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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Israeli data shows Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine efficacy begins within days of shot.

Iran has begun working on uranium metal-based fuel research, a significant new step toward possible atomic-weapons production.

China's trade surplus hit its highest ever monthly level in December, as the country's exports continued to boom.

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Global

Around the world, 92 million people have now been infected with COVID-19 and 1.97 million have died. As of yesterday, 32.5 million people have been vaccinated.

- People who have had COVID-19 are highly likely to have **immunity** to it for at least five months but there is evidence that those with antibodies may still be able to carry and spread the virus, per a UK study of healthcare workers.
- A WHO team investigating the **origins of the coronavirus pandemic** arrived in Wuhan on Thursday, more than six months after the probe was launched. They expect to be in Wuhan for one month.

COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccination doses administered per 100 people, Jan 14, 2021

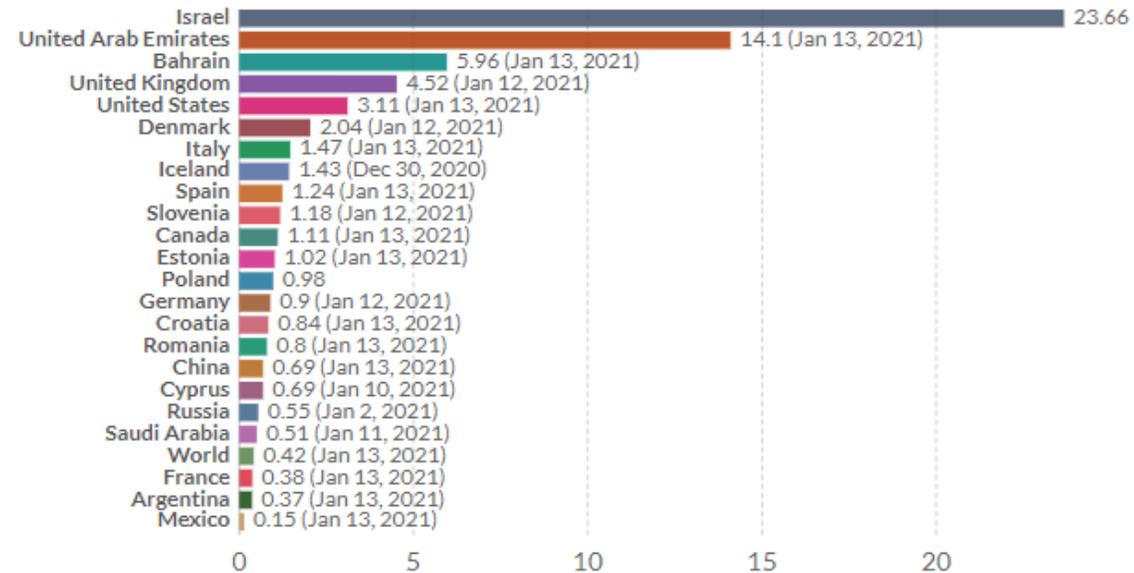
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Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Israel, the UAE and Bahrain are the global leaders in vaccinating their populations.

- Initial data from Israel's Ministry of Health found that **infection rates** among recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine dropped within just a few days.
- Johnson & Johnson's single dose COVID-19 vaccine showed a **lasting antibody response** in third stage clinical trials, per a new paper.

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Markets

Asian and European investors are snatching up discounted Chinese stocks hit by a US investment ban, shrugging off concerns that the sanctions could hurt the companies' prospects.

- **European shares** rose for a third straight session on Thursday, as hopes of a large stimulus under incoming U.S. President Joe Biden and upbeat Chinese export data boosted sentiment.
- **Asia-Pacific equities** slipped on Thursday following a muted day for global stocks as investors weighed extended lockdown restrictions against hopes for US stimulus.
- **Japan's Nikkei** hit its highest level since August 1990 taking its surge since late October to 25 percent.
- **US stocks** edged higher Wednesday as investors continue to balance signals of a worsening pandemic outlook with the prospect of new stimulus from Washington.
- **US fuel demand** over the past month remained 6 percent below average, as the pandemic's drag on demand continues into

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Business

The Trump Administration set November 11, 2021 as deadline for US investors to have completely divested their holdings of securities of companies designated by the Defense Department as owned or controlled by the Chinese military.

- Indian automaker **Mahindra** cut over half of its North American workforce.
- **Volkswagen** will further cut car production amid a semiconductor shortage.
- **Target's** online sales doubled over the holiday season, and physical stores sales rose 4 percent in contrast to struggling rivals in the retail sector.
- **Nordstrom** saw weak holiday sales but is still on track to make a Q4 profit.
- A near \$20 billion takeover approach for European retailer **Carrefour SA** by Canadian convenience-store operator **Alimentation Couche-Tard** ran into early opposition as the French government raised concerns about food sovereignty and job security.
- **PepsiCo** Inc aims to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions across its supply chain by 2040

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Africa

- ECOWAS said it is “*confident*” that **Mali**, which suffered a coup last summer, will transition from military to civilian rule within the 18-month timeline agreed upon by rebels.
- **Uganda’s** government ordered all internet service cut ahead of today’s presidential election. The turbulent and frequently violent contest is between incumbent Museveni, seeking a sixth term, and former pop singer Bobi Wine, who has been arrested multiple times during his campaign.
- **Ethiopia** said that it had killed three members of the Tigray region’s former ruling party after they refused to surrender to the Ethiopian military.
- **Rwanda** became the 23rd African country to report 10,000 virus infections.



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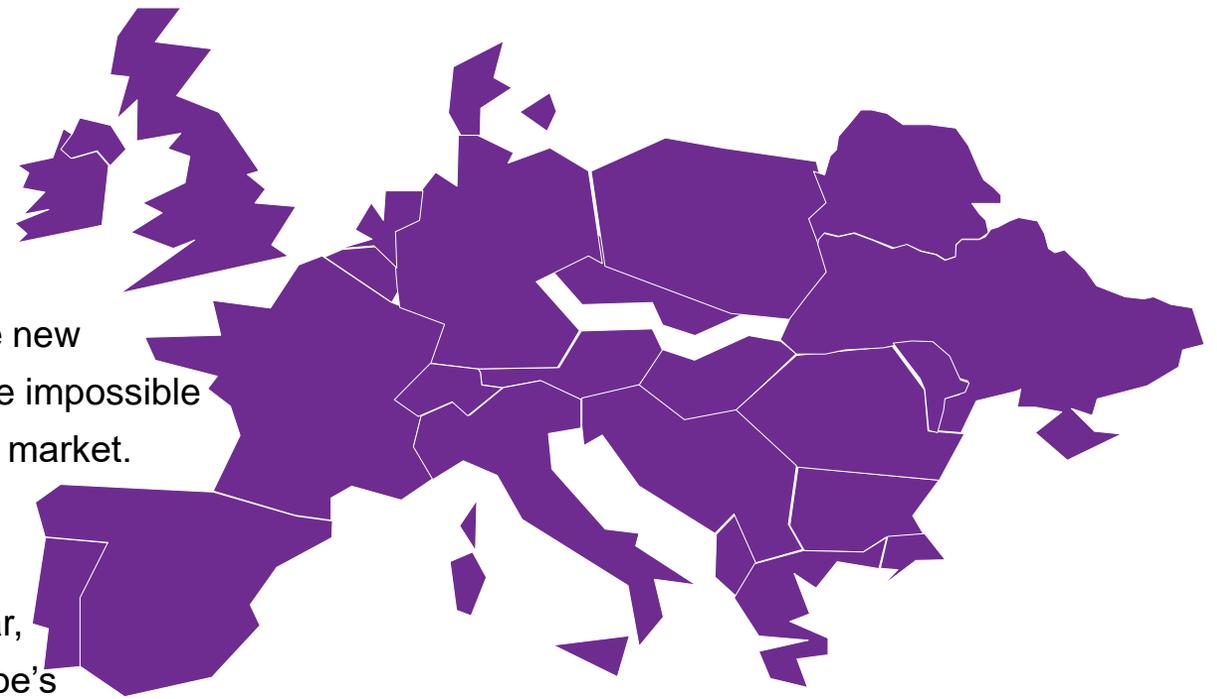
Asia

