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May 27, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Scientists claim to have solved the source of rare blood clots linked to the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Exxon and Shell lost two landmark shareholder and legal decisions in a major climate-driven blow to big oil.

Mali's president and prime minister resigned, confirming the country's second coup in ten months.

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, tensions remain high on the streets of Sohar, Oman following 5 days of protests over the country's floundering economy and mass layoffs in the city. Yesterday, police fired tear gas on protestors, while today there are reports of a budding protest in Bidiyah in eastern Oman. Street protests are rare in Oman.

The Sultan, who took power in January 2020, has responded by asking his government to fast-track the creation of thousands of new jobs, including instructing the Ministry of Defense and Labor to coordinate the hiring of qualified job seekers into the military, essentially standing up new regiments.
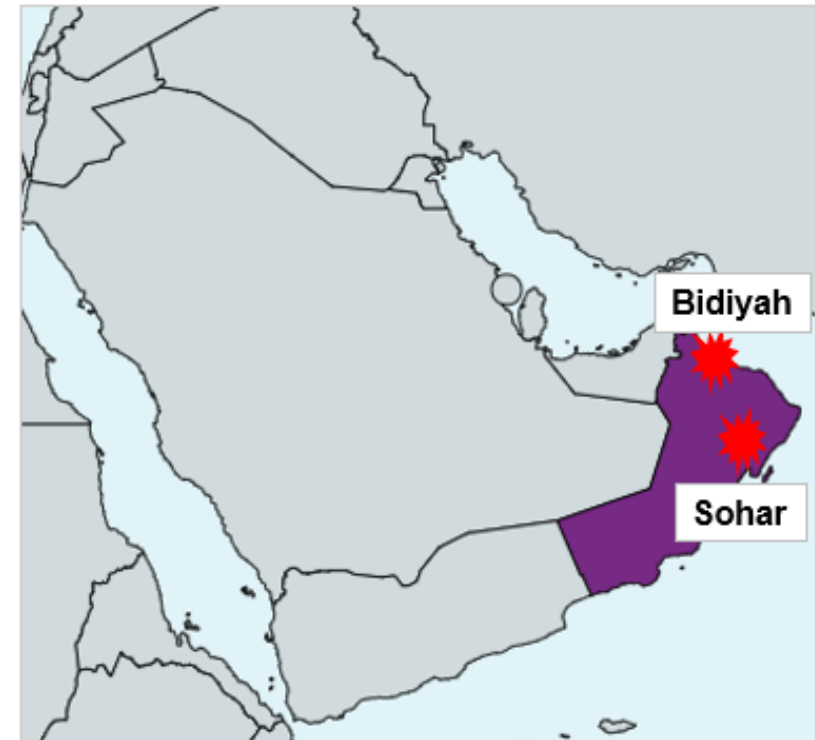
Bidiyah

Sohar

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Global

Globally, confirmed coronavirus cases topped 168.3 million with 3.4 million deaths.

- The head of a Japanese doctors' union warned that holding the **Olympic Games** with tens of thousands of people from around the world, could lead to the emergence of an "Olympic" strain of the coronavirus.

- High levels of nitrogen and phosphorus in the Sea of Marmara, situated between the Black and Aegean Seas, are leading to an explosion of the phytoplankton populations that discharge "*sea snot*," preventing fish from being able to breathe, causing mass die-offs, which in turn leads to plummeting oxygen levels that choke other forms of marine life. Rising water temperatures caused by **global warming and pollution** from Turkish agricultural and raw sewage runoff is being blamed.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Scientists in Germany claim to have solved the source of rare blood clots linked to the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, and say they believe the shots could be tweaked to prevent the reaction altogether.

- The **EU** is demanding damages from **AstraZeneca,** which could reach billions of euros, if it fails to increase its deliveries of COVID-19 vaccines by next month.

- **India** cancelled local trials for "*well-established*" foreign coronavirus vaccines to fast-track imports as it battled a deadly surge in coronavirus cases.

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Markets & Business

A Dutch court ruled Wednesday that Royal Dutch Shell must reduce its emissions by 45 percent by 2030 in another major climate-driven blow to big oil.

- An activist investor won at least two seats on **Exxon Mobil's** corporate board after questioning the oil major's carbon footprint, in an unprecedented setback for Exxon.

- **Ford** shares rose to their highest level in nearly five years after the company outlined new plans to electrify its coming vehicle lineup; Ford expects 40 percent of global vehicle volume to be electric by 2040.

- **Hyundai Motor Group** will reduce the number of combustion engine models in its line-up to free up resources to invest in electric vehicles.

- China's **Xiaomi Corp** reported that the US had formally lifted its designation as a Chinese Military Company and lifted restrictions on buying and trading its stock.

- **GameStop, AMC**, and a number of other "meme" stocks began to rally on Wednesday in a surge reminiscent of late-January.

- **WhatsApp** sued the Indian government over a new privacy rule they say will force them to break encryption.

- **Google** and national hospital chain **HCA Healthcare** struck a deal to develop healthcare algorithms using patient records.

- **HSBC** has sold its US retail banking network, effectively closing its North America business after a 40-year attempt to run a full-service bank in the country.

- **Uber** recognized Britain's GMB union, which will represent up to 70,000 drivers.

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Africa

- **Somalia's** foreign minister reported that the Somali government and national leaders had reached an agreement to hold long-delayed elections.

- Former **South African** President Jacob Zuma plead not guilty in the first day of trials for multiple corruption charges.

- **Mali's** interim president and prime minister officially resigned, several days after being detained at a military camp by military leaders unhappy with a government reshuffle, confirming the country's second coup in ten months.

- The UN estimated that some 20,000 are homeless and 40 missing in the aftermath of a volcanic eruption in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

- **Zambia's** president banned campaign rallies ahead of August elections, citing COVID-19 concerns.

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Asia

- **India's** total coronavirus case count surpassed 27 million. An Indian official estimated that some 50,000 have been rendered homeless by Cyclone Yaas.

