



Current
Situation:
COVID-19

May 6th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

Numbers in Pakistan Rising

[Pakistan concerned that workers returning from UAE](#) are infected with coronavirus.

Reported Cases Increase in Africa

In the last week, there has been a [43% jump in the number of reported cases in Africa](#), and the WHO has warned that the continent of 1.3 billion people is poised to potentially become the next epicenter.

Germany Continues Positive Trend

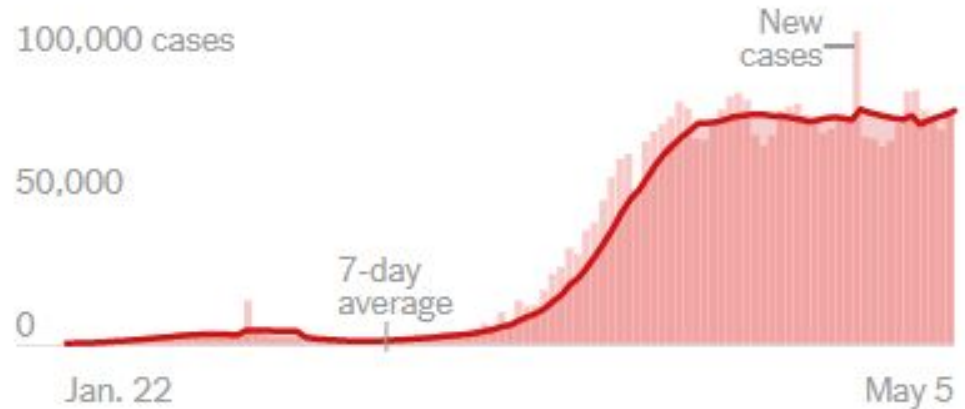
Germany's number of [new cases fall for fifth straight day](#).

