

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

January 8, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

US Congressional Democrats called on VP Pence to invoke the 25th amendment to remove the president from office.

Europe had its hottest year ever recorded in 2020 as the impact of climate change.

Brazilian health institute declares China's Sinovac vaccine 78 percent effective based on national trials.

# Global

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**Global cases broke yet another daily record yesterday, with 856,222 new cases reported around the globe, bringing total infections over 88 million.**

- New research in the journal Science found that the body typically maintains a robust **immune response** for at least 8 months following coronavirus infection.
- A new CDC model found that people with **no symptoms** transmit as many as half of all coronavirus cases.
- A new UK government-backed study found that two **immunosuppressant drugs** used to fight rheumatoid arthritis can cut the risk of death from COVID-19 by a quarter.
- South Korean researchers say they have designed an inflatable “*negative pressure*” ward for **isolating and treating patients** with infectious diseases like COVID-19.
- Europe had its hottest year ever recorded in 2020, while globally the year tied with 2016 as the warmest on record, a signal of the increasing impact of **climate change** on the planet.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**Pfizer Inc and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine appeared to work against a key mutation in the highly transmissible new variants of the coronavirus discovered in the UK and South Africa, according to a laboratory study conducted by the US drugmaker.**

- Brazilian officials announced that a trial in Sao Paolo found the **Chinese Sinovac vaccine** to be 78 percent effective.
- **Israel's** Prime Minister Netanyahu said the country has secured enough vaccines to inoculate all Israeli citizens over 16 by the end of March.
- **UK** Prime Minister Johnson announced that nearly 1.3 million people in England have now been vaccinated.
- **South Africa** will start rolling out Covid-19 vaccines without requiring local regulatory approval of the shots, a step that other low- and middle-income countries scrambling to inoculate their populations against the coronavirus are expected to follow.
- **Mexico** sent a top health official to Argentina to discuss vaccines, including Russia's Sputnik V.
- Almost 95 percent of people in Catalonia offered the vaccine have accepted it, contrasting with survey results that have shown **anti-vaccination sentiment** across other parts of Europe.

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# Markets

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**Friday, the MSCI world equity index, which tracks shares in almost 50 countries, extended its push into record territory and set to close out its best week since late November.**

- On Friday, **global shares** rallied, with Japan's Nikkei hitting a three-decade peak.
- Thursday, **US stocks** continued their rally for a second day, shrugging off political turmoil to instead look forward to the prospect of additional stimulus.
- **Bitcoin** fell more than 5 percent on Friday, a day after topping \$40,000 for the first time on Thursday.
- **US federal investigators** are reportedly probing American Express business-card sales practices.
- **Shares in China's three major telecommunications companies** dropped in Hong Kong, after index compilers said they would remove the stocks from their benchmarks due to a US ban.

# Business

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**Boeing reached a \$2.5 billion settlement with the US Justice Department in which it will admit wrongdoing in crashes of the 737 MAX jet.**

- **Shopify** closed its e-commerce sites linked to President Trump.
- **Bed Bath & Beyond** became the latest retailer to warn that rising delivery costs are threatening profitability of ecommerce.
- **LVMH** installed new leadership at Tiffany.
- Fast-food chain **Wendy's Co** announced that restaurant operator **Flynn Restaurant Group** would buy half of its nearly 400 outlets operated by bankrupt **NPC Quality Burgers Inc**, with the rest being bought by several of its existing franchisees.
- **Apple Inc.** is in talks with **Hyundai Motor Co.** about cooperation on driverless, electric vehicles.
- Lending startup **SoFi** is going public through a combination with the special-purpose acquisition company **Social Capital Hedosophia Holdings Corp. V**, in a deal that values the company at \$8.65 billion

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# Africa

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- The **Central African Republic** imposed a nationwide curfew amid rising unrest over election results. Ivorian opposition parties announced that they would participate in legislative elections, easing election-related tensions.
- The **Kenyan** government dismissed 86 doctors striking due to poor working conditions during COVID-19; medical laboratory workers joined the strike.
- **South Africa** will deploy its military to enforce COVID-19 regulations.
- **Ethiopia** confirmed that **Eritrean** troops were present in the Tigray region, reversing denials that Eritrea was involved in the conflict.
- Dozens of campaign staff working for Bobi Wine, **Uganda's** leading opposition candidate in next week's presidential election, are being held in a military barracks after authorities defied court orders to release them. Bobi Wine evacuated his children to the US, saying he had received information about a plot to kidnap them.