- **Malaysia's** finance ministry fired the head of the country's public transport operator over his handling of a train crash that killed over 200.

- **Taiwan** for the first time directly accused **Beijing** of blocking a deal with BioNTech for COVID-19 vaccines.

- **Chinese** tech hub Shenzhen will restrict residency rules to curb a population boom. China warned that "*politicizing*" the origins of COVID-19 would hamper further investigations and undermine global efforts to curb the pandemic.

- Millions of mice have swarmed parts of New South Wales and Queensland, threatening **Australia's** agriculture sector.
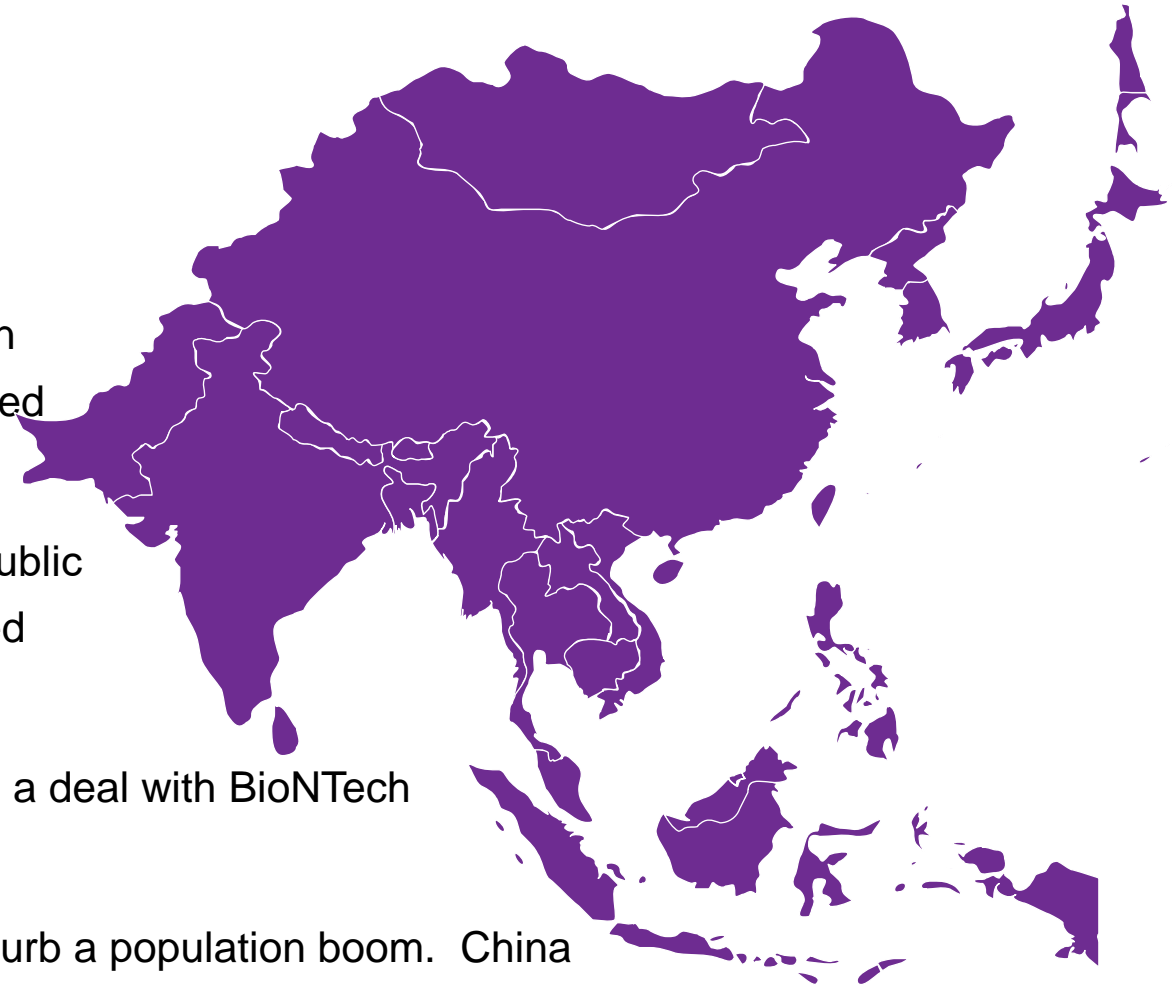
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Europe

- Dominic Cummings, former advisor to **UK** Prime Minister Johnson, gave evidence to MPs on the government's initial handling of the pandemic in a succession of explosive testimony accusing the Johnson and most of his cabinet of gross mismanagement.

- **French** business confidence and consumer sentiment picked up in May as the country emerged from its winter lockdown and third wave of COVID-19. France will tighten restrictions on travelers from the **UK** over concerns about the prevalence of Indian variant B.1.167 there.

- The **Swiss** government jettisoned its new framework agreement to pursue closer ties with the **EU**, leading to a rapid rebuke from the European Commission.

- **Spain's** supreme court ruled that Prime Minister Sanchez's government should not pardon nine jailed Catalan separatist leaders.

- **Belarusian** President Lukashenko claimed that the reporter removed from the plane early in the week was plotting a "bloody rebellion." In a new video advocates said looked forced, the reporter's girlfriend confessed on video to publicizing the personal details of police officers.

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Middle East

- Qasim Musleh, the head of a prominent **Iranian**-backed militia in **Iraq**, was arrest in Baghdad for involvement with terrorist crimes, likely prompting violent anti-government backlash from his and other paramilitary organizations.

- **Iran** banned cryptocurrency mining for four months due to blackouts triggered by the energy-intensive practice.

- **German** Chancellor Merkel met with **Egyptian** President al-Sisi to discuss the **Gaza** ceasefire.

- The World Food Programme tripled its assistance to **Lebanon**, citing the deepening economic crisis.

