



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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April 22nd,  
2020 Update

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# Monitoring the Virus

The virus has been detected in at least 177 countries and has infected more than [2.6 million people around the world with nearly 200,000 reported deaths](#).

## U.S Hardest Hit

The U.S. has more than [four times as many confirmed cases](#) as any other nation.

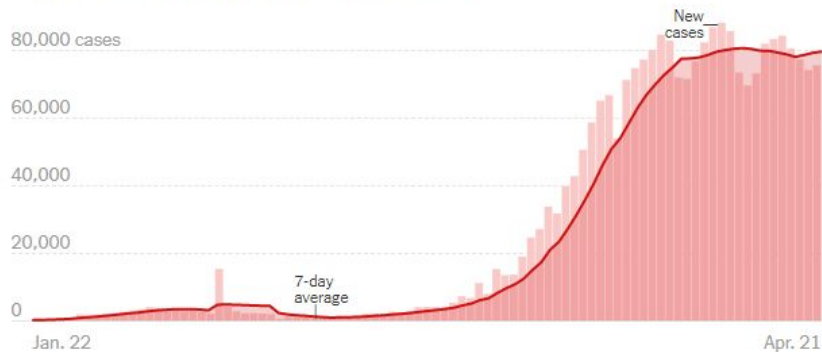
## Numbers Growing

Confirmed [cases in Russia climb to 58,000](#) people and [Pakistan records highest number of deaths](#) in a day as the government struggles to respond.

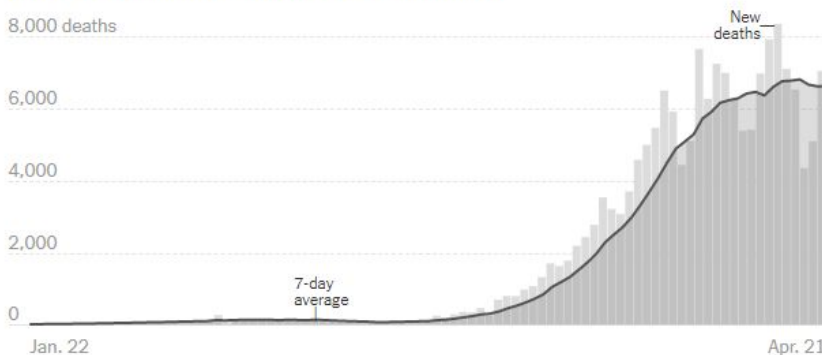
## Spread in South America

Numbers in [Peru rise as they now have the second highest number of cases](#) in South America, behind Brazil.

