

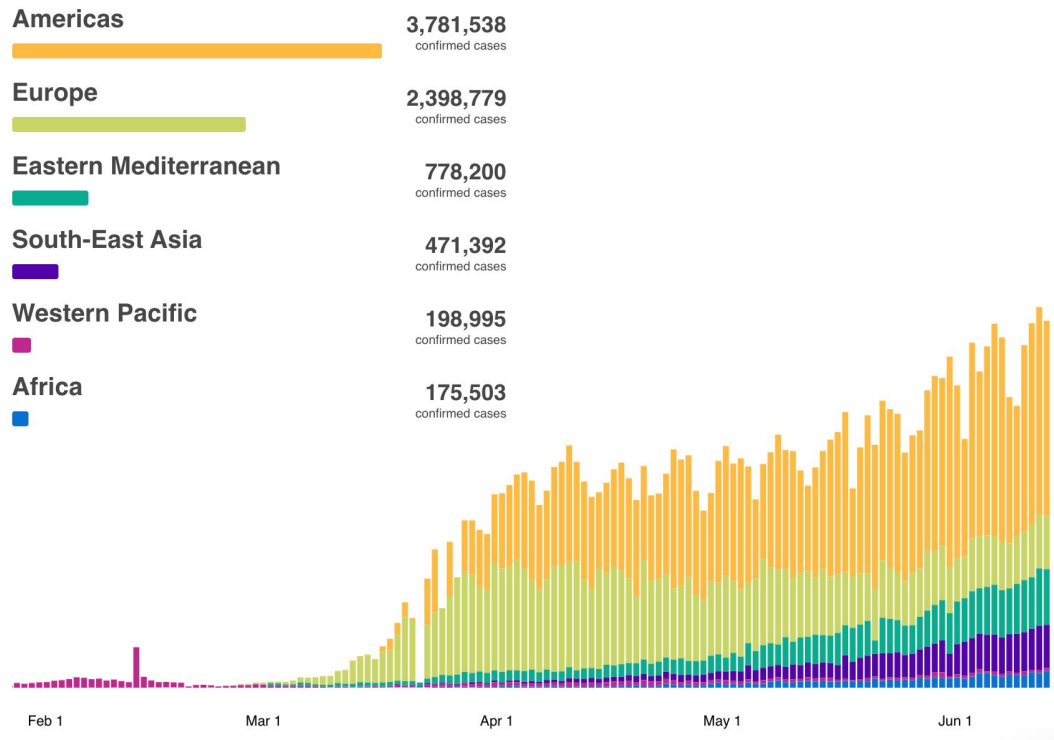


# Current Situation: COVID-19

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June 15, 2020  
Update

# Monitoring the Virus



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Source: [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/covid19/situation-reports)

## Global Cases

COVID-19 has infected over [7.8 million worldwide, with at least 430,000 fatalities](#).

## New outbreak in Beijing

China races to contain a fresh outbreak as Beijing reinstates “[wartime](#)” measures to contain the spread, including [strict lockdown](#) and [mass testing](#). The World Health Organization (WHO) calls cluster “[significant](#).”

## Progress in Europe

The French Health Minister said the [worst is behind](#) as France opens up. Many European countries [reopen their borders](#).

# Cases are increasing

## South Asia

New Delhi and Mumbai are overloaded with infections at around [10,000 per day](#) - only behind the United States and Brazil; experts say India's peak is several weeks away.

Pakistan is [projected to be overwhelmed by cases, despite relaxing restrictions](#), as the [Prime Minister faces the dilemma](#) that many developing countries face of choosing between virus deaths versus poverty.