- This week, the **US and Vietnam** co-hosted the first Friends of the Mekong Policy Dialogue with 17 participating countries under the new Mekong-US Partnership (launched in September 2020). The US used the event to highlight the centrality of ASEAN in **Indo-Pacific** strategy.
- **Japan** will restrict the entry of all nonresident foreign nationals.
- The **Philippines** detected a case of the UK coronavirus variant B-117.
- In Japan, the head of Tokyo's Olympic planning committee said it would be "*impossible*" to postpone the Summer Games again.
- One of the most important Hindu festivals, the Kumbh Mela, sometimes referred to as the largest gathering on earth, is going ahead this year in **India** despite the pandemic.
- **China's** trade surplus hit its highest ever monthly level in December, as the country's exports continued to boom under the coronavirus pandemic. **Hong Kong** police have arrested 11 people over suspected crimes related to assisting a group of 12 pro-democracy activists accused of attempting to flee the city by boat for **Taiwan** last year.



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Europe

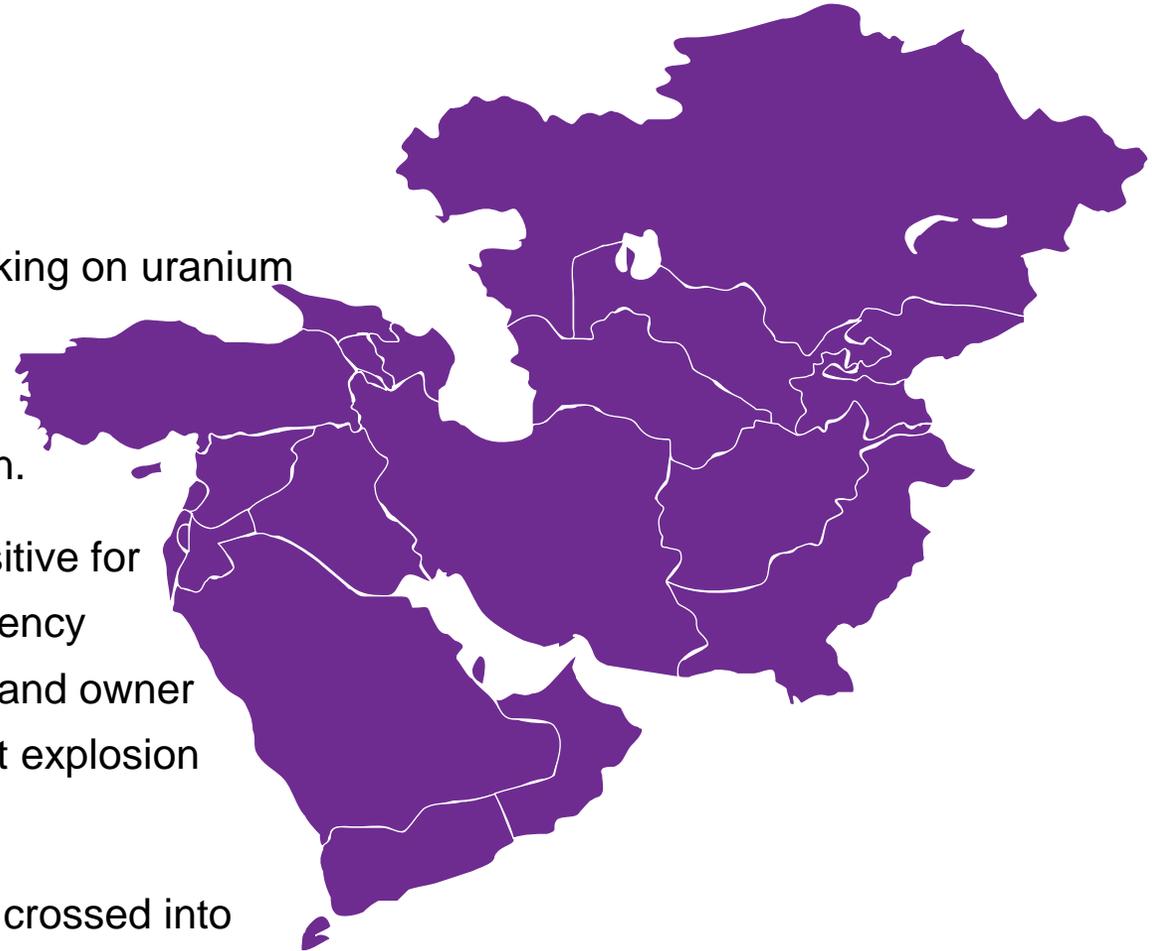


- The **EU's** chief Brexit negotiator Barnier warned that many of the new regulatory issues slowing cross-Channel trade with the **UK** will be impossible to smooth over, describing “*consequences*” for leaving the single market. ECB President Lagarde warned governments not to respond to signs of economic recovery by cutting stimulus too quickly, even if inflation rises. **Germany's** economy shrank 5 per cent last year, less than many economists had expected, underlining how Europe's largest economy is rebounding faster from the coronavirus pandemic than many of its neighbors.
- **Britain's** health secretary said that the government was considering moving patients with low care needs out of hospitals to hotels to reduce crowding. The UK recorded a record daily increase in deaths. International visitors to **Germany** from countries where virus variants are widespread must present a negative test result prior to entry. **Switzerland** announced firmer virus restrictions, banning events and closing restaurants while avoiding a full lockdown; however, the Swiss government faces a referendum on its power to implement lockdowns. **Portugal** announced a new lockdown from Friday. **Denmark** extended its lockdown at least three weeks. **Italy** will extend its COVID-19 state of emergency to April. In **Russia**, President Putin ordered mass vaccinations beginning next week.
- **Italy's** former Prime Minister Renzi pulled his party from the government, eliminating the ruling party's governing coalition.
- **Estonia's** Prime Minister resigned amid a corruption scandal concerning misuse of state loans.

