



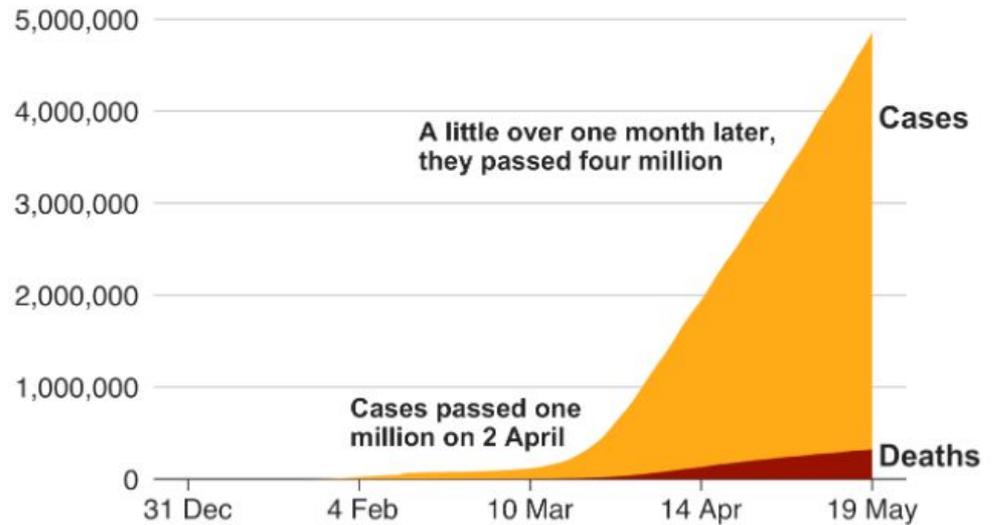
Current Situation: COVID-19

May 20th,
2020 Update

Monitoring the Virus

On Wednesday, the WHO reported the most new coronavirus cases in a day with 106,000 new cases recorded in the past 24 hours as cases near five million around the globe.

Global coronavirus cases approaching five million



Source: Johns Hopkins University, national health agencies. Data up to 19 May **BBC**

Global Spread

New Surge in Iran

[Surge in cases in Iran](#) after reopening country as numbers spike in eight provinces.

