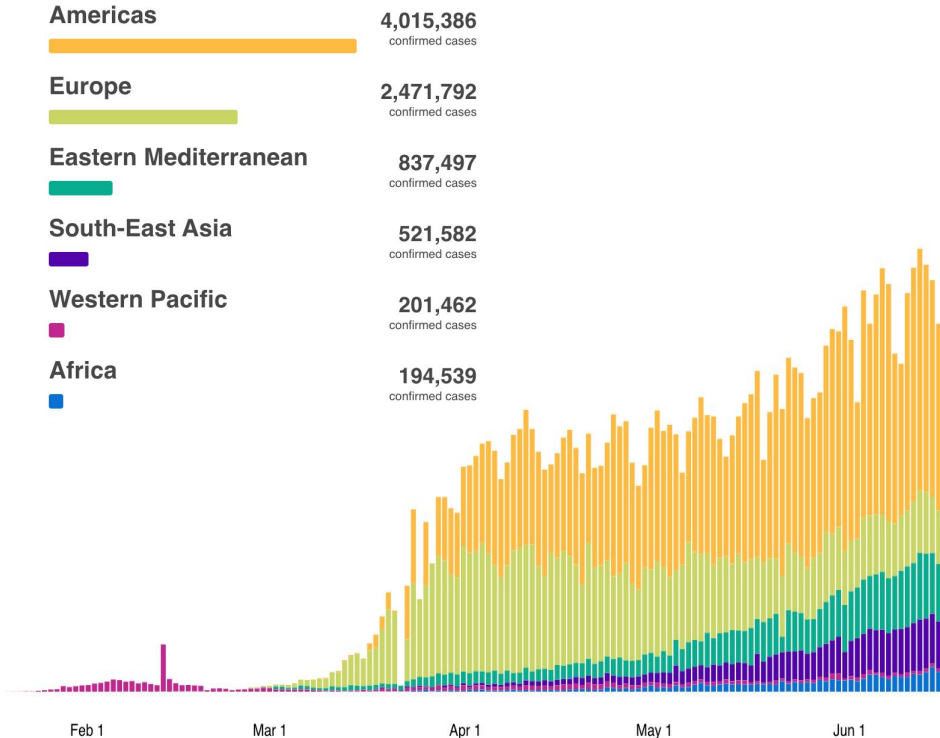




Current Situation: COVID-19

June 18, 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 [8.4 million worldwide](#), with at least [445,000 fatalities](#).

Beijing reportedly under control

More travel restrictions have been imposed in Beijing where the recent outbreak has [risen to 158 with 21 new cases](#); however, a CDC expert says the city has it under control.

New Zealand “failure”

New Zealand recorded its [third new case of the week](#). Prime Minister Jacinda Arden said two cases were from people who traveled to the country from the U.K., which was an “[unacceptable failure to the system](#).”

Global Cases Rising



Significant daily rise

Indonesia reported its biggest daily rise in coronavirus cases with [1,331 new infections](#).

India had its biggest daily increase recording [12,881 new cases](#).

New infections continue to rise in Saudi Arabia approaching [5,000 cases and 40 fatalities per day](#).

Growing cases in Africa

Eight countries across Africa account for [84 percent of cases in the region](#).