- The **UAE** will require all attendants at "live events" to be vaccinated from June 6. Dubai is using drones armed with cameras and facial recognition software to identify and fine residents no wearing masks. **Bahrain**, one of the more vaccinated countries in the world using China's Sinopharm, will impose a two-week lockdown as coronavirus infections surge.
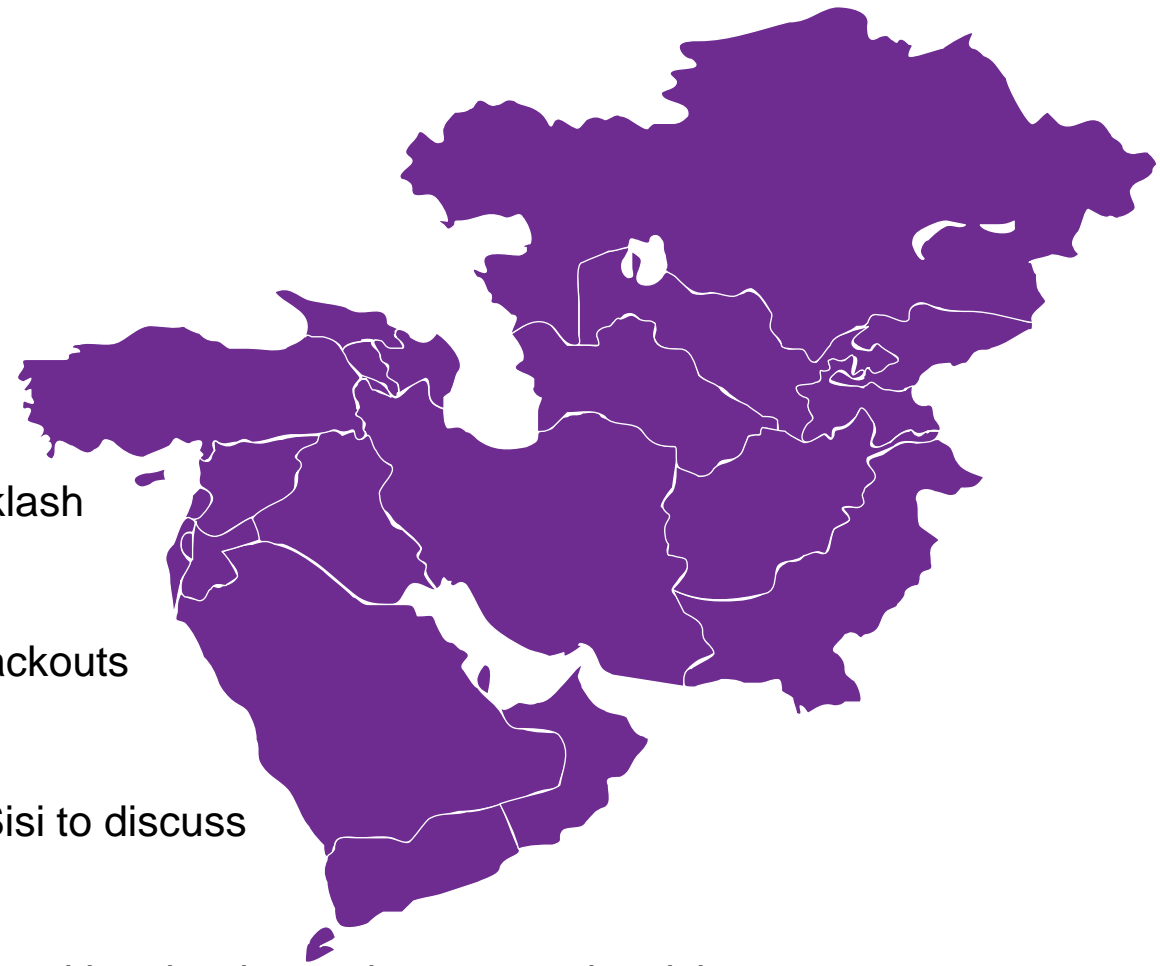
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How do You Manage Risks?

The coronavirus pandemic has not just added a new layer of risk for business leaders to navigate, but has accelerated drivers of change, including disruptive technologies, political and economic realignments and cultural priorities on equality, justice and conservation, while increasing vulnerabilities that bad actors seek to exploit.

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Americas

- Nearly a month of anti-government protests continued in **Colombia**, despite ongoing meetings between the government and strike leaders.

- Another mayoral candidate in north-central **Mexico** was killed, bringing the total number of candidates murdered ahead of June elections to 34.

- **Brazil** surpassed 450,000 COVID-19 deaths, per its health ministry.

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Americas: US

- Across the nation, 165.1 million people have received at least **one dose of vaccine**, or 49.7 percent to the total population. **Pennsylvania** became the 10th US state to vaccinate 70 percent of its population with at least one dose, which is President Biden's goal for the country to reach by July 4. **New York** will offer teens who get vaccinated over the coming two months an oppo to win full scholarships to state college or university. Disneyland will reopen to visitor from outside of **California** starting in mid-June.

- The Food and Drug Administration granted emergency-use authorization to a monoclonal **antibody therapy** that researchers believe is effective on the B.1.617.2 coronavirus variant discovered in India.

- The SEC is weighing new protections for **SPAC investors**.

- At least eight people were killed in a **mass shooting** at a light-rail facility in San Jose, California; this is the 15th mass shooting of more than 4 people this year.

- Senators introduced bipartisan legislation that would review **Chinese** donations to universities. Senior US and **EU** diplomats met Wednesday to discuss grievances against China. President Biden has asked US intelligence agencies to *"redouble"* efforts to investigate the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, asking for new conclusions to be delivered within 90 days.

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Science Under the Scope: Understanding mRNA Vaccines

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The Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are the first mRNA vaccines produced on a mass scale. Some Americans have expressed concern about the vaccines because they believe that mRNA vaccines are a new and untested concept. In reality, decades of work had gone into understanding mRNA and finding ways to create effective mRNA vaccines before SARS-CoV-2 began its spread across the world.