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Middle East

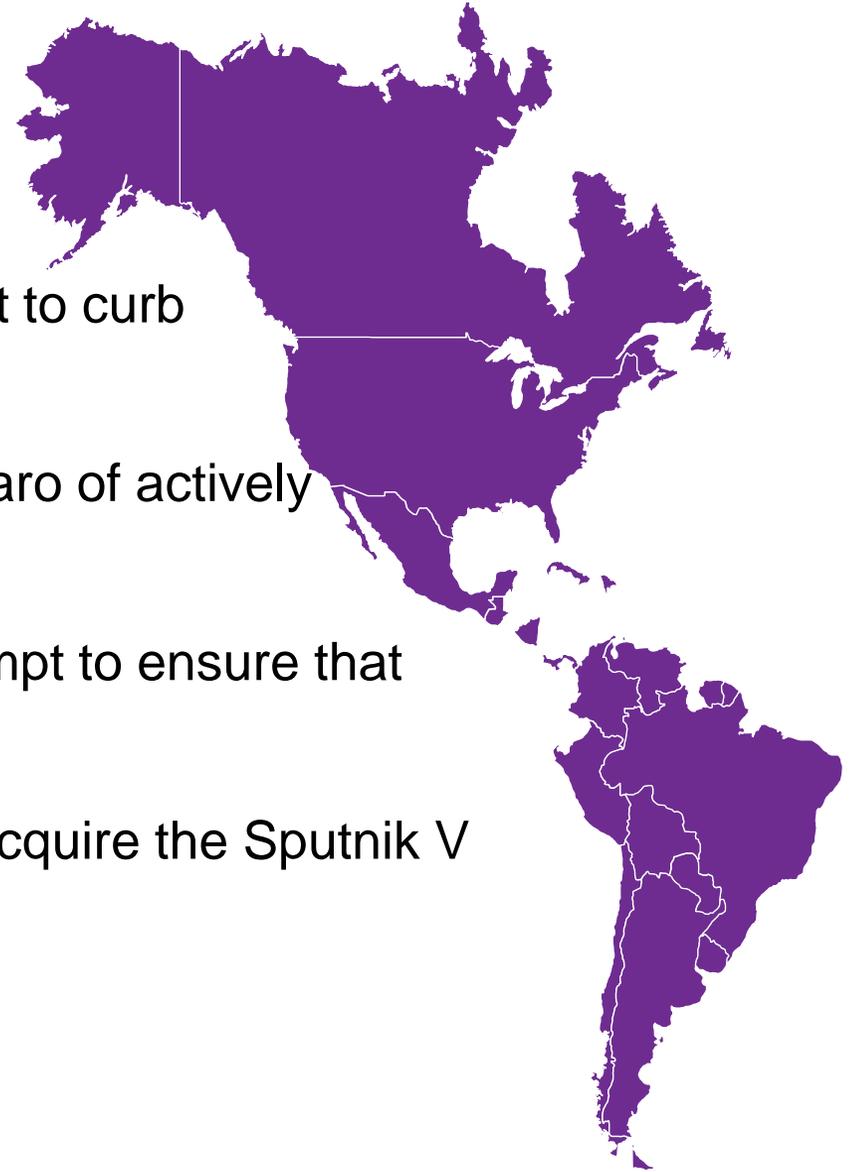
- The UN nuclear watchdog reported that **Iran** has begun working on uranium metal-based fuel research, a significant new step toward possible atomic-weapons production, a further breach of the 2015 nuclear deal. Iran held missile drills in the Gulf of Oman.
- **Lebanon's** health minister was hospitalized after testing positive for COVID-19. The World Bank approved a \$246 million emergency loan to Lebanon. Interpol issued red notices for the captain and owner of the ship carrying the chemicals that caused the Beirut port explosion in August.
- **Sudan's** foreign ministry reported that an **Ethiopian** aircraft crossed into Sudanese airspace, calling it a “*dangerous*” escalation.
- The **US** imposed sanctions on an influential **Iraqi** militia leader and deputy of a powerful **Iran**-backed umbrella of mostly Shiite paramilitary groups, designating him a global terrorist figure.



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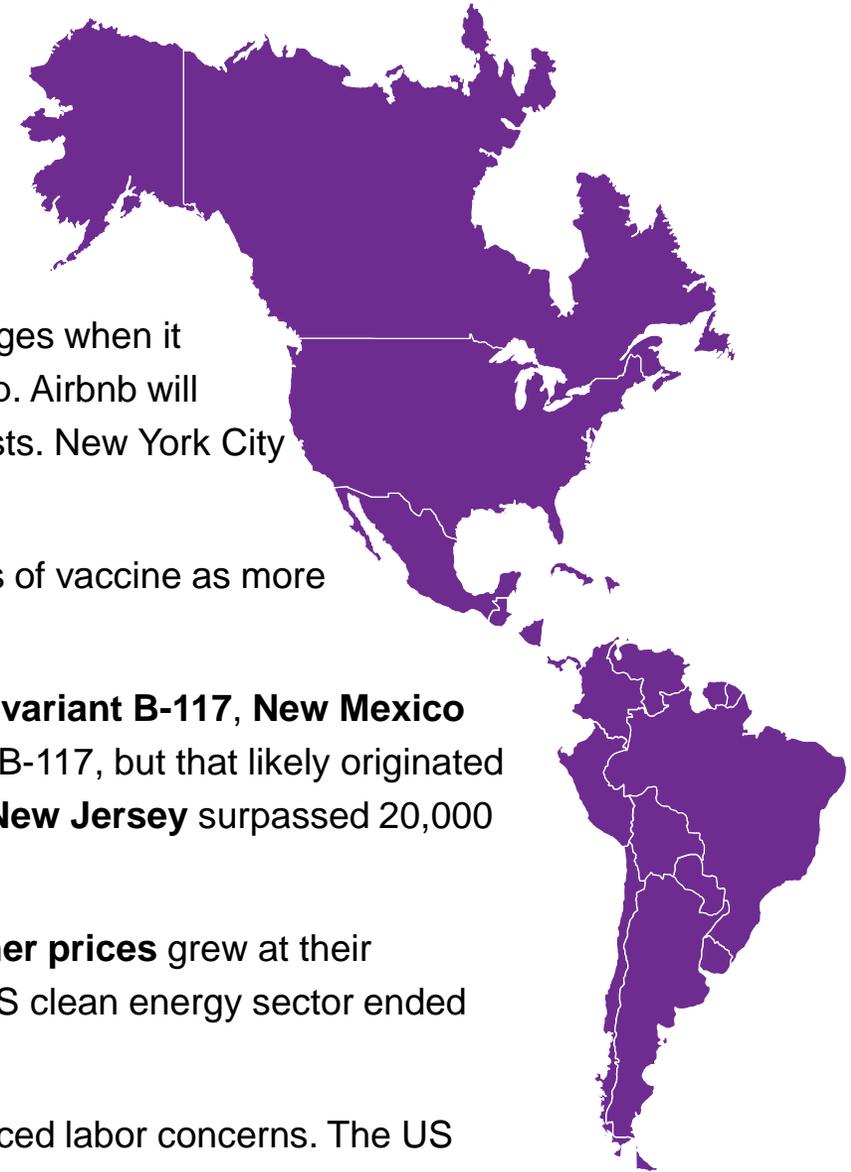
Americas

- **Cuba** will once again suspend schools and public transport to curb virus transmission.
- Human Rights Watch accused **Brazilian** President Bolsonaro of actively sabotaging efforts to contain COVID-19.
- **Mexico** will invoke labor protections in the USMCA to attempt to ensure that undocumented immigrants are vaccinated.
- **Nicaragua** is in talks with Russia's Gamaleya Institute to acquire the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine.



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Americas: US



- The House voted to **impeach** President Trump, requiring the Senate to take up the charges when it reconvenes January 19. Sen. McConnell signaled willingness to convict President Trump. Airbnb will cancel all DC reservations the week of **inauguration** to mitigate the risk of violent protests. New York City will cut business ties with the **Trump Organization**, following last week's insurrection.
- The US surpassed **23 million infections**. The US has given over 10.2 million first doses of vaccine as more states have expanded access to the inoculation.
- More than a dozen US states have confirmed the presence of the new UK **coronavirus variant B-117**, **New Mexico** being the latest. Researchers at Ohio State University identified a new variant similar to B-117, but that likely originated in the US. **Texas** became the second state, after **California**, to record 2 million cases. **New Jersey** surpassed 20,000 virus deaths, the fifth state to reach this grim milestone.
- The US **budget deficit** widened 61 percent from a year ago to \$573 billion. US **consumer prices** grew at their strongest rate in four months, boosted by a rebound in fuel costs. **Employment** in the US clean energy sector ended 2020 at its lowest level in five years.
- The US will ban all cotton and tomato exports from the Xinjiang region of **China** over forced labor concerns. The US Treasury department reportedly blocked an attempt to put Alibaba, Tencent and Baidu on the investment blacklist of companies linked to the Chinese military.

