



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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2020 Update

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# Monitoring the Virus

There have been over 3 million [confirmed cases of COVID-19](#), and approximately 200,000 related deaths.

## UK Figures

The UK has reported around 20,000 deaths. However, data from ONS shows the death toll [may be underreported by 52%](#).

## Death Toll in Italy Climbs

The death toll in Italy has climbed by about 380 people and [the number of infections](#) has passed 200,000.

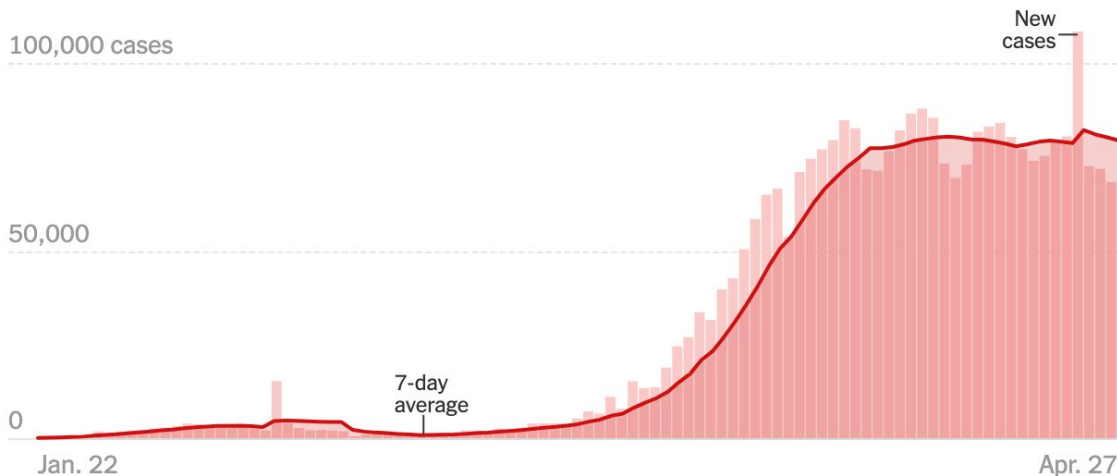
## Pakistan's Deadliest Day

Pakistan has its deadliest day so far, [reporting at least 20 deaths](#).

