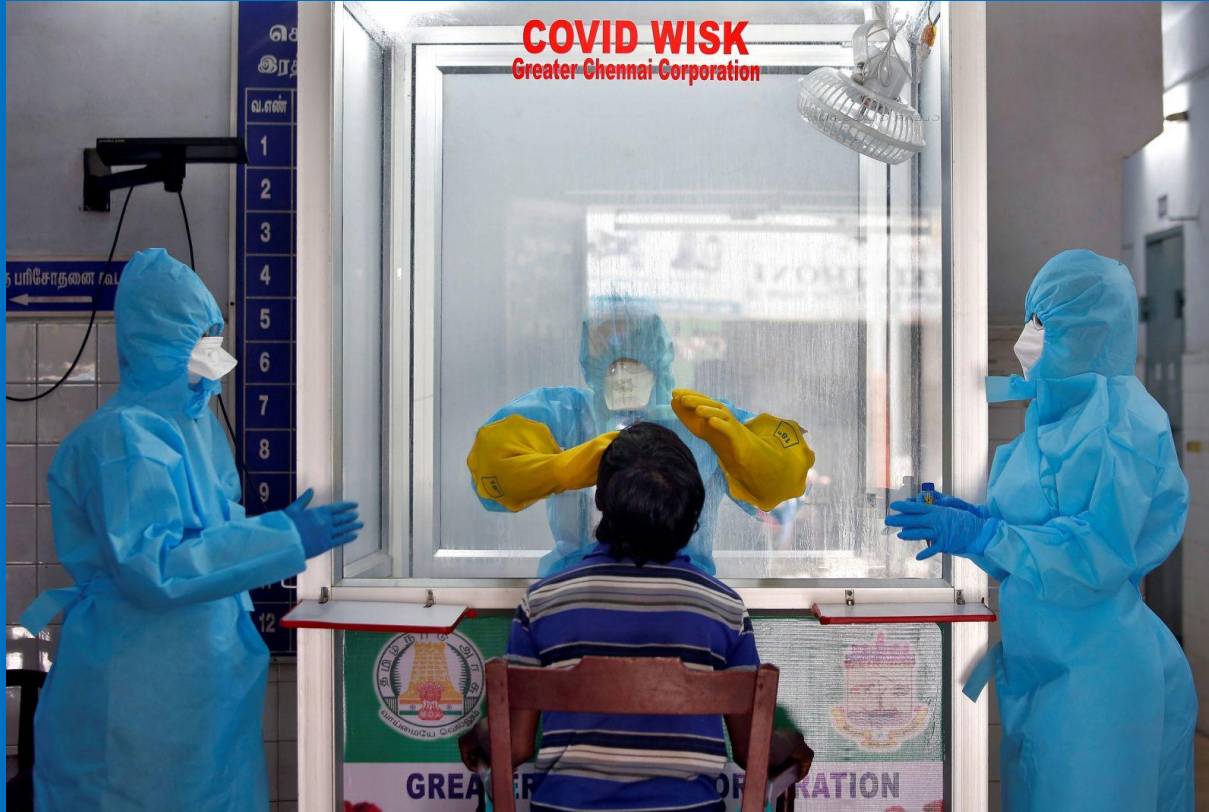


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# Current Situation: COVID-19

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# Monitoring the Virus

## Decrease in New Cases in Europe

Italy reported [2,792 new cases](#), the lowest in the past month.

Spain's Health Ministry announced [3,045 new cases](#), which is the lowest daily increase since late March.

Meanwhile, Britain reported a daily increase of [5,252 confirmed cases](#).

The governments of Denmark, Poland and Austria have also begun [easing restrictions](#).

## Latin America Containment

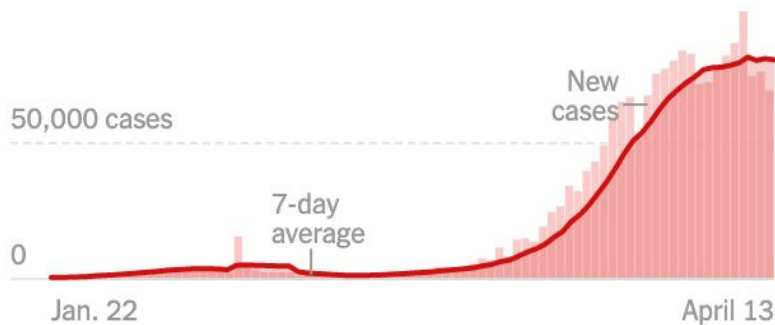
[Many nations in Latin America are adopting restrictive measures](#) after witnessing the events in Italy and Spain. Though officials in El Salvador have been criticised for enforcing social isolation measures infringing on people's freedom, officials in Brazil have been criticised for not doing enough.

