

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) – 2019-2021

Update: Since the previous RT report published on 29 September 2021 and as of 30 September 2021, 57 252 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 719 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: Germany (12 150), Romania (10 826), France (5 835), Italy (3 212) and Spain (2 761).

New deaths have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new deaths are: Romania (207), Bulgaria (87), Germany (67), Italy (63) and Greece (44).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 30 September 2021, 38 325 286 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 770 584 deaths.

EU/EEA cases:

As of 30 September 2021, 38 325 286 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (7 008 228), Spain (4 956 691), Italy (4 668 261), Germany (4 227 501), Poland (2 905 866), Netherlands (2 001 347), Czechia (1 691 489), Belgium (1 242 726), Romania (1 221 636), Sweden (1 152 027), Portugal (1 068 530), Hungary (822 705), Slovakia (798 921), Austria (737 400), Greece (653 535), Bulgaria (500 112), Croatia (403 080), Ireland (388 665), Denmark (358 369), Lithuania (331 683), Slovenia (293 364), Norway (188 293), Latvia (157 083), Estonia (156 257), Finland (140 889), Cyprus (120 143), Luxembourg (78 130), Malta (37 127), Iceland (11 781) and Liechtenstein (3 447).

EU/EEA deaths: As of 30 September 2021, 770 584 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (130 870), France (116 657), Germany (93 638), Spain (86 397), Poland (75 623), Romania (36 865), Czechia (30 459), Hungary (30 190), Belgium (25 595), Bulgaria (20 812), Netherlands (18 168), Portugal (17 968), Sweden (14 856), Greece (14 795), Slovakia (12 596), Austria (10 762), Croatia (8 628), Ireland (5 249), Lithuania (4 993), Slovenia (4 876), Latvia (2 706), Denmark (2 654), Estonia (1 357), Finland (1 072), Norway (861), Luxembourg (835), Cyprus (552), Malta (457), Liechtenstein (60) and Iceland (33).

Weekly Global Update

Update: Since week 2021-37 and as of week 2021-38, 3 065 954 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 54 027 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from Europe (1 032 626), America (1 001 046), Asia (920 349), Africa (94 541) and Oceania (17 392). The five countries reporting most new cases are: United States (643 648), United Kingdom (234 484), India (200 367), Turkey (166 380) and Russia (145 985).

New deaths have been reported from America (22 679), Europe (14 297), Asia (13 110), Africa (3 726) and Oceania (215). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: United States (11 958), Russia (5 682), Mexico (3 911), Brazil (3 488) and Iran (2 281).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of week 2021-38, 232 483 182 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 4 753 363 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 8 275 096 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (2 896 943), Morocco (929 699), Tunisia (705 295), Ethiopia (341 714) and Libya (337 890).

Asia: 66 883 277 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (33 678 786), Iran (5 519 728), Indonesia (4 208 013), Philippines (2 490 858) and Malaysia (2 198 235).

America: 89 562 546 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (42 931 410), Brazil (21 351 972), Argentina (5 251 873), Colombia (4 952 690) and Mexico (3 635 807).

Europe: 67 523 445 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United Kingdom (7 664 230), Russia (7 420 913), Turkey (7 013 639), France (6 994 319) and Spain (4 951 640).

Oceania: 238 113 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (97 540), Fiji (50 685), French Polynesia (44 942), Papua New Guinea (19 523) and Guam (14 536).

Other: 705 cases have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 209 784 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (87 052), Tunisia (24 788), Egypt (17 187), Morocco (14 199) and Algeria (5 777).

Asia: 1 034 271 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (447 194), Indonesia (141 467), Iran (119 072), Philippines (37 405) and Pakistan (27 597).

America: 2 203 816 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (688 033), Brazil (594 443), Mexico (275 676), Peru (199 314) and Colombia (126 178).

Europe: 1 302 506 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Russia (203 900), United Kingdom (136 168), Italy (130 697), France (116 463) and Germany (93 403).

Oceania: 2 980 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (1 231), French Polynesia (611), Fiji (590), Papua New Guinea (226) and Guam (192).