## Russia

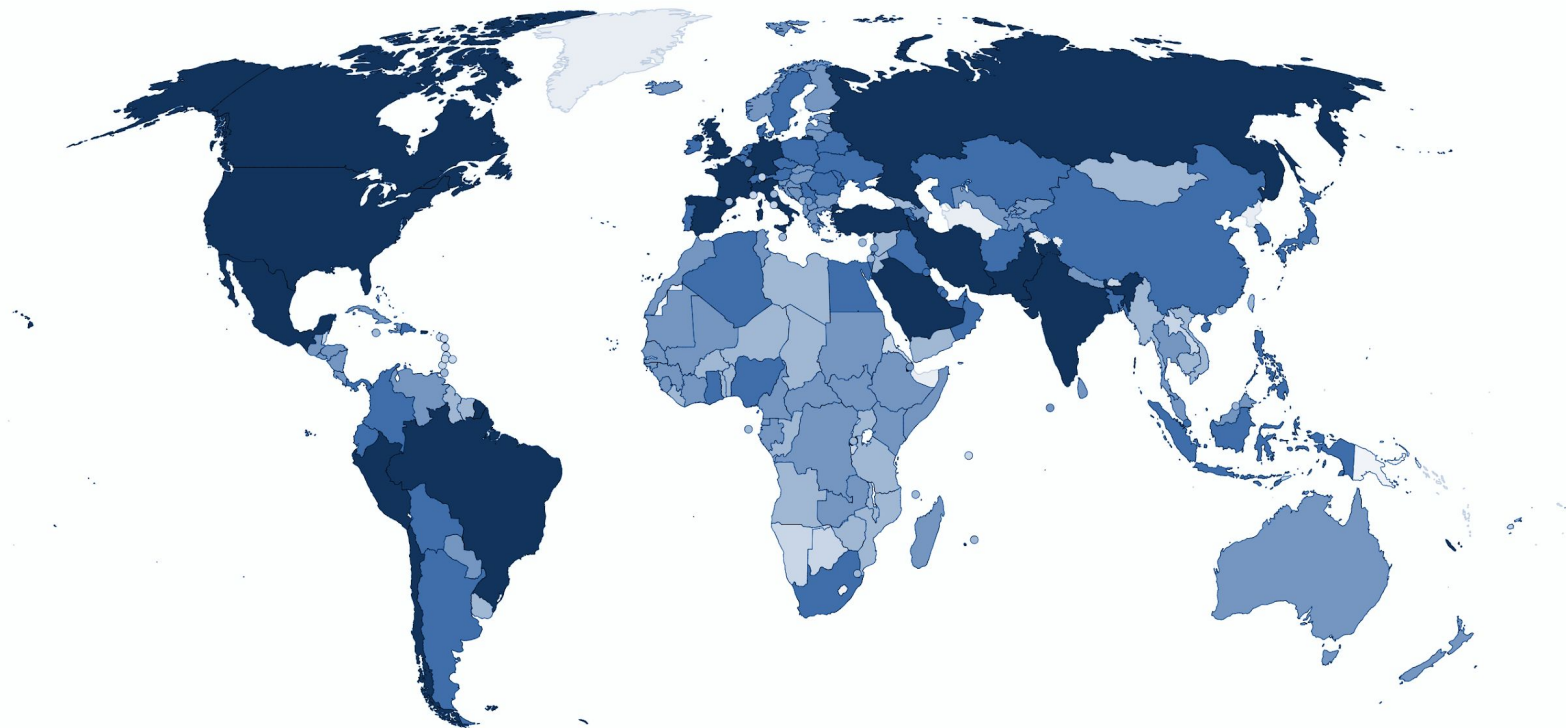
Russia is reopening, even though infections hover at [8,000 to 9,000 per day](#). Analysts say the reopening is to ensure a high turnout for the July 1 vote on an [amendment to extend President Putin's rule](#).



# Mapping the Spread of COVID-19

Tracking Covid-19   Global New Cases ↓   Travel Restrictions ↓   Cases in the U.S. ↗   U.S. State Projections ↗

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



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Source: [Bloomberg](#)

# COVID-19 and the U.S.

## U.S. cases

Nearly [2.06 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and over 115,000 deaths](#).