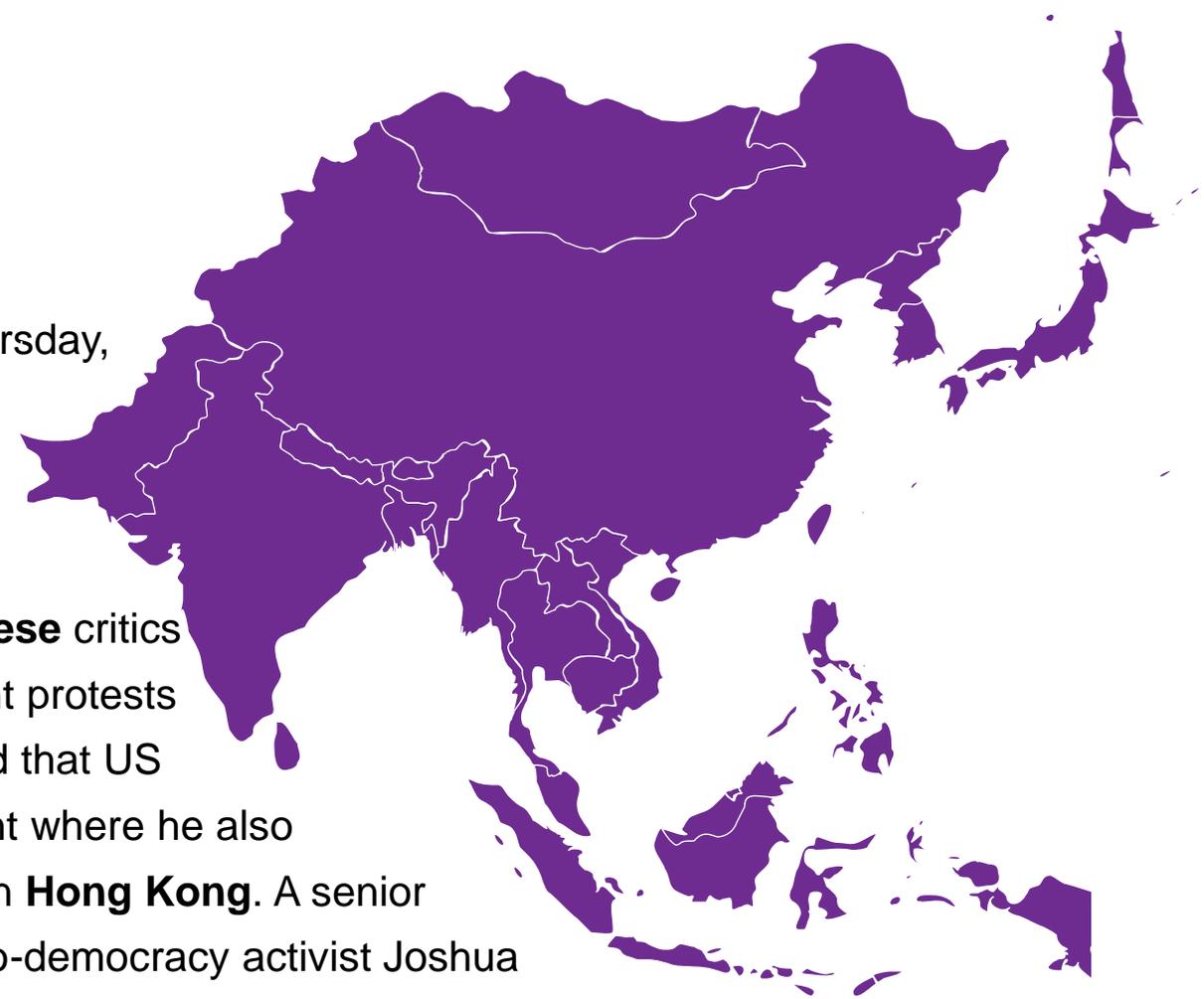


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# Asia

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- The new state of emergency for the Tokyo area began Thursday, with Prime Minister Suga pledging to contain the virus in **Japan** before the Olympics in July. Japan recorded a record 7,563 daily cases.
- Scenes of chaos in Washington DC were mocked by **Chinese** critics of the **US**, many of whom drew parallels to anti-government protests in **Hong Kong**. **US** Secretary of State Pompeo announced that US Ambassador to the UN Craft will visit **Taiwan** in a statement where he also condemned the recent arrests of pro-democracy activists in **Hong Kong**. A senior police source confirmed to media that the already jailed pro-democracy activist Joshua Wong was indeed arrested under the national security law.
- **Australia** limited the number of international travelers allowed to enter for at least six weeks and making pre-flight Covid-19 tests a condition of entry in a bid to stop the spread of highly infectious strains of the virus.

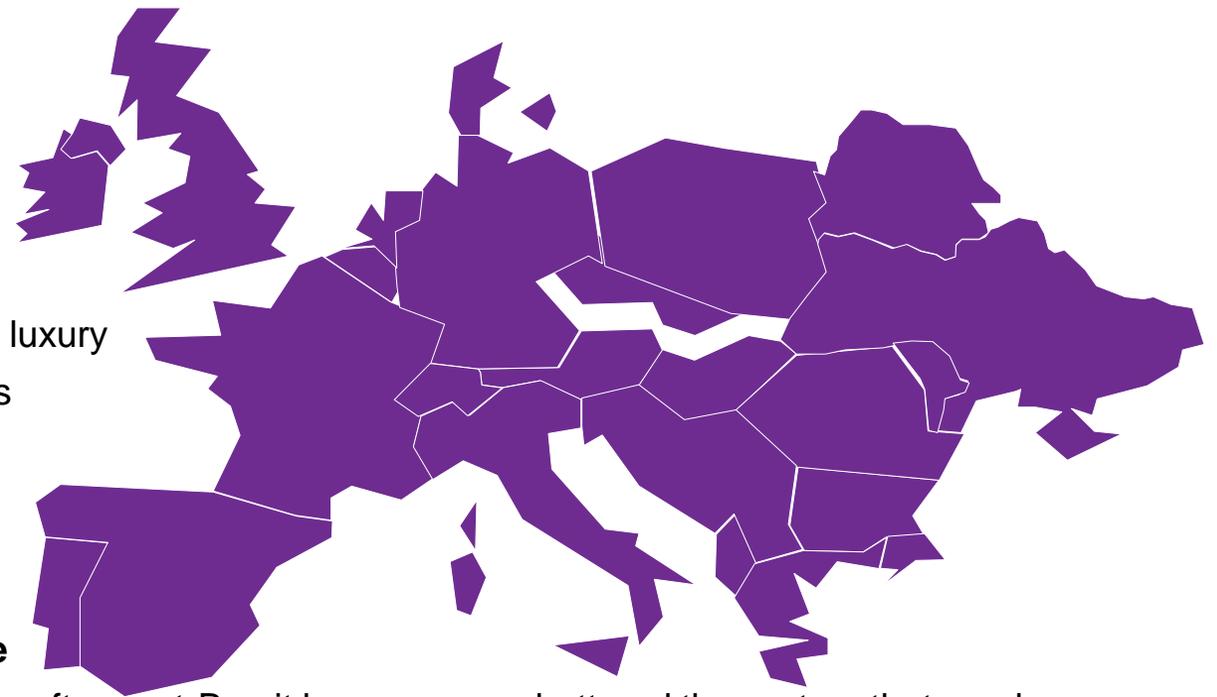


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# Europe

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- The US suspended plans to impose 25 percent tariffs on **French** luxury goods, announced last year in retaliation for digital services taxes on **US** companies.
- UK haulers have been warned to prepare for tougher French customs controls, while UK retailers review supply chains to determine how they can avoid tariffs under the new **EU-UK trade deal**. Many Scottish fishermen have halted exports to EU markets after post-Brexit bureaucracy shattered the system that used to put fresh langoustines and scallops in French shops just over a day after they were harvested. Ireland's tax authority temporarily eased post-Brexit customs arrangements after some trucks were unable to deliver goods from Britain.
- The WHO warned on Thursday of a “*tipping point*” in the fight against Covid-19 amid surging cases in **Europe** and a mutating virus. City health authorities said that London hospitals will be overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients in two weeks if the current pace of admissions continues. The **UK** will extend a ban on incoming travelers to a number of southern **African** countries in an effort to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus variant found in South Africa. In a reversal of its COVID-19 strategy, **Sweden** has proposed an emergency law that would allow it to lock down large parts of society; recommends the use of face masks and provides the option for schools to close for pupils older than 13. **Cyprus** will introduce a new lockdown measures starting on January 10. Spain surpassed 2 million virus infections.