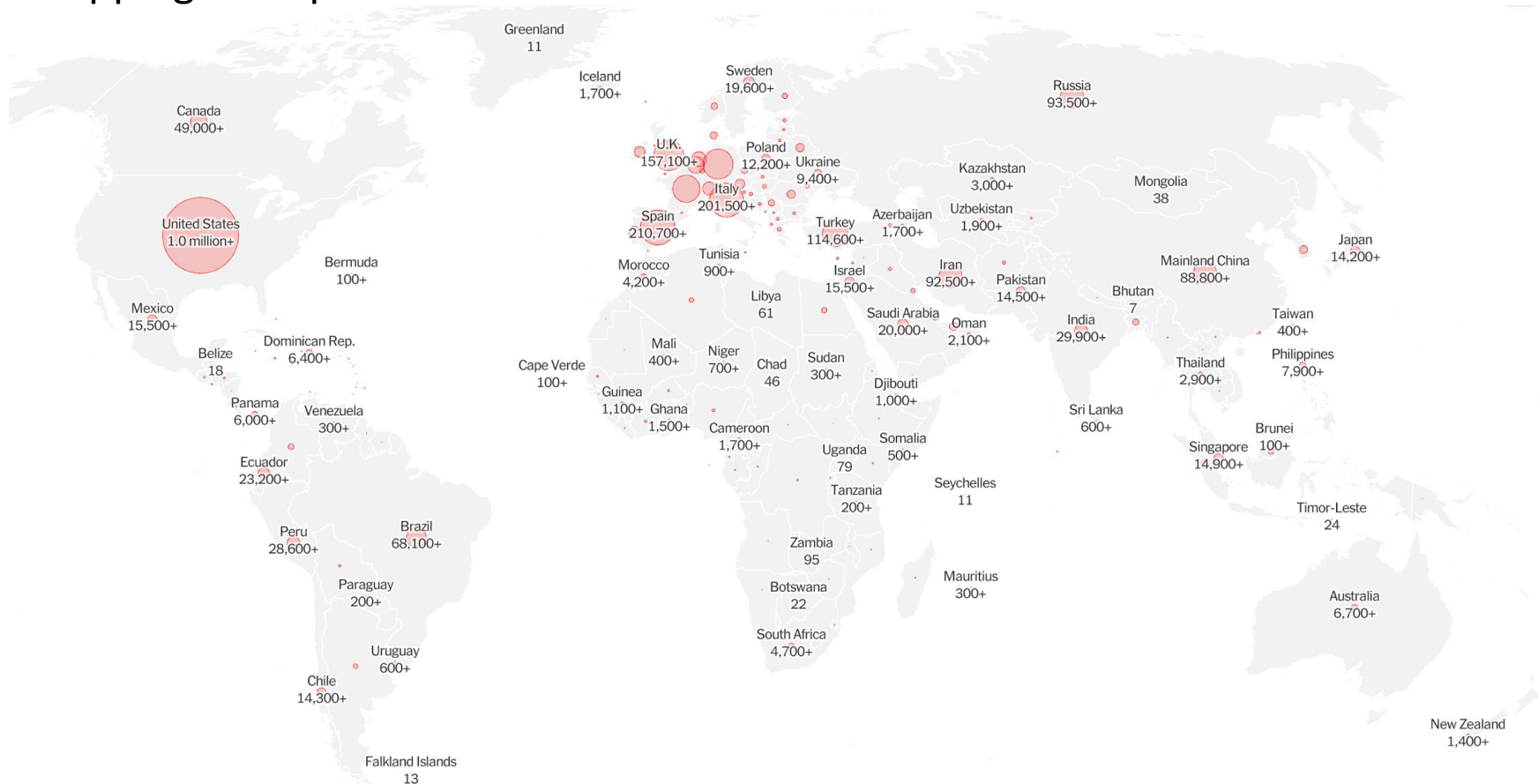
## Infections in Iran

Iran has [reported 1,000 new cases](#), taking its total to almost 100,000 cases since mid-February.

## New reported cases by day across the world



# Mapping The Spread



**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. For new cases map: Doubling time is calculated for the last week of cases.

# COVID-19 in the U.S.

## New York Death Toll

In New York City, there have been around [12,000 COVID-19 related deaths](#). However, the number of hospitalizations has reached its lowest daily amount in more than a month.

## Western States Pact

Colorado and Nevada are the [newest members of the Western State Pact](#) which includes Washington, California, and Oregon. The states are teaming up to plan a coronavirus exit strategy.

## Meat Processing Plant Executive Order

President Trump is expected to sign an executive order under the Defense Protection Act forcing [meat processing plants to remain open](#).