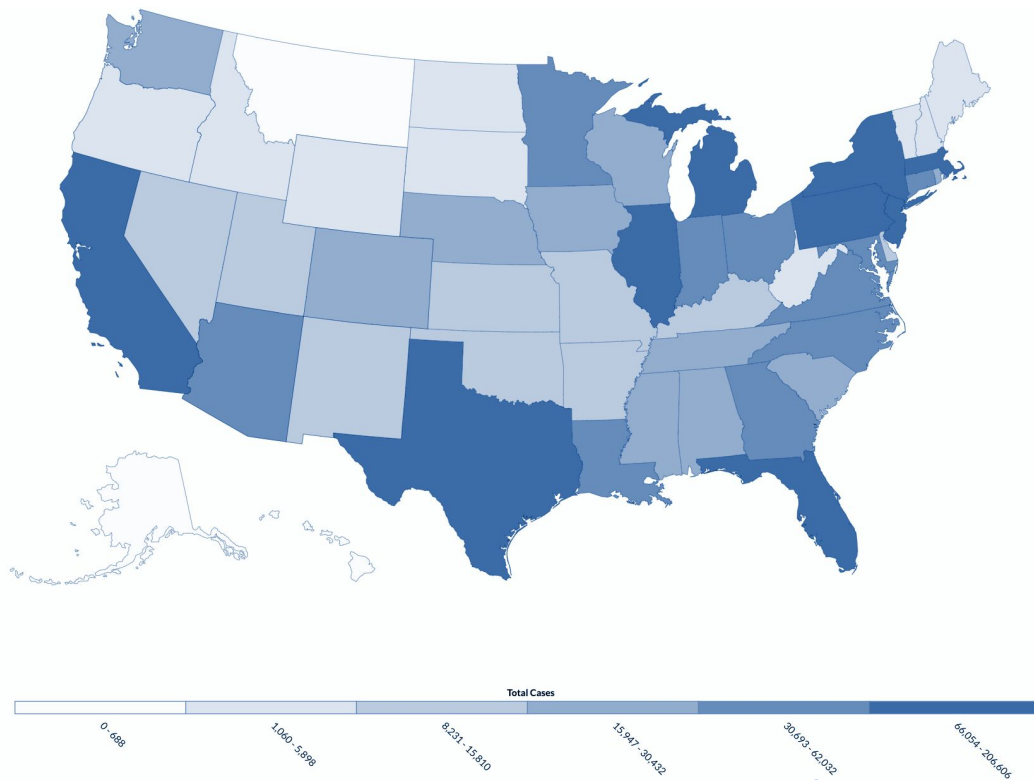
## Cases increasing

[South Carolina and Alabama](#) both hit single-day records of new confirmed coronavirus cases on Sunday.

[Texas](#) is experiencing record numbers of hospitalizations.

## Cases declining

[New York](#) reported its lowest number of hospitalizations.



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Source: [Center for Disease Control](#)

# COVID-19 Treatment Options



## Race to a vaccine

There are [more than 135 vaccines](#) in development to fight against the coronavirus. Vaccines require years of research and testing, but scientists are [racing to produce one by next year](#).

## EU pays hundreds of millions for vaccine

Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, and France pay [750 million Euros for 300 million doses](#) of AstraZeneca's potential COVID-19 vaccine.

## Hydroxychloroquine

[WHO is still reviewing the use of hydroxychloroquine](#) in its Solidarity Trial, while the [FDA revokes its emergency use status](#).



# Global Economic Updates



## Chinese economy

Chinese economic data showed improvement as consumers [made more big-ticket purchases](#) over the last month with factory-led economic recovery.

## England's stores reopen

The UK eases its lockdown restrictions, and [shoppers formed long socially distanced queues](#) outside retail outlets.

## Iran and its second surge

Iran opened last month to salvage its economy, which suffered from substantial budget deficits and international sanctions. [A second surge of infections has arrived](#).

# U.S. Economic Updates

## Fed will amass a corporate bond portfolio

The Federal Reserve provided greater detail on how it will execute [a \\$250 billion lending program to buy outstanding corporate bonds using an index approach.](#)

## Second round of stimulus checks

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin: [White House is still considering a second round of Stimulus checks](#) as a part of an [economic-relief package](#) that Congress is likely to consider for next month.

## Expanded tax break for charitable gifts is gaining momentum in Congress

As giving drops, a bipartisan group of senators is pitching the idea for the [next economic-relief legislation to help nonprofits and middle-class donors.](#)



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Source: [Wall Street Journal](#)



# Global Market Volatility

## U.S. index performance

The market turned [after falling on virus fears](#) as the [Fed updates its program](#), gaining investor optimism.

