



Current
Situation:
COVID-19

March 30th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

High Death Tolls in Europe

Both **Italy** and **Spain** reported more than [800 deaths each](#) in a 24 hour period. Italy accounts for a third of global fatalities.

However, the number of new cases in Italy [rose by just 4,050](#), the lowest amount since March 17. [Experts say](#) Italy should stabilize soon with vigilance.

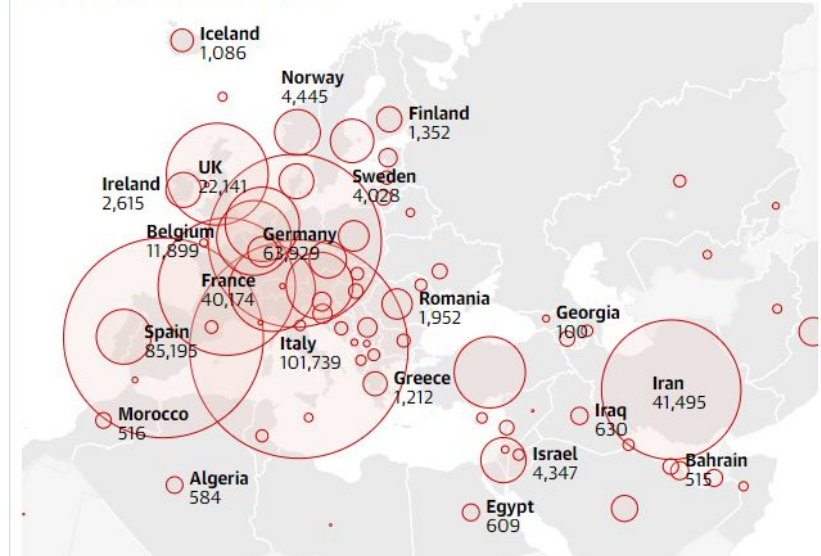
Other Nations Prepare for Worst

Moscow, Europe's largest capital, and **Lagos**, Africa's most populous city, [have implemented lockdowns](#) in efforts to contain the virus.

India is taking extreme measures as [thousands of migrant workers flee cities](#) after nationwide lockdown sparking outrage.

Confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa

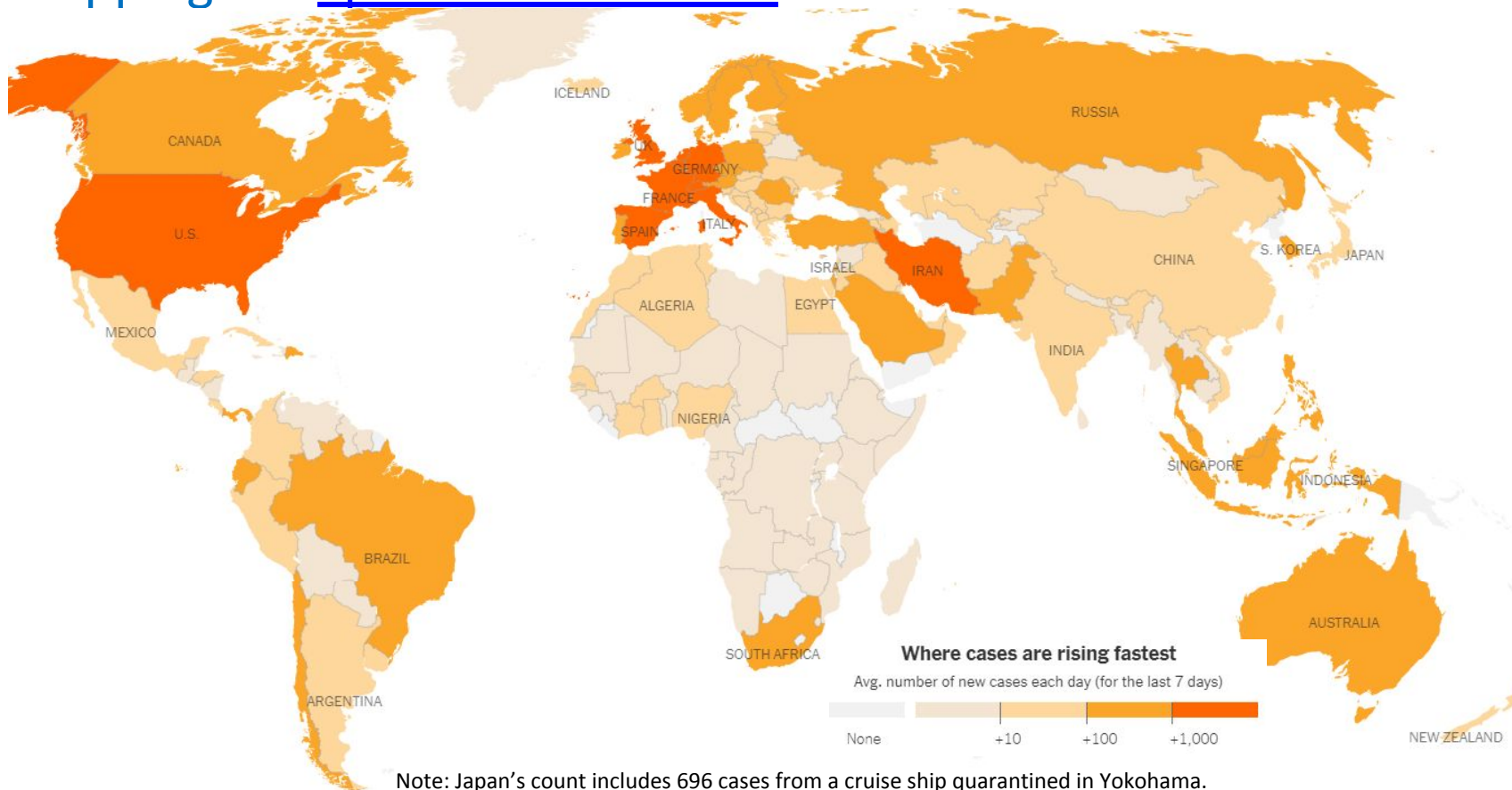
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Guardian graphic. [Sources](#): Johns Hopkins CSSE, WHO, CDC, NHC and Dingxiangyuan