In 1961, mRNA was discovered and nine years later, in 1969, its first in vitro (outside a living organism) translation was done.[1] Almost immediately, some scientists saw the potential of mRNA for vaccines and therapeutics. By 1990, scientists conducted the first successful transcription of mRNA in animals, showing that mRNA could be an alternative to conventional vaccines and therapeutics.[2]

Despite the success of mRNA in the early 1990s, the platform was dismissed by the broader scientific community because it was considered too unstable to work with.[3] During this time, Dr. Katalin Kariko remained one of the biggest proponents of the platform. She submitted dozens of grant proposals to receive funding to explore the platform further, but all were turned down because reviewers thought mRNA was too vulnerable to the body's natural defenses to

be useful for vaccines.[4] Over the course of more than five years Dr. Kariko was never able to secure funding for her ideas and was eventually demoted out of her tenure-track position.[5] While demoralizing, the demotion did not deter her from her belief that mRNA was the future of vaccines, and in 2005 she and a colleague found a way to help mRNA evade the body's natural defenses. This discovery is the fundamental discovery that made the current COVID-19 vaccine possible.

With this problem solved, interest in mRNA grew. Scientists were excited about the technology because it was safer than conventional vaccines, advancements had found ways to make it more stable, and it had the potential for "*rapid, inexpensive, and scalable manufacturing.*"[6] In addition to these positive characteristics,

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scientists have known since the 1980s that mRNA is able to create a strong innate immune response and, unlike conventional vaccines, it creates a response in both B cells (antibodies) and T cells, which provide longer term immunity than B cells.[7] [8]

Due to mRNA's ability to create such a strong innate immune response, many in the scientific community believe that it can eventually allow us to develop vaccines for some of the most elusive and difficult diseases, such as HIV. Additionally, the use of mRNA cancer vaccines --used for therapeutic rather than preventative purposes -- have demonstrated the ability to reduce and sometimes completely clear tumors.[9] The mRNA cancer vaccines have proven particularly effective for melanoma.[10] And because mRNA can teach our body to make proteins, there is potential that the technology could treat diseases like cystic fibrosis.

Prior to COVID-19, the founder of Moderna was already exploring ways that mRNA could be used for therapeutics and vaccines for a wide range of ailments. Thus, even though they were an unknown company compared to Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson, they were founded as a company focused on the potential of mRNA and have

been conducting research on mRNA vaccines since the early 2010s. It is this decade of work that allowed Moderna to be the first company to produce a COVID-19 vaccine for clinical trials.

The success of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines has important implications for future vaccine development, cancer treatment, and therapeutic medicines.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on May 26, 2021

Confirmed Cases (New)

Europe
54,197,145
(72,659)

Eastern Med
9,947,373
(31,504)

Western Pacific
2,899,704
(17,167)

Americas
66,877,797
(199,947)

Southeast Asia
31,009,216
(231,384)

Africa
3,437,496
(7,908)

Cruise Ships
721 (0)

Global: 168,369,452 (562,977)

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Total Deaths (New)

Europe
1,142,635
(2,106)

Eastern
Med
199,766
(452)

Western
Pacific
43,559
(198)

Americas
1,637,348
(5,461)

Southeast
Asia
389,886
(4,222)

Africa
86,398
(201)

Cruise
Ships
15 (0)

Global: 3,499,607 (12,780)

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Active Cases

Europe
2,463,746
(-61,797)

Eastern Med
775,025
(-3,650)

Western Pacific
207,649
(1,212)

Americas
8,152,359
(-17,466)

Southeast Asia
2,796,878
(-71,075)

Africa
220,684
(1,083)

Cruise Ships
0 (0)

Global: 14,616,341 (-152,831)