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Science Under the Scope: The Unique Challenge of COVID-19 Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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The COVID-19 pandemic has a number of unique and seemingly contradictory attributes. For example, many infected individuals feel no pain or discomfort but are suffering from severe -- almost deadly-- hypoxia. Such contradictory symptoms have puzzled doctors and researchers since the beginning of the pandemic and have made it difficult to determine the best course of action for treatment. One such unique challenge is COVID-19 related Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) is a condition in which fluid collects in the air sacs of the lungs, depriving the organs of oxygen. Its occurrence can be life-threatening and even those that survive often suffer permanent damage to their lungs. While a dangerous syndrome, ARDS is well-known to healthcare professionals and there is an existing series of protocols to treat it.

At the beginning of the pandemic, back in March 2020, doctors in Louisiana described the severity of COVID-19 ARDS as something they had never seen before.¹ As the months passed, a standard COVID-19 ARDS disease progression emerged that looked very different than typical ARDS.² One study found that the biggest difference between COVID-19 ARDS and ARDS from other causes is

the large discrepancy between how well the lungs are preserved, or not damaged, and the severity of the hypoxia the patient was experiencing.³ Another major difference between COVID-19 ARDS and ARDS from other causes is mortality rate. Mortality rates from COVID-19 ARDS is markedly higher than mortality rates from ARDS from other causes.⁴

Due to the uniqueness and novelty of COVID-19 ARDS, doctors scrambled to find appropriate treatment protocols. Some turned to extracorporeal membrane oxygenation to help improve outcomes, but faced the challenge of low availability of such services.⁵ Other doctors and researchers suggested that neuromuscular blocking agents and high doses of corticosteroids were the best course of treatment.⁶

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Still others argued that COVID-19 ARDS should not be treated any differently than ARDS from other causes and that doctors should stick to treatments that have been proven effective against ARDS from other causes.⁷

Despite the widespread disagreement about the best treatment method for the 42 percent of COVID-19 pneumonia patients that progress to ARDS, there is new research showing that umbilical cord mesenchymal stem cells might be the most promising way to increase survival rates. The double-blind, randomized trial found that when patients were given two stem cell infusions 72 hours apart, there was a significant decrease in cytokines produced by the patient.⁸ Additionally the study found that those who received the stem cell treatment had improved survival rates and recovery time.

More research will be needed moving forward, but the study offers hope for improved treatment for COVID-19 ARDS, which has troubled doctors since the beginning of the outbreak.

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Charts in Focus: Europe Under Lockdown

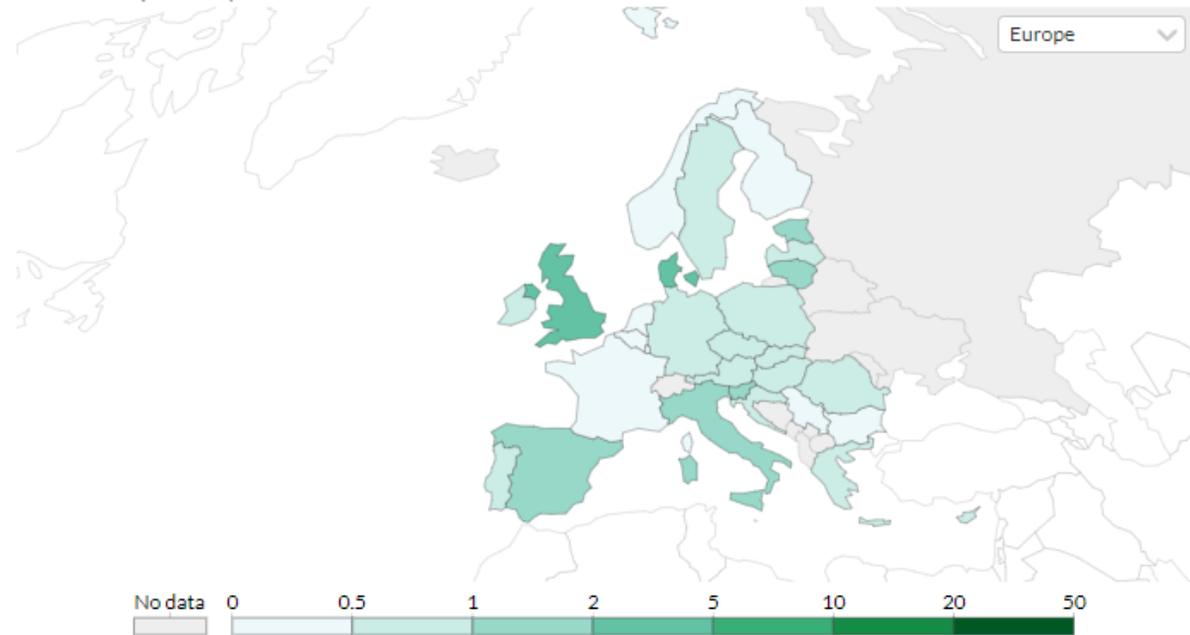
As Europe struggles with new coronavirus variants and continued spread, many governments are extending lockdowns and states of emergency, as well as tightening existing rules and border checks.

Meanwhile, vaccinations continue at a slow pace - though some vaccination campaigns have shown progress compared to initial rates. The UK has now vaccinated over 3 million, Italy over 800,000, Germany over 750,000 and Spain over 580,000.

COVID-19 vaccination doses administered per 100 people, Jan 14, 2021

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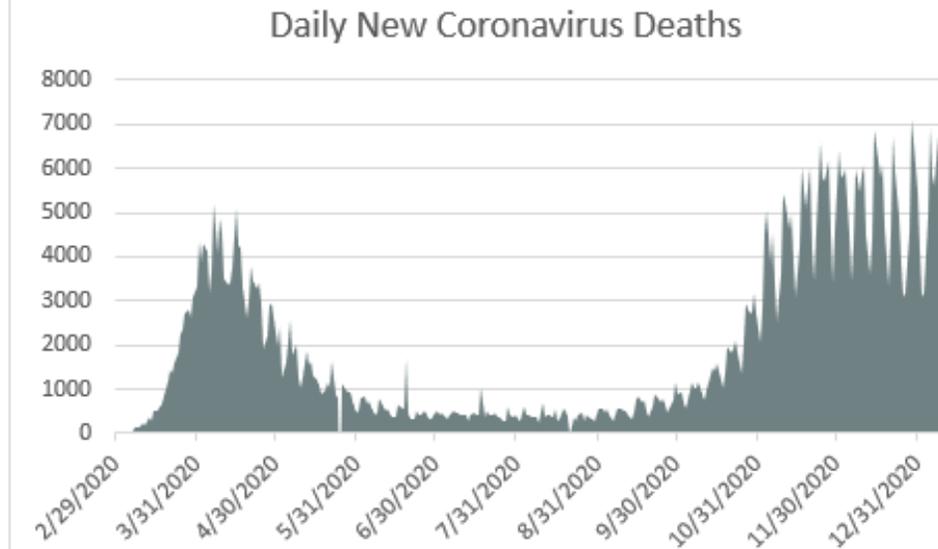
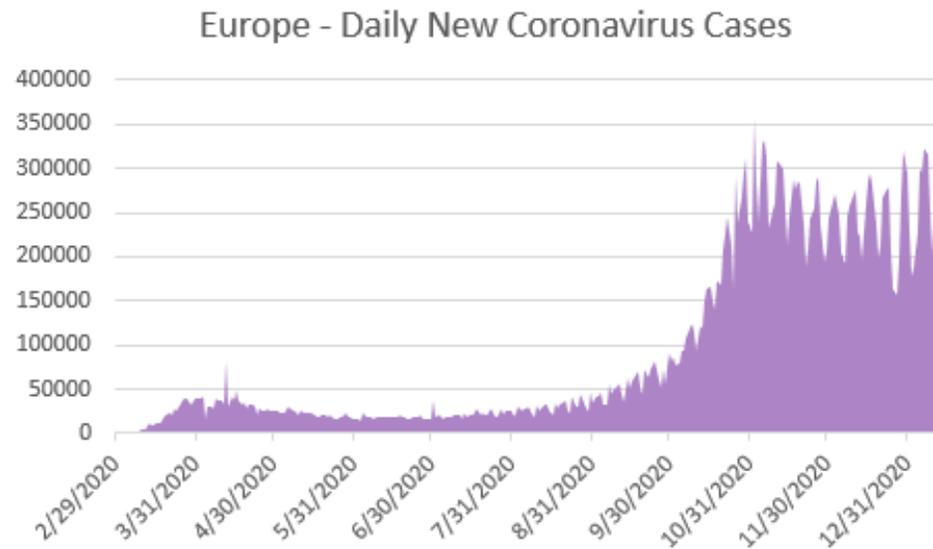
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Charts in Focus: Europe Under Lockdown