TOTAL CASES

3.6 million+

DEATHS

257,920

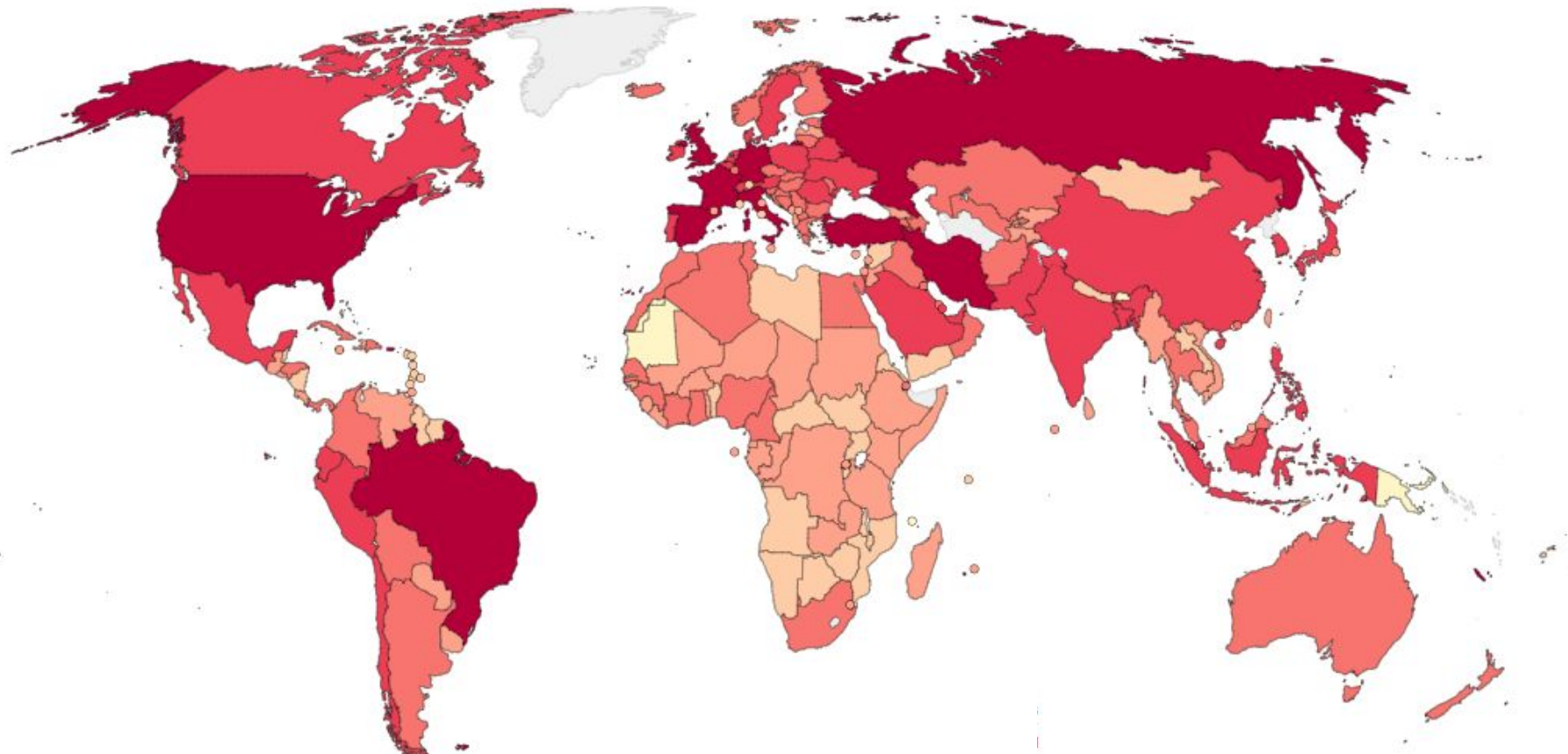


[Source:](#) Updated May 6, 2020, 9:56 A.M. E.T. Includes confirmed and probable cases where available

World View

Jurisdictions with cases confirmed as of May 6, 2020, 2:32 PM EDT

1-9 10-99 100-999 1,000-9,999 10,000-99,999 100,000 or more



COVID-19 in the U.S.

Future of Task Force Discussed

White House talks of [phasing out coronavirus task force](#) or taking a different direction.

Complaint Over Government's Response

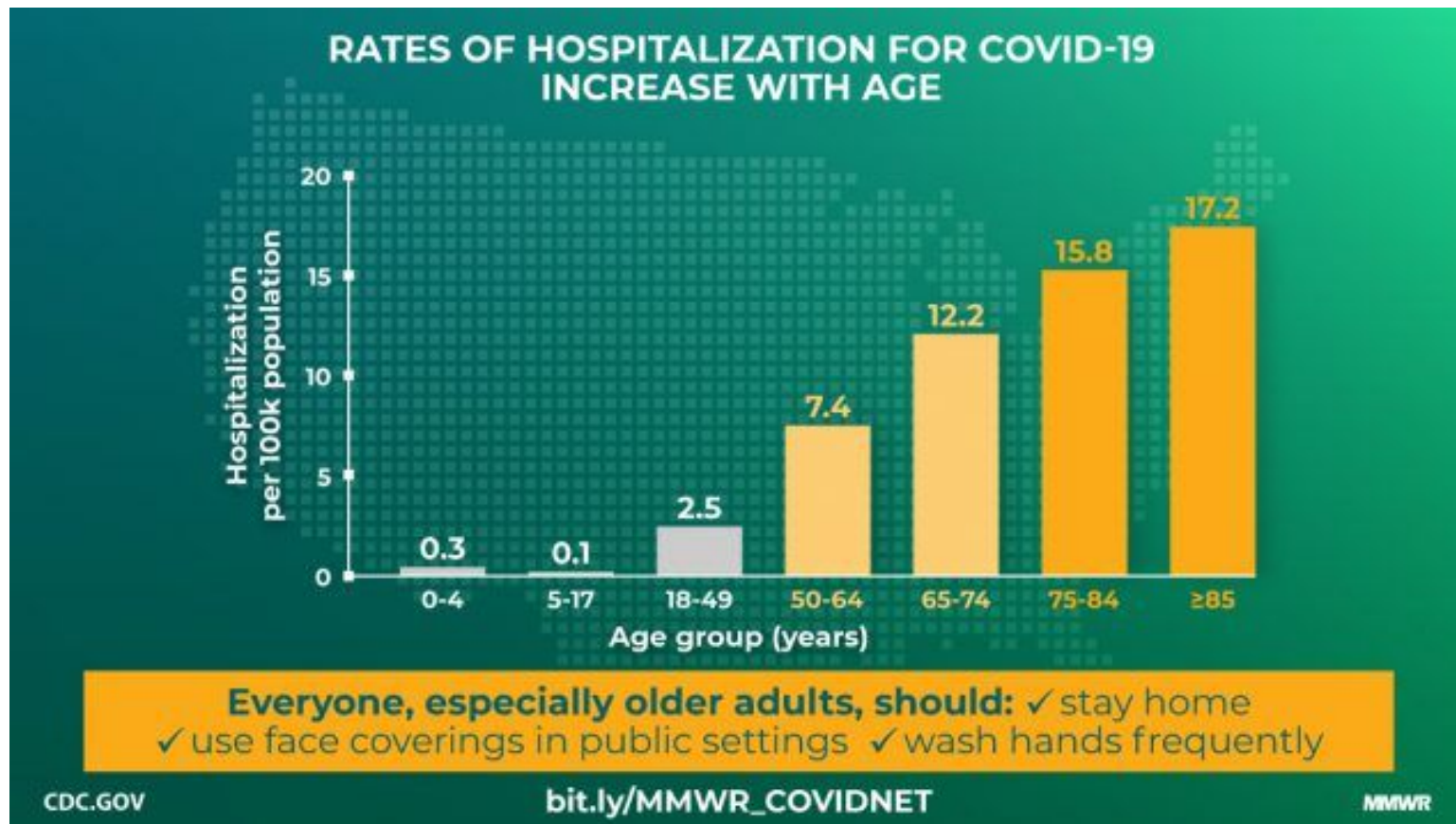
Whistleblower [complaint filed](#) by U.S. health official [criticizing the handling](#) of the coronavirus response.