Cases Rise in Indonesia

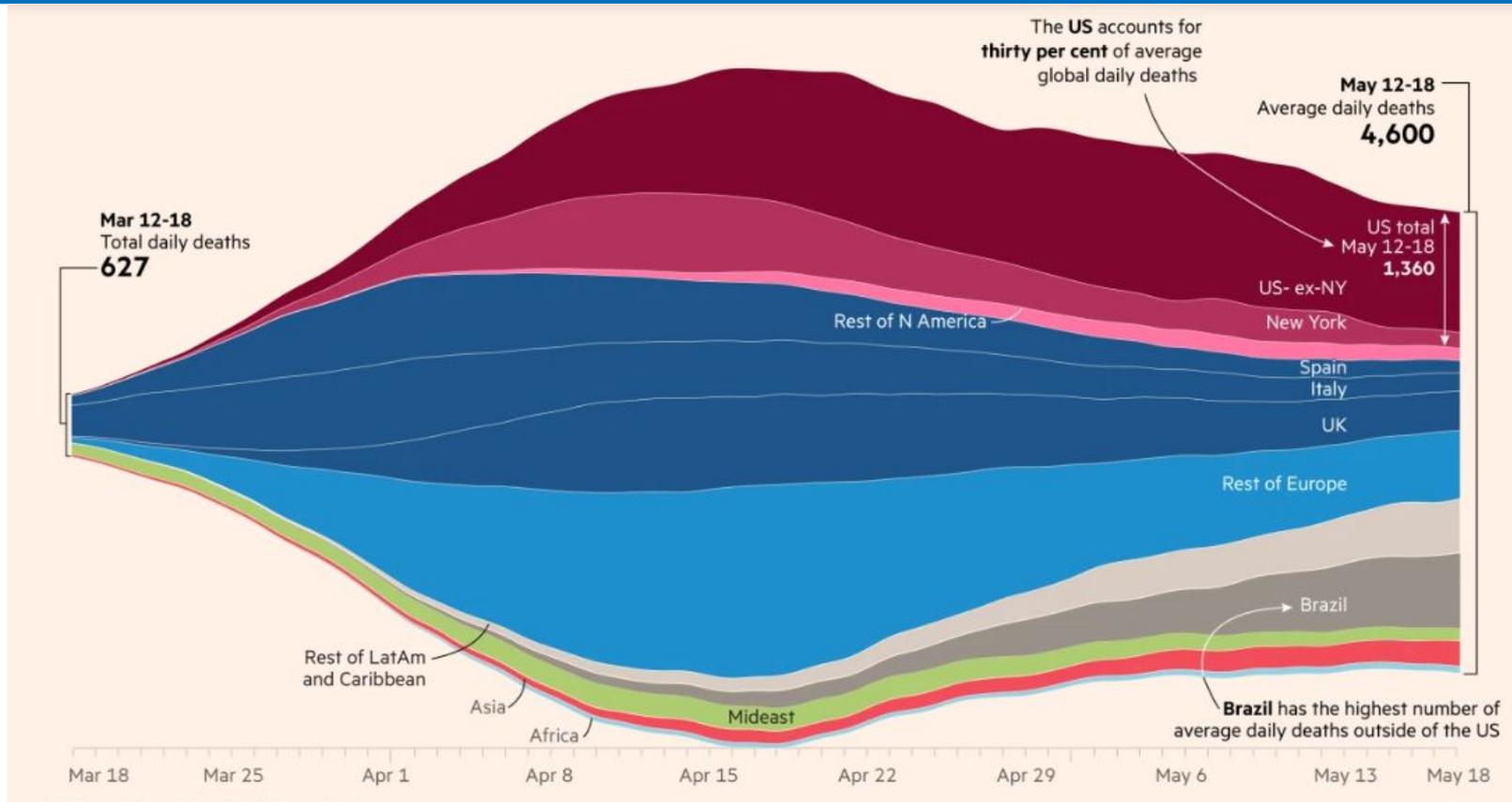
Indonesia reports [biggest daily increase](#) in confirmed cases.

Controversial Decision

Top court in Pakistan [ordered remaining restrictions lifted](#) despite a rise in the number of infections.



Global Death Toll Slowly Easing



COVID-19 in the U.S.

All States Started Reopening

All [50 states have begun the process of reopening](#) two months after lockdowns began, but measures vary greatly from state to state.

Navajo Nation Hardest Hit

In the U.S., [Navajo Nation surpasses New York state](#) for the highest infection rate.

Trump Weighs In-Person Summit

President [Trump considers hosting upcoming G7](#) summit in person next month.

Hotspots by Industry

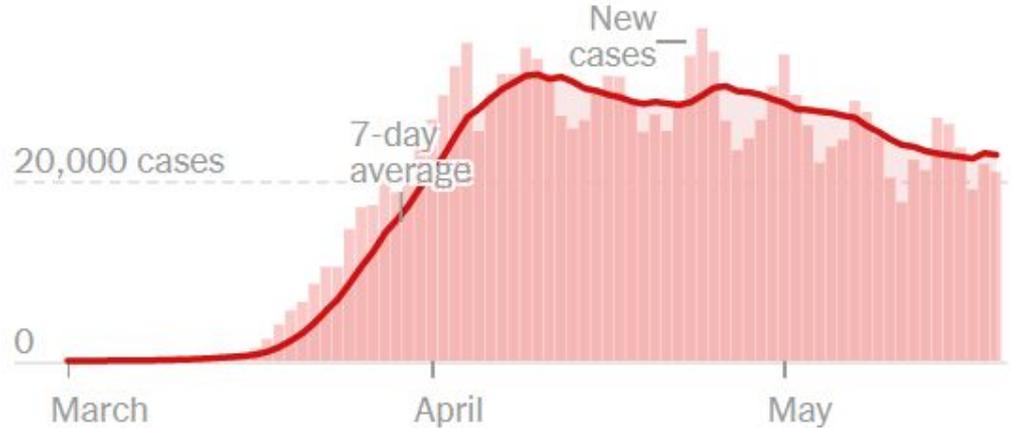
[Nursing homes, prisons](#), and [meatpacking plants](#) have become major hotspots for outbreaks throughout the U.S. A [New York Times report](#) finds a third of all deaths are nursing home residents or workers.