The UK is experiencing the most intense crisis, with a daily average death toll of 1,063 over the past week. Germany falls at a distant 894 average daily deaths.



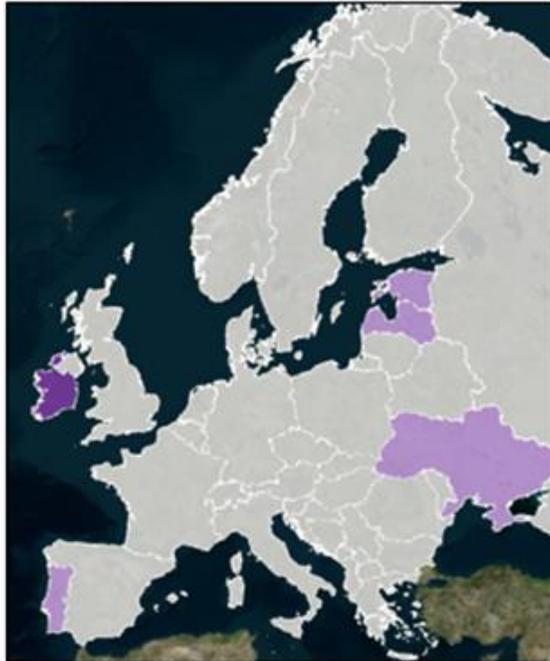
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Change in COVID-19 cases - Past Week

% change of 7-day average of cases from Jan. 8 - 14



Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Jan. 8-14
Ireland	23.87%
Monaco	13.30%
Latvia	13.19%
Estonia	12.36%
Portugal	11.93%
Ukraine	11.66%
Czechia	9.19%
Spain	8.89%
Slovakia	8.84%
Slovenia	8.32%
Sweden	8.29%

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Jan. 8-14
Russia	4.67%
Finland	4.54%
France	4.33%
Poland	4.28%
Kosovo	4.08%
Hungary	4.03%
Romania	4.02%
Switzerland	3.99%
Serbia	3.84%
UK	3.64%
Austria	3.52%

Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Jan. 8-14
Germany	7.66%
Norway	7.53%
Lithuania	6.64%
Albania	6.62%
San Marino	6.39%
Belarus	5.85%
Montenegro	5.84%
Denmark	5.47%
N. Macedonia	5.40%
Andorra	5.33%
Italy	5.05%

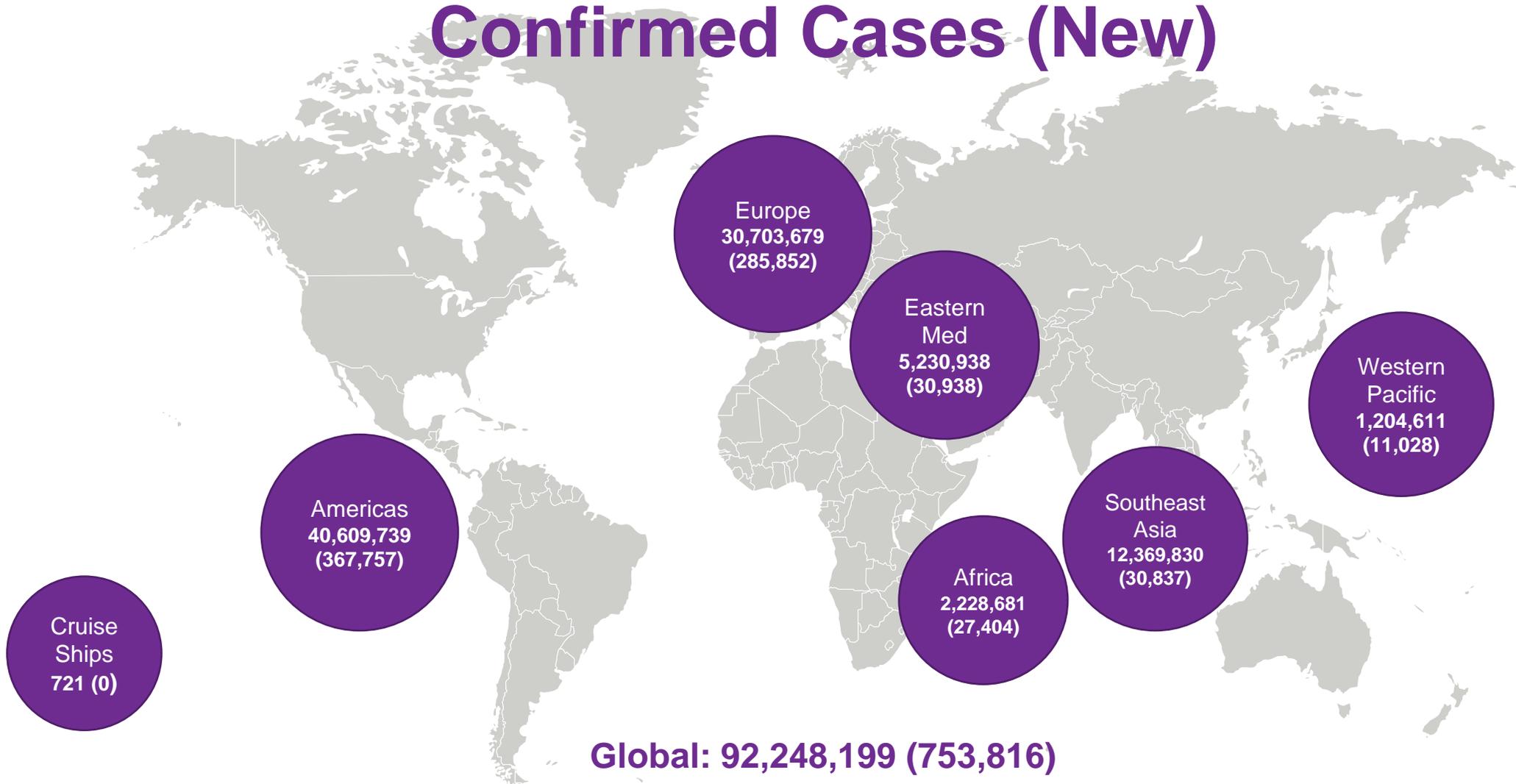
Country	% Change in 7 day avg. Jan. 8-14
Greece	3.01%
Bosnia	2.81%
Croatia	2.63%
Netherlands	2.58%
Belgium	2.17%
Moldova	2.04%
Luxembourg	1.95%
Bulgaria	1.91%

