Oregon passed one of the most attention-grabbing ballot initiatives of the election, Ballot Measure 110: The Drug Decriminalization and Addiction Treatment Initiative, which passed with almost 60 percent of the state's vote. The measure reclassified non-commercial drug possession offenses of Schedule I-IV substances (which includes drugs such as heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamines), as a Class E violation rather than a Class A misdemeanor. This means that while individuals who manufacture or distribute illegal drugs are still subject to criminal penalties, individuals possessing small amounts of drugs are only subject to either a \$100 fine or a completed health assessment, conducted at an addiction recovery center. The measure also established the Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund, which will receive money from the Oregon Marijuana Account and state budget savings from reduced costs of arresting and incarcerating drug offenders. The measure has caught the interest of public health and addiction experts around

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the country. Many welcome Oregon's new approach to drug crime policy as a shift away from punishment and towards a focus on health and recovery. Others argue that removing the threat of criminal penalties will lead to increased drug abuse and hinder law enforcement's ability to address drug issues.

Oregon also became the first state to legalize psilocybin mushrooms, more commonly known as "magic" mushrooms, through ballot measure 109, which passed with 56 percent support. However, psilocybin mushrooms will not share the same legal status as cannabis, which has been legal for recreational use since 2014. Rather, once regulatory details are worked out over the next two years, licensed facilities will be allowed to store and administer psilocybin.

Voting Against the Electoral College: Colorado Proposition 113

This year Colorado became the first state to affirm the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact at the ballot box, narrowly

passing the proposition with 52 percent of the vote. In 2019, Colorado lawmakers became the first swing state (although it is becoming reliably blue) to join the Compact, which pledges to delegate the state's electoral vote to the winner of the popular vote, essentially making the electoral college obsolete without removing it from the constitution. However, the Compact only kicks in once states representing 270 electoral votes join – currently it has only 15 states (California, Illinois, New York, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, Vermont, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington), plus District of Columbia, which total to 196 electoral votes. Colorado's addition turned into a ballot measure referendum because opposition to it gained sufficient signatures. As Democrats have won the popular vote in every election but one over the past two decades, the question of overriding the Electoral College has become increasingly partisan, with Republicans leading resistance to the movement.

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Regulating the Gig Economy: California's Proposition 22

Proposition 22 (commonly called “Prop 22”), one of the most controversial and widely watched ballot initiatives of the year, passed with almost 60 percent of the state’s vote. Seen as the first of many electoral battles for the gig economy, Prop 22 exempts app-based transportation (rideshare) and delivery driver firms from having to classify their workers as employees rather than independent contractors. The ballot measure allows the companies to sidestep California’s Assembly Bill 5, which went into effect last January and created an “ABC” test of three requirements that employers must meet to register workers as independent contractors. The proposition’s success delivers a win for the likes of Uber, Lyft, Doordash, Instacart, and Postmates – who backed the initiative with nearly \$200 million, making it the costliest ballot measure in California history. Opponents, namely labor unions, spent closer to \$20 million, causing many to question the equity of advertising on proposition – firms like Uber also promoted the measure on their own apps and services. The passage of Prop 22 is likely to have

implications beyond California, given the frontier nature of legislation on the gig economy. Proponents argue that it helps the gig economy, but critics worry it could worsen the prospects for protecting gig workers from exploitation – undermining the intentions of laws like Assembly Bill 5.

Affirmative Action: California's Failed Proposition 16

California’s Proposition 16, which would have repealed the state’s 1996 ban on affirmative action in public employment, education and contracting decisions, was rejected by a 57-43 percent vote. Given the state’s reputation as a stronghold of diversity and liberal politics, the decision came as a surprise to many, and has prompted a flurry of speculation about how the decision may impact future prospects for affirmative action across the country.

Ranked-Choice Voting: Alaska Ballot Measure 2

In a tight vote, Alaska’s Ballot Measure 2 passed by only a margin of only about 4,000 ballots. Measure 2 is a unique combination of election reforms that will cause sweeping

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changes to how the state conducts elections, changing both how primaries are held and instituting ranked-choice voting. Alaska will now hold one open primary, in which the top four candidates, regardless of party affiliation, proceed to the general election. Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank their candidates from least preferred to most preferred. When ballots are counted, the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is eliminated, and their voters switch to chosen second-place candidates. Maine already uses ranked-choice voting, and many voting reform activists are enthusiastic about the policy. Both of Measure 2's reforms are designed to address issues of partisan divisiveness and polarization, as both open primaries and ranked-choice voting are thought to reward non-polarizing figures who appeal across groups of voters. The reforms also open the door for third party candidates to gain a platform. In Alaska, where almost 60 percent of registered voters are independents, this third-party element is particularly important. However, opponents also warn that the new system will be logistically challenging and may cause hurdles for orderly elections.

While Measure 2 will dramatically change how Alaska conducts elections, similar electoral reform measures in other states failed to pass. Florida's Amendment 3 would have instated top-two open primaries for a series of state-level offices, meaning that the top two primary candidates would go to the general election, regardless of party. However, Amendment 3 failed to reach the 60 percent threshold to pass, although it received a majority 57 percent of votes. Massachusetts Question 2, which would have instituted ranked-choice voting, also failed by a vote margin of 55 to 45 percent.

