



# Current Situation: COVID-19

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June 19, 2020  
Update

# Monitoring the Virus

Americas 4,092,526

confirmed cases

Europe 2,490,815

confirmed cases

Eastern Mediterranean 856,650

confirmed cases

South-East Asia 541,041

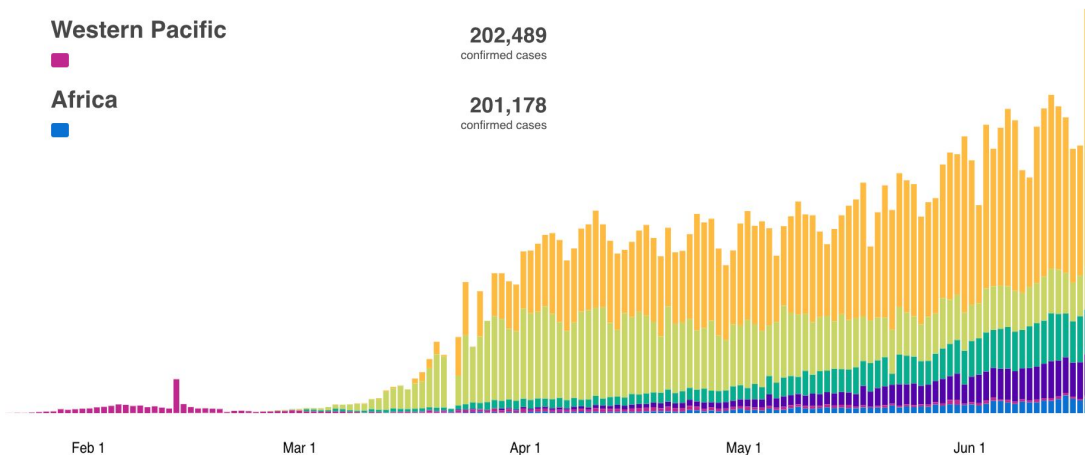
confirmed cases

Western Pacific 202,489

confirmed cases

Africa 201,178

confirmed cases



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

## Global cases

COVID-19 has infected over [8.3 million worldwide, with at least 450,000 fatalities](#). WHO warns of a “[new and dangerous phase](#)” as global pandemic accelerates.

## New single-day world record

The [highest number of coronavirus cases in a single day - more than 150,000](#) - was reported by WHO yesterday, June 18. [The Americas](#) are the hardest hit.

## Countries are surging

The outbreak is rising, with cases growing in [81 countries driven by outbreaks](#) in Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and the United States.

# Global Virus Updates

## Beijing's outbreak

The current Beijing outbreak is the worst resurgence of coronavirus as the cluster infected more than [180 people as of Friday](#) and serves as a [reminder to the world that it can return at any time](#). WHO says the outbreak is a [European import](#).

## Surges and hotspots

Brazil nears [1 million cases](#). Yemen faces a “[nightmare](#).” India had its [biggest single-day jump](#). A [second wave of infections](#) is hitting South Korea. In developing countries, victims are [significantly younger](#).

## Sewage samples in Italy

Italian scientists reported [traces of the virus in sewage samples](#) collected in December.