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on January 13, 2021

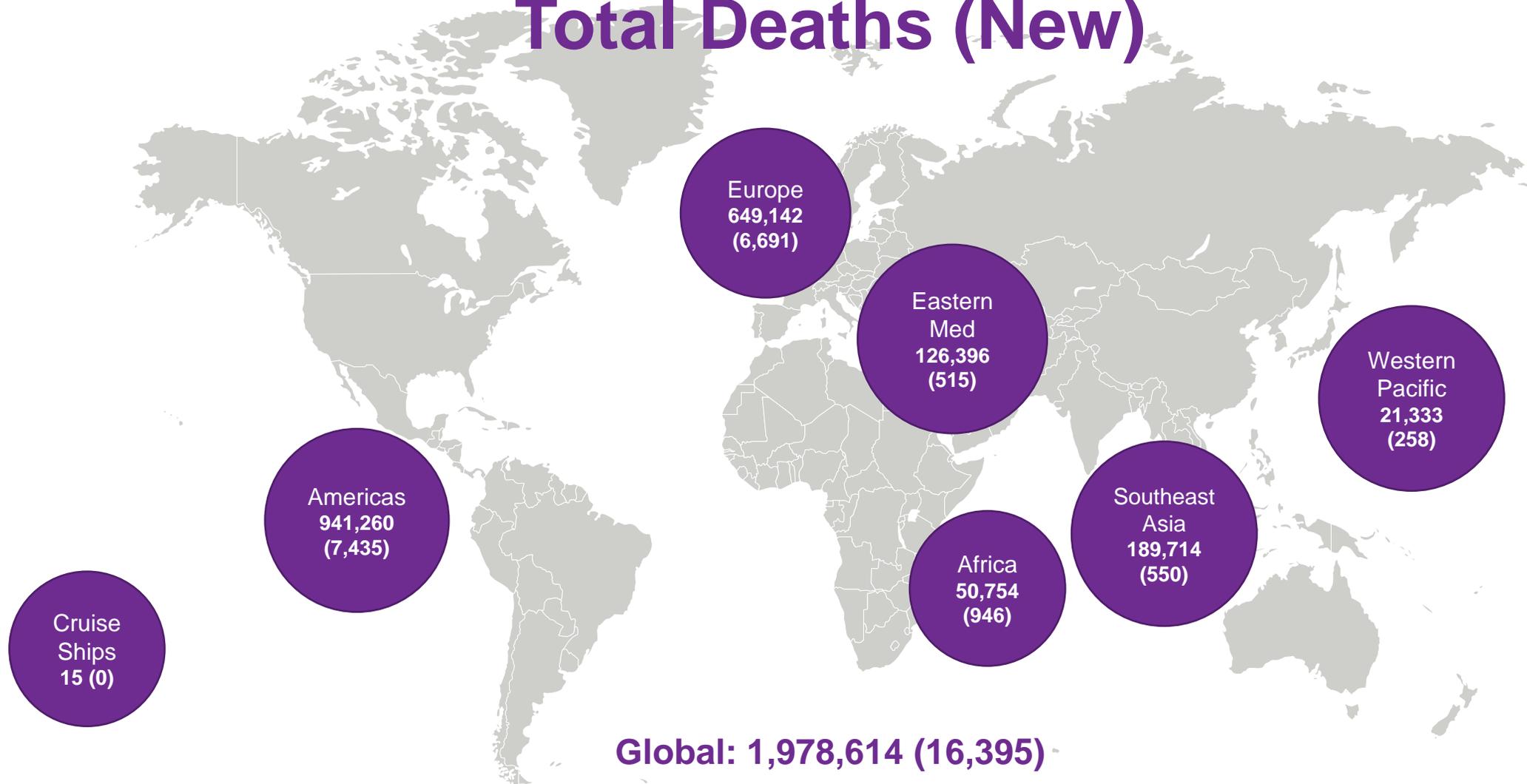
Confirmed Cases (New)



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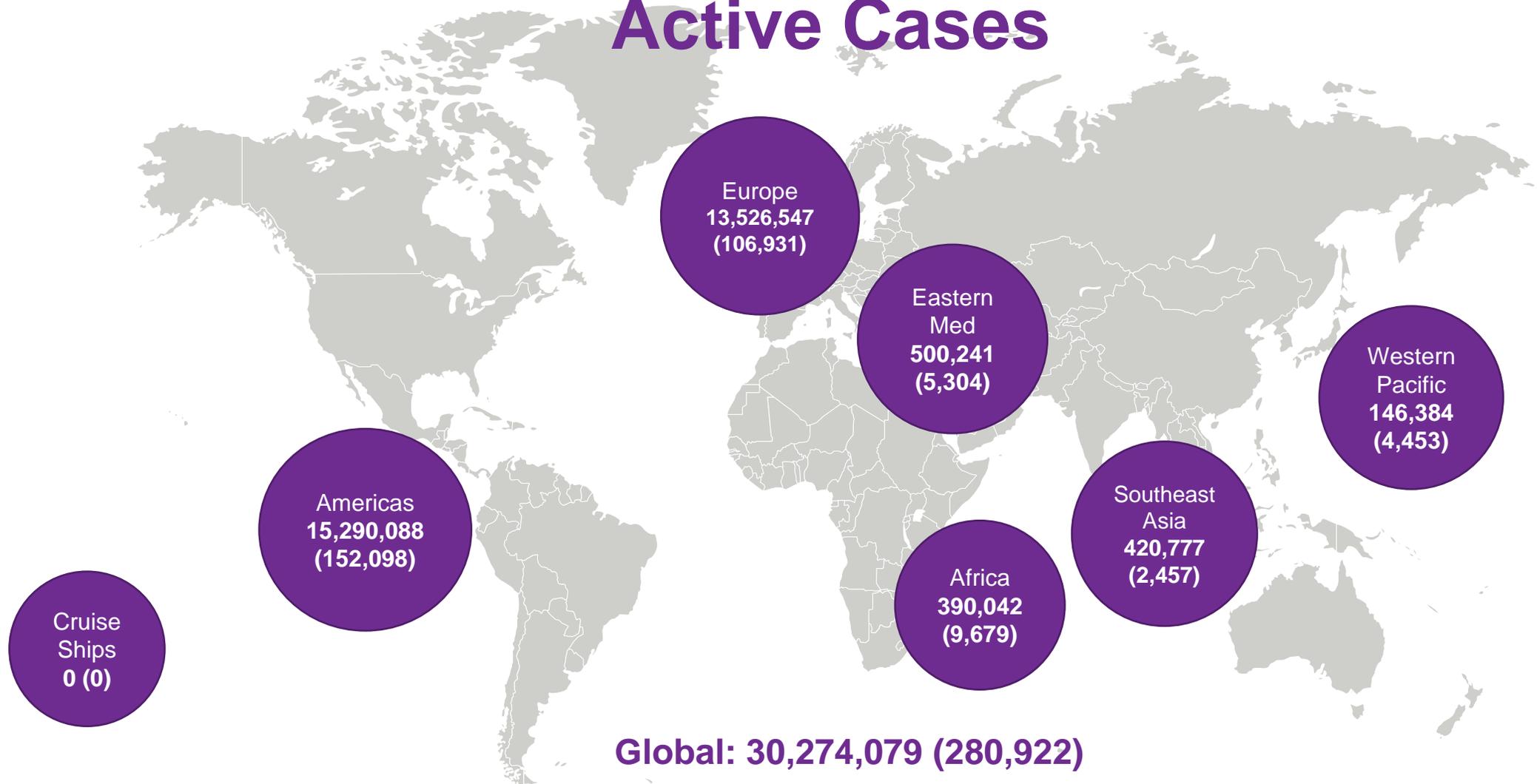
Total Deaths (New)