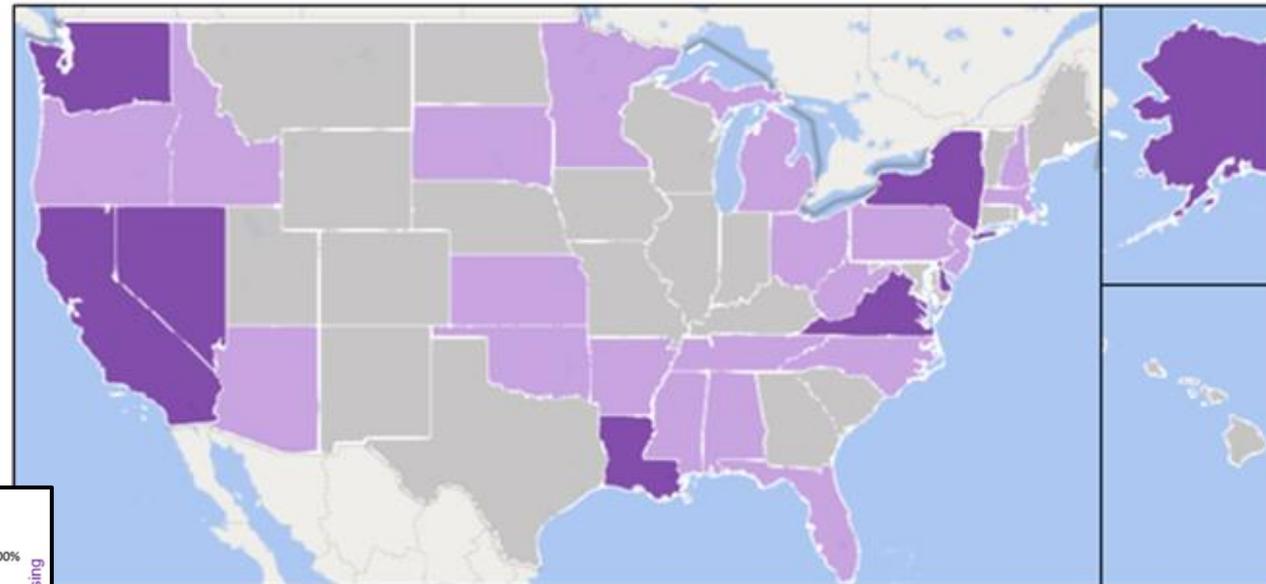
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Country in Charts: US Holiday Surge

The rate of new virus infections eased across the nation in both the week-to-week comparison and over the month. However, hospitalizations continue to trend up during this peak travel and family gathering period, suggesting this is a lull, rather than an overall improvement.

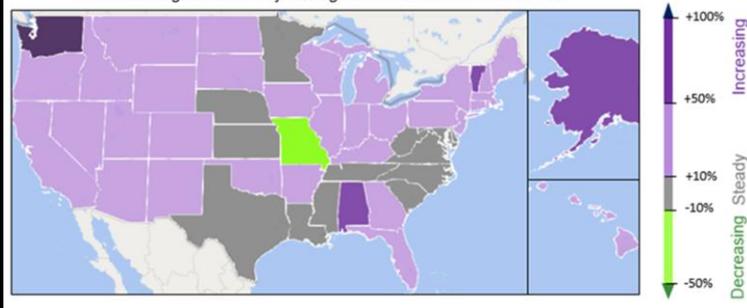
Change in new COVID-19 cases in the past week

Percent change of the 7-day average of new cases on Nov. 23 and 29



Change in new COVID-19 cases in the past week

Percent change of the 7-day average of new cases on Oct. 19 - 25



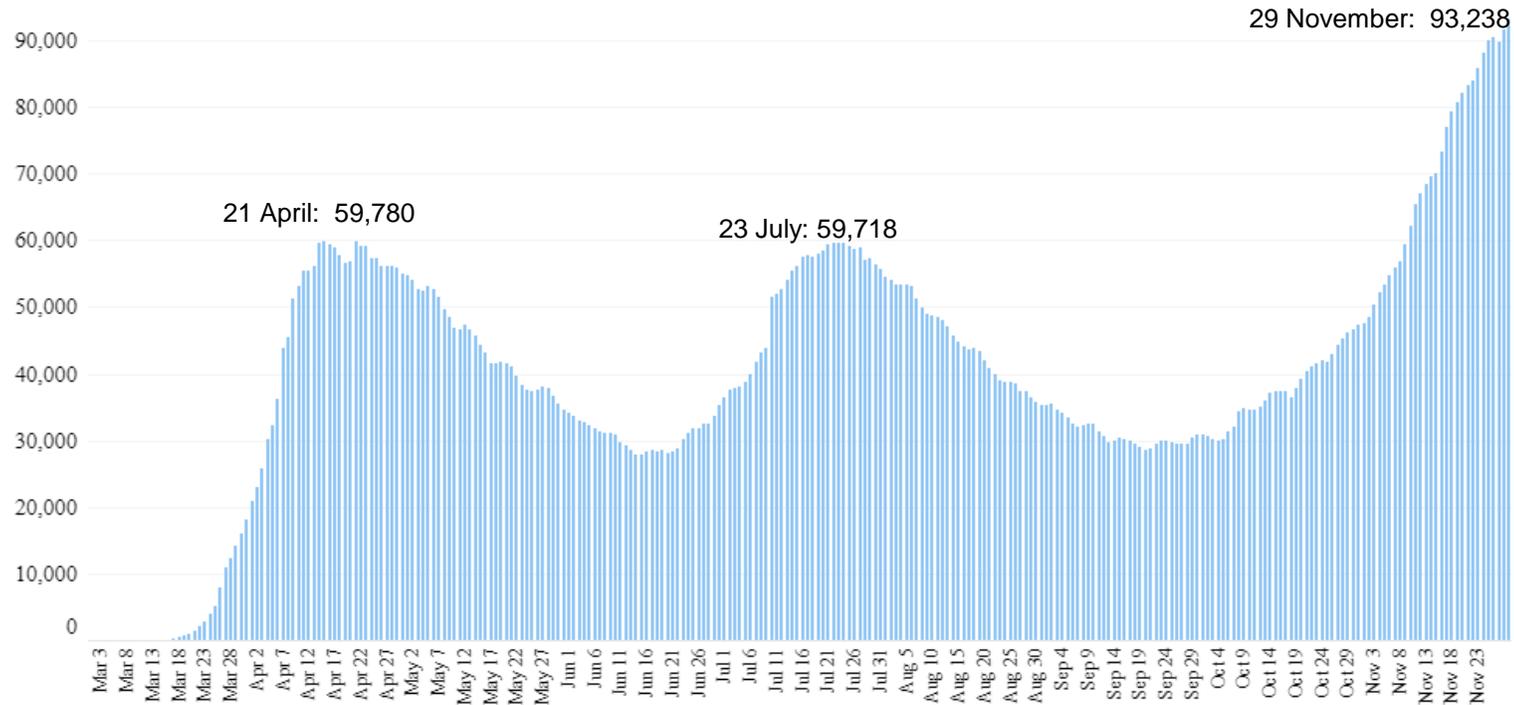
Over the past week, only California reported more than 10,000 new infections each day; Texas, Illinois and Ohio registered more than 10,000 new cases at least twice.