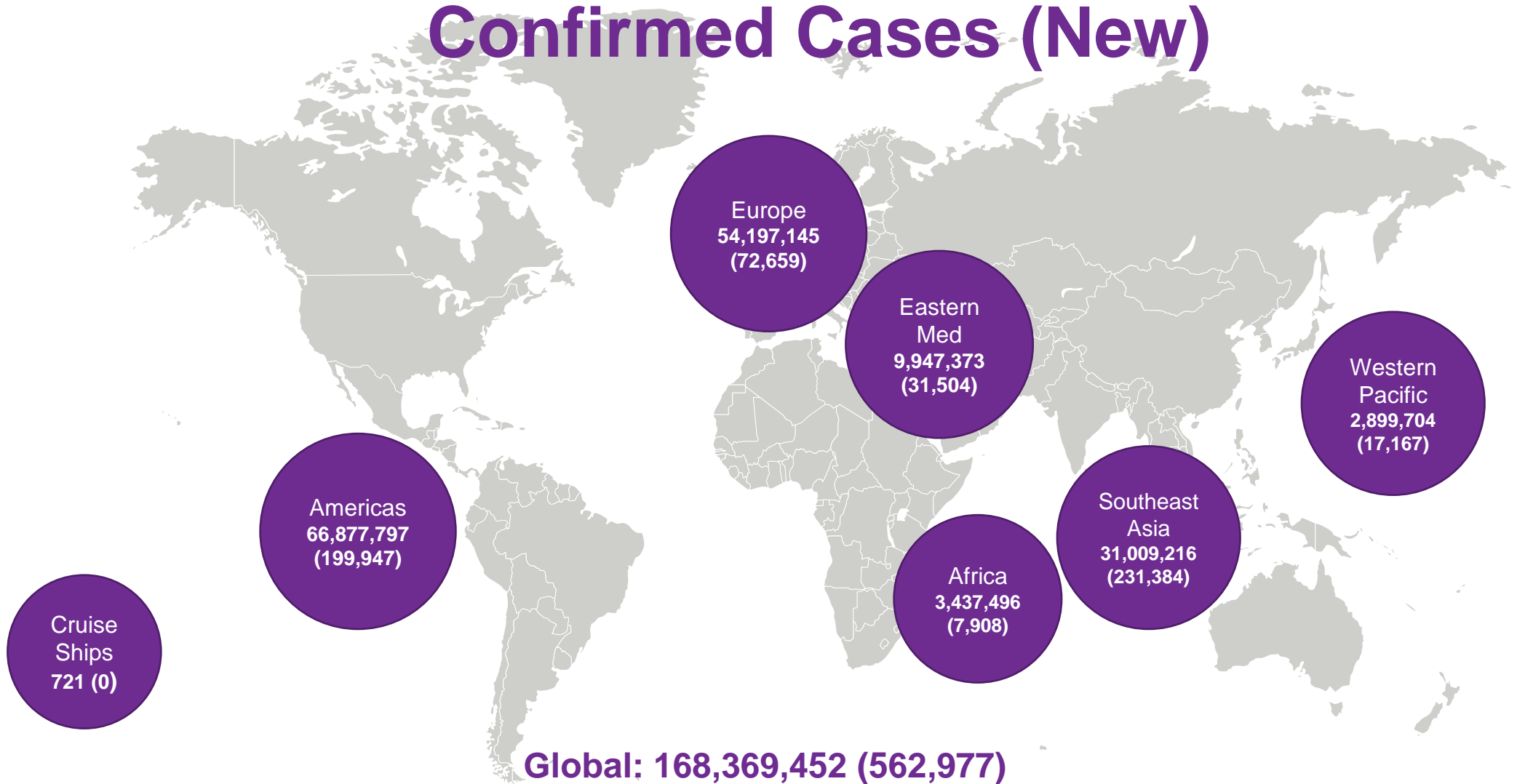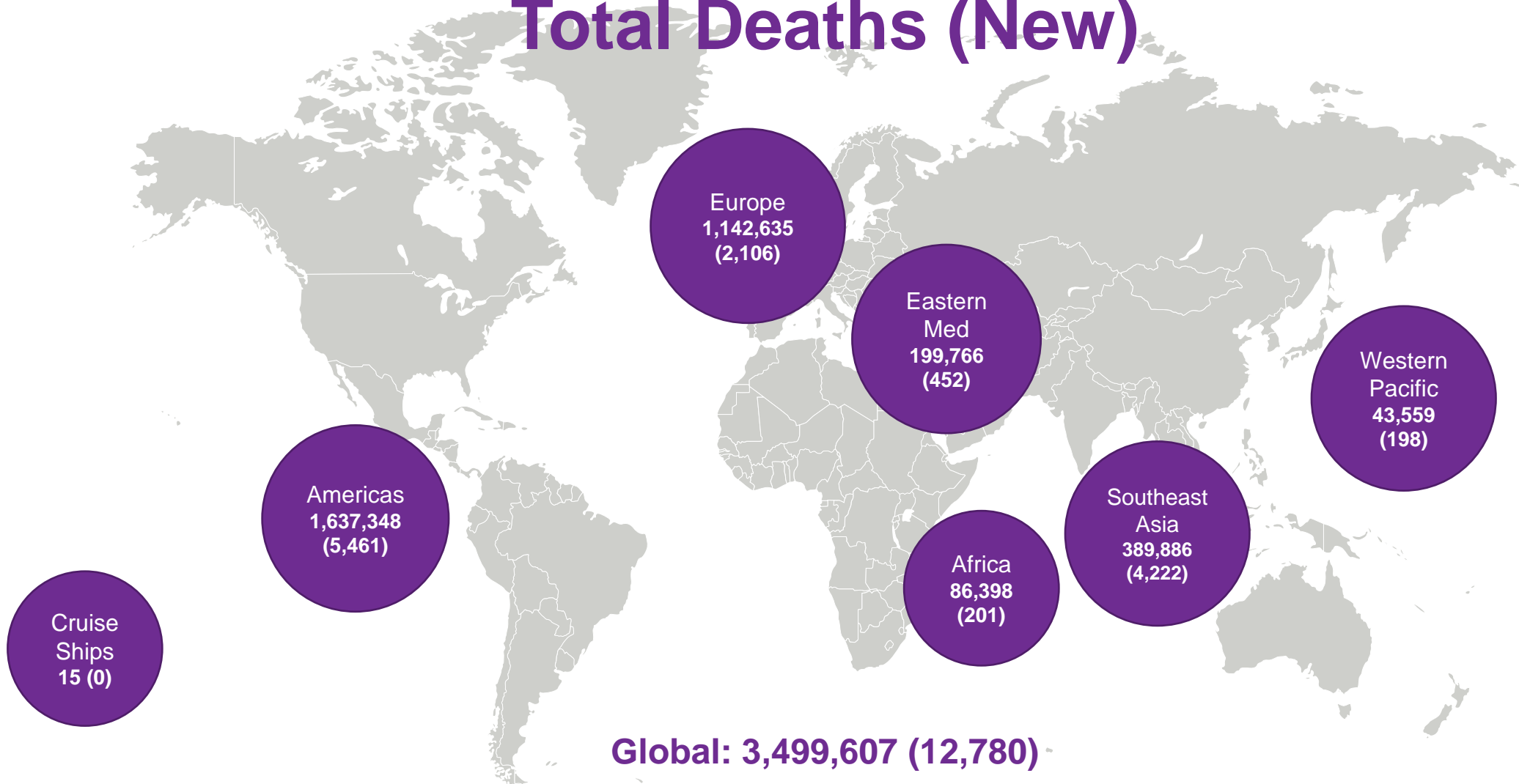Reflects data as of 2100 hours the evening before the date of the situation report.
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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	5561955	33190470 (24048)	592167 (1000)	102093	1822	0.49%
India	2426658	27367935 (211553)	315263 (3842)	19658	226	5.83%
Brazil	1086830	16275440 (79459)	454623 (2399)	76082	2125	2.83%
Iran	407506	2865864 (10468)	79219 (163)	33733	932	2.57%
Argentina	365259	3622135 (35399)	75588 (532)	79488	1659	5.82%
France	305250	5741014 (12856)	109976 (145)	85954	1667	-5.11%
Russia	264478	5026168 (8373)	119600 (406)	34428	819	1.20%
Italy	260029	4201827 (3937)	125622 (121)	69588	2080	0.70%
Mexico	259872	2399790 (2483)	221960 (265)	18439	1705	0.59%
Spain	169363	3657886 (5007)	79855 (54)	78208	1707	0.87%
Netherlands	167015	1661364 (2777)	17850 (10)	95179	1024	1.41%
Poland	164536	2868422 (1239)	73305 (209)	75866	1939	0.32%
Ukraine	149914	2189858 (3395)	49893 (208)	50345	1147	1.12%
Peru	147946	1937245 (4990)	68634 (164)	58029	2056	1.74%