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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	13586547	23071895 (233785)	384653 (3983)	71124	1186	7.68%
UK	3128613	3220953 (47662)	84910 (1568)	47175	1245	11.66%
France	2607526	2888292 (23932)	69168 (229)	43311	1056	4.33%
Spain	1972835	2176089 (38869)	52878 (195)	46533	1131	8.89%
Netherlands	877657	901740 (6197)	12786 (122)	51834	739	5.40%
Brazil	703492	8256536 (60899)	205964 (1274)	38700	966	4.64%
Belgium	649999	670249 (2927)	20250 (56)	57445	1738	2.17%
Italy	564774	2319036 (15773)	80326 (507)	38386	1330	5.05%
Russia	548231	3434934 (22544)	62463 (555)	23780	434	4.67%
Sweden	502369	512203 (5337)	9834 (167)	50548	970	8.29%
Serbia	362527	366191 (2267)	3664 (25)	42002	420	3.84%
Germany	309114	1993892 (25566)	44096 (1207)	23602	529	7.66%
Ukraine	289118	1166958 (6715)	21121 (206)	25942	464	3.64%
Mexico	258326	1571901 (15873)	136917 (1235)	12001	1046	5.86%

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Poland	225708	1404905 (9126)	32074 (481)	37143	848	4.28%
India	213603	10512093 (16946)	151727 (198)	7578	109	1.11%
South Africa	212233	1278303 (18555)	35140 (806)	21409	589	10.07%
Argentina	176023	1757429 (12725)	44983 (135)	38695	990	4.62%
Switzerland	164237	490358 (3001)	8521 (51)	56437	981	3.99%
Iran	154494	1305339 (6317)	56457 (97)	15435	668	3.33%
Czechia	149397	855600 (10801)	13656 (171)	79822	1285	9.19%
Ireland	133320	159144 (3553)	2460 (63)	32038	495	23.87%
Indonesia	129628	858043 (11278)	24951 (306)	3119	91	8.12%
Colombia	119853	1831980 (15898)	47124 (342)	35800	921	6.13%
Hungary	119309	345710 (1358)	10948 (95)	35836	1135	4.03%
Portugal	116328	507108 (10556)	8236 (156)	49811	809	11.93%
Turkey	104587	2355839 (9554)	23325 (173)	27773	275	3.05%
Lebanon	84323	231936 (4988)	1740 (35)	34064	256	13.80%

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Israel	78453	520060 (9997)	3817 (46)	56543	415	10.89%
Canada	77676	686211 (7139)	17404 (149)	17968	458	7.98%
Japan	71164	304140 (5819)	4059 (97)	2355	33	14.67%
Honduras	68042	131009 (1204)	3320 (26)	12995	330	4.66%
Lithuania	63392	163042 (1694)	2314 (42)	60350	857	6.64%
Bulgaria	58425	210416 (535)	8349 (70)	30406	1206	1.91%
Panama	56673	288408 (3315)	4594 (33)	66286	1056	8.13%
Slovakia	54864	215055 (3576)	3163 (61)	39380	579	8.84%
Romania	54301	681392 (4424)	16969 (88)	35548	885	4.02%
Greece	47570	146688 (668)	5354 (25)	14111	515	3.01%
Bangladesh	47555	524910 (890)	7833 (14)	3170	47	1.15%
Dominican Republic	43738	186383 (1595)	2428 (1)	17090	223	5.37%
Tunisia	40378	168568 (3632)	5415 (72)	14183	456	11.09%
Costa Rica	39805	182156 (1063)	2384 (17)	35584	466	3.91%

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Norway	38775	57282 (667)	509 (27)	10522	93	7.53%
Pakistan	33869	511921 (3097)	10818 (46)	2280	48	3.29%
Malaysia	32377	144518 (2985)	563 (4)	4435	17	13.20%
Peru	30832	1040231 (2881)	38399 (64)	31419	1158	1.75%
Algeria	30250	102860 (219)	2819 (3)	2323	64	1.69%
Iraq	29926	605416 (867)	12915 (4)	14875	317	0.90%
Bolivia	28654	178818 (2057)	9493 (39)	15033	804	6.62%
Bosnia	28607	116668 (468)	4399 (26)	35681	1345	2.81%
Cyprus	25904	28124 (227)	163 (6)	23203	134	8.33%
UAE	25715	239587 (3362)	723 (6)	24069	73	8.69%
Albania	25218	65334 (707)	1256 (4)	22716	437	6.62%
Uganda	24698	38085 (137)	304 (1)	819	7	3.63%
Philippines	24478	492700 (1442)	9699 (145)	4464	88	2.43%
Egypt	24045	152719 (996)	8362 (58)	1478	81	4.67%

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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
Slovenia	23864	143679 (2092)	3070 (17)	69107	1477	8.32%
Chile	23757	652525 (3390)	17204 (22)	33978	896	4.14%
Kazakhstan	23639	211901 (925)	2881 (2)	8704	124	2.82%
Denmark	22333	185835 (1359)	1661 (37)	31907	286	5.47%
Paraguay	22001	118592 (1002)	2451 (14)	16518	341	5.82%
Libya	21730	106670 (640)	1629 (7)	15412	235	3.55%
Nigeria	20062	103999 (1398)	1382 (9)	498	7	9.26%
Austria	19190	385750 (1917)	6868 (49)	42700	760	3.52%
Morocco	17967	455055 (1266)	7810 (26)	12251	210	1.75%
Ecuador	16505	224315 (1748)	14229 (33)	12612	800	3.09%
N Macedonia	16238	87590 (473)	2657 (10)	42043	1275	2.58%
Belarus	16020	217696 (1972)	1544 (9)	23042	163	5.85%
Kenya	15168	98555 (123)	1720 (4)	1812	32	1.17%
Latvia	14863	52032 (1255)	909 (27)	27752	485	13.19%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
South Korea	13761	70728 (516)	1195 (10)	1369	23	5.71%
Myanmar	13737	132260 (523)	2902 (24)	2422	53	3.09%
Jordan	13346	310968 (1122)	4091 (15)	30317	399	2.61%
West Bank & Gaza	13134	149769 (801)	1658 (28)	29001	321	3.68%
Ethiopia	12882	129455 (463)	2006 (2)	1111	17	2.06%
Georgia	12798	243255 (1618)	2846 (26)	61042	714	3.85%
Azerbaijan	10743	225820 (474)	2957 (16)	22165	290	1.60%
Estonia	10330	34991 (853)	301 (9)	26367	227	12.36%
Zimbabwe	10009	24256 (1017)	589 (38)	1619	39	26.60%
Montenegro	9628	53840 (502)	737 (7)	85718	1173	5.84%
Zambia	9023	31100 (1343)	509 (14)	1667	27	24.45%
Armenia	8931	163128 (485)	2951 (10)	54995	995	1.39%
Sudan	8914	25730 (2414)	1576 (108)	580	36	9.38%
Guatemala	8362	145986 (1004)	5117 (37)	8069	283	3.96%