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US CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19

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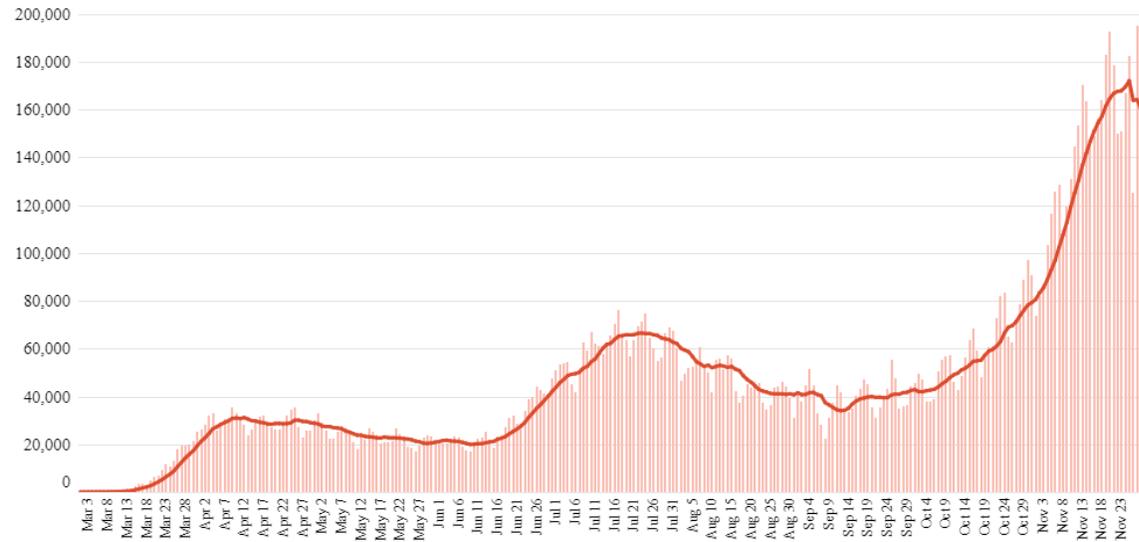
Note: Florida began reporting this figure on July 10.

Source: The COVID Tracking Project at The Atlantic

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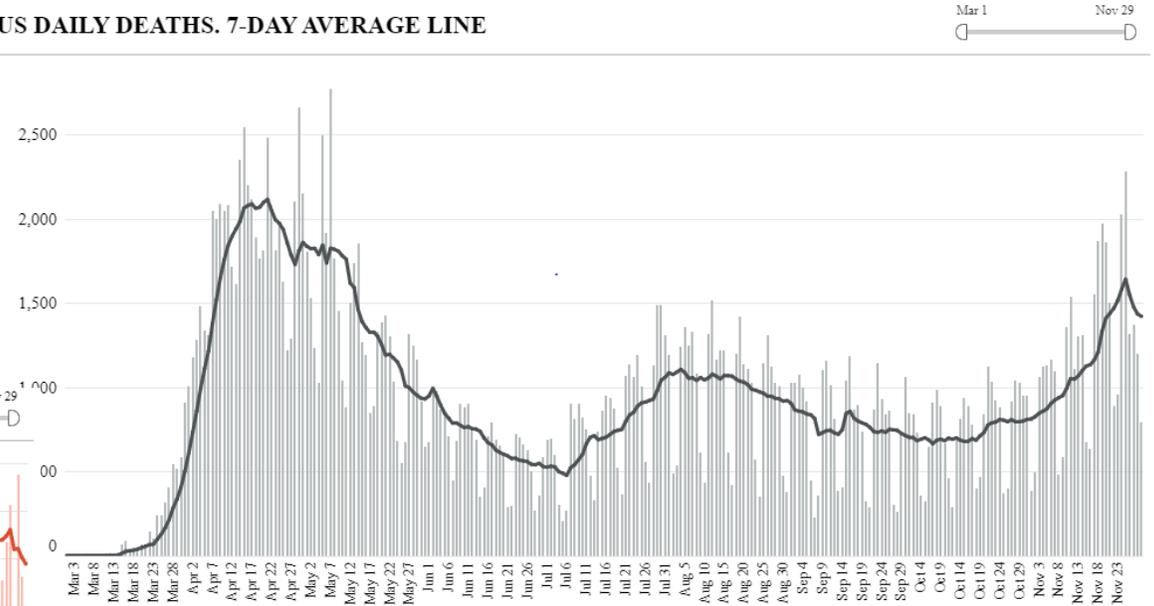
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US DAILY CASES. 7-DAY AVERAGE LINE