New reported cases by day across the world

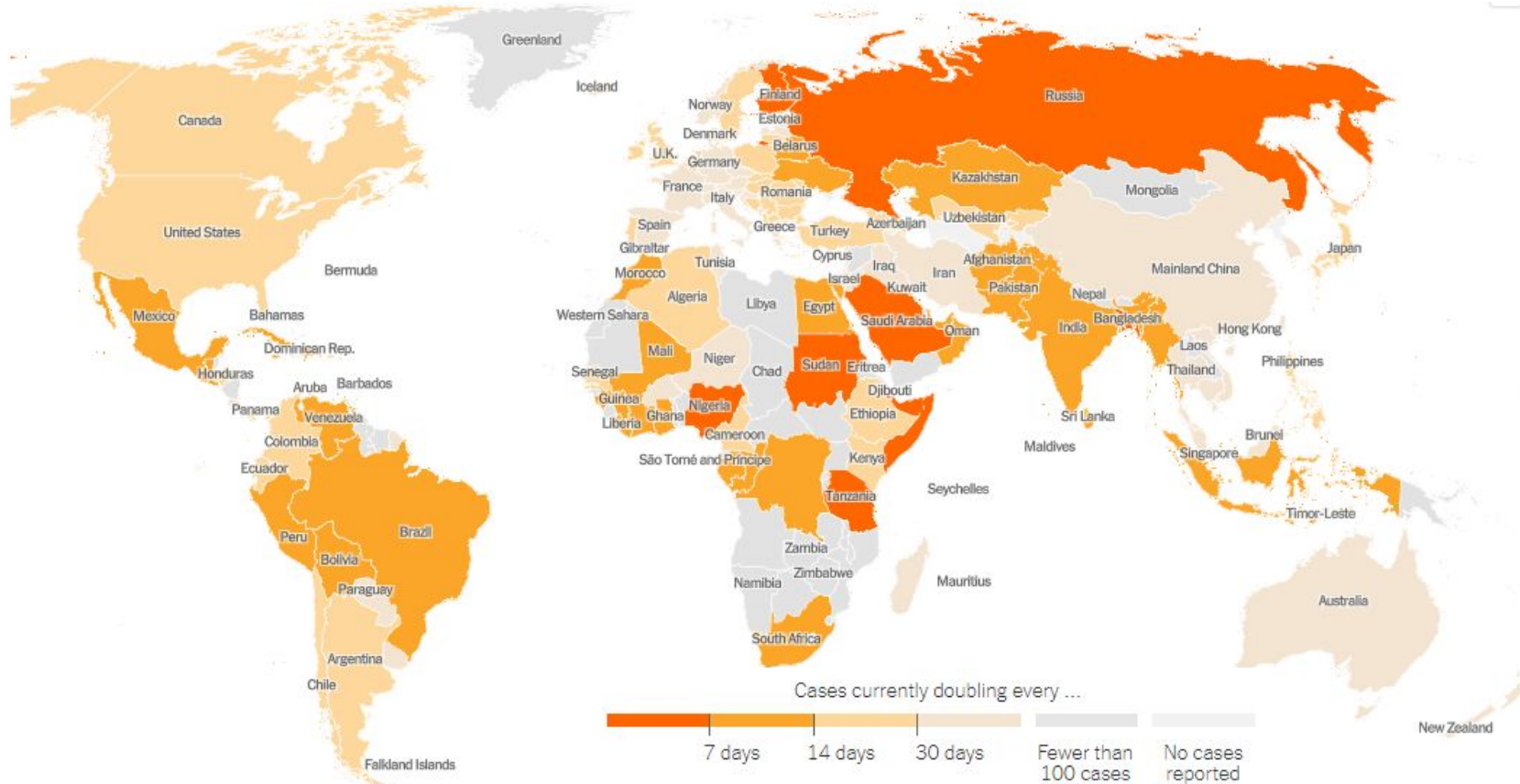


New reported deaths by day across the world



# New Confirmed Cases Worldwide

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[Source](#)

# COVID-19 in the U.S.

## Grim Warnings

[CDC director warns second wave](#) is likely to be even more devastating.

## New Discovery Changes Timeline

First [U.S. deaths from coronavirus discovered to be weeks earlier](#) than previously known.

## Effects of Election

After debate surrounding Wisconsin's election, [officials have traced at least seven positive cases](#) of COVID-19 to in-person voting.

## Home Test Kits Approved

[FDA authorizes first at-home diagnostic test](#). It will be made available to [health care workers and emergency workers first](#) before reaching general consumers.



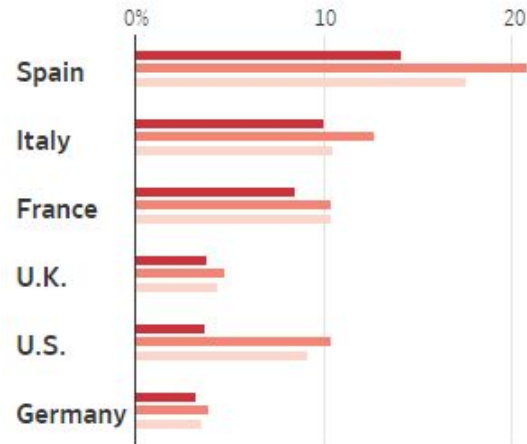
# Economic Impact

## Unemployment Rising

The International Monetary Fund expects jobless rates to surge this year, but fall back in 2021.