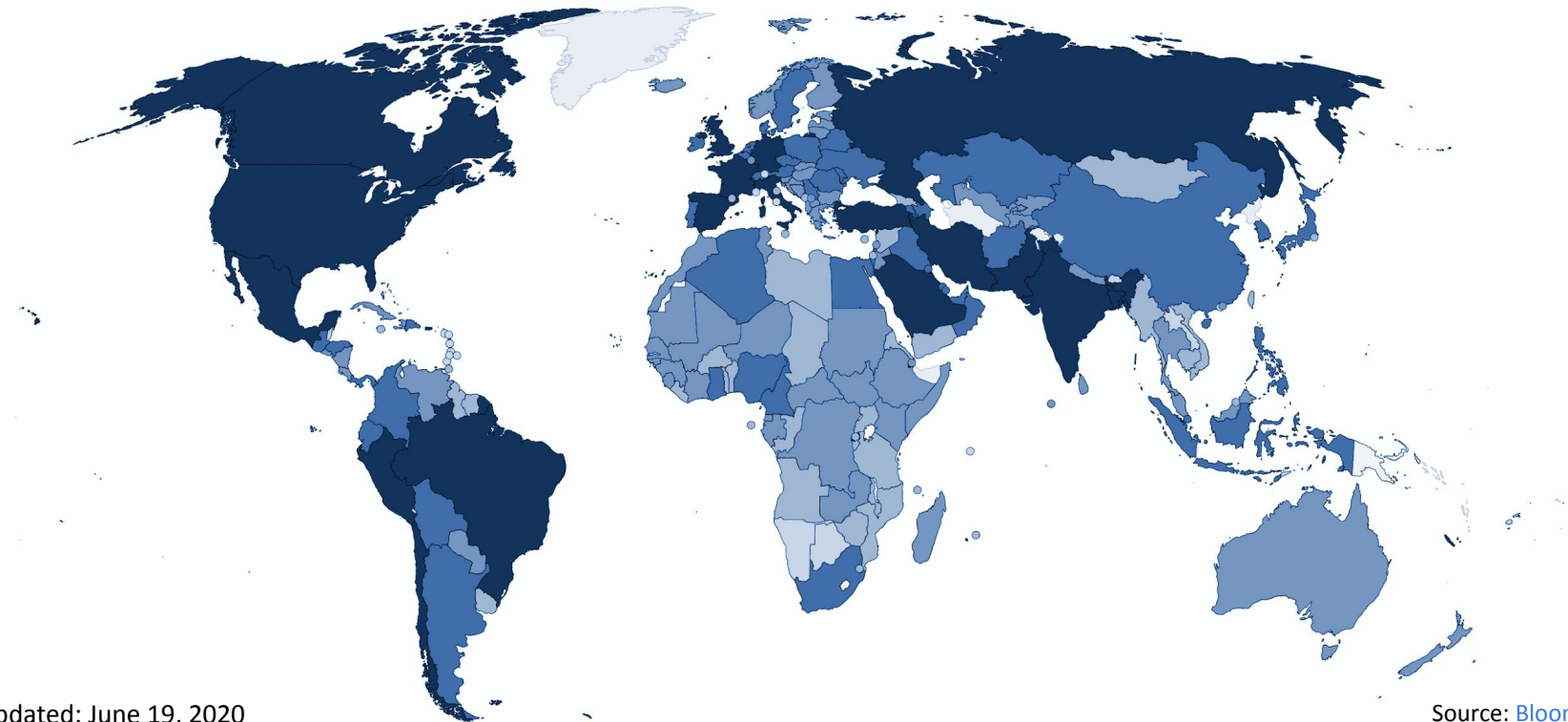


Source: [Associated Press](#)

# 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

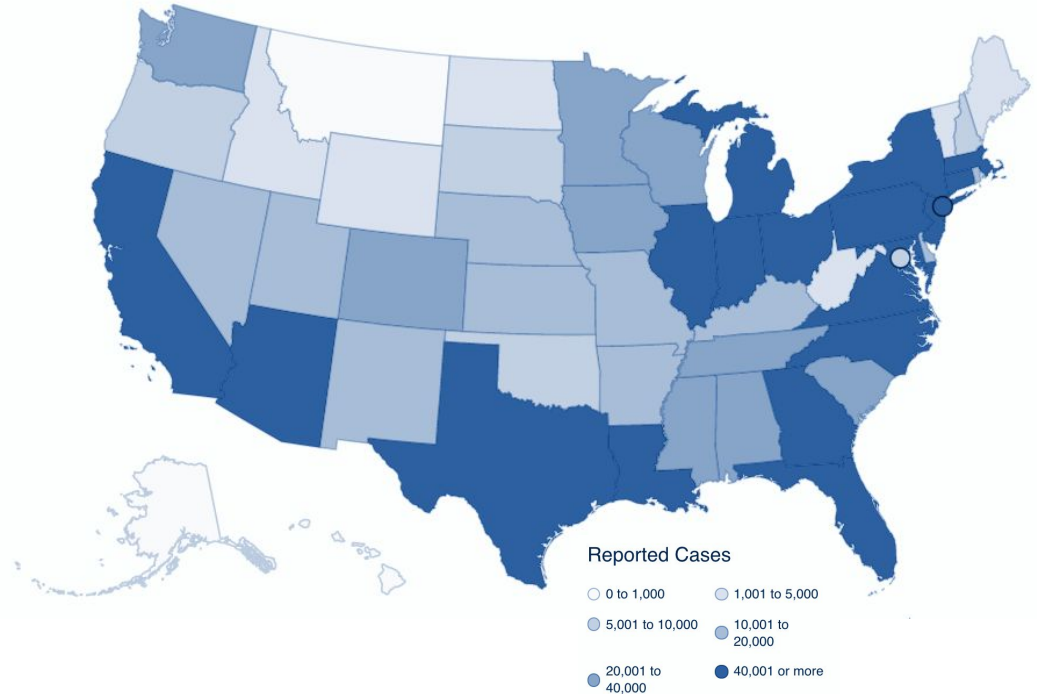
Nearly [2.15 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. and over 117,000 deaths](#). The CDC predicts the U.S. death toll could reach [145,000 by July 11](#).