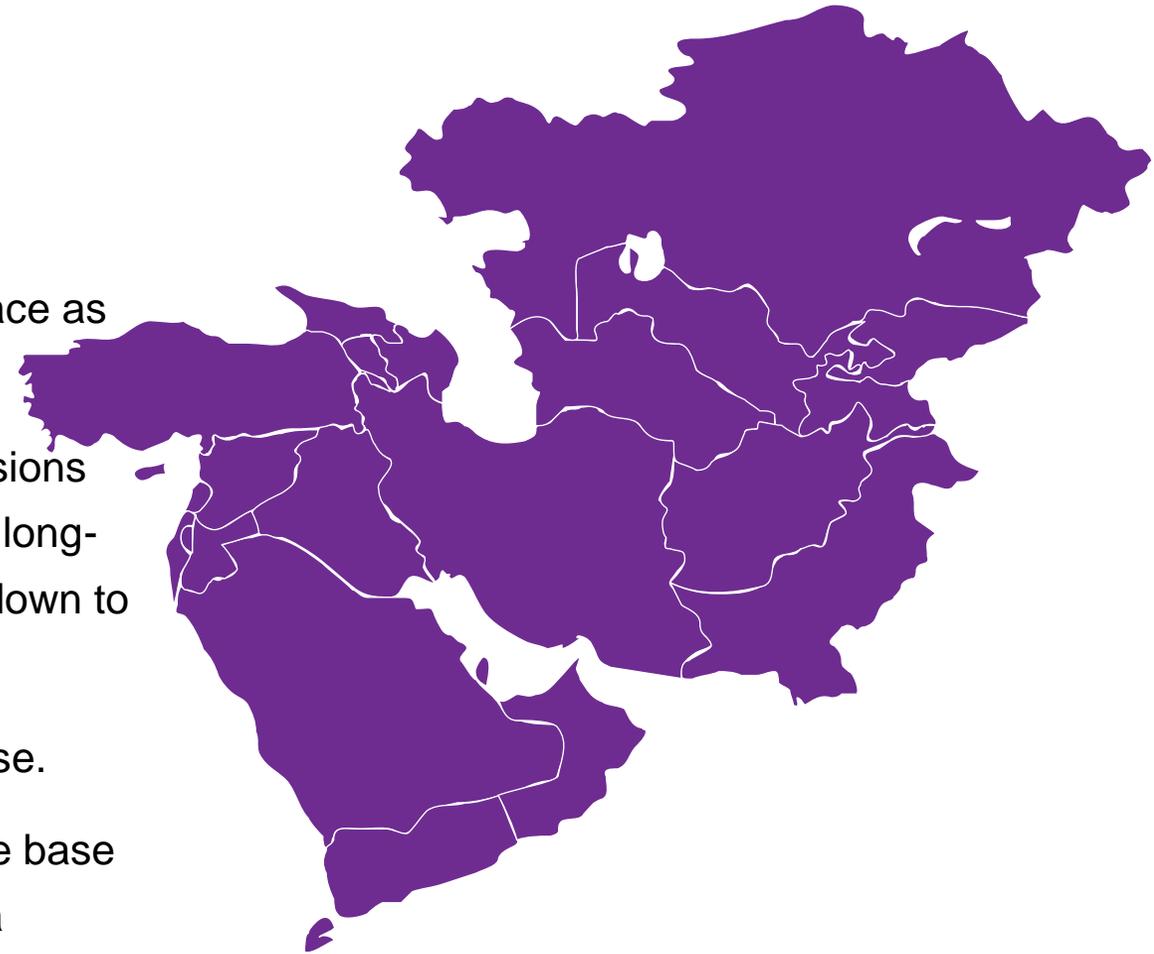


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# Middle East

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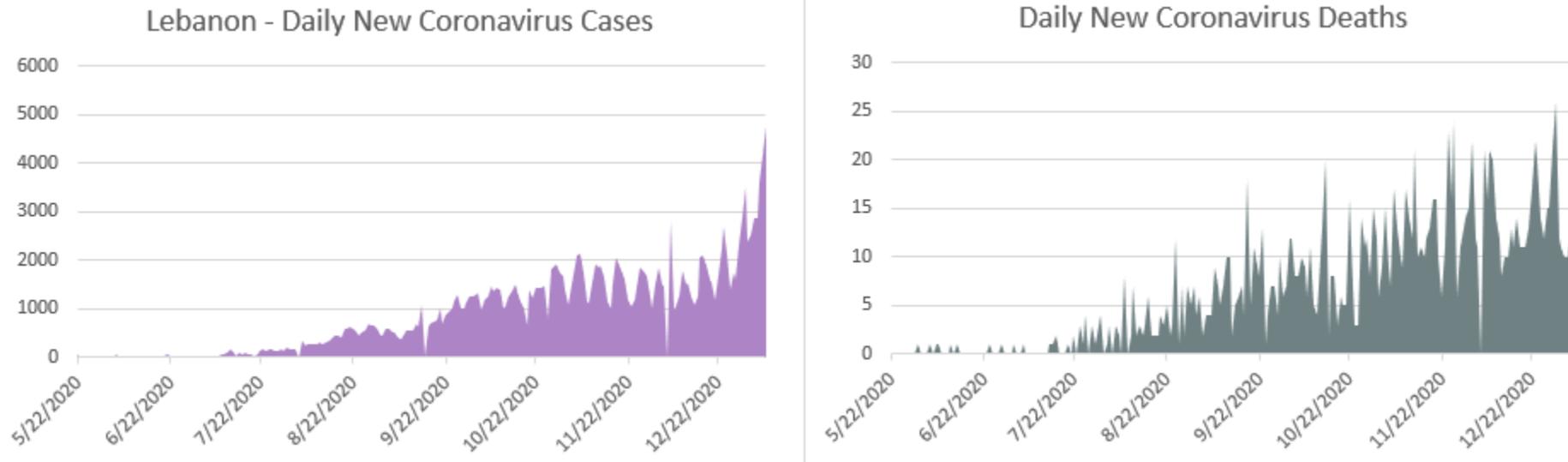
- **Qatar** Airways restarted multiple routes through **Saudi** airspace as trade resumes after the GCC states agree to end rift.
- **Lebanese** Christian patriarch al-Rai began mediating discussions between the Prime Minister and President in Beirut to form a long-awaited government. Lebanon began a 25-day national lockdown to curb COVID-19 cases.
- **Israel** tightened its national lockdown as cases continue to rise.
- **Iran's** Revolutionary Guards unveiled an underground missile base at an undisclosed Gulf location on Friday, Iranian state media reported. Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said he would not allow imports of any coronavirus vaccines from American and British companies.
- **Iraq** surpassed 600,000 virus infections and Lebanon 200,000.



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Lebanon is facing a perfect storm of political paralysis, economic collapse and a surging public health crisis. With no government in place, and no indication that entrenched political interests are willing to make real concessions, the international community has declined to provide an economic lifeline. While Beirut has secured vaccination doses for 20 percent of the population, the health care sector is also collapsing. Public hospitals are full and private hospitals are refusing to take patients who cannot pay. Yesterday, the country entered its fourth lockdown since the start of the pandemic.



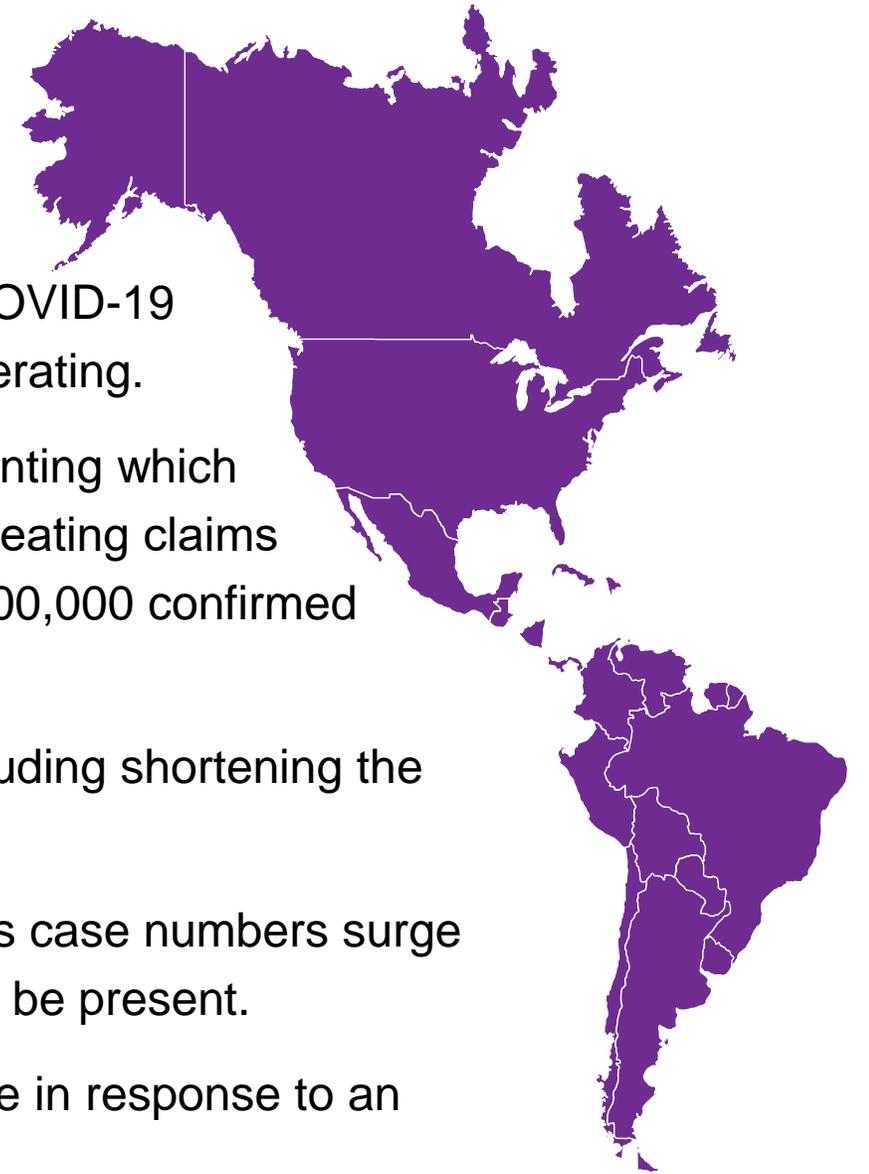
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# Americas