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Honduras	143945	233916 (800)	6210 (22)	23285	618	2.41%
Germany	139762	3667041 (4473)	88479 (318)	43642	1053	1.07%
Colombia	128956	3294101 (23487)	86180 (514)	64125	1678	4.04%
Nepal	117077	535525 (6677)	6845 (145)	18088	231	10.29%
Sweden	113974	1067107 (0)	14400 (0)	105072	1418	1.44%
Turkey	107623	5212123 (8738)	46787 (166)	61208	549	1.17%
Hungary	98019	802723 (213)	29622 (41)	83285	3073	0.39%
Indonesia	96187	1791221 (5034)	49771 (144)	6487	180	2.13%
Belgium	78605	1050677 (855)	24873 (20)	90303	2138	1.52%
Iraq	71291	1181698 (4718)	16267 (26)	28801	396	2.55%
Costa Rica	66607	309486 (2587)	3908 (31)	60259	761	5.06%
Malaysia	66208	533367 (7478)	2432 (63)	16292	74	8.98%
Japan	62928	725536 (3901)	12497 (99)	5752	99	4.53%
Pakistan	60268	908576 (2724)	20465 (65)	4043	91	2.46%

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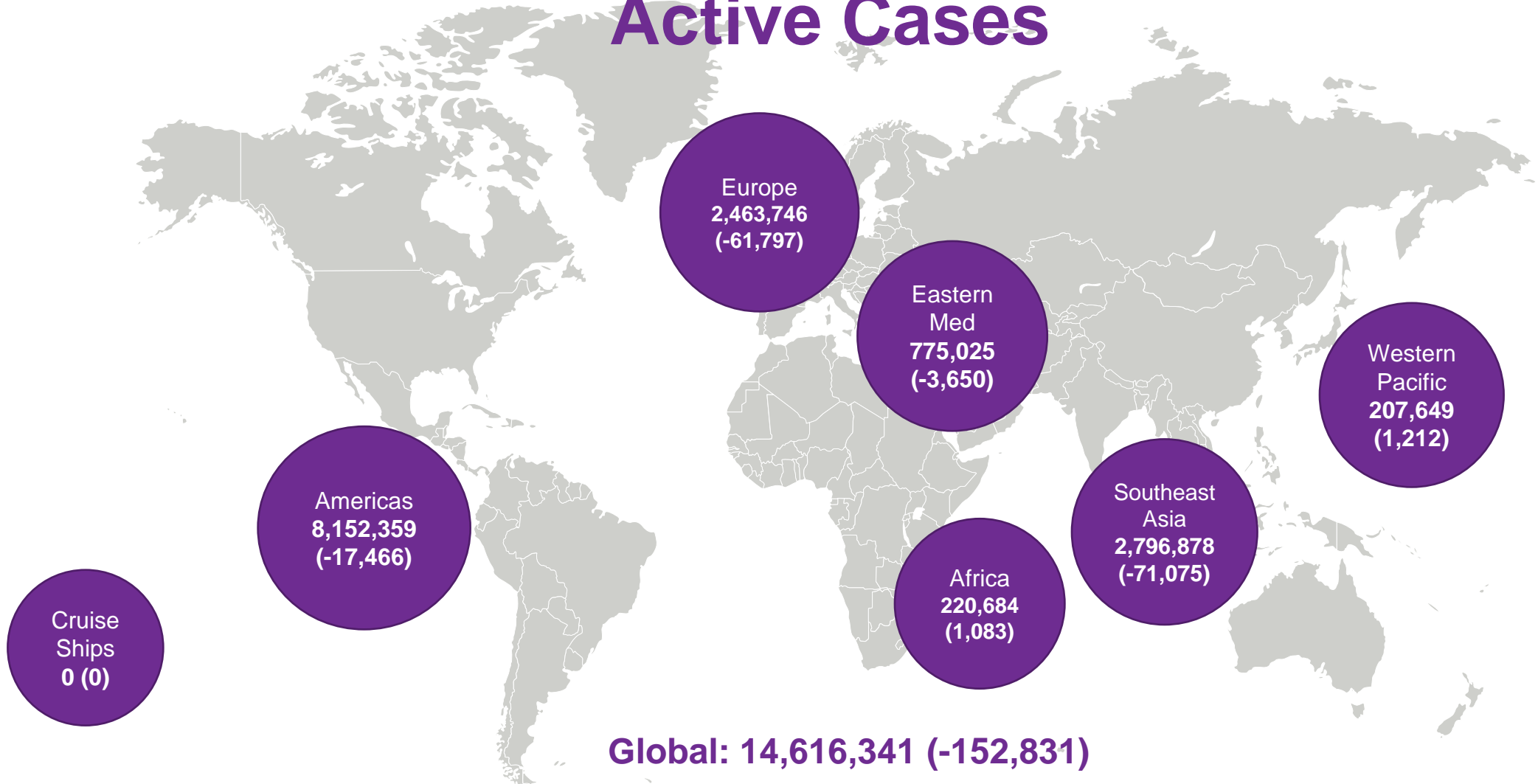
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Bolivia	56055	355349 (3179)	14124 (100)	30074	1195	5.04%
Egypt	53858	257275 (1151)	14850 (43)	2472	143	3.12%
Paraguay	51958	342221 (3307)	8701 (110)	47457	1207	6.19%
Kenya	50415	169356 (431)	3097 (10)	3089	56	1.76%
Bangladesh	47369	793693 (1497)	12458 (17)	4777	75	1.25%
Philippines	46037	1193976 (5310)	20169 (150)	10767	182	2.92%
Thailand	45256	137894 (2455)	873 (41)	1971	12	15.19%
Dominican Republic	45103	286269 (1058)	3613 (3)	26154	330	2.34%
Finland	45018	91964 (220)	946 (4)	16575	170	1.39%
Canada	44785	1368106 (2590)	25361 (37)	35965	667	1.88%
South Africa	42895	1645555 (4623)	56077 (101)	27435	935	1.47%
Switzerland	39252	691119 (996)	10789 (3)	79334	1238	0.89%
Chile	38975	1344618 (5197)	28624 (39)	69801	1486	3.27%
Uruguay	36121	276435 (4576)	4022 (49)	79331	1154	9.79%