TOTAL CASES

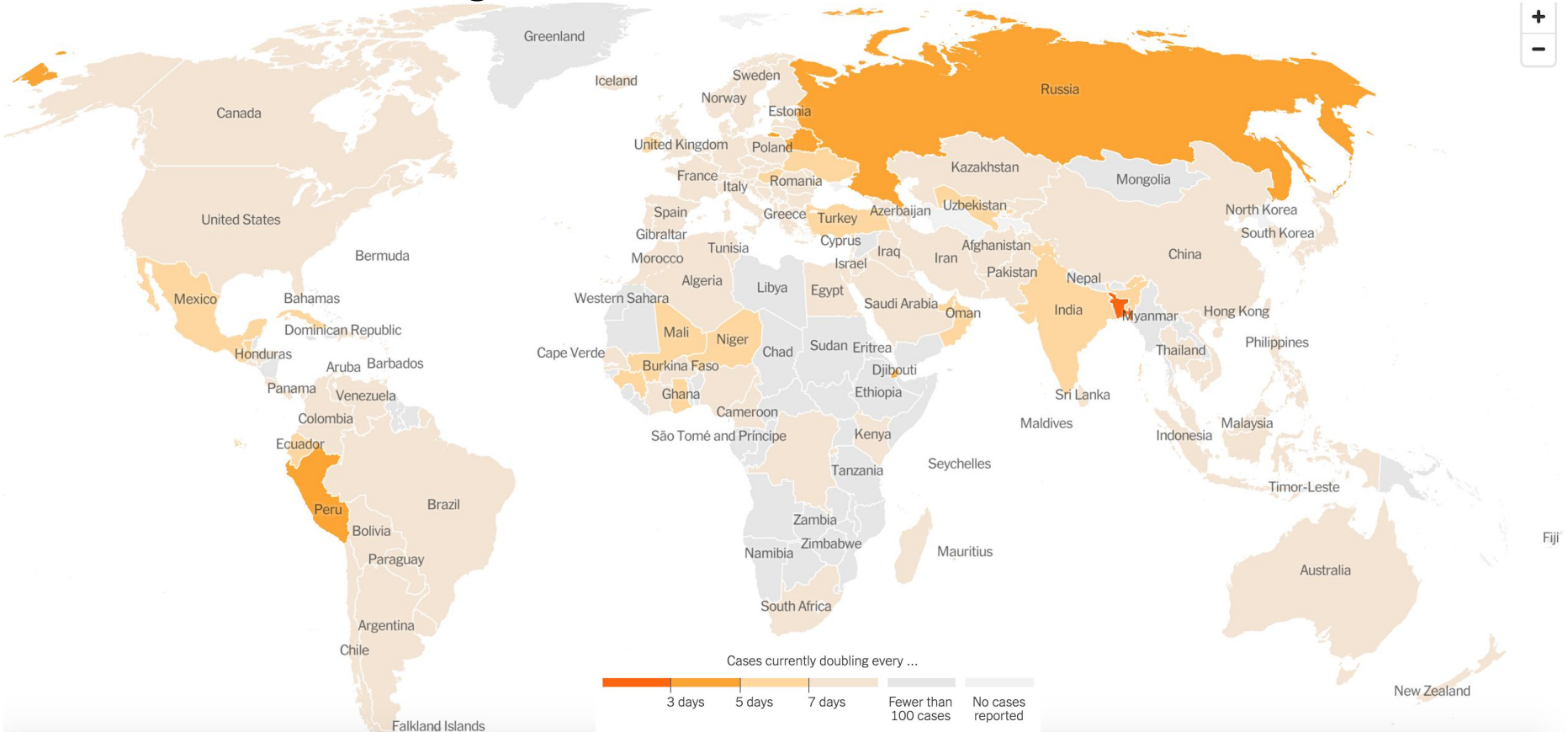
**1.8 million+**

DEATHS

**120,021**



# Where Cases are Rising Fastest



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, a peninsula it [annexed in 2014](#) in a move that led to international sanctions. 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.