TOTAL CASES

1.5 million+

DEATHS

92,617



[Source](#) The New York Times: Updated May 20, 2020, 2:04 P.M. E.T.

Economic Updates

Collaborative EU Aid Package

Chancellor Merkel and President Macron agreed to support a [500 billion-euro aid package](#) to help the EU recover from the pandemic.

Projected Growth Decreases

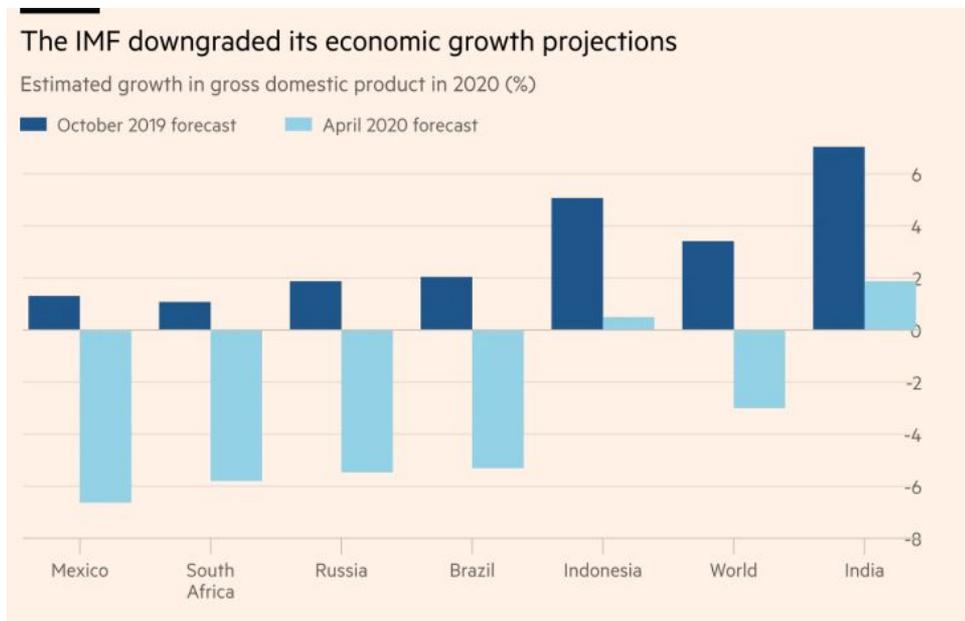
IMF downgrades the [expected growth for emerging markets](#) with high potential despite reopening plans.

British Bonds Sell at Negative Rates

[Britain sells its first bonds at a negative interest rate](#), becoming the latest country to do so.

Increase in Flight Bookings

U.S. airlines see [promising increase in demand](#) but expect a long journey to full recovery.



Security & Stability Concerns



Stability Concerns



Nigerian Doctors to Strike

Nigerian Medical Association doctors' union [plan to strike over treatment by police](#) during lockdown.

Accusations in Yemen

Yemen's [Saudi-backed government has accused Houthis](#) of covering up coronavirus outbreak.

Malaysia Authorities Raid Migrants

[Malaysia detains hundreds of migrants](#) in latest lockdown raid sparking backlash from human rights groups.

Humanitarian Issues

World Bank Warns of Extreme Poverty

The World Bank warns that [60 million people will be pushed into extreme poverty](#) by the coronavirus.

Food Security at Dangerous Levels in Yemen

UN's Food and Agriculture Organization says in worst case scenario the [food security situation in Yemen could reach "catastrophic" levels](#) from pandemic.

Remittances Drop by 19% in Latin America

Coronavirus is causing [remittances to plunge in Latin America and the Caribbean region](#), which account for a significant portion of GDP.



[Source](#)

New Ideas for Reopening



Immunity Passports

Estonia starts [testing digital immunity passport](#) for workplaces.