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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	7733	39335 (324)	602 (0)	7093	110	4.54%
Moldova	7536	150946 (808)	3193 (17)	37466	793	2.04%
Uruguay	7467	28475 (629)	275 (6)	8182	79	19.06%
Sri Lanka	6715	50229 (692)	247 (3)	2340	12	7.93%
Afghanistan	6433	53584 (0)	2301 (0)	1365	59	0.89%
Oman	6163	131086 (142)	1508 (0)	25329	291	0.91%
Syria	5602	12660 (102)	799 (9)	714	45	5.31%
Kosovo	5565	54560 (299)	1388 (1)			4.08%
Croatia**	5300	222117 (1135)	4472 (26)	54287	1093	2.63%
Mozambique**	5239	23726 (730)	205 (4)	748	6	17.11%
Kuwait**	5119	155874 (539)	946 (0)	36214	220	2.20%
Venezuela	5111	117811 (512)	1084 (6)	4149	38	2.46%

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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
Congo (Kinshasa)	4610	20003 (296)	626 (1)	220	7	7.58%
Lesotho	4569	6241 (304)	87 (2)	2901	40	33.71%
Nepal	4434	266143 (445)	1937 (5)	9048	66	1.11%
El Salvador	4282	49539 (0)	1447 (10)	7666	222	4.41%
Thailand	3981	10991 (0)	67 (0)	157	1	12.33%
Eswatini	3806	12124 (205)	332 (13)	10393	285	13.07%
Namibia	3504	29183 (312)	271 (7)	11376	106	9.81%
Cuba	3408	16044 (550)	158 (3)	1417	14	17.94%
Botswana	3399	16768 (0)	59 (0)	7055	25	7.92%
Malawi	3292	9400 (373)	254 (19)	485	13	21.95%
Qatar	3140	146480 (201)	246 (0)	52169	88	0.97%
Rwanda	3020	10122 (172)	128 (3)	771	10	10.51%
Bahrain	2954	96470 (275)	356 (0)	55677	205	2.27%
Luxembourg	2895	48372 (191)	542 (4)	76610	858	1.95%

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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	2854	82587 (0)	1375 (0)	12548	209	1.13%
Senegal	2773	21883 (198)	489 (9)	1289	29	7.89%
Malta	2601	14958 (189)	234 (0)	33828	529	9.00%
Angola	2370	18425 (82)	424 (2)	552	13	3.04%
Burkina Faso	2334	8546 (83)	93 (1)	403	4	11.50%
Mali	2061	7738 (51)	303 (0)	376	15	4.43%
Cameroon	1993	27336 (0)	451 (0)	1016	17	1.79%
Jamaica	1967	13852 (92)	317 (2)	4667	107	3.77%
Saudi Arabia	1954	364271 (175)	6304 (4)	10377	180	0.25%
Australia	1876	28660 (10)	909 (0)	1117	35	0.40%
Nicaragua	1760	6152 (0)	167 (0)	923	25	0.89%
China	1526	97275 (180)	4796 (2)	61	3	0.90%
Bahamas	1485	8011 (7)	175 (0)	20268	443	0.82%

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
Haiti	1443	10569 (154)	238 (0)	921	21	4.18%
Ghana	1404	56981 (560)	341 (3)	1814	11	3.18%
Mauritania	1391	15794 (87)	395 (3)	3350	84	4.32%
Cote d'Ivoire	1373	24369 (183)	140 (0)	912	5	5.77%
Niger	1231	3998 (29)	136 (1)	162	6	9.10%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1202	7160 (0)	112 (0)	1281	20	0.46%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	2806137	2837710 (41732)	31573 (542)	72039	801	10.81%
Florida	1494076	1517472 (13990)	23396 (169)	70653	1089	7.09%
New York	1027051	1179266 (14704)	40192 (172)	62319	2066	9.75%
Illinois	1026413	1046030 (5862)	19617 (120)	82548	1548	4.47%
Georgia	770485	782288 (8596)	11803 (141)	73680	1112	8.75%
Arizona	543384	641729 (5629)	10673 (191)	88165	1466	10.45%
New Jersey	521699	602629 (7880)	20161 (122)	67848	2276	16.26%
Missouri	434490	440849 (2186)	6359 (27)	75546	1093	4.92%
Texas	397286	2040751 (26106)	31277 (382)	70725	1086	7.64%
Virginia	373195	412545 (4598)	5552 (75)	48333	650	8.54%
Colorado	342032	366774 (2438)	5285 (43)	63690	918	4.72%
Maryland	299024	314867 (2516)	6404 (37)	52081	1059	6.98%
Washington	277364	281202 (2658)	3838 (49)	37392	516	7.27%
Kentucky	270567	313281 (4553)	2991 (47)	70122	669	8.54%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Nevada	250389	253985 (1143)	3596 (50)	82458	1167	6.53%
Kansas	244621	252990 (4344)	3343 (95)	87289	1152	5.78%
Connecticut	204240	220576 (3529)	6536 (87)	61868	1833	9.58%
Alabama	193551	410995 (3147)	5760 (187)	83822	1175	6.52%
Indiana	192512	574119 (3642)	9163 (59)	85279	1361	6.08%
South Carolina	191027	365378 (6021)	5911 (51)	70965	1148	8.80%
Pennsylvania	171549	746002 (8008)	18412 (367)	58376	1445	7.72%
Michigan	143863	573278 (3128)	14336 (40)	57403	1435	3.80%
Massachusetts	141566	448447 (5918)	13359 (86)	65063	1938	9.90%
Ohio	133325	799639 (6701)	9881 (79)	68409	846	7.11%
Oregon	121531	129109 (1329)	1708 (41)	30611	405	6.88%
North Carolina	111853	641073 (5098)	7745 (107)	61124	738	9.16%
Rhode Island	94397	102485 (1092)	1987 (17)	96742	1876	6.85%
Idaho	83167	152364 (1091)	1564 (8)	85259	875	4.11%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
New Mexico	74709	159119 (1145)	2807 (13)	75886	1339	6.00%
Wisconsin	72229	558020 (2771)	5679 (46)	88154	901	6.54%
Tennessee	68377	665499 (4625)	8148 (137)	97449	1193	4.21%
Nebraska	56696	179199 (1529)	1803 (12)	92638	932	7.45%
Utah	54945	314218 (4589)	1449 (27)	98197	452	6.68%
Louisiana	49199	355835 (2896)	8022 (51)	76544	1726	3.74%
Delaware	47328	67173 (727)	994 (3)	68983	1021	8.05%
Alaska	43425	50816 (294)	226 (1)	67259	308	3.88%
Mississippi	39696	243899 (1942)	5315 (31)	81951	1786	8.65%
Oklahoma	39141	341364 (3907)	2848 (44)	86269	720	6.82%
Iowa	36372	301161 (1906)	4232 (10)	95187	1341	3.66%
Arkansas	28134	262020 (2467)	4186 (65)	86825	1387	9.73%
West Virginia	27982	104392 (1189)	1671 (37)	58250	932	7.96%
Maine	18888	31150 (824)	453 (4)	23173	337	12.40%

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* Indicates moved down a risk category

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Minnesota	15373	440354 (1487)	5842 (50)	78082	1036	2.90%
Hawaii	11680	23949 (93)	311 (3)	16762	220	5.59%
Puerto Rico	9220	84639 (212)	1659 (14)	42747	490	5.94%
District of Columbia	9096	32600 (177)	831 (6)	46192	1177	6.50%
New Hampshire	6607	54125 (1818)	885 (16)	39806	651	9.77%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Montana	4908	87653 (576)	1069 (2)	82012	1000	4.10%
South Dakota	4762	104195 (452)	1604 (19)	117780	1813	2.41%
Vermont	2889	9368 (121)	158 (0)	15013	253	12.92%
Wyoming	1863	48289 (217)	522 (0)	83435	902	4.97%
North Dakota	1742	95135 (167)	1364 (1)	124839	1781	1.37%

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