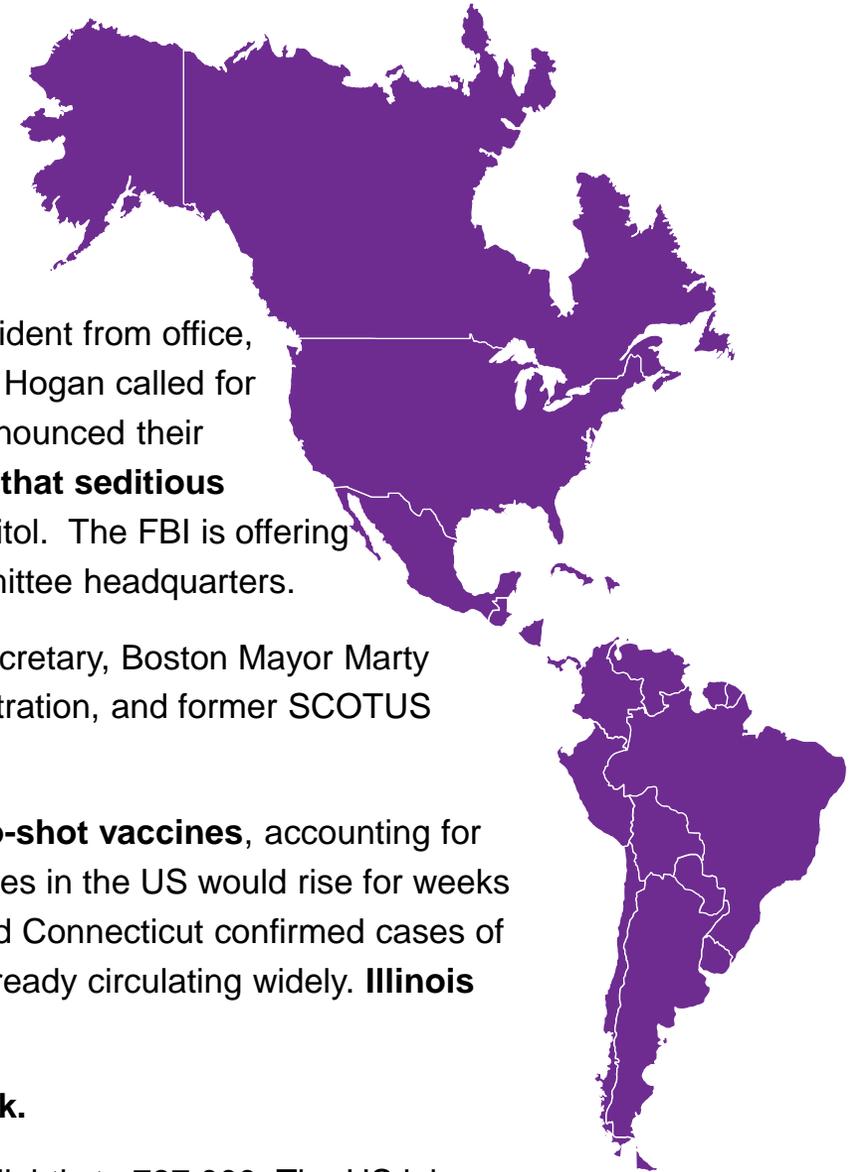
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- A new study found that excess mortality in **Mexico City** due to COVID-19 was 166 percent higher than expected in December and is accelerating.
- **Brazil's** President Bolsonaro said the type of mistrust in vote counting which led to Wednesday's mob attack in DC could happen in Brazil, repeating claims that widespread fraud could happen in Brazil. Brazil surpassed 200,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths.
- Coronavirus restrictions in **Puerto Rico** will ease from today, including shortening the overnight curfew and reopening beaches.
- **Colombia's** Bogota will enter a stricter lockdown until Tuesday as case numbers surge and authorities suspect that the new, more infectious variant may be present.
- **Canada's** Ontario province will extend its remote learning timeline in response to an increase in COVID-19 cases among children.



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# Americas: US



- Congressional leaders called on VP Pence to invoke the **25th amendment**, removing the president from office, and signaled openness to introducing **articles of impeachment**. Maryland's Republican Gov. Hogan called for **Trump's removal**. Secretaries of Transportation and Education and senior executive aides announced their **resignation**. Trump was **banned** from Facebook indefinitely. Justice Department officials said **that seditious conspiracy charges**, rioting, and insurrection will be considered for those arrested at the Capitol. The FBI is offering **a reward for information** on who placed pipe bombs in the Republican and Democratic committee headquarters.
- **President-elect Biden** is expected to tap Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo as commerce secretary, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh as labor secretary, California official Isabel Guzman to lead the Small Business Administration, and former SCOTUS nominee Merrick Garland for AG.
- As of Thursday, roughly 6 million people across the US had received a first injection of **the two-shot vaccines**, accounting for less than one-third of more than 21 million doses shipped to date. Dr. Fauci predicted that cases in the US would rise for weeks to come. **Deaths** surpassed 4,000 across the nation, for the first time. Texas, Pennsylvania and Connecticut confirmed cases of the more infectious UK **coronavirus variant**, with health authorities suggesting the strain is already circulating widely. **Illinois** surpassed 1 million cases.
- The federal judiciary's electronic filing system was likely compromised by the **SolarWinds hack**.
- Growth in the **US services sector** picked up in December. Weekly **jobless claims** declined slightly to 787,000. The US jobs report for December, to be released today, is expected to show that job growth slowed considerably in December, which would extend a slowdown that began last summer.

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# State of the Transition: Georgia Senate Elections & Domestic Upheaval

By Alex Lucaci

***The last 12 days of President Donald Trump's term will be a high-risk period, with the increasing potential for additional domestic instability in the wake of the January 6 storming of the US Capitol Building.***

Reports and videos showed mobs breaking through Capitol police barricades before destroying government property, occupying and vandalizing Congressional offices, and breaking onto the floors of the House of Representatives and Senate. Early reporting indicates that there have been four deaths, dozens of serious injuries, and over 70 arrests as of Thursday evening. Wednesday's events constituted the first time that the Capitol was violently breached in over 200 years, the last instance being when British troops set fire to the building during the War of 1812. The Chief of the Capitol Police resigned after failing to control riot.