The COVID Tracking Project

US DAILY DEATHS. 7-DAY AVERAGE LINE



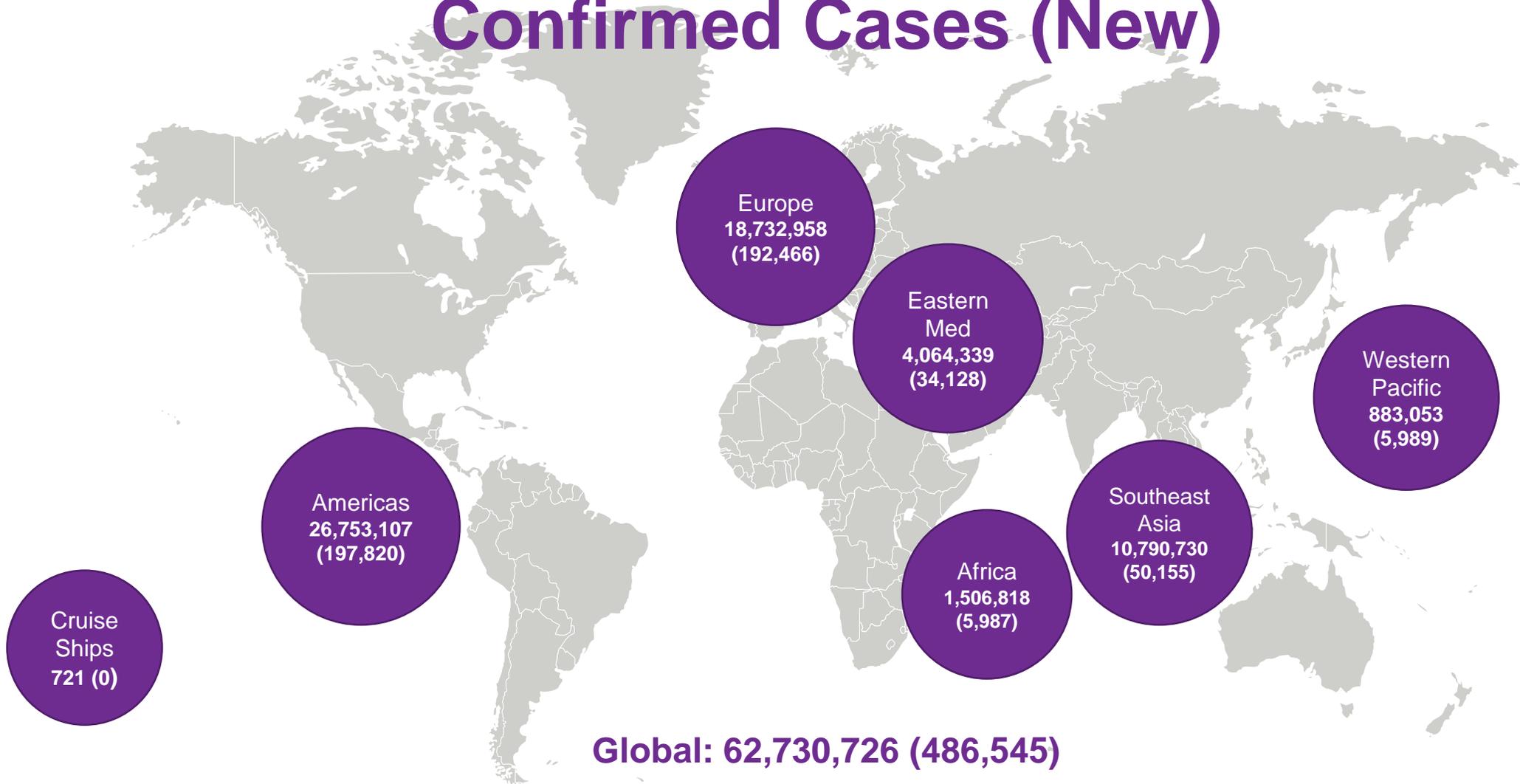
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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on November 29