New Syndrome Appearing in Children

Reports of [children needing intensive care with unusual illness](#) that appears to be related to coronavirus.

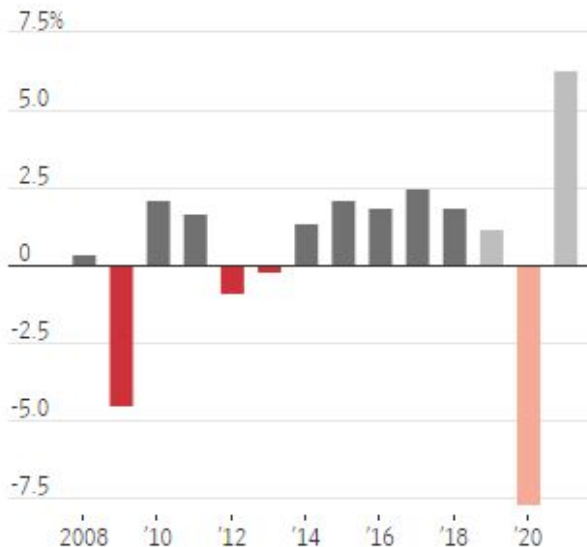


Hospitalization Rates in the U.S.



Economic Updates

Annual change in euro area GDP*



*Adjusted for inflation

Note: 2019 is an estimate; 2020 and 2021 are forecasts.

Grim Projections for Eurozone

The [European Commission forecasts a sharp recession](#) for the eurozone economy this year and only a partial recovery next year.

Greece, Spain and Italy are projected to contract by close to 10% in 2020 and unemployment rising sharply in Spain in particular.

U.S. Job Market Reaches Record Losses

U.S. private employers laid off [a record 20.236 million workers in April](#).

Data for March was revised to show private payrolls decreasing by 149,000 jobs instead of the previously reported 27,000, which was the first decline since September 2017.

New Study Finds Spread Much Earlier

Evidence of Virus in Europe in December

A [new study shows the first case in Europe](#) might have been in late December in France. This patient did not have ties of travel to China suggesting that there was already community spread at a much earlier point in time.

The [WHO urges countries](#) to investigate any other early suspicious cases as this could give a “new and clearer picture” of the outbreak.



Outbreak Continues to Impact Elections



Poland Might Not Be Ready

[Polish presidential election in trouble](#) as an official says they are not prepared for it to take place on Sunday.

Elections Delayed in Indonesia

Indonesian [President Widodo postponed regional elections amid outbreak](#). The elections were originally scheduled to take place in September and have been moved to December 2020.

Stability Concerns

Global Strategy Impacted by Virus

Coronavirus could stall U.S. stabilization strategy in fragile states around the world.

PM Theresa May Critiques Leaders

Former Prime Minister Theresa May criticized the lack of unity among global leaders in responding to the pandemic.

“A world in which a few ‘strong men’ square up to each other and expect everyone else to choose between them would be a dangerous one,” she said.



Ireland Sends Aid to Native American Community



Historic Relationship Endures

[Ireland sends money to Navajo Nation hit hard by virus,](#)
reciprocating the kindness paid during the potato famine in 1847.

The Choctaw nation has been severely impacted by COVID-19, with at least 2,373 cases and 73 death as of May 3rd, 2020.

UN Calls for Disability-inclusive Recovery

A new UN report calls for disability-inclusive recovery and response to the coronavirus crisis.

“When we secure the rights of people with disabilities, we are investing in our common future”, UN Antonio Guterres chief said.



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