



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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# Monitoring the Virus

## Cases Continue Rising in Russia

Russia has reported almost [10,000 new confirmed COVID-19 cases](#) as its total infections continue to rise.

## New Infections in Hong Kong

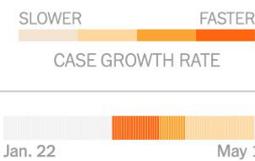
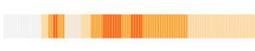
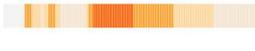
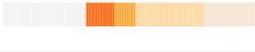
Hong Kong has reported [new local infections](#), breaking its previous 23 day streak of no new cases.

## First Death in South Sudan

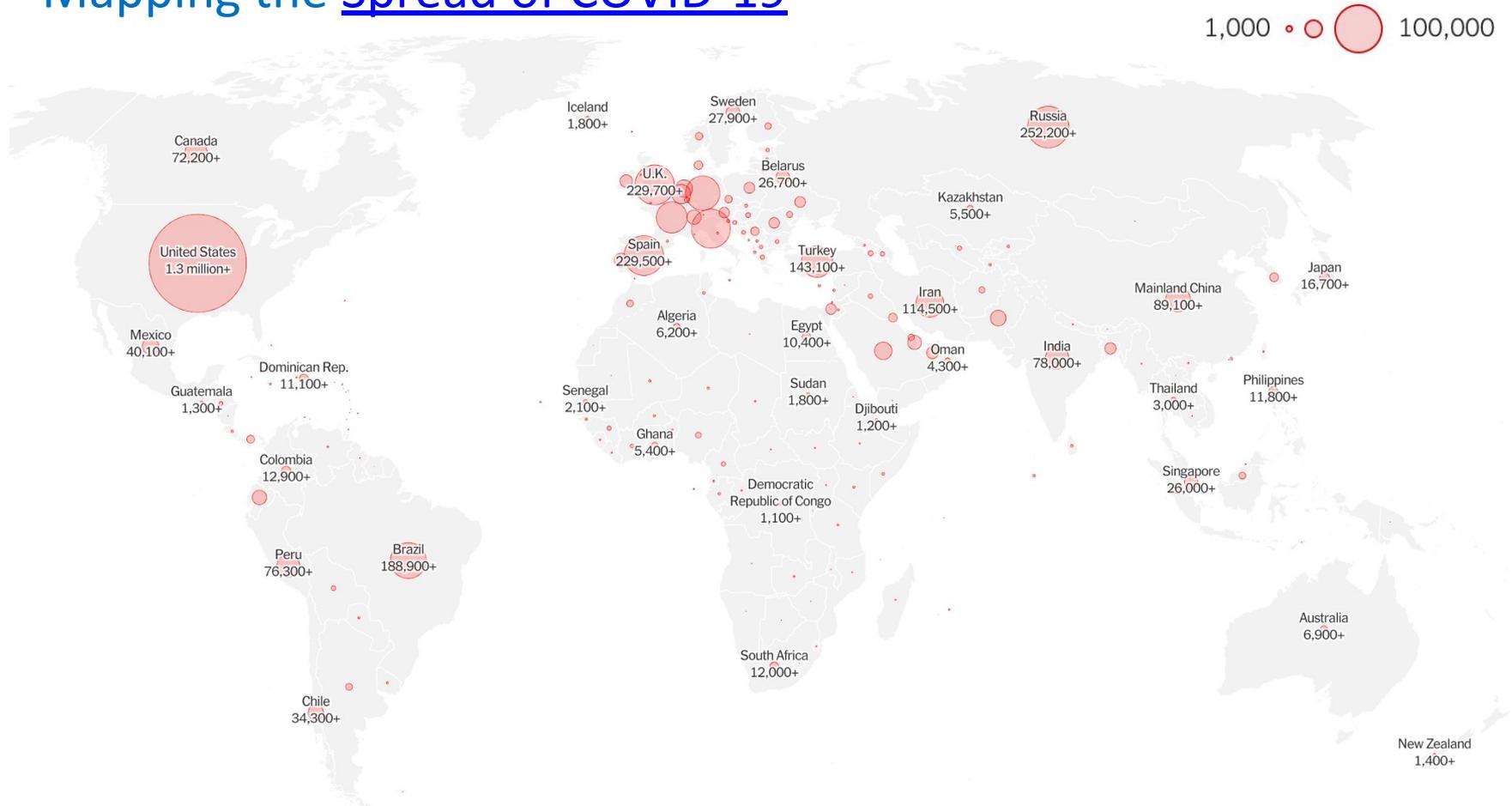
South Sudan has recorded its [first COVID-19 related death](#).