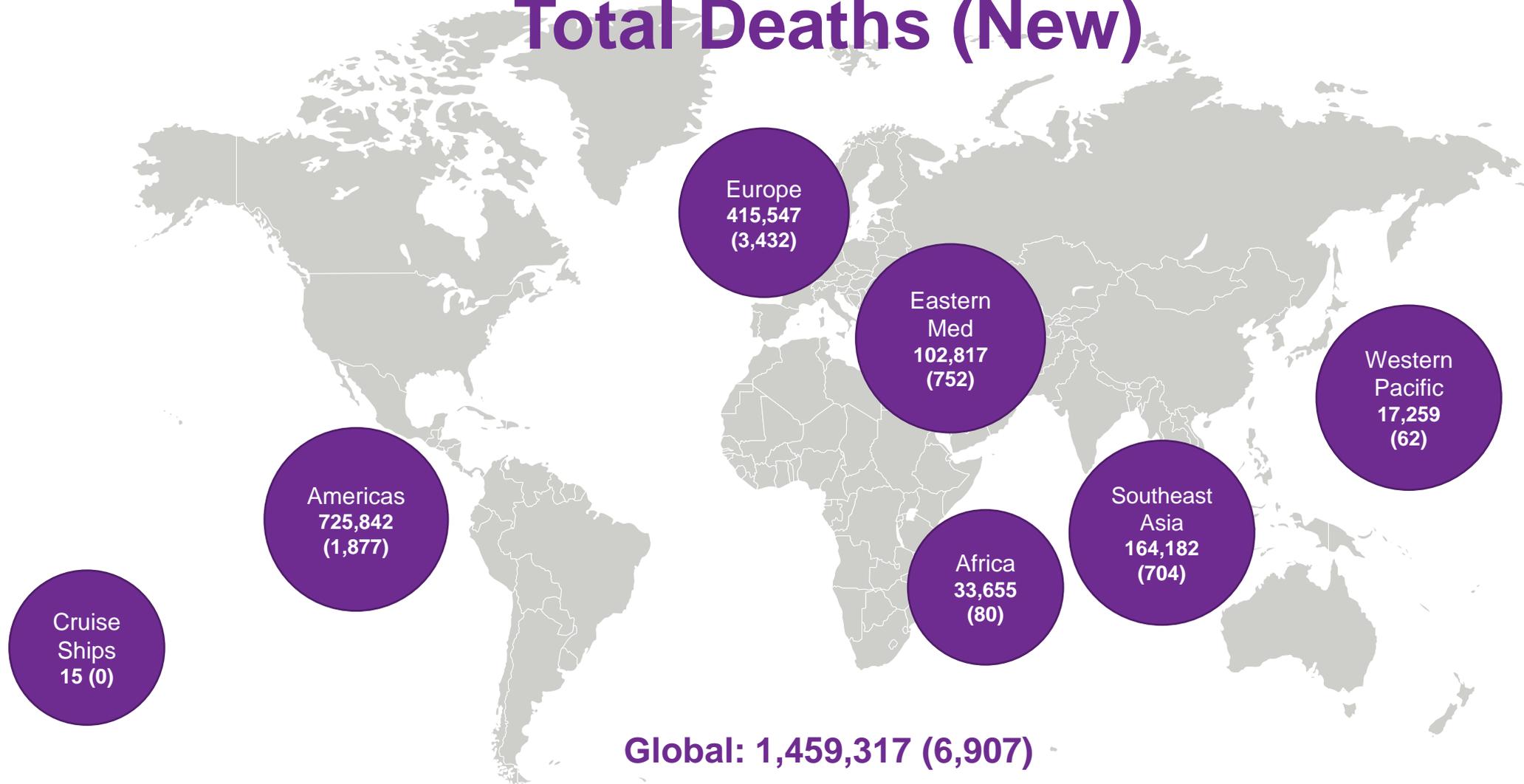
Confirmed Cases (New)



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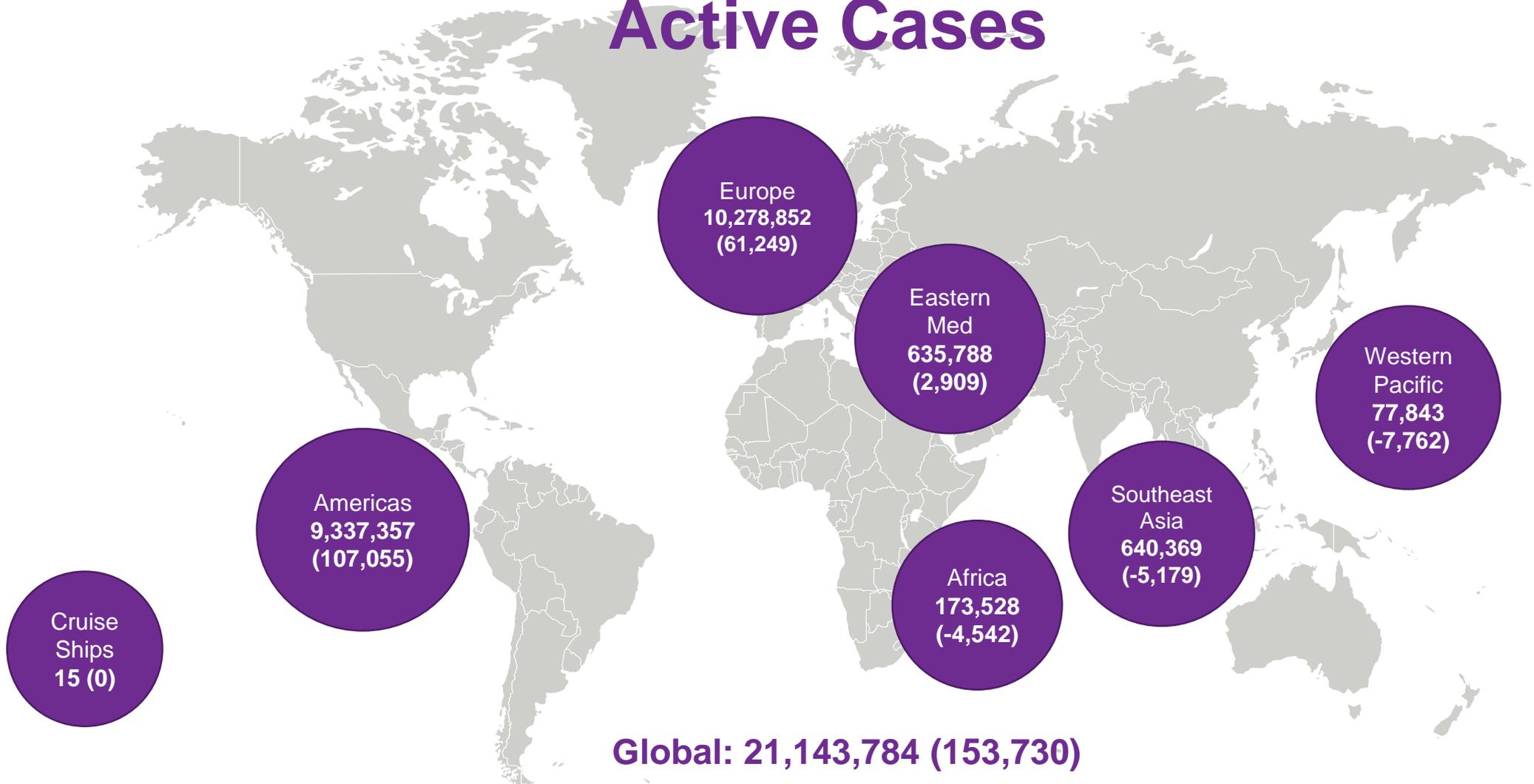
Total Deaths (New)



