



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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April 13th,  
2020 Update

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# Monitoring the Virus

## U.S. with Highest Death Toll

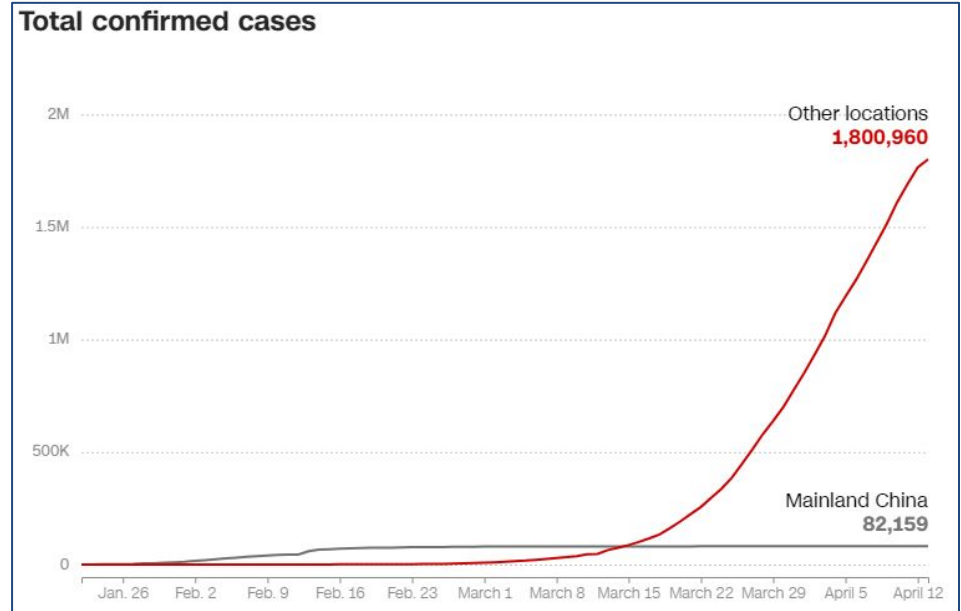
The [U.S. surpassed Italy](#) as the country with the highest number of deaths with over 22,000 by early Monday and 557,000 cases.

## Watching New Cases Springing up Asia

China reported [highest number of new cases](#) in over five weeks, highlighting fears of a second wave.

[South Korea reporting relapses](#) where those who were cleared are now testing positive.

[Indonesia ramping up testing](#) as rate of infections accelerate.



[Source:](#) Last updated: April 13, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. ET . Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering

# Europe Sees Signs of Stabilization

## Decrease in New Cases & Deaths

Spain begins to slowly [ease up lockdown measures](#) after number of new infections decreasing.

[Italy and France report](#) drop in number of deaths. Meanwhile there are talks of [reopening schools in Germany](#) soon.

[U.K. death toll surpassed 10,000](#) on Sunday. Prime Minister Boris Johnson was released from the hospital after spending three nights in intensive care.



# Cases Grow in Russia



*“We have a lot of problems, and we don’t have much to brag about, nor reason to, and we certainly can’t relax,”*

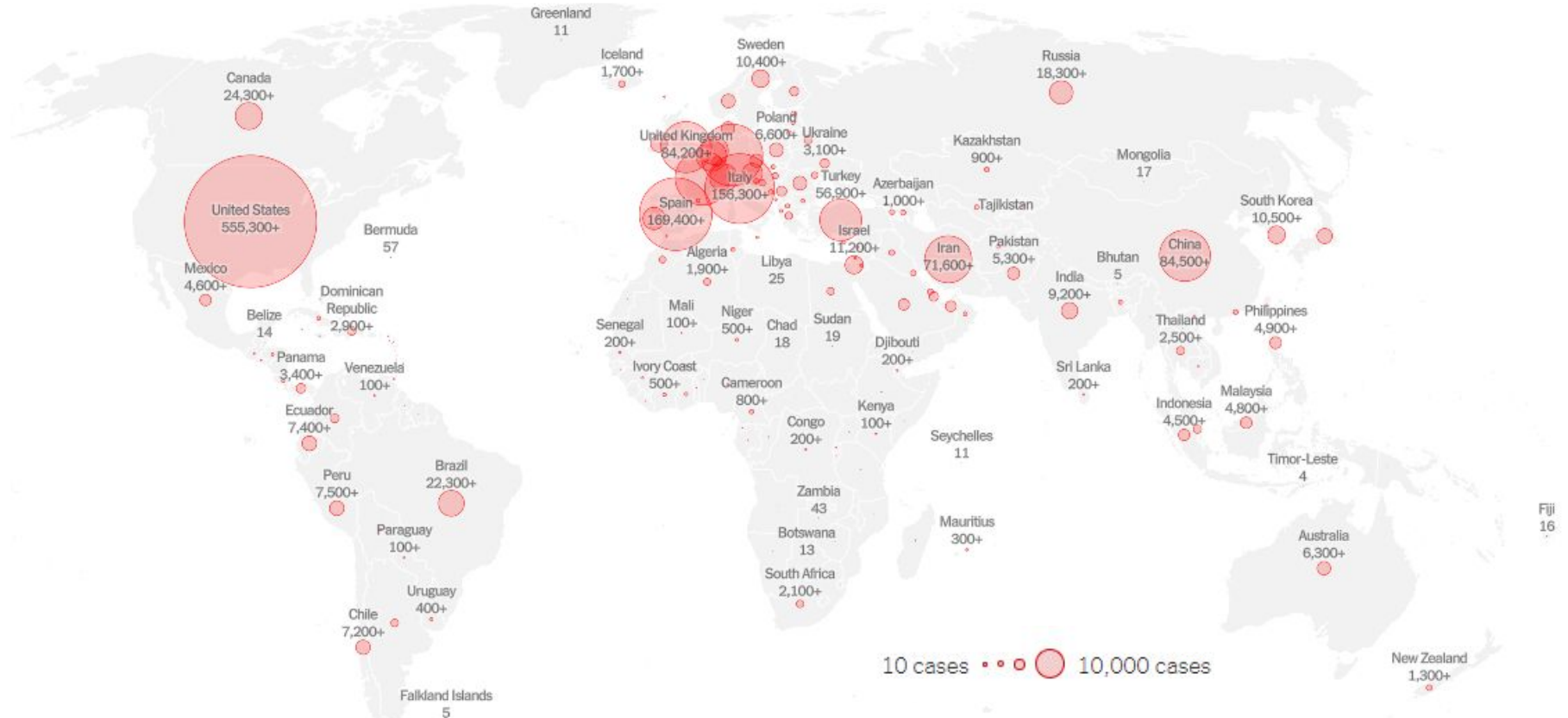
President Putin told senior officials in a televised videoconference.