## President vs. Governors

[U.S. Governors are pushing back](#) against President Trump, saying the decision to reopen the economy is a decision of the state.

## New York Death Toll

The per day death total in New York rose again on Monday after it declined for two days, [marking 779 more deaths](#).

## Texas Abortion Appeal

In Texas, The U.S. Court of Appeals [reversed its decision](#) on medical abortions.

## Youth Offenders Seek Release From Jail

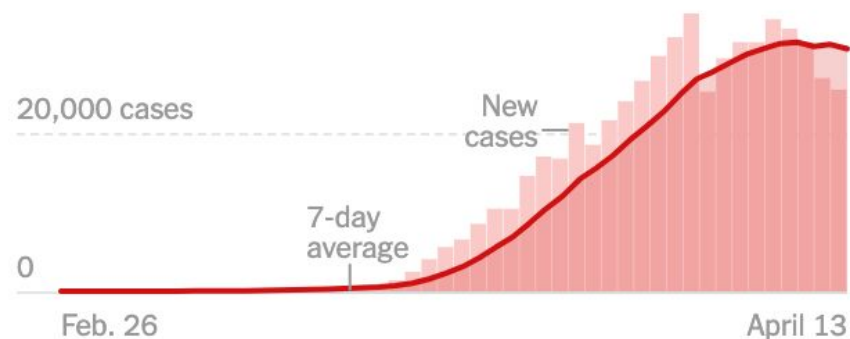
Across the U.S., some of the youngest nonviolent offenders and at risk individuals are [seeking to be released](#).