## New epicenter

Florida, projected to be the new [epicenter](#), reported a single-day record of nearly [4,000 new cases](#) with COVID-19 patients at a [median age of 37](#).

## Reopening and recovery

New York City's mayor plans to "[take it slow](#)" in broader reopening, while [D.C. enters Phase 2](#). Traffic has rebounded to about [90 percent of pre-pandemic levels](#) in the U.S., analysts say.

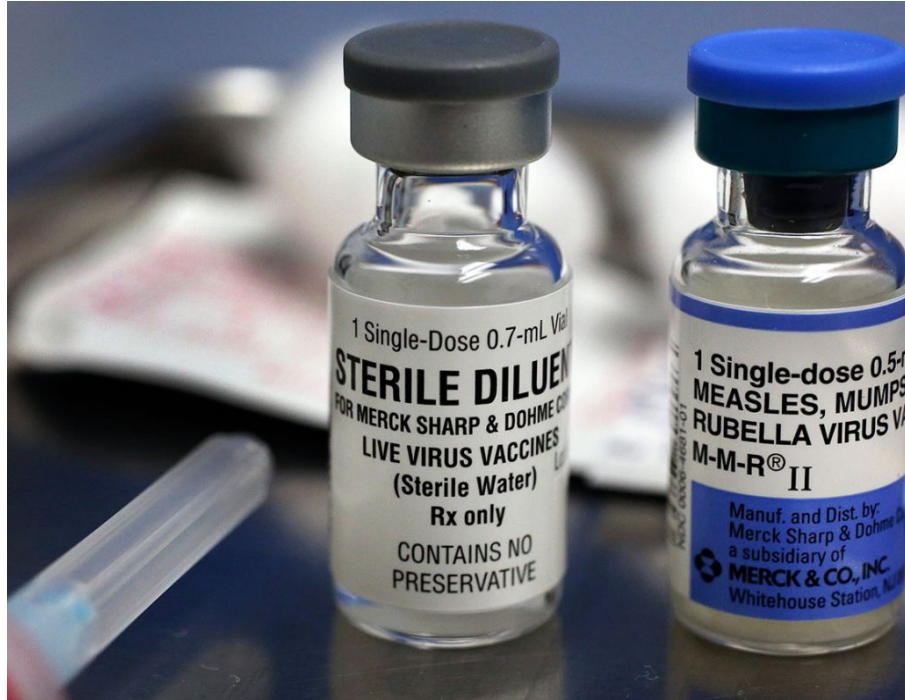


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Source: [Center for Disease Control](#)



# Health and Medicine during the Pandemic



## An everyday vaccine may help

Experts say an everyday vaccine that is available now might be used to prevent coronavirus' worst effects: the [MMR booster vaccine](#).

## Treatments in the U.S.

A federal agency [halts research funding of treatments for lung damage](#) caused by COVID-19. U.S. hospitals in hard-hit regions step up the use of steroids on the [most severely sick COVID-19 patients](#).

## WHO clarifies second wave and second peak

A second wave occurs following a period of little to no cases, "and then the disease returns in a large way," whereas a second peak is when you are still trying to reduce incidences of the disease and another spike of infections occurs - which is what [many countries are facing now](#).

Source: [CNN](#)

# Global Economic Updates

## Global markets

European [shares are up](#) for the week due to hopes remaining for a recovery plan.

Fears of a second wave have increased demand for safe-haven assets, [putting the U.S. dollar at its best weekly gain](#) in a month.

## Russia's economy

Russia's economic contractions slow down to [10.9 percent](#) in May.