Mapping the Spread of COVID-19

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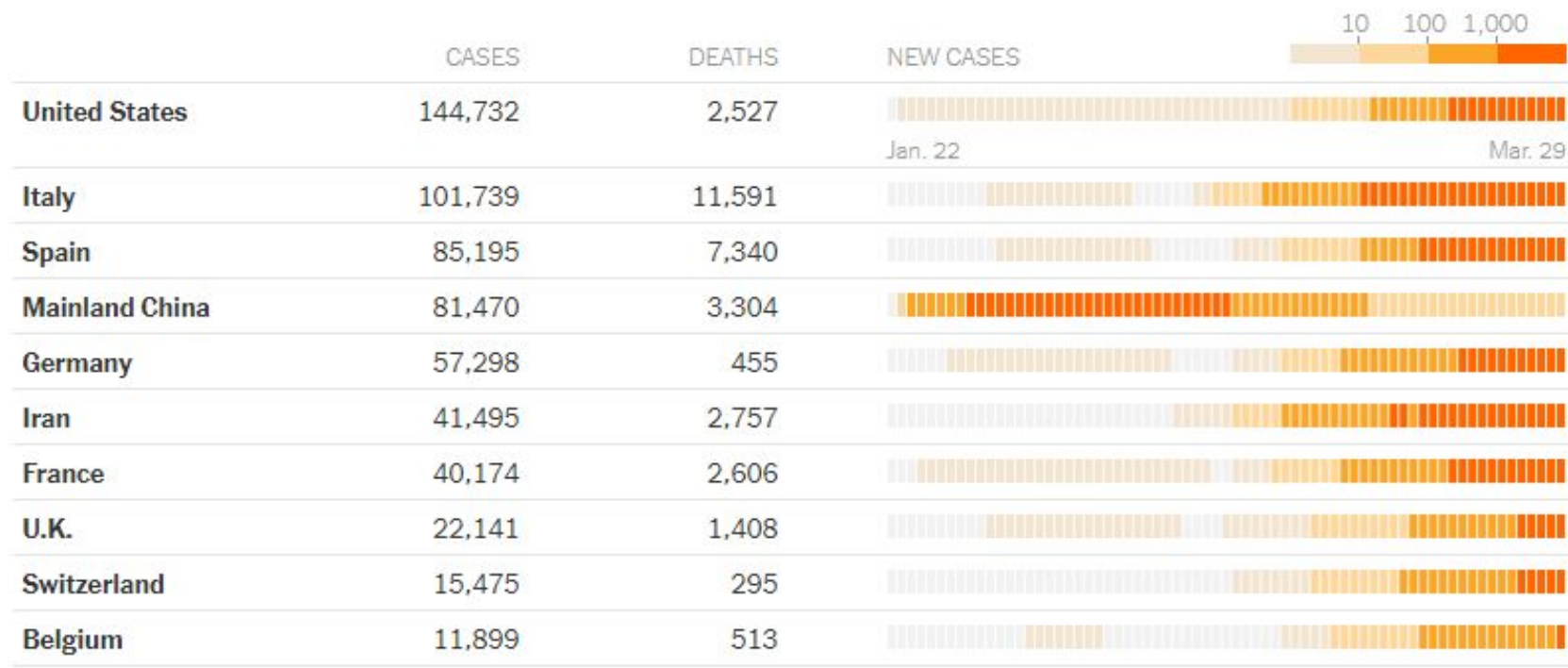
Note: Japan's count includes 696 cases from a cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama.