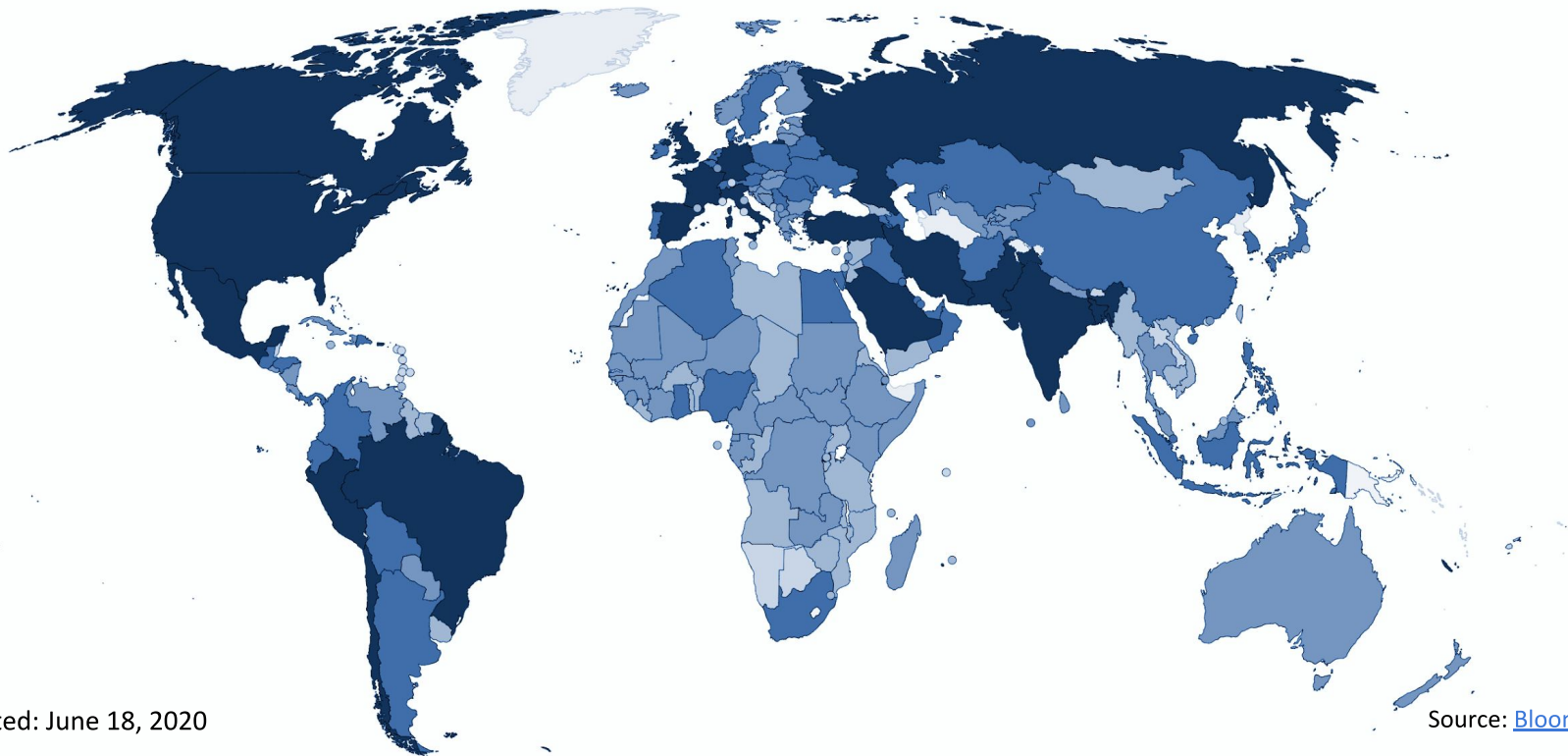
Chile tightens lockdown

The virus has infected more than [1 in 100 residents in Chile](#).

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

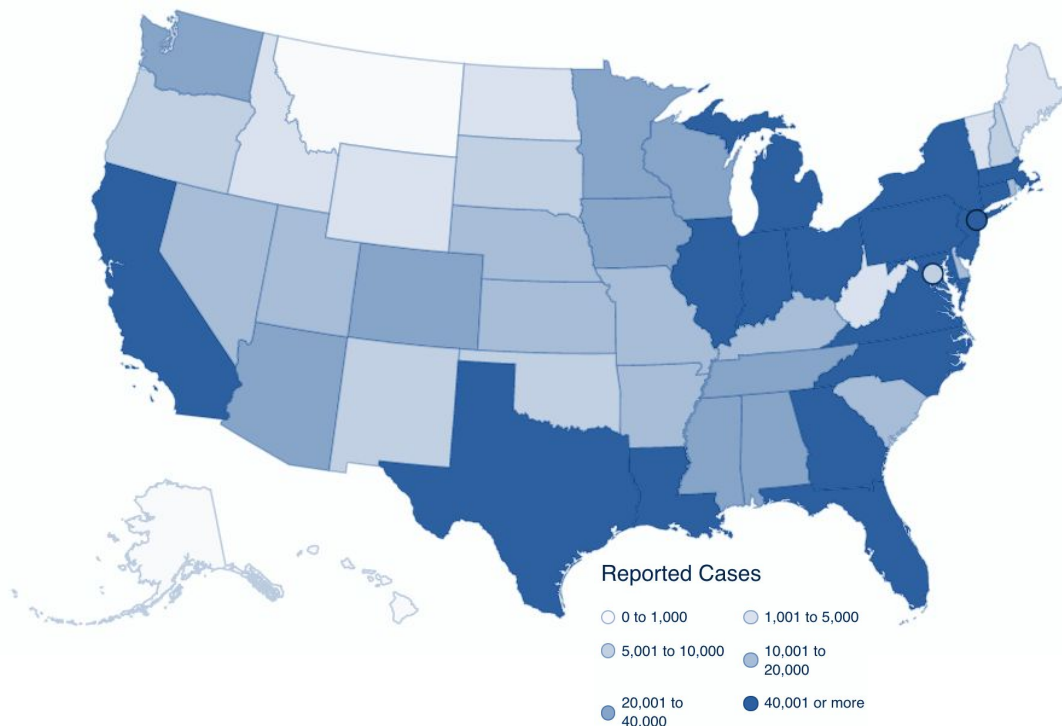
Over [2.1 million confirmed cases of COVID-19](#) in the U.S. and nearly 117,000 deaths.