In the aftermath of what many have described as “an insurrection,” which temporarily delayed the Congressional certification of Electoral College votes, dozens of elected representatives have called for the immediate removal of President Trump. Although the President has less than two weeks remaining in office, tensions on Capitol Hill and across the federal government remain elevated as many believe that Trump will continue to encourage upheaval from his supporters, despite releasing a brief statement that “*there will be an orderly transition on January 20.*” The statement, which also included false allegations about the results of the election, was made through a spokesman on Twitter, as the President was blocked from the platform for “*policy violations.*” On Thursday, Facebook and Instagram also announced that President Trump will be banned from posting on the platform, with CEO Mark Zuckerberg saying that “*we believe the risks of allowing the president to continue to use our service during this period are simply too great.*”

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Elected officials, members of the executive branch, and business executives such as Zuckerberg have been propelled into action during the last 48 hours, as the stability of the political and security situation in Washington hangs in the balance. Two cabinet members, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, have resigned. On Thursday afternoon, both Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called for Vice President Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove President Trump from office, with Pelosi saying that he “incited an armed insurrection against America.” Speaker Pelosi also confirmed that the Congress may be prepared to move forward with impeachment if Vice President Pence and the Cabinet do not remove the President himself. Although this scenario is unprecedented and remains unlikely, analysts believe that the threat of impeachment is intended to deter President Trump from further inciting his supporters or likewise interfering with the transition of power.

These unprecedented events have largely obscured the fact that the balance of power in Washington will shift dramatically beginning on January 20. On Tuesday, Senate Democrats retook control of the upper chamber by winning both run-off races in the state of Georgia.

The surprise victories in a traditionally red state have upended the expected political calculus for the coming year, with Democrats now controlling the presidency and both legislative branches (vice president-elect Kamala Harris will act as the deciding vote in the case of a 50-50 tie in the Senate). Sen. Chuck Schumer will take the gavel from Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on January 20, when he is expected to begin enacting an ambitious legislative agenda with the support of President-elect Biden. On top of the list of priorities is additional COVID-19 related stimulus in the form of \$2,000 direct checks to American families. Sen. Schumer is known to have close relationships with both President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris and will work in close coordination with the White House on their legislative agenda.

The results of the Senate races in Georgia have also factored into President-elect Biden’s decision making as it relates to his Cabinet appointments. On Wednesday, Biden selected Merrick Garland as his choice for Attorney General, an unusual pick that some believe is designed to bolster the Justice Department’s independence from politics. The decision, however, appears to have been made with politics in mind - Biden now has the votes in the Senate to fill

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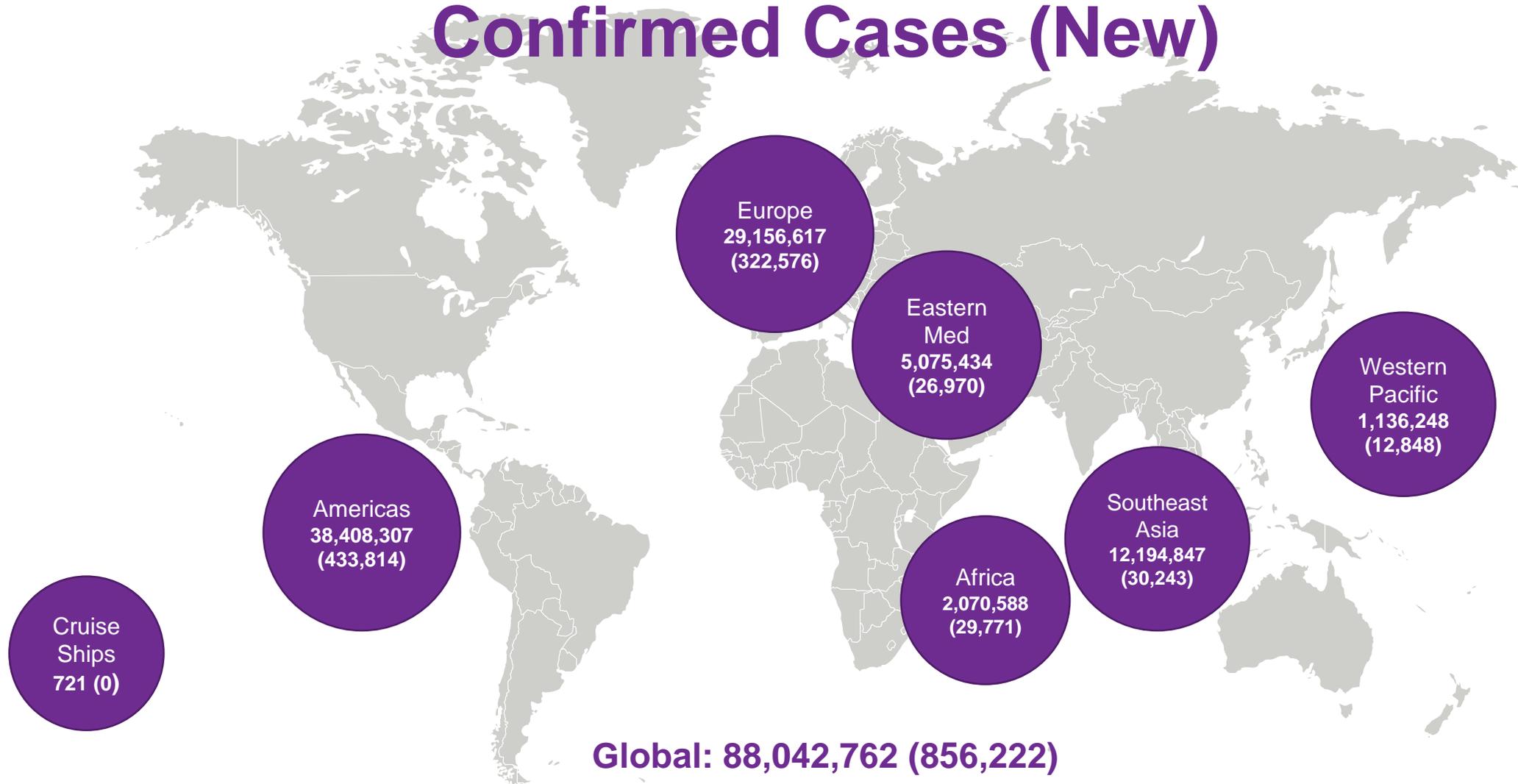
Garland's position as chief judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Recent nominations to President-elect Biden's team also include Boston Mayor Marty Walsh as Labor Secretary, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo as Commerce Secretary, and Connecticut education commissioner Miguel Cardona as Secretary of Education. With these latest picks, Biden has completed the announcement process for his executive Cabinet. Only one cabinet-level position remains without a nomination: Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This appointment is expected to be announced ahead of Biden's inauguration on January 20 - David Cohen, former deputy director of the CIA, remains the frontrunner for the top job at Langley. The vast majority of Biden's appointments thus far have received bipartisan support and are expected to pass Senate confirmation easily. The one exception remains Neera Tanden as director of the Office for Management and Budget, although the Democratic Senate victories in Georgia have increased the likelihood that she will be confirmed.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on January 7, 2021