Sources: Local governments; The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University; National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China; World Health Organization.

Top 10 Countries with Confirmed Cases

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Confirmed cases



[Source](#)

COVID-19 in the U.S.

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Virus Spreading in U.S.

According to [the CDC](#), U.S. has over 140,000 cases in all 50 states.

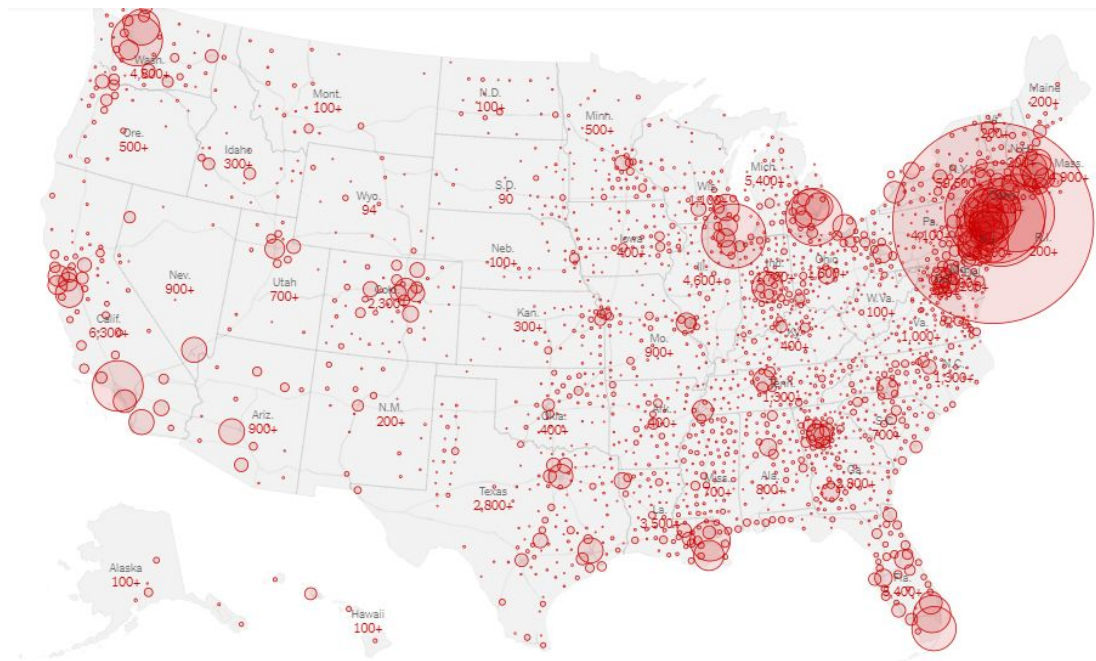
In [New York](#), 1,218 people have died, and 9,517 people in the state are hospitalized with the virus.

Increasing Measures to Slow Spread

About [three out of four](#) Americans are or will soon be under instructions to stay at home.

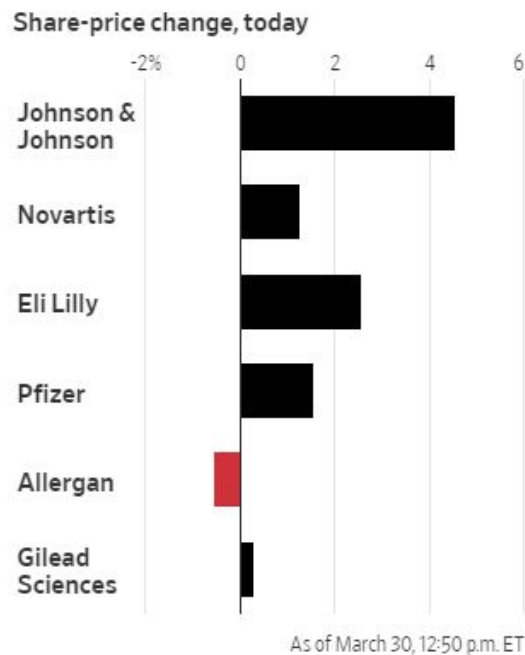
Some states force travelers from coronavirus [‘hotspots’ to self-quarantine](#).