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Algeria	35345	127646 (285)	3440 (7)	2865	77	1.37%
UK	34566	4486217 (3184)	128010 (9)	65540	1873	0.40%
Ecuador	34494	421231 (1064)	20312 (85)	23554	1136	1.98%
Norway	33927	123662 (499)	783 (1)	22651	143	2.73%
Ethiopia	32856	270180 (398)	4108 (15)	2299	35	0.96%
Kazakhstan	30667	378311 (1739)	3856 (28)	19934	203	3.77%
Sri Lanka	28601	172277 (2377)	1298 (29)	8015	60	12.15%
Tunisia	27600	338853 (1324)	12398 (56)	28404	1039	2.63%
Bahrain	25821	226416 (2803)	882 (16)	129064	503	8.63%
Maldives	24876	59644 (1299)	147 (3)	108626	268	18.50%
Jamaica	22794	48101 (20)	934 (3)	16180	314	1.10%
Bulgaria	22591	417526 (393)	17617 (36)	60500	2553	0.44%
Portugal	22347	846434 (594)	17022 (1)	83229	1674	0.37%
Greece	21169	395094 (1511)	11916 (44)	38074	1148	2.92%

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UAE	18501	561048 (1757)	1661 (3)	56118	166	1.96%
Lebanon	17690	539271 (280)	7697 (7)	79329	1132	0.41%
Lithuania	17381	272264 (556)	4222 (9)	101291	1571	1.63%
Czechia	14523	1659439 (659)	30056 (8)	154699	2802	0.24%
Venezuela	14413	227407 (1271)	2559 (15)	8018	90	3.78%
Oman	14256	212904 (866)	2293 (9)	40765	439	2.39%
Georgia	13720	340330 (1015)	4682 (28)	85461	1176	1.98%
Denmark	13153	277011 (1076)	2512 (1)	47548	432	2.51%
Kuwait	12999	303039 (1176)	1751 (5)	70031	405	2.75%
Ireland	12794	259863 (448)	4941 (0)	52105	991	1.14%
Serbia	12588	711116 (387)	6811 (10)	81685	782	0.39%
Guatemala	12219	250296 (1472)	8058 (36)	13743	442	2.58%
Jordan	10862	733198 (842)	9407 (12)	71225	914	0.76%

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Romania	10539	1076533 (379)	30092 (52)	56299	1574	0.27%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Libya	10268	184151 (219)	3115 (1)	26477	448	0.98%
Saudi Arabia	10023	444780 (1320)	7295 (17)	12600	207	1.92%
Afghanistan	8786	68366 (623)	2869 (14)	1722	72	5.55%
Trinidad and Tobago	8710	21461 (582)	425 (17)	15290	303	17.67%
South Korea	8160	137682 (707)	1940 (2)	2683	38	3.06%
Myanmar	7838	143318 (22)	3216 (0)	2618	59	0.11%
Nigeria	7546	166146 (48)	2071 (0)	789	10	0.18%
Somalia	7180	14632 (0)	767 (0)	898	47	0.39%
Cambodia	7027	26989 (660)	190 (7)	1594	11	13.74%
Belarus	6921	388987 (1169)	2801 (10)	41178	297	2.29%
Cuba	6842	136628 (1129)	912 (11)	12069	81	6.25%
Latvia	6819	131910 (396)	2348 (6)	70640	1257	1.98%

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Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Austria	6564	642583 (445)	10566 (15)	70983	1167	0.55%
Mongolia	6116	54414 (680)	257 (2)	16362	77	7.93%
Panama	5961	375600 (663)	6357 (4)	85838	1453	0.90%
Azerbaijan	5939	333097 (203)	4885 (8)	32588	478	0.62%
Armenia	5901	222269 (130)	4411 (11)	74883	1486	0.41%
Estonia	5853	129014 (185)	1242 (1)	97197	936	0.98%
Taiwan**	5177	6356 (397)	46 (11)	266	2	60.20%
Angola**	5129	33338 (405)	742 (7)	987	22	5.70%
Slovenia	5033	252486 (388)	4363 (5)	121434	2098	0.81%