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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	8042538	13323201 (138775)	265642 (815)	41442	823	8.50%
France	2026622	2217555 (9784)	51977 (198)	33956	801	3.46%
UK	1559360	1619928 (12160)	58323 (215)	23772	856	6.51%
Spain	1433164	1628208 (0)	44668 (0)	35203	955	4.39%
Italy	795771	1585178 (20646)	54904 (541)	26234	909	11.12%
Brazil	560471	6314740 (24468)	172833 (272)	29621	811	3.85%
Belgium	560052	576599 (2151)	16547 (86)	49476	1418	3.09%
Netherlands	509561	518910 (5585)	9349 (23)	30256	545	6.60%
Russia	464484	2249890 (26390)	39127 (451)	15547	271	7.91%
India	446952	9431691 (38772)	137139 (443)	6807	99	3.09%
Poland	408617	985075 (11482)	17029 (283)	26040	450	12.56%
Ukraine	374936	742105 (13271)	12613 (128)	16566	280	13.46%
Germany	308588	1055691 (3197)	16306 (125)	12582	197	11.68%
Iran	242583	948749 (12950)	47874 (388)	11236	567	9.95%

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Sweden	236448	243129 (0)	6681 (0)	24012	660	14.33%
Turkey	193828	607628 (29281)	13558 (185)	7173	160	26.46%
Mexico	183019	1107071 (5668)	105655 (196)	8500	814	5.89%
Serbia	167665	169214 (6179)	1549 (65)	19399	178	28.42%
Hungary	151218	211527 (6819)	4672 (156)	21920	484	17.45%
Argentina	130491	1418807 (5432)	38473 (151)	31274	848	3.41%
Romania	111491	471536 (5554)	11193 (148)	24580	583	11.22%
Switzerland	91540	318290 (0)	4650 (29)	36666	536	8.70%
Bulgaria	90078	142486 (739)	3814 (65)	20571	551	14.50%
Portugal	80838	294799 (4093)	4427 (64)	28946	435	11.55%
Greece	78832	104227 (1193)	2321 (98)	10020	223	12.10%
Bangladesh	77626	462407 (1788)	6609 (29)	2796	40	3.26%
Indonesia	71658	534266 (6267)	16815 (169)	1945	61	6.85%
Colombia	67340	1308376 (8763)	36584 (183)	25601	716	4.58%

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Czechia	67179	519723 (1074)	8138 (84)	48494	759	5.28%
Jordan	63041	214307 (3598)	2694 (68)	20918	263	14.41%
Canada	62521	373662 (5383)	12046 (53)	9775	318	10.67%
Austria	59605	279708 (4047)	3105 (87)	30983	344	11.63%
Iraq	57308	550435 (1614)	12224 (24)	13561	301	2.75%
Honduras	57299	107888 (375)	2909 (4)	10784	291	3.20%
Costa Rica	50412	137093 (0)	1690 (0)	26811	331	5.60%
Lebanon	49166	126944 (1266)	1004 (13)	18634	147	8.25%
Pakistan	48576	398024 (2839)	8025 (40)	1775	36	5.30%
Ireland	46825	72241 (299)	2052 (2)	14563	414	2.46%
Morocco	45700	353803 (4115)	5789 (50)	9539	156	8.16%
Lithuania	45580	60193 (1981)	493 (11)	22241	182	21.84%
Azerbaijan	43158	118195 (4170)	1361 (38)	11614	134	21.24%
Slovakia	40720	105733 (1101)	816 (18)	19362	149	8.98%