Highest single-day increases

[Florida, Texas, and Arizona](#) saw their highest single-day increase in new cases. Projections say that Florida has “[all the markings of the next large epicenter](#),” and New York’s Governor Cuomo [considers a mandatory quarantine on travelers from the state](#).

New York City reopening

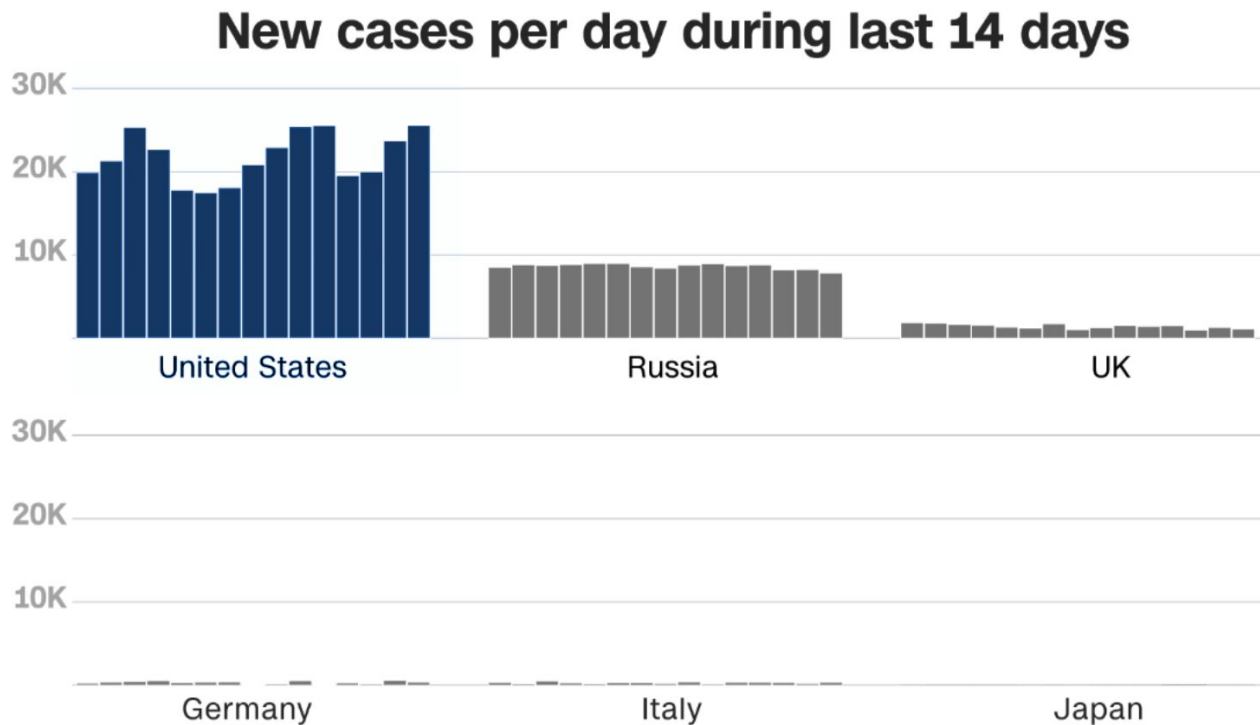
Mayor Bill de Blasio of NYC confirmed that the city would [enter its next phase of reopening on Monday](#), allowing outdoor dining and offices to open with limits.