## New Cluster in Iran

Iran has reported the possibility of [another cluster of infections](#) after it announced 1,800 new cases.

	▼ CASES	SHARE OF POP.	DEATHS	SHARE OF POP.	CASE GROWTH RATE
United States <a href="#">MAP »</a>	1,397,784	1 in 234	84,109	1 in 3,890	
Russia	252,245	1 in 573	2,305	1 in 62,680	
U.K. <a href="#">MAP »</a>	229,705	1 in 289	33,186	1 in 2,004	
Spain <a href="#">MAP »</a>	229,540	1 in 204	27,321	1 in 1,710	
Italy <a href="#">MAP »</a>	222,104	1 in 272	31,106	1 in 1,943	
Brazil <a href="#">MAP »</a>	188,974	1 in 1,108	13,149	1 in 15,930	
Germany <a href="#">MAP »</a>	172,239	1 in 481	7,723	1 in 10,738	
Turkey	143,114	1 in 575	3,952	1 in 20,830	
France <a href="#">MAP »</a>	140,734	1 in 476	27,074	1 in 2,474	
Iran	114,533	1 in 714	6,854	1 in 11,935	

# Mapping the Spread of COVID-19



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 hot spots: Doubling time is calculated for the last week of cases.

# COVID-19 in the U.S.

## Estimated Death Toll

A top U.S. model estimates that about [147,000 Americans will die](#) by August.

## Stockpile of Supplies

The Trump administration has decided to [stockpile a 90-day supply of medical supplies](#) in case there is another surge of the virus in the fall.

## Mall of America To Reopen

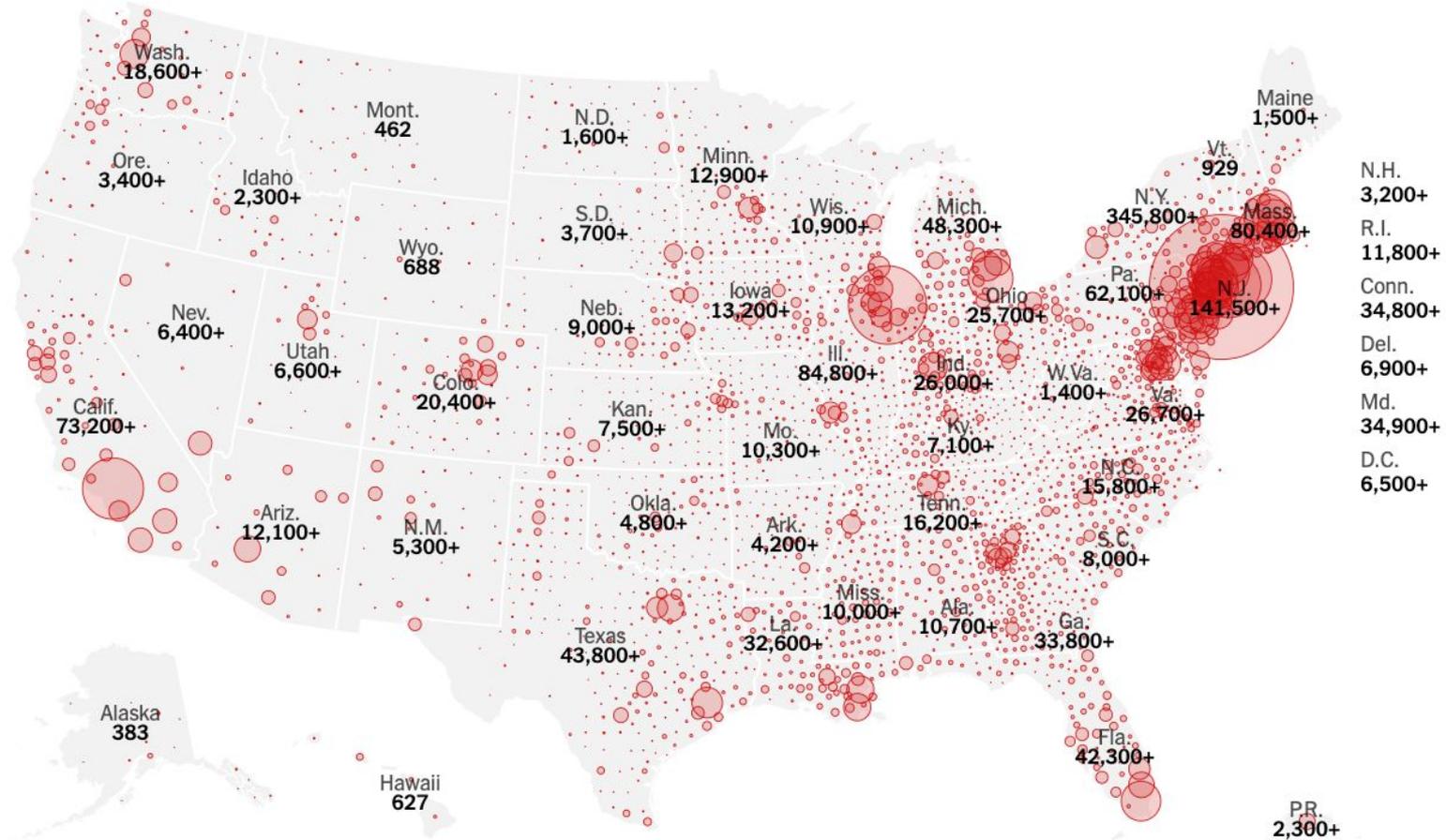
The largest shopping mall in the U.S., the Mall of America, is scheduled to [reopen on June 1st](#).

