

# Round Table Report

## 14 April 2021

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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) – 2019-2021

**Update:** Since the previous RT report published on 13 April 2021 and as of 14 April 2021, 131 154 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 2 967 new deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA.

New cases have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new cases are: France (39 113), Germany (21 693), Italy (13 439), Poland (13 203) and Netherlands (6 677).

New deaths have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new deaths are: Poland (645), Italy (476), France (345), Germany (342) and Hungary (285).

**Summary:** Since 31 December 2019 and as of 14 April 2021, 28 677 824 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported in the EU/EEA, including 650 121 deaths.

#### EU/EEA cases:

As of 14 April 2021, 28 677 824 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (5 106 329), Italy (3 793 033), Spain (3 376 548), Germany (3 044 016), Poland (2 599 850), Czechia (1 590 124), Netherlands (1 362 294), Romania (1 012 373), Belgium (930 509), Sweden (876 506), Portugal (828 173), Hungary (731 675), Austria (577 746), Bulgaria (378 059), Slovakia (372 038), Greece (301 103), Croatia (294 874), Ireland (241 684), Denmark (238 869), Lithuania (227 889), Slovenia (227 838), Estonia (115 629), Latvia (108 355), Norway (104 268), Finland (82 564), Luxembourg (64 062), Cyprus (52 652), Malta (29 720), Iceland (6 274) and Liechtenstein (2 770).

#### EU/EEA deaths:

As of 14 April 2021, 650 121 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (115 088), France (99 508), Germany (79 088), Spain (76 625), Poland (59 126), Czechia (28 124), Romania (25 441), Hungary (24 265), Belgium (23 566), Portugal (16 923), Netherlands (16 801), Bulgaria (14 746), Sweden (13 660), Slovakia (10 716), Austria (9 499), Greece (9 054), Croatia (6 358), Ireland (4 803), Slovenia (4 416), Lithuania (3 713), Denmark (2 446), Latvia (2 002), Estonia (1 049), Finland (877), Luxembourg (777), Norway (688), Malta (403), Cyprus (274), Liechtenstein (56) and Iceland (29).

**Other news:**

On 13 April 2021, vaccination with the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine developed by [Johnson & Johnson](#) was paused in the United States following a [recommendation](#) by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) while they review cases of a rare disorder involving blood clots (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis) in combination with low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia). To date six US cases have been reported (all in women aged 18-48 years who developed the blood clotting disorder within two weeks of vaccination) out of more than 6.8 million vaccine doses administered. In addition, Johnson & Johnson announced that the rollout of the vaccine in Europe will be delayed while they review these cases with the European health authorities. Other countries (including [South Africa](#)) have also suspended vaccination with the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

**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, fourth, fifth and sixth International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April 2020, 31 July 2020, 29 October 2020, and 14 January 2021, respectively. The committee concluded during these meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC. The 7th IHR Emergency Committee meeting is planned for 15 April 2021.

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

**Actions:** ECDC has published the 14th update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. ECDC's [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA was published on 29 December 2020, and a [first update](#) published on 21 January 2021.

## Risk assessment under production

Joint Notification Summary with EFSA on the Multi-country cluster of *Listeria monocytogenes* clonal complex 1 (CC1) linked to soft cheese, to be circulated to MS on the 14 April 2021.

## Expert deployment

One EPIET fellow has been deployed in Georgia, from 24 March 2021 until 1 May 2021, as part of the WHO team providing support to the Georgian NCDC for the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study in health workers.

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Emerging and Vector-borne Diseases: -

Food and Water-borne Diseases: -

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