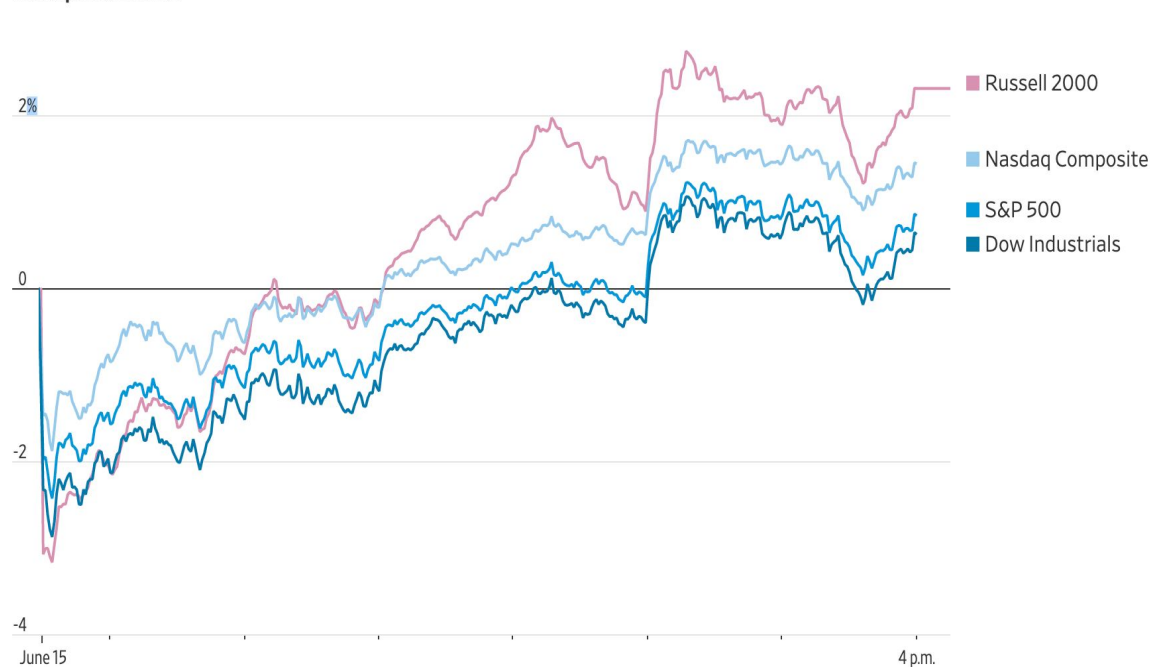
## Global stocks and second wave fears

[European shares](#) closed lower after [Beijing reported fresh new cases](#). Stocks [in Asia](#) took an even deeper dive.

## Oil is up, but with warnings

Crude [oil futures rise](#) after [the Fed's announcement](#). BP [warns of a 17.5 billion hit](#), as pandemic accelerates move away from oil.

Index performance



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# Security and Stability



## Democracy versus the Pandemic

Leaders in the [Philippines and Hungary are expanding their emergency powers](#) during COVID-19. Populist leaders in [Brazil, India, and Poland](#) are removing checks on power or weakening opposition forces.

[Several countries](#) have detained critics, health workers, journalists, and opposition members during the pandemic. Democracy has reportedly been in a [recession even before the pandemic](#).

## Contact tracing and privacy concerns

Norway [suspends coronavirus contact-tracing app](#) due to privacy concerns. New York's Attorney General has called for [Apple and Google to guard against privacy intrusions by third-party apps](#).

# Governments Respond in Crisis

## Moldova deploys its army

After a surge of infections, the president of Moldova has [deployed an army to enforce virus-related restrictions as the country nears 12,000 cases and more than 400 deaths.](#)

## Reimposing lockdown in India

The government said it would reimpose a lockdown until the end of June on about [15 million people in the city of Chennai and neighboring districts as infections surge.](#)

## “Maximum alert” in Guatemala

The country has [declared a state of “maximum alert.”](#) The government has placed restrictions, such as a full-day curfew on Sundays. Guatemala has [9,491 confirmed total infections.](#)



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# Foreign Relations during COVID-19



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## U.S. remains member of WHO

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus confirmed [the U.S. is still among WHO's member states](#), despite President Donald Trump's announcement to terminate its relationship and pull funding in May.

## NATO spending feud

President Trump said the U.S. would [reduce the number of troops deployed in Germany over NATO spending feud](#).

## U.S.-China relations

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will be [meeting with a Chinese delegation at a U.S. military base in Hawaii](#) with a likely agenda that includes coronavirus response.

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Further updates will be sent in future briefings.



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