## NYC Could Open in June

New York City mayor Bill de Blasio has said that if both state and city indicators are met in the first half of June, then [some restrictions could begin to lift](#). Parts of New York state will begin reopening on Friday.



# Spread in the United States



# Economic Updates

## Global Oil Demand Improves

[According to the International Energy Agency](#), as lockdowns around the world have begun to ease, global oil demand forecasts have slightly improved.

## Italy Stimulus Package

The Italian government has announced a [\\$60 billion stimulus package](#) to help recover from the economic damage of the pandemic.

## Australia Unemployment High

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that around [600,000 citizens have lost their jobs](#) during the pandemic.



# Europe Travel Updates



*"We don't accept bilateral agreements inside the European Union that will create privileged tourists paths. [Tourism] cannot be conditioned by bilateral agreements or we will be out of the European Union, we will never permit it."*

- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte

## Italy Against EU “Green Corridors”

The Italian Prime Minister has [threatened to leave the EU](#) if tourism “green corridors” are implemented, which would allow EU citizens in low risk countries to cross borders into other low risk countries.

## France Tourism Plan

France has unveiled a [\\$19 billion plan](#) to aid the tourism industry, which has been hard hit during the pandemic.

## Germany Easing Borders

The Interior Minister of Germany, Horst Seehofer has said that [Germany would begin easing border restrictions](#) with Austria, France, and Switzerland, aiming to lift them entirely by June 15th.

# Global Responses

## Northern Ireland Eases Lockdown

The first steps of [easing the coronavirus lockdown](#) have begun in Northern Ireland. The lockdown exit plan is a five part process.

## President of Brazil Anti-Lockdown

President of Brazil Jair Bolsonaro has called the lockdown measures a “path to failure”, saying it is [not the correct response](#) to new cases in the country.

## Japan Lifts State of Emergency

Japan has [lifted its state of emergency](#) in regions outside of Tokyo and Osaka.

## Vatican Begins Temperature Checks

The Vatican has [begun temperature checks](#) at St. Peter’s Basilica.



# World Leaders Demand Shared Vaccine

140 world leaders from the past and present have signed a letter saying that a COVID-19 vaccine should not be patented and that treatments should be made free and available to all.



*"Governments and international partners must unite around a global guarantee which ensures that, when a safe and effective vaccine is developed, it is produced rapidly at scale and made available for all people, in all countries, free of charge."*

- Excerpt from the letter

# Testing and Treatments

## Research On Why Symptom Severity Differs

Researchers in Israel believe the reason why COVID-19 is more severe in some people lies in the [immune system response to fight the virus](#). In patients that have become more ill, immune cells try to fight the virus and end up worsening the impact, which does not happen in less severe cases.

## UK Approves First Antibody Test

Britain has [approved a coronavirus antibody test](#) and is now looking to get enough kits to begin widespread testing of the population in order to determine the actual rate of infection.

## Spain Antibody Study

A government study in Spain has revealed an estimate that [only 5% of people have COVID-19 antibodies](#), which would mean the virus was less widespread than others thought.



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