White House [extends social distancing guidelines](#) until April 30th.



Note: The map shows the known locations of coronavirus cases by county. Circles are sized by the number of people there who have tested positive, which may differ from where they contracted the illness. Some people who traveled overseas were taken for treatment in California, Nebraska and Texas. [Sources](#): State and local health agencies, hospitals, C.D.C.

Impact on Markets



Fluctuation Continues

[US Stocks Opened Higher on Monday](#). The S&P 500 rose about 1 per cent in early trading, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.2 per cent.

Both Hong Kong's Hang Seng and China's CSI 300 index of Shanghai- and Shenzhen-listed stocks fell [about 1%](#).

[Oil prices fall to 18 year low](#) as price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia carries on.

Hopeful News of Tests and Vaccines

Shares of Abbott Laboratories [jumped 7.2%](#) after the drugmaker said the FDA approved an [emergency coronavirus test](#).

[Johnson & Johnson rose 7%](#) after the company said it had made progress on a vaccine for COVID-19 and that the product could be ready in early 2021.

Economic Reactions

Emerging Markets Take Radical Measures

Central banks of Poland, Colombia, the Philippines and South Africa have all begun to [buy government and private sector bonds on secondary markets](#), while central banks of Brazil and the Czech Republic have asked for new laws to allow them to do so.

[See different measures carried out by countries around the world here.](#)

Growing Concerns over Consequences for Developing Countries

[UNDP warns of economic devastation for poor nations](#) as they estimate income losses will exceed \$220 billion in developing countries.

Both the [IMF and World Bank urge debt relief](#) for poorer nations.

"Poorer countries will take the hardest hit, especially ones that were already heavily indebted before the crisis," the World Bank's president, David Malpass, told the International Monetary and Financial Committee.

Security &
Stability
Concerns



Global Responses to Pandemic

Temporary Peace in Colombia

[Colombia's ELN guerrillas declare unilateral ceasefire](#) for the month of April amid pandemic.

Political Divide Growing in Brazil

[Brazilian President Bolsonaro](#) downplaying virus hindering efforts by state governors to establish isolation measures.



[Source: Getty Images](#)

Hungarian Prime Minister Granted Emergency Powers

[Hungary passes law](#) that will allow the Government to rule by decree with no end date.

[Amnesty International](#) Hungary Director, David Vig, shares concerns that “this bill would give Viktor Orbán and his government carte blanche to restrict human rights.”

Global Challenges

Difficulties with COVID-19 Prevention Measures

As virus spreads, unique challenges arise with translating “social distancing” in languages where this concept doesn’t exist.

Lack of Access

While proper handwashing is urged to combat the spread, it remains largely out of reach for billions around the world without access to water and soap. Roughly 40% of the world’s population, or 3 billion people, lack a handwashing facility with soap and water at home.



A volunteer shares information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in Nairobi’s Kibera slum. Photo by: REUTERS / Baz Ratner [Source](#)

International Call to Action

[UN calls for rollback of sanctions](#) around the world to help combat the virus. “I am encouraging the waiving of sanctions imposed on countries to ensure access to food, essential health supplies, and COVID-19 medical support. This is the time for solidarity not exclusion,” UN Secretary-General António Guterres wrote.

[International Committee of the Red Cross](#) says urgent action needed in conflict zones as COVID-19 represents a major threat to life.

[WHO, UN Foundation and Swiss Philanthropy Foundation](#) launched “first-of-its-kind” [\(COVID-19\) Solidarity Response Fund](#) to help countries respond to the pandemic.



WHO's Strategic Objectives:

Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan aims to:

1. Coordinate across regions to assess, respond and mitigate risks
2. Improve country preparedness and response
3. Accelerate research and development

As of 11 March 2020 WHO has:



Bought and shipped PPE to 57 countries

- 584 000 surgical masks
- 47 000 N95 masks
- 620 000 gloves
- 72 000 gowns
- 11 000 goggles



Strengthened the laboratory capacity

Supplied case management kits to 120 countries to increase countries' clinical management capacity.

39 countries in Africa, 20 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and 29 in the Americas are due to have the ability to detect COVID-19.



Provided information to public

- 40 technical guidance documents
- Public advice, including:
 - Steps to protect yourself
 - Myth busters
 - Guidance for schools
 - Guidance for the workplace
 - Guidance for healthworkers and more



Built capacity to respond

Developed 6 multilingual online courses and one simulation exercise reaching 176000 responders.

More information:
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training

You can now contribute by donating directly:

www.who.int/Covid19ResponseFund
www.covid19responsefund.org



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