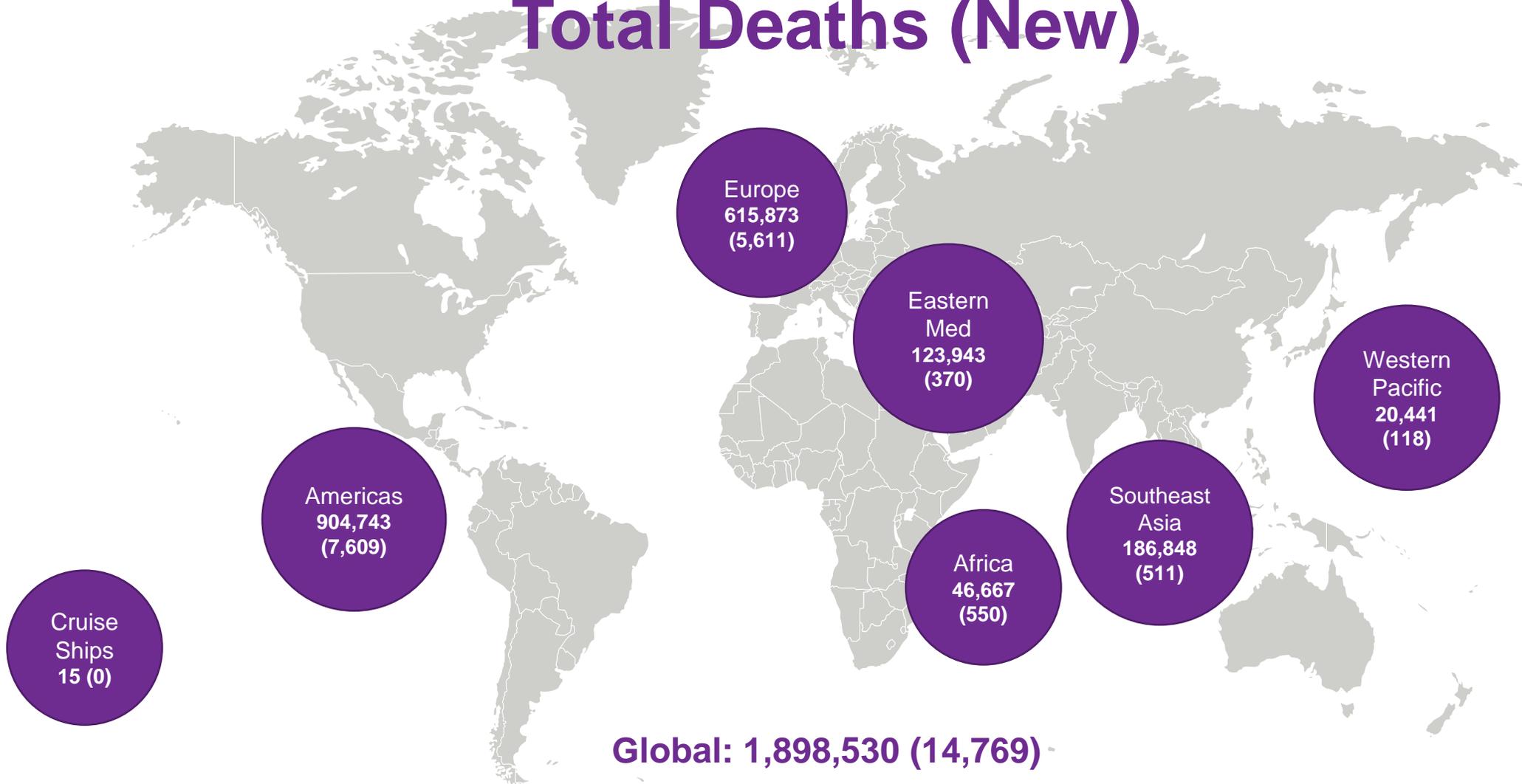
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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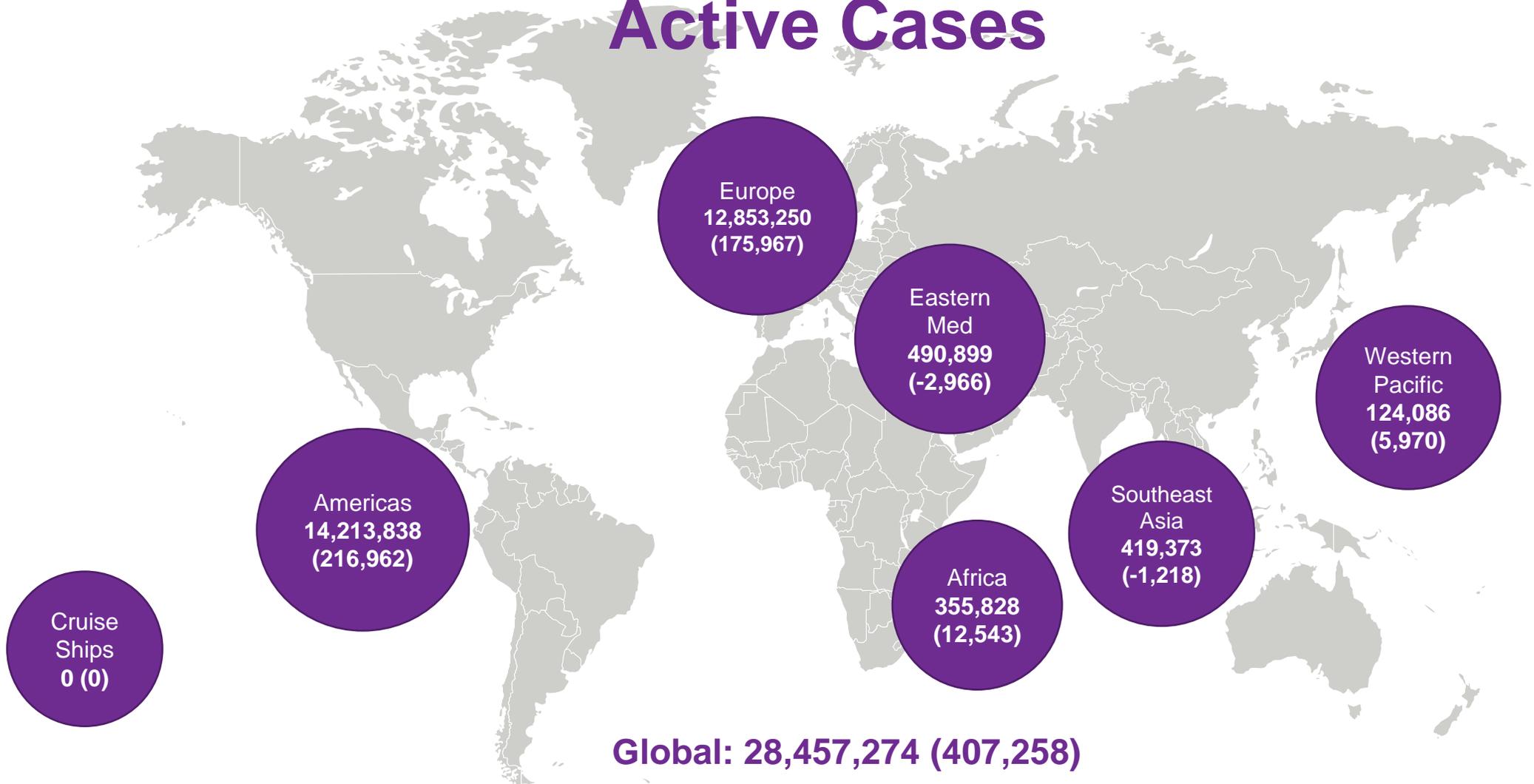
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	12620295	21574043 (274703)	365208 (4085)	66675	1127	7.44%
UK	2812900	2898052 (52787)	78632 (1162)	42447	1153	13.87%
France	2491990	2763370 (254)	66700 (1)	41735	1023	3.10%
Spain	1822853	2024904 (42360)	51675 (245)	43300	1105	4.77%
Netherlands	840247	862805 (9745)	12182 (86)	49595	704	6.31%
Brazil	679654	7961673 (87843)	200498 (1524)	37318	940	3.59%
Belgium	638719	658655 (2923)	19936 (53)	56451	1712	1.85%
Italy	571055	2220361 (18416)	77291 (414)	36752	1279	5.10%
Russia	556832	3297833 (23218)	59628 (491)	22828	414	5.17%
Sweden	473022	482284 (12536)	9262 (277)	47600	914	9.31%
Serbia	350428	353907 (1787)	3479 (35)	40591	399	4.52%
Germany	330555	1886561 (45333)	38987 (1152)	22274	468	6.68%
Ukraine	312175	1133802 (9320)	20334 (163)	25220	447	4.13%
Mexico	235067	1493569 (13734)	131031 (1044)	11415	1003	4.52%