### Unemployment rates

■ 2019 reported ■ 2020 projection  
■ 2021 projection



[Source](#)

## High Unemployment Estimates

McKinsey & Co. estimates up to 59 million jobs in the EU and the U.K. are at risk, or 26% of total employment.

## Oil Prices Fall

International oil prices continue to drop to [lowest point in two decades](#).

## U.S. Food Supply Chains Hit

Restaurant closings throughout the U.S. [cause farmers to destroy food](#).

## Retail Industry Suffering

[Garment workers in Bangladesh face ruin](#) as orders are suspended or cancelled amid coronavirus pandemic.

# Global Responses to Pandemic

## Cautious Reopening

[Iran begins slowly reopening](#) after reported rate of infection decreases; some health officials fear move may be premature and other health professionals fear that the numbers do not capture the true infection rate.

## Domestic Travel Restrictions

Indonesia [imposes domestic travel restrictions and bans the practice of 'mudik'](#) ahead of Ramadan in [efforts to curb the spread of the virus.](#)

## Protections for Health Care Workers

[Indian government issues urgent executive order](#) to protect healthcare workers after reports of attacks.

## Unexpected Face of Relief

[Daughter of Mexican drug lord is distributing food and other supplies](#) in packages bearing her father's likeness to the poor and elderly in Guadalajara.





# Concerns over Security & Stability



## U.S.-China Relations

The state of [Missouri has sued China](#) over claims of coronavirus misinformation with China calling the lawsuit [“absurd and has no factual and legal basis at all.”](#)

## Concerns over Lockdown Enforcement

President Duterte of the Philippines [threatens to impose martial law as 120,000 people have been arrested](#) for violating the lockdown rules.

A photograph of a four-story apartment building with a light-colored facade. Each floor has a balcony with a metal railing. On the top floor, a red patio umbrella is visible on the left, and various items are on the balcony. The second floor from the top has several people standing on the balcony; one person is wearing a bright yellow shirt. Laundry is hanging on the railings. The third floor has a green sheet hanging prominently on the left, and more laundry and items are scattered across the balcony. The ground floor has a few people standing near the entrances, and a yellow sheet is hanging on the left. The sky is clear and blue. A blue rectangular box with white text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# Humanitarian Challenges



# Vulnerable Areas

## Tragedy in Conflict Zones

A [WHO worker was killed by gunfire in Myanmar](#) while driving a well-marked UN vehicle collecting coronavirus samples, continuing calls for a ceasefire during the pandemic.

At least [148 asylum seekers in Greece](#) test positive for COVID-19, highlighting concerns over virus' spread through overcrowded refugee camps. This comes following a [fire that blazed through one of the largest refugee camps](#) after a protest over a woman's death.

## Precautions in Lebanon

A [Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon has been put on lockdown](#) after first coronavirus case is confirmed by UN officials.



# International Relief Efforts



## Global Cooperation

As of yesterday, [over 100 countries have joined](#) the [Solidarity Trial](#) which is comparing four treatment options against local standard of care, to assess their relative effectiveness against COVID-19.

The “[One World, Together at Home](#)” concert co-organized by WHO and Global Citizen this past weekend [raised more than \\$127 million](#) and was watched by over [20 million viewers](#).

# Reduction in Carbon Emissions

World Meteorological Organization finds that the [global pandemic will drive carbon emissions down by 6% this year.](#)

*“This crisis has had an impact on the emissions of greenhouse gases,” [Taalas said during a virtual press briefing.](#) “We estimate that there is going to be a 6% drop in carbon emissions this year because of the lack of emissions from transportation and industry and energy production.”*



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