## Quebec forecasts record deficit

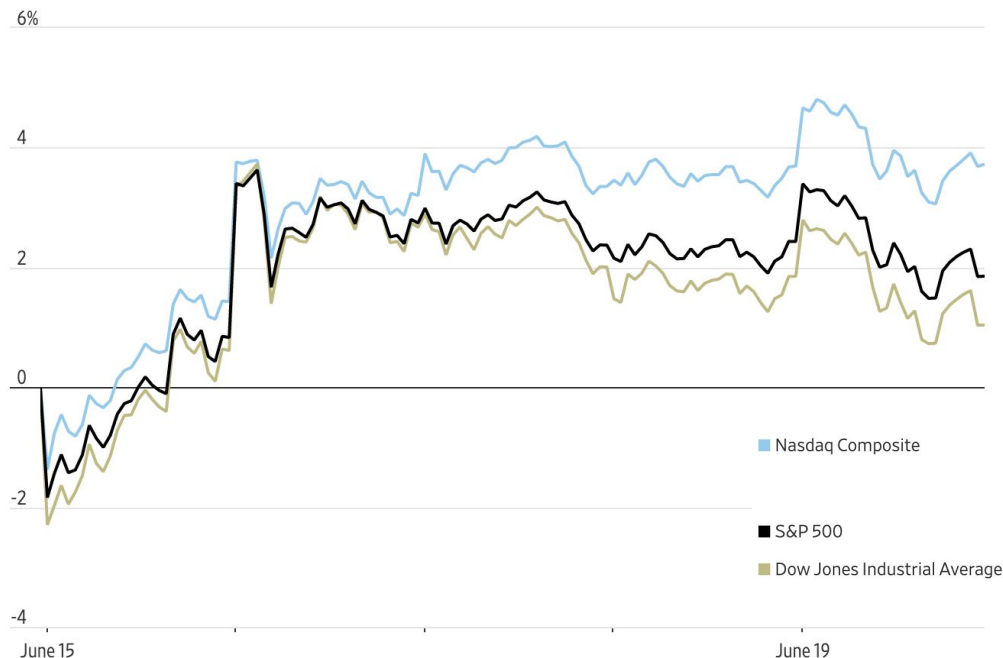
Quebec [forecasts a record deficit](#) due to the pandemic and budgets cautiously for a second wave.



Source: [Reuters](#)

# U.S. Economic Updates

Index performance, past five sessions



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Source: [Wall Street Journal](#)

## Wall Street

Stocks [end lower as Apple closes stores](#) in some states due to the rise in coronavirus cases.

## Account deficit at a low

The U.S. current account deficit dipped to a near [two-year low in the first quarter](#) because COVID-19 has restricted trade.

## Jobs rebound

May's U.S. jobs [rebound was widespread](#), and hiring rose in [46 states](#).

## U.S. foreign profits at a high level

As the pandemic struck, U.S. companies [brought back foreign profits to the highest level](#) since 2017.



# COVID-19, Security and Stability

## Maduro stamps his authority

Venezuela's President Maduro [tightens his grip on power](#), helped by coronavirus lockdown.

## Domestic violence is global

Several countries affected by COVID-19 have seen [increases in domestic violence](#), according to WHO.

## Canada debates freedom

Canada is reeling on its debate over [how to balance collective responsibility with individual freedom during a pandemic](#), following the return of a Canadian doctor accused of causing a coronavirus outbreak after crossing a provincial border.



# Governments Respond in Crisis

## Colombia peace funding

The Colombian government has reassured that its [peace funding is not at risk](#) amid its coronavirus budget crunch.

## Coronavirus apps in Europe

The UK government is scrapping its attempt to develop a coronavirus tracing app and will build one based on a system created by [Google and Apple](#). Germany's government said its app had been downloaded nearly [10 million times in four days](#).

## Japan relaxes its lockdown

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe [lifted a virus-related ban](#) on domestic travel. Japan also [opens baseball season](#) after a three-month pandemic delay.



# Foreign Relations during COVID-19



## United Nation's warning on global emergency aid

The UN's World Food Program has warned that without immediate funding, it will stop delivering masks, gloves, and other critical equipment to tackle the pandemic to 132 countries by the third week of July.

## Restructuring WHO

Europe is working with the U.S. to restructure WHO, a top official said.

This information is current as of June 19th, 2020.  
Further updates will be sent in future briefings.



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