



Round Table Report

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

Active threat

COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2020

Sources: This update is based on multiple official sources, including [WHO updates](#), Ministries of Health, National Health authorities and official social media accounts. Detailed updates are presented on the [ECDC website](#) and [ECDC COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Update: Since the previous RT report published on 28 May 2020 and as of 29 May 2020, 120 319 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 4 734 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from America (67 663), Asia (26 914), Europe (20 980), Africa (4 749) and Oceania (13). The five countries reporting most new cases are: Brazil (26 417), United States (21 817), Russia (8 371), India (7 466) and Peru (5 874).

New deaths have been reported from America (3 166), Europe (985), Asia (485) and Africa (98). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: United States (1 175), Brazil (1 156), Mexico (447), United Kingdom (377) and India (175).

Other updates:

France: The increase reported by France is due to the implementation of a new laboratory-based surveillance system of COVID-19 (SI-DEP) since 13 May 2020 with a significant increase of the laboratory coverage, allowing the inclusion of retrospective cases diagnosed since that date.

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 29 May 2020, 5 776 934 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 360 089 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 129 361 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (27 403), Egypt (20 793), Algeria (8 997), Nigeria (8 915) and Morocco (7 643).

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Asia: 1 040 539 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (165 799), Turkey (160 979), Iran (143 849), China (84 106) and Saudi Arabia (80 185).

America: 2 698 519 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (1 721 750), Brazil (438 238), Peru (141 779), Canada (88 501) and Chile (86 943).

Europe: 1 899 216 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Russia (379 051), United Kingdom (269 127), Spain (237 906), Italy (231 732) and Germany (180 458).

Oceania: 8 603 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (7 150), New Zealand (1 154), Guam (172), French Polynesia (60) and Northern Mariana Islands (22).

Other: 696 cases have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 3 789 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Egypt (845), Algeria (630), South Africa (577), Nigeria (259) and Morocco (202).

Asia: 28 983 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Iran (7 627), India (4 706), China (4 638), Turkey (4 461) and Indonesia (1 496).

America: 155 764 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (101 617), Brazil (26 754), Mexico (9 044), Canada (6 877) and Peru (4 099).

Europe: 171 414 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United Kingdom (37 837), Italy (33 142), France (28 662), Spain (27 119) and Belgium (9 388).

Oceania: 132 deaths; the 4 countries reporting deaths are Australia (103), New Zealand (22), Guam (5) and Northern Mariana Islands (2).

Other: 7 deaths have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

EU/EEA and the UK:

As of 29 May 2020, 1 384 703 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: United Kingdom (269 127), Spain (237 906), Italy (231 732), Germany (180 458), France (149 071), Belgium (57 849), Netherlands (45 950), Sweden (35 727), Portugal (31 596), Ireland (24 841), Poland (22 825), Romania (18 791), Austria (16 543), Denmark (11 512), Czechia (9 140), Norway (8 401), Finland (6 743), Luxembourg (4 008), Hungary (3 841), Greece (2 906), Bulgaria (2 485), Croatia (2 245), Estonia (1 851), Iceland (1 805), Lithuania (1 656), Slovakia (1 520), Slovenia (1 473), Latvia (1 061), Cyprus (941), Malta (616) and Liechtenstein (83).

As of 29 May 2020, 163 515 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: United Kingdom (37 837), Italy (33 142), France (28 662), Spain (27 119), Belgium (9 388), Germany (8 450), Netherlands (5 903), Sweden (4 266), Ireland (1 639), Portugal (1 369), Romania (1 229), Poland (1 038), Austria (668), Denmark (568), Hungary (517), Czechia (319), Finland (313), Norway (236), Greece (175), Bulgaria (136), Luxembourg (110), Slovenia (108), Croatia (102), Lithuania (68), Estonia (66), Slovakia (28), Latvia (24), Cyprus (17), Iceland (10), Malta (7) and Liechtenstein (1).

EU:

As of 29 May 2020, 1 105 287 cases and 125 431 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Update from Surveillance:

ECDC has published a [report](#) outlining the methodology for estimating the point prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 infection by pooled RT-PCR testing. The applied methodology allows experts to monitor the prevalence of infection with high efficiency in terms of laboratory resources. An in-house R software package has been developed to help public health authorities define a strategy and analyse the results.

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):

On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC. On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the [WHO](#) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The [Third](#)

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[International Health Regulations \(IHR\) Emergency Committee](#) meeting for COVID-19 was held in Geneva on 30 April 2020. This committee concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

Assessment: For the last available risk assessment, please visit [ECDC dedicated webpage](#).

Actions: ECDC is producing an update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. For additional questions or requests, please contact 5.1.2e@ecdc.europa.eu

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