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Poland	231025	1356882 (12119)	30241 (186)	35872	800	4.57%
India	225449	10413417 (18139)	150570 (234)	7508	109	1.41%
South Africa	200565	1170590 (20999)	31809 (441)	19609	533	9.69%
Iran	161777	1268263 (6360)	55933 (103)	15000	662	3.40%
Argentina	161090	1690006 (13835)	44122 (146)	37216	972	3.82%
Switzerland	148986	474764 (3975)	8178 (69)	54649	941	4.73%
Hungary	144970	334836 (3068)	10325 (127)	34707	1070	3.68%
Czechia	132725	794740 (17773)	12621 (185)	74148	1185	9.57%
Indonesia	114766	797723 (9321)	23520 (224)	2901	86	6.84%
Colombia	111995	1737347 (17576)	45067 (344)	33956	881	5.44%
Ireland	101986	127657 (6503)	2307 (8)	25704	465	28.11%
Turkey	101587	2296102 (12171)	22264 (194)	27073	263	3.81%
Portugal	93360	456533 (9927)	7472 (95)	44841	734	9.39%
Canada	79051	639693 (8227)	16595 (192)	16752	437	8.64%

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Lithuania	66365	154550 (2335)	2076 (40)	57191	768	9.04%
Lebanon	65551	204699 (4774)	1566 (16)	30061	230	11.33%
Israel	64583	471048 (7600)	3552 (23)	51214	386	10.14%
Honduras	64570	125118 (219)	3200 (8)	12507	320	2.63%
Slovakia	57084	198184 (2137)	2717 (60)	36291	498	9.41%
Japan	53115	267084 (7563)	3674 (65)	2046	30	11.71%
Panama	52114	269091 (4135)	4321 (38)	61862	993	8.29%
Romania	50952	658958 (4951)	16410 (111)	34374	856	4.05%
Bangladesh	47741	519905 (1007)	7718 (31)	3141	47	1.23%
Greece	43867	142777 (510)	5146 (47)	13733	495	2.75%
Dominican Republic	39483	177493 (1115)	2423 (4)	16277	222	3.78%
Costa Rica	38646	176407 (1369)	2286 (19)	34466	447	4.02%
Iraq	36759	600755 (790)	12869 (4)	14765	316	0.91%

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Norway	35327	53792 (825)	467 (2)	9882	86	7.85%
Tunisia	33787	152254 (2373)	5052 (48)	12813	425	8.61%
Pakistan	33124	497510 (2435)	10558 (47)	2219	47	3.08%
Algeria	30001	101382 (262)	2792 (6)	2291	63	1.75%
Bosnia	29716	113392 (0)	4211 (0)	34675	1288	2.12%
Denmark	27543	177507 (1844)	1488 (37)	30474	256	7.54%
Malaysia	25221	128465 (3027)	521 (8)	3943	16	12.03%
Uganda	24233	37074 (372)	297 (3)	798	6	5.01%
Cyprus	24011	26208 (427)	140 (2)	21625	116	15.98%
Albania	23947	61705 (697)	1223 (6)	21454	425	5.49%
Libya	23689	103515 (635)	1558 (12)	14960	225	3.13%
Philippines	23675	482083 (1346)	9356 (9)	4369	85	1.66%
Bolivia	23321	168891 (1910)	9304 (17)	14205	790	5.19%
Kazakhstan	22866	206840 (907)	2781 (0)	8459	120	2.73%

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Egypt	22005	146809 (1219)	8029 (54)	1421	78	5.96%
UAE	21882	221754 (2988)	694 (5)	22282	70	6.28%
Paraguay	21780	112856 (1162)	2352 (15)	15723	328	4.36%
Peru	21527	1022018 (0)	37925 (0)	30915	1146	0.67%
Austria	21261	374730 (2540)	6568 (43)	41484	727	3.71%
Morocco	20464	448678 (1597)	7645 (27)	12082	206	2.11%
Chile	19028	629176 (3693)	16913 (97)	32767	881	3.21%
South Korea	17908	67358 (672)	1081 (35)	1300	20	8.30%
N Macedonia	16704	85494 (166)	2581 (10)	41037	1239	2.53%
Nigeria	16622	95934 (1565)	1330 (6)	460	6	8.68%
Belarus	16518	206796 (1838)	1489 (9)	21889	158	6.05%
Azerbaijan	16513	222885 (685)	2845 (27)	21880	279	1.88%
West Bank & Gaza	16221	145252 (995)	1536 (17)	28137	298	4.99%

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Kenya	15725	97733 (335)	1702 (8)	1797	31	1.30%
Myanmar	13925	128772 (594)	2799 (14)	2358	51	3.22%
Ecuador	13877	218385 (1008)	14158 (12)	12282	796	2.69%
Ethiopia	12240	127227 (441)	1966 (1)	1093	17	2.33%
Latvia	11487	46545 (1374)	790 (36)	24821	421	12.12%
Armenia	10765	161054 (201)	2901 (11)	54298	978	1.02%
Estonia	9919	31751 (1084)	265 (4)	23925	200	11.85%
Montenegro	9257	51160 (463)	712 (7)	81451	1134	5.69%
Georgia	9102	235491 (1612)	2694 (28)	59092	676	3.43%
Moldova	8388	148294 (423)	3106 (18)	36806	771	2.34%
Sudan	8324	23316 (0)	1468 (0)	525	33	0.00%
Afghanistan	7663	53207 (102)	2253 (9)	1354	57	3.16%
Kosovo	7142	52943 (610)	1363 (8)			3.40%

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Sri Lanka	6897	46780 (532)	222 (3)	2180	10	7.44%
Guatemala	6604	141074 (872)	4928 (29)	7800	272	2.17%
Uruguay	6478	23807 (759)	231 (10)	6841	66	19.69%
Croatia	6272	216848 (562)	4266 (43)	52993	1043	2.77%
Finland	6188	37772 (223)	584 (8)	6812	105	4.41%
Zimbabwe	6146	18675 (871)	446 (15)	1247	30	25.75%
Oman	6009	130070 (182)	1505 (1)	25143	291	0.92%
Angola	5606	17974 (110)	413 (0)	538	12	2.34%
Syria	5505	12084 (96)	755 (8)	682	43	5.38%
Nepal	5058	263605 (412)	1903 (4)	8964	65	1.14%