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Ethiopia	38519	109534 (604)	1700 (5)	943	15	3.42%
South Africa	35592	787702 (2563)	21477 (38)	13213	360	2.54%
Peru	33546	962530 (2162)	35923 (44)	29026	1083	1.50%
Bosnia	33275	87374 (664)	2620 (44)	26701	801	8.43%
Libya	27998	82430 (1157)	1166 (13)	11930	169	5.59%
Kenya	26889	83316 (711)	1452 (7)	1536	27	7.13%
Algeria	26607	82221 (1009)	2410 (17)	1861	55	8.95%
Dominican Republic	26325	143473 (820)	2330 (2)	13171	214	3.53%
Armenia	25262	134768 (1174)	2142 (21)	45445	722	6.34%
Japan	23723	147515 (2058)	2057 (15)	1145	17	9.82%
Tunisia	23408	96251 (1271)	3219 (66)	8109	271	7.83%
Croatia	23062	126612 (2919)	1712 (57)	30921	418	18.08%
Philippines	22867	429864 (2067)	8373 (40)	3901	76	2.57%
Paraguay	22216	81906 (775)	1743 (12)	11426	243	6.63%

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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
N Macedonia	21412	61543 (820)	1731 (32)	29541	831	11.05%
Georgia	21089	132368 (4426)	1230 (35)	33208	309	20.88%
Belarus	20482	135008 (1684)	1151 (8)	14290	122	8.15%
Slovenia	20310	75381 (1124)	1384 (48)	36257	666	13.36%
West Bank & Gaza	19034	83585 (1695)	717 (13)	16231	139	14.29%
Myanmar	18658	89486 (1509)	1918 (31)	1640	35	11.44%
Albania	18346	37625 (835)	798 (11)	13080	277	12.93%
Panama	18053	164729 (1276)	3060 (21)	37933	705	6.04%
Nepal	17909	231978 (1255)	1479 (25)	7903	50	5.03%
Norway	17502	35828 (282)	328 (0)	6588	60	8.55%
Denmark	16009	79352 (998)	829 (6)	13680	143	11.17%
Latvia	15059	16975 (414)	197 (4)	9042	105	22.71%
Bolivia	14198	144622 (30)	8952 (3)	12318	762	0.45%
Kosovo	13625	39057 (626)	1005 (16)			12.19%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kazakhstan	13208	131659 (794)	1990 (0)	6935	105	4.16%
UAE	12998	167753 (1251)	570 (1)	16877	57	5.22%
Malaysia	11481	64485 (1309)	357 (3)	1982	11	15.06%
Uganda	10955	20145 (201)	201 (0)	435	4	10.81%
Montenegro	10910	34881 (427)	487 (6)	55534	775	10.95%
Moldova	10141	107017 (1165)	2290 (21)	26555	568	8.48%
Chile	9861	550430 (1489)	15356 (34)	28692	800	1.78%
Israel	9667	335598 (809)	2864 (10)	36488	311	1.99%
French Polynesia	9181	14096 (0)	73 (0)	50060	259	7.93%
Luxembourg	9036	33409 (0)	300 (0)	54810	495	10.92%
Ecuador	8890	192117 (1208)	13423 (52)	10822	756	3.37%
Cyprus	8278	10383 (152)	48 (0)	8574	40	16.76%
Afghanistan	7721	46215 (249)	1763 (11)	1176	45	3.27%
Puerto Rico	7615	51702 (121)	1094 (11)	27193	323	8.21%

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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
Finland	7436	24629 (322)	393 (0)	4442	71	12.14%
Kyrgyzstan	7387	72807 (836)	1271 (9)	11027	193	4.43%
Guatemala	7217	121971 (173)	4166 (5)	6757	231	2.74%
Oman	7103	123484 (905)	1418 (27)	23934	275	1.14%
Angola	6994	15103 (16)	346 (1)	454	10	4.04%
Sri Lanka	6366	23484 (496)	116 (7)	1095	5	14.11%
Egypt	6309	115541 (358)	6636 (15)	1120	64	2.18%
South Korea	6022	34201 (377)	526 (3)	659	10	9.35%
Sudan	5994	17404 (0)	1235 (0)	393	28	7.77%
Guadeloupe	5953	8344 (0)	149 (0)	20852	372	1.43%
Martinique	5275	5413 (0)	40 (0)	14429	107	12.58%
Kuwait	5135	142426 (231)	878 (3)	33149	204	1.66%

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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
Estonia	4930	12052 (354)	112 (3)	9083	84	19.32%
Saudi Arabia*	4835	357128 (217)	5884 (14)	10193	168	0.52%
Venezuela	4494	102040 (280)	894 (2)	3593	31	2.16%
Jamaica	4387	10709 (40)	256 (5)	3610	86	3.97%
Syria	3884	7797 (82)	413 (4)	441	23	7.34%
Nigeria	3184	67412 (82)	1173 (2)	324	6	1.53%
CAR	2926	4913 (0)	63 (0)	1010	13	0.04%
Qatar	2549	138648 (171)	237 (0)	49379	84	1.02%
Botswana	2510	10258 (0)	31 (0)	4326	13	6.47%
Belize	2465	5743 (96)	147 (3)	14097	359	9.75%
El Salvador	2216	38405 (0)	1111 (4)	5909	171	2.20%
Mayotte	2168	5181 (0)	49 (0)	18806	178	2.80%
Uzbekistan	2111	72870 (152)	608 (0)	2164	18	1.72%
Malta	2062	9752 (143)	133 (1)	22062	301	8.49%