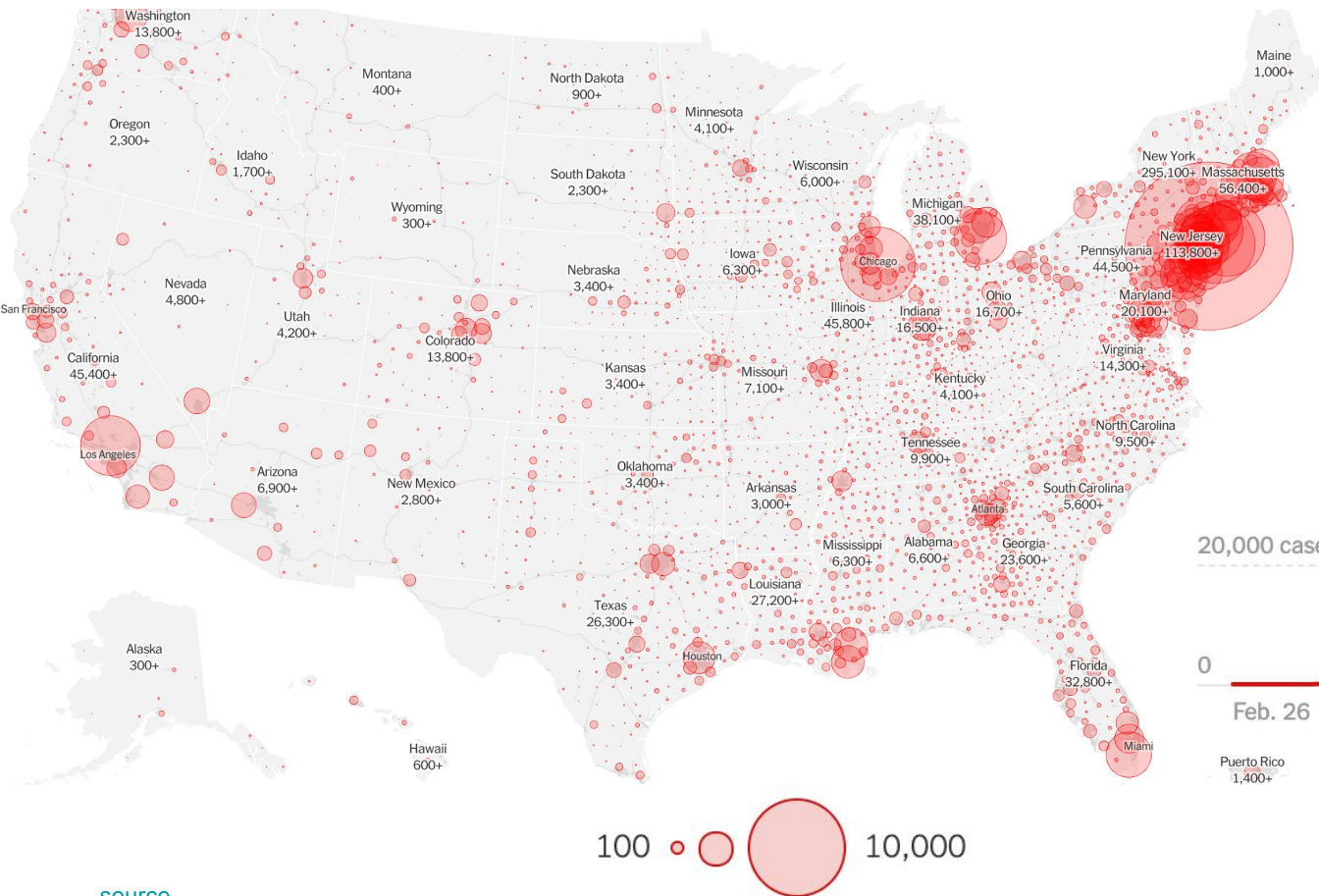
## Supreme Court Phone Hearings

Next month, the Supreme Court is is going to start holding [hearings by phone](#) for the first time in history.