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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
Venezuela	4906	115322 (414)	1052 (5)	4062	37	1.53%
Thailand*	4519	9841 (205)	67 (0)	138	1	27.21%
Zambia	3894	24297 (802)	423 (6)	1303	23	14.70%
El Salvador	3890	47948 (593)	1390 (8)	7373	214	4.15%
Kuwait	3801	152978 (540)	938 (0)	35549	218	1.56%
Namibia	3776	26682 (363)	240 (5)	10404	94	10.27%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3393	18738 (251)	610 (11)	206	7	5.76%
Eswatini	3128	10773 (234)	268 (7)	9236	230	13.13%
Kyrgyzstan	3087	81826 (170)	1363 (2)	12436	207	0.97%
Botswana	3075	16050 (610)	48 (3)	6755	20	7.76%
Luxembourg	2884	47592 (162)	521 (4)	75394	825	2.47%
Lesotho	2726	4351 (214)	76 (3)	2023	35	28.89%
Qatar	2712	145271 (210)	245 (0)	51738	87	0.99%
Bahrain	2650	94633 (349)	353 (0)	54648	204	2.07%

\* Indicates moved down a risk category

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Mozambique	2330	19961 (294)	176 (4)	630	6	6.61%
Rwanda	2172	9225 (167)	113 (1)	703	9	9.13%
Saudi Arabia	2170	363485 (108)	6278 (6)	10357	179	0.20%
Burkina Faso	2091	7713 (150)	89 (0)	364	4	13.04%
Senegal	2053	20376 (220)	438 (5)	1201	26	6.07%
Mali	1980	7427 (32)	286 (1)	361	14	4.54%
Cuba	1941	13479 (314)	148 (0)	1190	13	11.99%
Malta	1935	13776 (164)	228 (1)	31156	516	7.27%
Australia	1845	28571 (25)	909 (0)	1113	35	0.51%
Jamaica	1809	13368 (38)	306 (0)	4504	103	4.05%
Mauritania	1799	15214 (103)	378 (5)	3229	80	5.59%
Nicaragua	1706	6097 (0)	166 (0)	915	25	0.84%
Malawi	1617	7611 (274)	203 (4)	393	10	13.51%

## 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
Cameroon	1508	26848 (0)	448 (0)	999	17	2.13%
Bahamas	1487	7959 (14)	175 (0)	20139	443	1.11%
Niger	1334	3706 (72)	119 (6)	150	5	10.33%
Haiti	1242	10203 (76)	236 (0)	889	21	1.84%
China	1218	96484 (86)	4788 (0)	61	3	0.54%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1173	7127 (0)	108 (0)	1275	19	0.28%
Uzbekistan	1038	77412 (62)	615 (0)	2296	18	0.45%

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# US Risk Assessment

## 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	2542372	2570829 (39972)	28457 (531)	65232	722	10.88%
Florida	1407241	1429722 (19816)	22481 (164)	66568	1047	7.44%
Illinois	989104	1008045 (8757)	18941 (206)	79550	1495	4.43%
New York	935524	1081885 (17588)	39118 (206)	57415	2012	9.53%
Georgia	712400	723630 (9790)	11230 (65)	68155	1058	7.90%
Arizona	492697	584593 (9913)	9741 (297)	80315	1338	11.01%
New Jersey	432858	510839 (6192)	19646 (123)	63588	2223	6.55%
Missouri	417854	423908 (4740)	6054 (71)	72518	1045	4.84%
Texas	358488	1910091 (25292)	29498 (380)	66108	1025	7.53%
Virginia	345036	382679 (5379)	5275 (49)	44834	618	8.65%
Colorado	329046	352923 (3473)	5102 (52)	61285	886	5.33%
Maryland	280297	295874 (2970)	6173 (41)	48940	1021	6.49%
Washington	260378	264012 (3260)	3634 (29)	35165	494	6.54%
Kentucky	250413	291429 (4889)	2843 (37)	65231	636	8.98%

## 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	237457	240796 (3403)	3339 (44)	78176	1084	6.67%
Kansas	230606	238371 (0)	3020 (0)	82120	1039	5.42%
Connecticut	186671	202758 (3304)	6287 (57)	56870	1763	8.41%
Pennsylvania	181810	698005 (9607)	17173 (258)	54604	1349	7.54%
Michigan	178263	555747 (4249)	13873 (206)	55648	1389	4.88%
Indiana	177589	546499 (7270)	8823 (80)	81177	1311	6.41%
South Carolina	172751	338112 (4877)	5661 (79)	65669	1099	9.05%
Alabama	172466	389230 (5046)	5080 (86)	79383	1036	7.19%
Ohio	130188	753068 (10251)	9462 (94)	64425	810	7.00%
Oregon	113647	121085 (862)	1568 (10)	28709	372	5.93%
Massachusetts	105170	411601 (7548)	12909 (73)	59717	1873	8.85%
North Carolina	98443	592746 (10398)	7213 (137)	56516	688	8.98%
Rhode Island	88887	96591 (1128)	1910 (20)	91179	1803	8.95%
Idaho	82559	147173 (1067)	1517 (29)	82355	849	4.14%

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# US Risk Assessment

## 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	74904	151819 (1835)	2680 (39)	72404	1278	5.90%
Tennessee	71111	634237 (8857)	7492 (113)	92872	1097	7.48%
Wisconsin	70588	540508 (4509)	5477 (42)	85624	872	3.71%
Nebraska	55485	173591 (1122)	1811 (108)	89739	936	3.91%
Utah	53597	297317 (4597)	1359 (29)	92739	424	6.96%
Louisiana	49953	338054 (4530)	7728 (47)	72719	1662	6.74%
Delaware	43149	62949 (1220)	949 (2)	64645	975	8.73%
Alaska	41840	49228 (329)	223 (3)	65150	303	4.55%
Mississippi	41119	228235 (0)	5013 (0)	77782	1701	5.44%
Iowa	37465	293189 (2413)	4065 (5)	92475	1288	3.91%
Oklahoma	34854	315354 (3781)	2672 (39)	79696	675	7.74%
West Virginia	27603	96002 (1324)	1518 (37)	53568	847	11.11%
Arkansas	26010	245916 (3323)	3926 (25)	81488	1301	8.45%
Maine	15582	27625 (535)	385 (13)	20551	286	12.39%

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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	15420	429570 (1983)	5640 (44)	76170	1000	3.32%
Hawaii	10640	22897 (287)	299 (0)	15984	211	5.03%
District of Columbia	8282	30750 (268)	808 (2)	43571	1145	5.75%
Puerto Rico	7936	79898 (286)	1588 (18)	40561	469	4.51%
New Hampshire	6630	49261 (423)	827 (11)	36229	608	10.62%
South Dakota	6075	102132 (448)	1544 (25)	115448	1745	2.91%

## 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	4916	84750 (690)	1038 (23)	79296	971	3.77%
Vermont	2591	8403 (245)	155 (3)	13467	248	11.79%
North Dakota	2089	94156 (324)	1341 (7)	123554	1760	1.76%
Wyoming	1730	46168 (278)	489 (25)	79771	845	3.81%

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