Data Source: WorldOMeter   ** Indicates moved up a risk category

HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Sudan	4740	35289 (0)	2600 (0)	788	58	2.88%
Kyrgyzstan	4669	103207 (207)	1773 (8)	15588	268	1.93%
Mali	4228	14256 (4)	514 (0)	686	25	0.25%
Cyprus	4177	72159 (69)	357 (0)	59377	294	0.87%
Lesotho	4065	10822 (0)	326 (0)	5016	151	0.15%
Qatar	3949	216397 (306)	552 (3)	77070	197	1.04%
Burundi	3813	4592 (24)	6 (0)	376	1	4.57%
Cameroon	3786	77982 (249)	1270 (31)	2874	47	0.71%
West Bank & Gaza	3753	306795 (461)	3483 (3)	58914	669	0.74%
Uzbekistan	3697	99064 (215)	684 (2)	2922	20	1.80%
Congo (Brazzaville)	3297	11658 (0)	153 (0)	2067	27	1.56%
Namibia	3218	53603 (171)	789 (10)	20759	306	3.31%
Vietnam	3188	6086 (313)	45 (1)	62	1	22.94%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Croatia	3112	354921 (538)	7971 (21)	86939	1953	0.82%
Nicaragua	2913	7324 (0)	186 (0)	1094	28	1.79%
Congo (Kinshasa)	2844	31248 (76)	780 (0)	340	8	1.73%
Timor-Leste	2739	6245 (231)	14 (0)	4657	10	20.75%
Gabon	2630	24252 (61)	150 (1)	10671	66	0.88%
Slovakia	2625	389176 (190)	12312 (11)	71251	2254	0.27%
Morocco	2617	517818 (385)	9132 (2)	13881	245	0.40%
El Salvador	2574	72821 (0)	2229 (5)	11176	342	1.84%
N Macedonia	2571	155117 (46)	5356 (14)	74457	2571	0.15%
Botswana	2415	52865 (0)	809 (0)	22081	338	3.91%
Suriname	2321	13720 (225)	268 (7)	23201	453	9.56%
Guinea	2134	23080 (20)	160 (0)	1716	12	0.87%
Yemen	2069	6688 (18)	1313 (2)	220	43	1.42%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Guyana	2038	16556 (321)	374 (13)	20958	473	5.73%
Cabo Verde	1860	29763 (214)	259 (0)	53015	461	3.57%
Moldova	1804	254908 (94)	6088 (4)	63323	1512	0.27%
Haiti	1236	14037 (0)	292 (0)	1218	25	3.13%
Luxembourg	1223	69669 (53)	812 (0)	109696	1279	0.39%
Ghana	1221	93711 (0)	783 (0)	2960	25	0.27%
Seychelles	1179	10740 (0)	38 (0)	108600	384	9.09%
Zambia	1115	93627 (199)	1273 (2)	4969	68	1.06%
Rwanda	1098	26817 (37)	350 (1)	2026	26	1.47%
Papua New Guinea**	1019	15368 (146)	159 (4)	1689	17	6.68%

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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
California	1695141	3781120 (1122)	63017 (31)	95698	1595	0.22%
Virginia	607017	674082 (323)	11143 (6)	78974	1305	0.41%
Maryland	439231	458878 (198)	9037 (8)	75902	1495	0.46%
Kentucky	397667	457062 (436)	6744 (19)	102304	1510	0.66%
New York	361693	2098098 (898)	53208 (27)	110471	2751	0.40%
Florida	345238	2316142 (2327)	36647 (66)	107839	1706	0.71%
Washington	214608	432170 (1755)	5741 (19)	57076	761	1.68%
Michigan	178557	990002 (1055)	20239 (14)	99130	2027	0.77%
Rhode Island	139622	151580 (78)	2708 (1)	143086	2556	0.56%
Colorado	114956	540092 (831)	6531 (11)	93787	1162	1.06%
New Jersey	109665	1014974 (395)	26159 (35)	114271	2945	0.27%
Georgia	107518	1121472 (549)	20735 (36)	105626	1953	0.36%
Idaho	78590	191738 (192)	2088 (1)	107292	1168	0.54%
Wisconsin	69284	673388 (365)	7765 (5)	104645	1203	0.37%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Texas	69069	2948986 (2193)	51350 (62)	101746	1779	0.42%
Illinois	65004	1378300 (1135)	25057 (28)	108776	1977	0.58%
Missouri	54207	604298 (449)	9481 (18)	97332	1568	0.51%
Maine	53513	67301 (162)	825 (1)	50062	614	1.46%
Nebraska	50017	223197 (71)	2249 (0)	115383	1163	0.23%
Pennsylvania	46177	1199935 (1039)	27079 (36)	93980	2127	0.75%
South Carolina	42391	591862 (337)	9708 (3)	114953	1886	0.40%
Hawaii	35478	35974 (50)	496 (0)	25408	350	1.08%
Louisiana	29367	469864 (419)	10562 (14)	101072	2272	0.60%
Oregon	29126	199784 (393)	2639 (11)	47368	626	1.50%
Alabama	21893	542831 (269)	11138 (14)	110710	2272	0.36%
Ohio	20467	1099580 (986)	19753 (44)	94069	1690	0.55%
Indiana	18151	741697 (644)	13571 (5)	110171	2016	0.60%
Arizona	17559	878338 (656)	17576 (7)	120672	2415	0.43%

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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
Nevada	17415	323249 (227)	5570 (7)	104946	1808	0.47%
Puerto Rico	14757	138217 (123)	2489 (6)	77883	733	0.77%
North Carolina	14470	999567 (866)	13031 (27)	95305	1242	0.60%
Connecticut	13233	346980 (88)	8227 (6)	97322	2308	0.30%
District of Columbia	13096	48822 (19)	1131 (1)	69178	1603	0.39%
New Mexico	9779	202570 (165)	4458 (0)	96608	2029	0.53%
Alaska	9722	70119 (67)	369 (0)	92020	495	0.52%
Massachusetts	8416	706027 (429)	17841 (6)	102434	2588	0.39%
Kansas	7532	315109 (352)	5068 (9)	107685	1739	0.33%
Utah	6394	405078 (268)	2292 (0)	126352	715	0.41%
Iowa	6246	371031 (158)	6044 (6)	127200	1916	0.28%
Tennessee	5343	861706 (393)	12406 (6)	126180	1817	0.28%
West Virginia	5173	160777 (190)	2788 (6)	89712	1556	1.01%

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
Minnesota*	4731	599909 (432)	7486 (12)	106374	1325	0.62%
Delaware	4057	108532 (123)	1660 (1)	111456	1705	0.56%
Mississippi	2891	317065 (154)	7302 (4)	106535	2454	0.37%
Arkansas	2031	340698 (183)	5827 (3)	112896	1931	0.38%
Vermont	1183	24162 (26)	255 (0)	38722	409	0.72%
Oklahoma	1164	452496 (119)	7291 (373)	114354	1843	0.23%

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