# Confirmed Cases in the United States



TOTAL CASES

**1 million+**

DEATHS

**52,188**

20,000 cases

7-day average

0

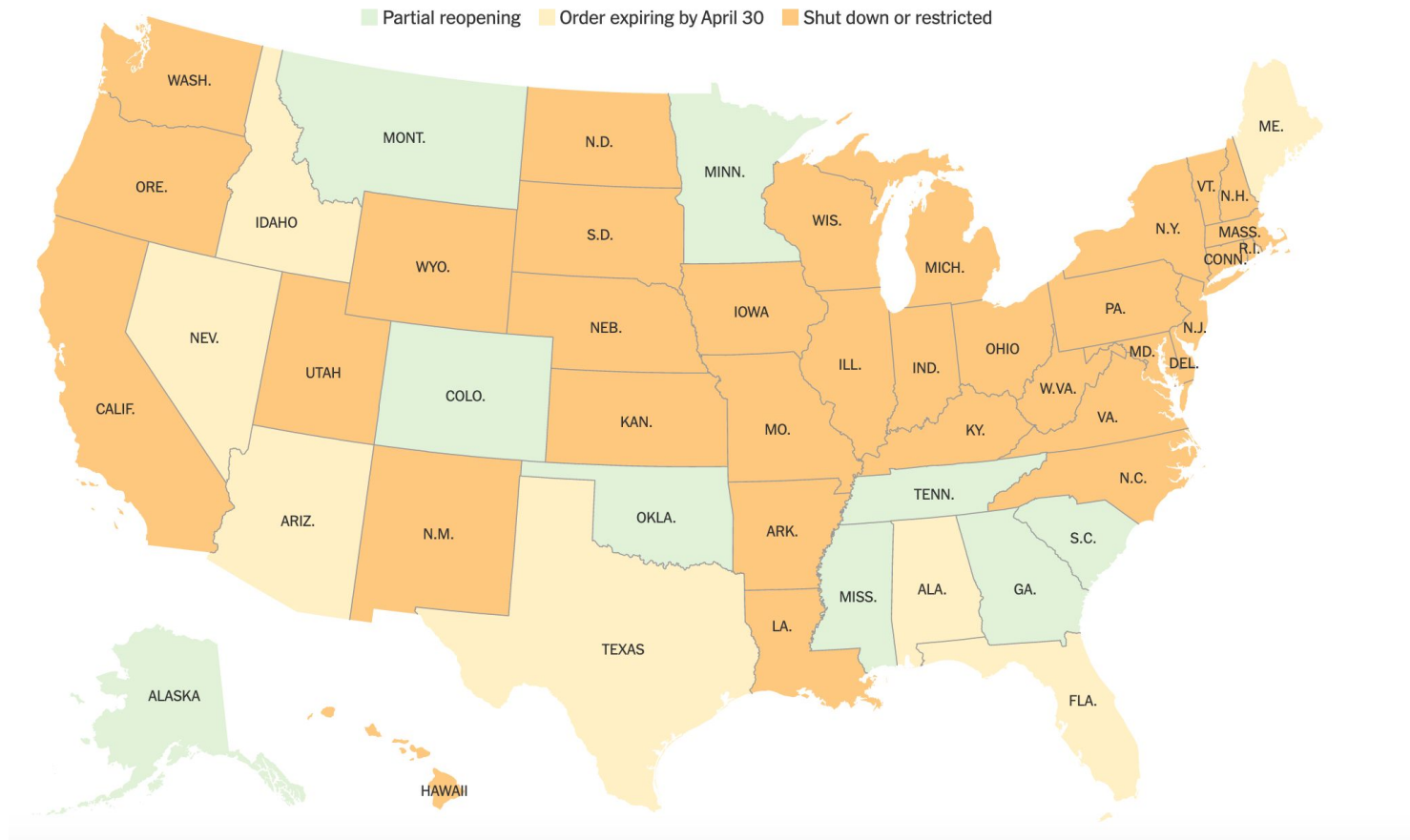
Feb. 26

Apr. 27

Puerto Rico  
1,400+

100 • 1,000 10,000

## Which U.S. States Are Reopening and Which Are Still Shut Down



# Economic Updates

## Women and Low Wage Workers

According to a report from the [Resolutions Foundation](#), women and low-wage workers have been the most affected by the crisis.

## IMF Emergency Fund for Nigeria

The IMF has approved a \$3.4 billion emergency fund for Nigeria to [help with economic recovery](#).

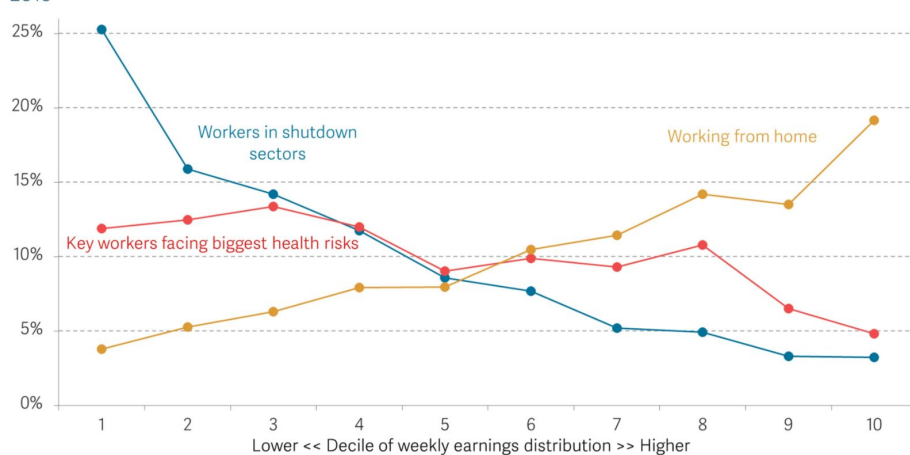
## BP Quarterly Loss

The UK's energy giant, BP, has reported a [\\$4.4 billion loss in the last quarter](#) as oil prices crash.

## British Healthcare Worker Compensation

The British government has announced [\\$75,000 of reparations](#) for the families of healthcare workers that die from COVID-19.

Proportion of employees aged 16-69 in each coronavirus job group, by weekly pay decile: UK, 2019



Notes: Pay data is from the 2019 quarters of the Labour Force Survey. Workers are assigned to groups based on their industry and occupation of work. The predicted probability of being able to work from home is drawn from analysis of waves 6 and 8 of Understanding Society. Source: RF analysis of ISER, Understanding Society; ONS, Labour Force Survey.

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# Humanitarian Challenges

## Displaced People in Yemen

The UN has said that about [one million displaced people](#) in Yemen could possibly lose their shelter.

## Sudan's Sanctions

[According to the UN](#), unless the sanctions in Sudan are taken away and financial support is provided, the country could plunge into a humanitarian crisis.

## South Asia Health Crisis

UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, has reported that [thousands of children are at risk](#) due to children not being able to be vaccinated.





# Europe Planning the End of Lockdown

France has unveiled its plan to [begin easing the lockdown](#) starting May 11th, contingent on the number of new infections per day dropping below 3,000.

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has [announced a four-phase plan](#) to lift the lockdown measures, with aims to end the lockdown completely by the end of June.

Starting May 4th, Greece is planning on [gradually easing its lockdown measures](#).

Portugal is planning to [lift its national state of emergency](#) on May 3rd, though officials say the opening will be very gradual.



# COVID-19 Research

## Disease in Infants Linked to COVID-19

A new severe inflammatory disease that affects infants is being investigated by researchers who believe it could potentially [be linked to COVID-19](#).

## Monkey Protected by Vaccine

A Chinese biotech company has reported the first use of a vaccine being able to [protect an animal from being infected](#). Human trials began on April 16th.



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Further updates will be sent in future briefings.



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