TOTAL CASES

**580,878**

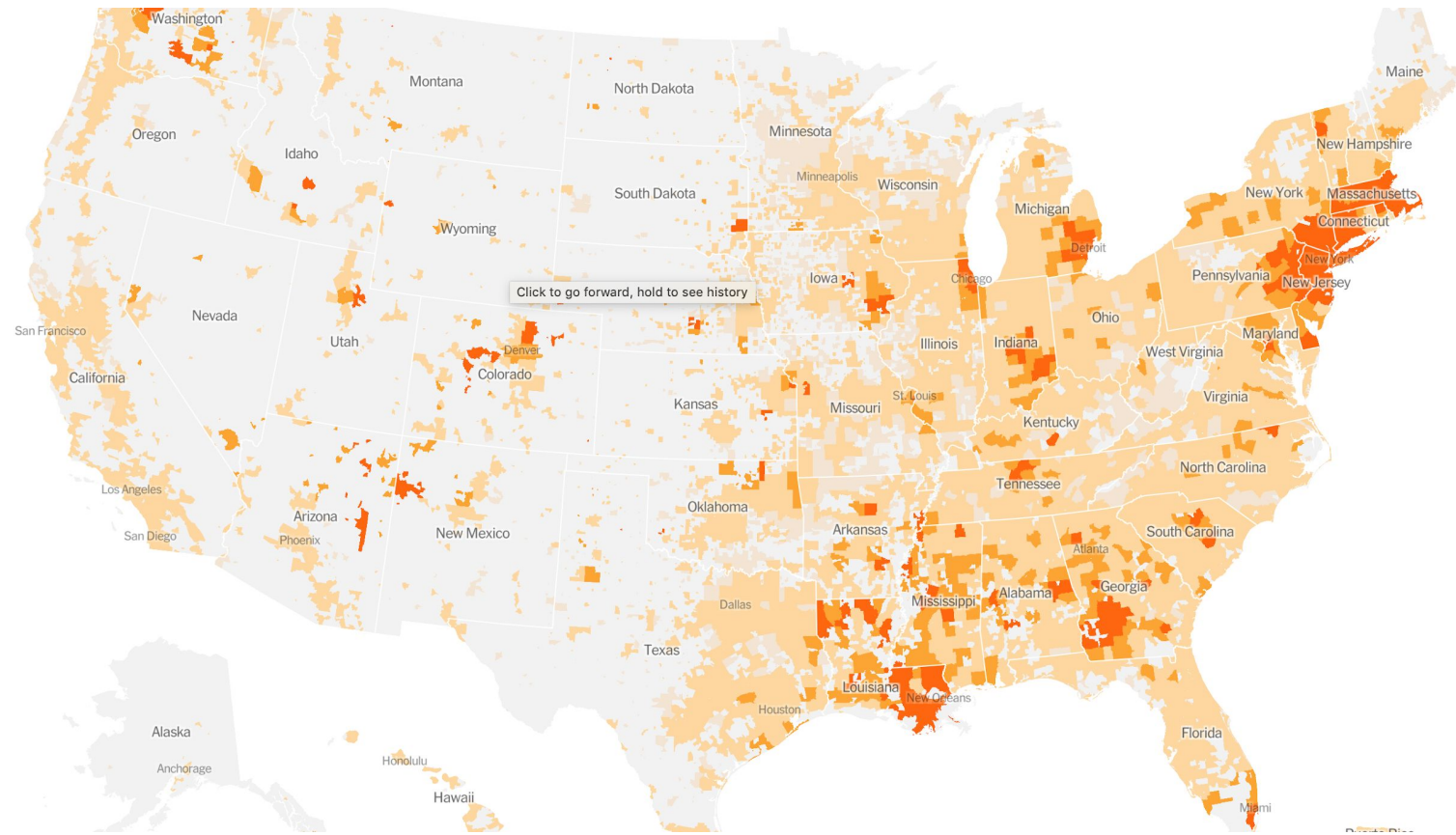
DEATHS

**23,607**



[source](#)

# Confirmed Cases in the United States



Note: The map shows the known locations of coronavirus cases by county. For total cases and deaths: Circles are sized by the number of people there who have tested positive, which may differ from where they contracted the illness. For per capita: Parts of a county with a population density of less than 10 people per square mile are not shaded. Sources: State and local health agencies and hospitals. [Sources](#): State and local health agencies, hospitals, C.D.C.



# Global Economy

## Economic Downturn

The [I.M.F predicts](#) that we are going into the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. According to the [World Economic Outlook](#), the global economy is expected to contract 3%.

## Debt Relief for Poor Countries

Finance officials and bankers from G7 countries are discussing [plans to temporarily halt debt payments](#) from some of the world's poorest countries. This will only happen if G20 governments agree.



*"May all nations be put in a position to meet the greatest needs of the moment through the reduction, if not the forgiveness, of the debt burdening the balance sheets of the poorest nations."*

-Pope Francis

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# Easing Restrictions

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With many countries facing a plateau or drop in the number of new cases, governments are grappling with the best way to begin easing restrictions.

## California's Benchmarks

The governor of California, Gavin Newsom, revealed [the next steps that will be taken](#) in the process of easing restrictive measures, to include expanding testing and isolating infected patients, reducing the exposure of the more vulnerable people, hospitals having the ability to handle patients, preparing businesses and schools to reopen while maintaining social distancing, and creating a plan to revive restrictive measure if cases begin to rise again.

## Releasing Young Adults First

Researchers in the UK have proposed [letting young adults age 20-30 return to work](#) before anyone else. Because young adults are at a lower risk of getting severe symptoms from COVID-19, they believe it would be a safe strategy to begin opening the economy.

## Immunity Passport

Some countries are considered implementing ["immunity passports"](#) for those who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19. However, there are still questions about whether a person is immune after recovery, and for how long.

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# Global Reactions & Responses

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## **Rebels, Cartels, and Gangs Join Fight**

Along with governments working to stop the spread of the virus, [armed rebels, drug cartels, and gangs](#) have been stepping up. In Mexico, drugs cartels have created aid packages for citizens under economic stress. In Afghanistan, the Taliban has sent health teams to various provinces. In Brazil and El Salvador, many gangs have implemented curfews in their territory.

## **Brazil Protects Indigenous Population**

[Outsiders have been banned in Brazil](#) from traveling into tribal land of indigenous populations. These restrictions have come as concerns rise regarding indigenous communities with many vulnerable people.

## **Austria Reopens Thousands of Shops**

Austria has reopened thousands of shops across the nation, becoming [one of the first European countries](#) to ease lockdown measures.



# Positive News

## Army Vet Walks For \$1.3 Million

Leading up to his 100th birthday, an army veteran [pledged to walked 100 lengths of his garden](#) in an attempt to raise a thousand dollars for healthcare workers. However, his dedication inspired many, and he ended up raising \$1.3 million.

## Joy4-All Project

A group of Canadian high schoolers created a hotline to play pre-recorded messages in order to comfort quarantined senior citizens across North America. You can listen to the hotline by dialing [1-877-JOY-4ALL](#).

## Bears Take Back Yosemite

[Bears are thriving](#) in Yosemite National Park, which is closed to visitors. They are free to roam in all the places that were previously filled with tourists.



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