*“We are not past the peak of the epidemic, not even in Moscow.”*



## Confirmed cases worldwide

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**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. Data for the West Bank and Gaza was reported together by the Palestinian Health Ministry and includes only Palestinian-controlled land. Russia is reporting data for Crimea. Data for some countries, like the United States and France, include counts for overseas territories. Japan's count includes 696 cases and seven deaths from a cruise ship that docked in Yokohama

# COVID-19 in the U.S.

## Cautious Optimism

New cases have declined, dropping below [29,000 on Sunday for the first time since April 5](#).

## New York Death Toll Plateaus

New York state alone has nearly half of entire nation's deaths, [passing 10,000 over the weekend](#).

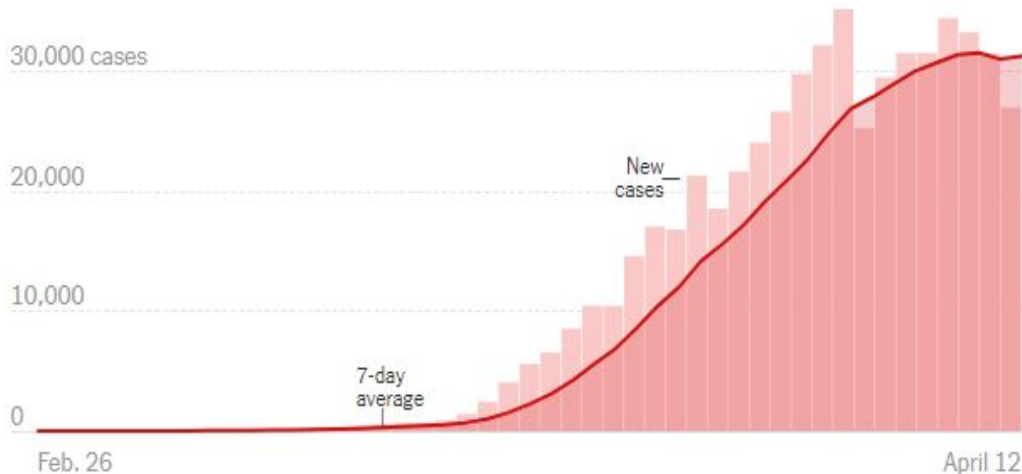
## Smithfield Foods Closes Plant

One of largest [pork processing facilities](#) [closes indefinitely](#) after coronavirus outbreak.

## Push for More Testing

South Korea to send up to [600,000 coronavirus testing kits](#) to U.S.

New reported cases by day in the United States



[Source](#)

# U.S. Talks of Possibility of 'Rolling Entry'

*"We are hoping that at the end of the month we can look around and say OK, is there any element here that we can safely and cautiously start pulling back on,"*

said Dr. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.



[Source](#)

# Developments & Setbacks

## Misinformation Problems Persist

New [poll shows nearly 30% of Americans](#) believe coronavirus was created in a lab.

## Difficulty Getting More Medical Personnel in Hot Spots

[Travel and visa restrictions hinder efforts to increase capacity of healthcare workers](#) by bringing on foreign-born nurses and doctors.



[Source](#)

## Treatments Still a Work in Progress

Small [Chloroquine study in Brazil ended](#) over risk of fatal heart complications.

Find more information on updates regarding treatment drugs on the [CDC website](#).



# Security & Stability Concerns



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# Impact on International Relations & Stability

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## Virus Adding to Tensions in China

Reports of [racism in Guangzhou, China against African nationals](#) sparks outrage and puts tension on relations between China and various African nations.

## Cooperation in Europe

Alternatively, the [Coronavirus crisis seems to be reviving Franco-German relations](#) as the two countries worked together to establish the [emergency deal](#) for the eurozone.

## Violence in Vulnerable Areas

[A Libyan hospital treating coronavirus patients was attacked](#) along with a medical warehouse.

## Drastic Measures Enforced

The government of [Sri Lanka orders cremations mandatory](#) for those who died from coronavirus. This rule ignited anger by rights groups as it goes against Muslim traditions.

# WHO Mythbusting

See how the WHO is combating misinformation and rumors on their [website](#).

Viruses cannot travel on radio waves/mobile networks.

COVID-19 is spreading in many countries that do not have 5G mobile networks.

COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks.

People can also be infected by touching a contaminated surface and then their eyes, mouth or nose.

**FACT:**  
5G mobile networks  
**DO NOT** spread COVID-19



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