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Source: [Center for Disease Control](#)

How the U.S. Compares to Other Countries



COVID-19 and Global Health



Findings from new studies

Antibodies may [last only two months](#), especially in people who don't show symptoms.

Asymptomatic COVID-19 patients [may have weaker immune responses to infection](#).

Race for a vaccine

Race for virus vaccine could leave [developing countries](#) behind.

Dr. Anthony Fauci stated that the process for getting a U.S. coronavirus vaccine candidate into a Phase I trial was "[the quickest that has ever been done](#)."

Global Economic Updates



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Source: [CNN](#)

Coronavirus is a threat to global trade

Exhausted crews want to leave cargo ships. Port closures and the collapse of long-haul aviation left [two hundred thousand seafarers stranded for months](#).

European economy

Spain invests [\\$4.77 billion](#) to reactivate its tourism sector. Bank of England [announces more stimulus to boost the economy](#). In the airline industry, [seven million jobs](#) are at risk in Europe.

Australian unemployment

Prime Minister Scott Morrison called the economic blow from lockdown “[devastating](#)” with [unemployment surging to a 19-year high](#).

U.S. Economic Updates

Wall Street wavered

U.S. stocks [wavered to a mixed close](#) due to a rise in coronavirus infections.

IMF on the U.S. economy

The International Monetary Fund said that there's going to be a [deeper-than-expected contraction](#) in the U.S. economy during the second quarter.

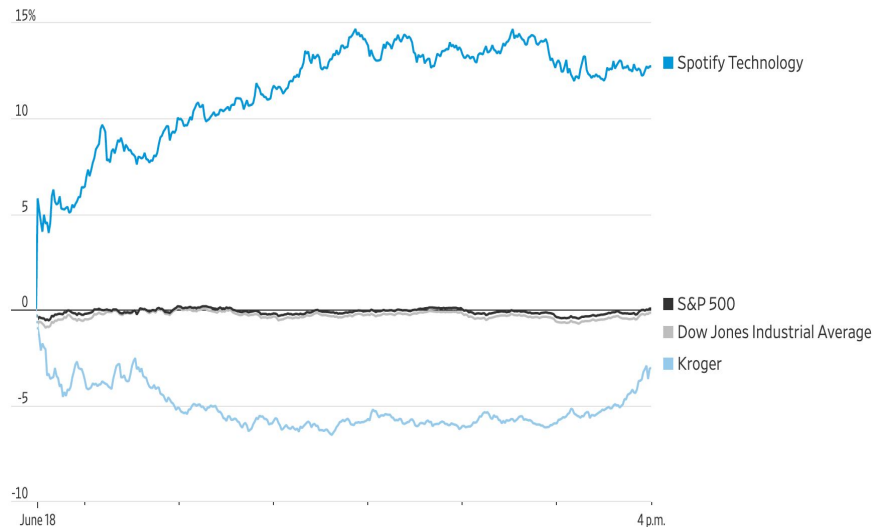
More jobless claims

There was a [second wave of layoffs](#) with [1.5 million more laid-off workers last week](#) seeking employment benefits.

Dr. Fauci on NFL

[“Football may not happen this year,”](#) Dr. Anthony Fauci said.

Share-price and index performance



COVID-19, Security and Stability



Doctor's in Egypt face harassment

Amnesty International says [that doctors in Egypt face arrests and death over criticizing the country's response to the pandemic](#).

Mexican gang violence

[Drug gang violence rises](#) as Mexico focuses its resources on the coronavirus.

Leadership and the Pandemic

Leadership infected by coronavirus

Amazon indigenous chief and rainforest protector [Paulinho Paiakan dies in Brazil](#) during hospitalization for coronavirus.

Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández is being [treated for pneumonia after coronavirus diagnosis](#).

Kazakhstan's former president of nearly 30-years, Nursultan Nazarbayev, [tested positive for coronavirus](#) at 79-years-old.

Arizona's Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb [has tested positive for COVID-19](#). He previously stated he would not enforce the state's stay-at-home order.



Foreign Relations during COVID-19



The U.K. accuses Russia of trying to exploit pandemic

The British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said [that Russia and others were trying to exploit opportunities and challenges created by COVID-19.](#)

International diplomacy during coronavirus

French President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Boris Johnson [traded bows and thumbs up](#) in one of the most high profile trips by two heads of state during the pandemic to mark the anniversary of Charles de Gaulle's wartime speech.

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Further updates will be sent in future briefings.



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