Other: 6 deaths have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

EU/EEA:

As of week 2021-38, 38 188 384 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (6 994 319), Spain (4 951 640), Italy (4 660 314), Germany (4 199 400), Poland (2 903 655), Netherlands (1 996 455), Czechia (1 689 620), Belgium (1 238 782), Romania (1 199 761), Sweden (1 150 105), Portugal (1 067 175), Hungary (821 261), Slovakia (798 921), Austria (732 259), Greece (645 969), Bulgaria (492 861), Croatia (400 108), Ireland (384 677), Denmark (357 370), Lithuania (327 896), Slovenia (290 994), Norway (186 926), Latvia (154 786), Estonia (153 926), Finland (139 405), Cyprus (119 767), Luxembourg (77 762), Malta (37 103), Iceland (11 722) and Liechtenstein (3 445).

As of week 2021-38, 768 681 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (130 697), France (116 463), Germany (93 403), Spain (86 298), Poland (75 572), Romania (36 450), Czechia (30 454), Hungary (30 171), Belgium (25 568), Bulgaria (20 489), Netherlands (18 150), Portugal (17 955), Sweden (14 850), Greece (14 679), Slovakia (12 596), Austria (10 736), Croatia (8 606), Ireland (5 209), Lithuania (4 946), Slovenia (4 857), Latvia (2 684), Denmark (2 646), Estonia (1 346), Finland (1 069), Norway (850), Luxembourg (835), Cyprus (552), Malta (457), Liechtenstein (60) and Iceland (33).

EU:

As of week 2021-38, 37 986 291 cases and 767 738 deaths have been reported in the EU.

In week 2021-37, in the EU/EEA overall, the reported weekly cases decreased by 7.7 % compared to the previous week. The highest weekly increases in descending order were observed in Romania, Hungary, Croatia and Poland. The countries with the highest 14-day notification rates per 100 000 population are: Slovenia (652), Lithuania (507), Estonia (462), Ireland (374), and Croatia (351). Sixteen of the 29 EU/EEA countries (Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Spain) reported a decrease in the weekly cases.

The latest epidemiological summary for the EU/EEA and individual member states can be found at the ECDC [dedicated webpage](#).

Other news

According to a [press release](#) by the Slovenian Minister of Health on 29 September 2021, Slovenia has temporarily suspended the use of the Janssen vaccine after a young woman died within a fortnight of receiving the shot. The country's special advisory group for vaccination at the National Institute of Public Health advised to stop the use of the vaccine until the circumstances of the woman's death have been investigated.

As [announced](#) on 20 September 2021, [Pfizer and BioNTech](#) have submitted initial data to the United States' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from the Phase 2/3 trial of their COVID-19 vaccine in children aged 5 to 12 years for initial review. A formal submission to request Emergency Use Authorization is expected to follow in the coming weeks. Submissions to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and other regulatory authorities are also planned.

Daily update on SARS-CoV-2 variants

Since the last report at the round table, no relevant epidemiological updates regarding SARS-CoV-2 VOC have been detected.

For the latest information about variants, please see [ECDC's webpage on variants](#).

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 [WHO](#) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The [third](#), [fourth](#), [fifth](#), [sixth](#), [seventh](#) and [eighth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April 2020, 31 July 2020, 29 October 2020, 14 January 2021, 15 April 2021 and 14 July 2021, respectively. The Committee concluded during these meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

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

Actions: ECDC has published the 15th update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. For the latest rapid risk assessment on SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern, please see [ECDC's webpage on variants](#). Rapid risk assessment 'Assessing SARS-CoV-2 circulation, variants of concern, non-pharmaceutical interventions and vaccine rollout in the EU/EEA, 16th update,' to be published on 30 September.

Risk assessments under production

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Multi-country outbreak of multiple *Salmonella enterica* serotypes linked to imported sesame-based products, to be published on 14 October 2021.

Expert deployment

An EPIET fellow based in Finland is deployed in Kosovo* since 26 September 2021 to support WHO EURO in the implementation of a COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study. The deployment is expected to last 6 weeks.

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*

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