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Country Risk Assessment

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Mozambique	1806	15613 (27)	130 (1)	494	4	3.69%
Cameroon	1503	24117 (0)	437 (0)	899	16	2.44%
Bahamas	1487	7517 (21)	163 (0)	19040	413	1.38%
Bahrain	1469	86787 (142)	341 (0)	50301	198	1.25%
Australia	1402	27902 (10)	908 (1)	1089	35	0.24%
Nicaragua	1399	5784 (0)	160 (0)	869	24	1.02%
Uruguay	1373	5716 (205)	76 (1)	1643	22	17.79%
Mali	1358	4688 (29)	152 (3)	229	7	9.24%
Curacao	1222	2364 (106)	4 (0)	14382	24	26.02%
China	1152	93465 (136)	4750 (0)	60	3	0.78%
Guam	1135	6768 (0)	112 (0)			4.67%
French Guiana	1114	11179 (0)	70 (0)	37038	232	1.48%
Haiti	1089	9272 (0)	232 (0)	809	20	0.63%
Zimbabwe	1075	9822 (0)	275 (0)	657	18	6.13%
Maldives	1046	12994 (47)	46 (0)	23867	84	2.97%

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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	1196304	1215455 (14831)	19151 (35)	30819	485	8.30%
Florida	974160	992660 (7363)	18500 (58)	46218	861	5.46%
Illinois	707232	720114 (7178)	12882 (44)	56828	1017	8.86%
New York	521313	641161 (6723)	34561 (47)	34909	1774	7.01%
Georgia	460074	469516 (1952)	9442 (18)	44221	889	4.34%
Missouri	298559	302409 (3314)	3850 (6)	50785	662	8.37%
New Jersey	273632	334114 (4561)	16978 (13)	38372	1928	8.41%
Arizona	267450	325995 (3221)	6634 (10)	44787	911	8.08%
Texas	248810	1225118 (11541)	21843 (55)	43248	758	5.84%
Colorado	213424	228772 (3489)	3003 (20)	39726	521	13.19%
Virginia	207822	235942 (2325)	4058 (4)	27642	475	7.69%
Michigan	203416	378152 (0)	9467 (0)	37865	948	12.99%
Maryland	183215	196447 (1999)	4625 (23)	32494	765	7.28%
Washington	159997	162700 (2066)	2703 (0)	21976	358	13.18%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kansas	150619	155500 (0)	1529 (0)	53251	525	11.84%
Nevada	148391	150527 (1298)	2136 (17)	48870	693	11.05%
Kentucky	147031	176925 (2743)	1896 (11)	39601	424	10.64%
Ohio	141692	414432 (7729)	6399 (21)	35455	547	15.20%
Indiana	136337	333312 (4304)	5685 (22)	49510	844	11.39%
Pennsylvania	136131	360944 (4999)	10297 (63)	28229	814	13.18%
South Carolina	98072	216129 (1218)	4353 (7)	41977	845	4.55%
Connecticut	97820	112581 (0)	4961 (0)	31577	1391	9.87%
Iowa	95193	228690 (1511)	2399 (24)	72253	753	7.45%
Wisconsin	94129	409054 (4055)	3487 (23)	66072	568	8.02%
Alabama	81706	247229 (2236)	3577 (5)	50422	730	5.96%
Oregon	67344	74119 (1613)	905 (9)	17573	215	12.07%
North Carolina	62983	361778 (3820)	5240 (21)	34494	500	6.91%
Nebraska	62791	126466 (1143)	989 (0)	64786	511	9.81%

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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 Change7-Day Av
New Mexico	61827	95417 (1435)	1540 (13)	45505	734	14.17%
Utah	60860	193809 (1722)	868 (5)	60453	271	8.58%
Idaho	59444	100484 (824)	920 (7)	56229	515	8.79%
Massachusetts	58769	224964 (2495)	10722 (46)	32639	1556	8.05%
Rhode Island	48989	53954 (0)	1346 (0)	50931	1271	11.03%
Minnesota	44109	312969 (8946)	3637 (57)	55495	645	13.68%
Tennessee	35971	366518 (3052)	4554 (13)	53669	667	7.11%
Louisiana	33350	232245 (1643)	6407 (16)	49958	1378	5.19%
Oklahoma	31854	195545 (1721)	1736 (19)	49418	439	10.85%
Mississippi	26342	151785 (1845)	3806 (27)	51000	1279	5.67%
Alaska	24779	32065 (621)	121 (0)	42125	164	13.39%
Delaware	17202	35251 (581)	770 (7)	36201	791	9.77%
Montana	17030	61801 (956)	671 (2)	57824	628	9.90%
South Dakota	16930	79900 (801)	943 (1)	90317	1066	8.55%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Arkansas	16905	156247 (1221)	2470 (21)	51775	818	7.09%
West Virginia	16370	46997 (1152)	729 (11)	26224	407	13.87%
Wyoming	9252	32489 (561)	215 (0)	56136	371	13.30%
North Dakota	6831	78658 (723)	926 (5)	103217	1207	7.60%
Hawaii	5936	18138 (56)	244 (4)	12600	172	3.61%
District of Columbia**	5097	21448 (410)	680 (2)	30390	964	6.05%

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

State	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
New Hampshire	4991	20516 (491)	526 (3)	15062	387	14.03%
Maine	2365	11508 (220)	191 (0)	8561	142	9.98%
Vermont	1539	4100 (67)	67 (0)	6571	107	11.49%

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