Potential Airport Sniffing Dogs

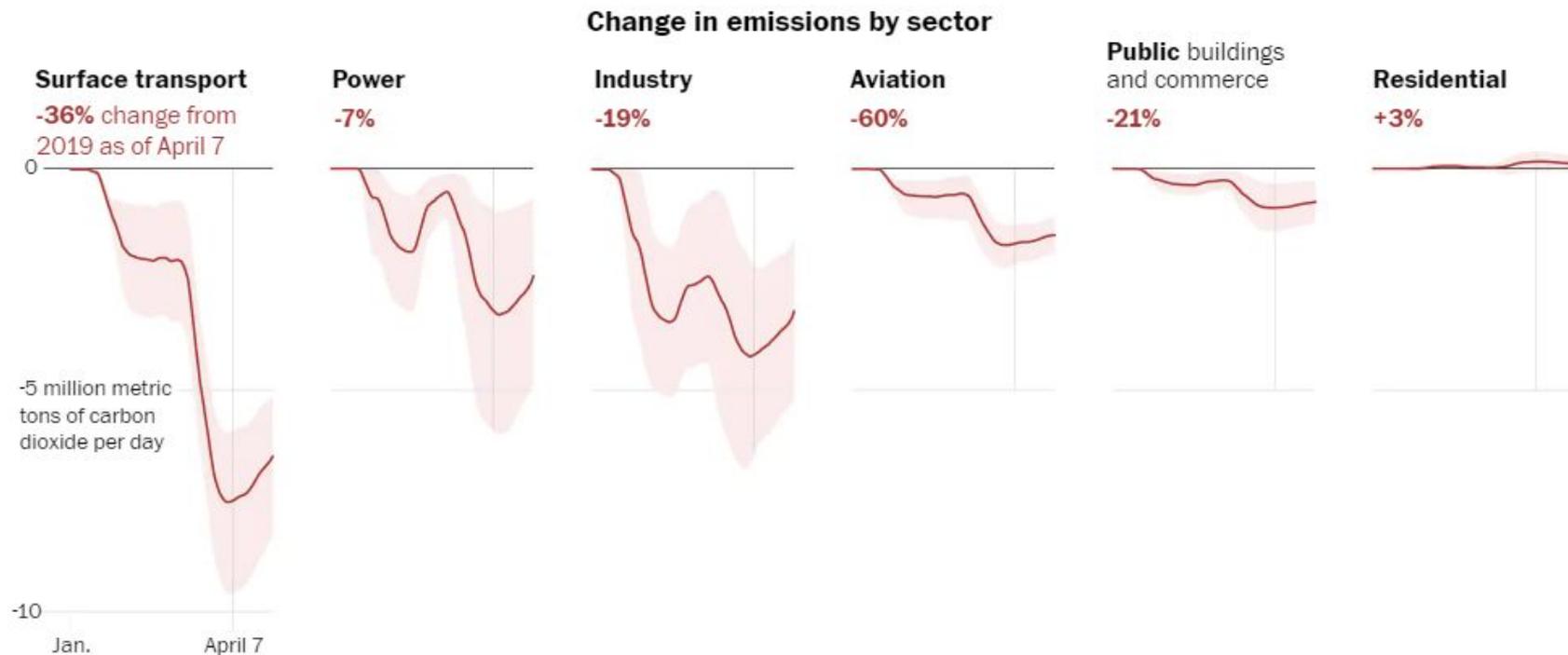
In the U.K., trials are underway to see if trained [airport dogs can sniff out coronavirus](#).

Looking for Genetic Clues

[Genetic testing companies](#) collaborate in [major initiative](#) to understand why the severity of the virus differs in people.

Environmental Impacts

Global emissions plunged an unprecedented 17% during the coronavirus pandemic.



Compulsory Face Coverage

More than 50 countries worldwide now require people to cover their faces in public as the pandemic goes on.

While misinformation about the virus is still rampant, various websites aim to clarify the benefits of wearing face masks and battle false claims.

More information can be found through the CDC's Frequently Asked Questions page and the WHO's Myth Busters site.



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