



Current Situation: COVID-19

June 22, 2020
Update

Monitoring the Virus

Americas

4,370,519
confirmed cases

Europe

2,543,778
confirmed cases

Eastern Mediterranean

914,518
confirmed cases

South-East Asia

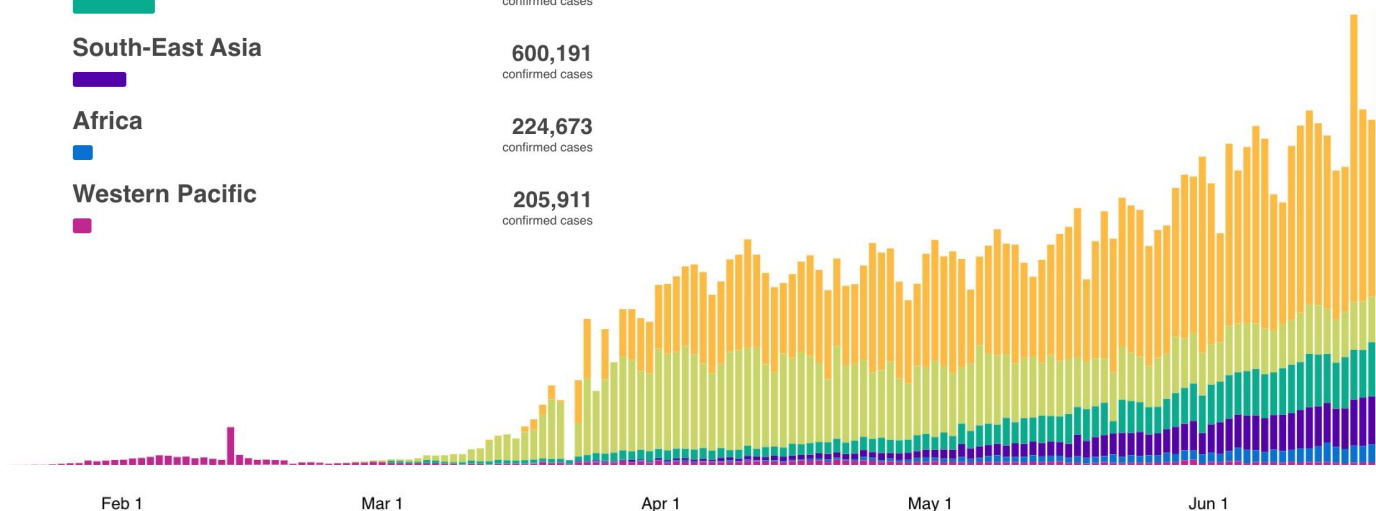
600,191
confirmed cases

Africa

224,673
confirmed cases

Western Pacific

205,911
confirmed cases



Total global cases

8.8 million +

Total deaths

465,700 +

New cases surge

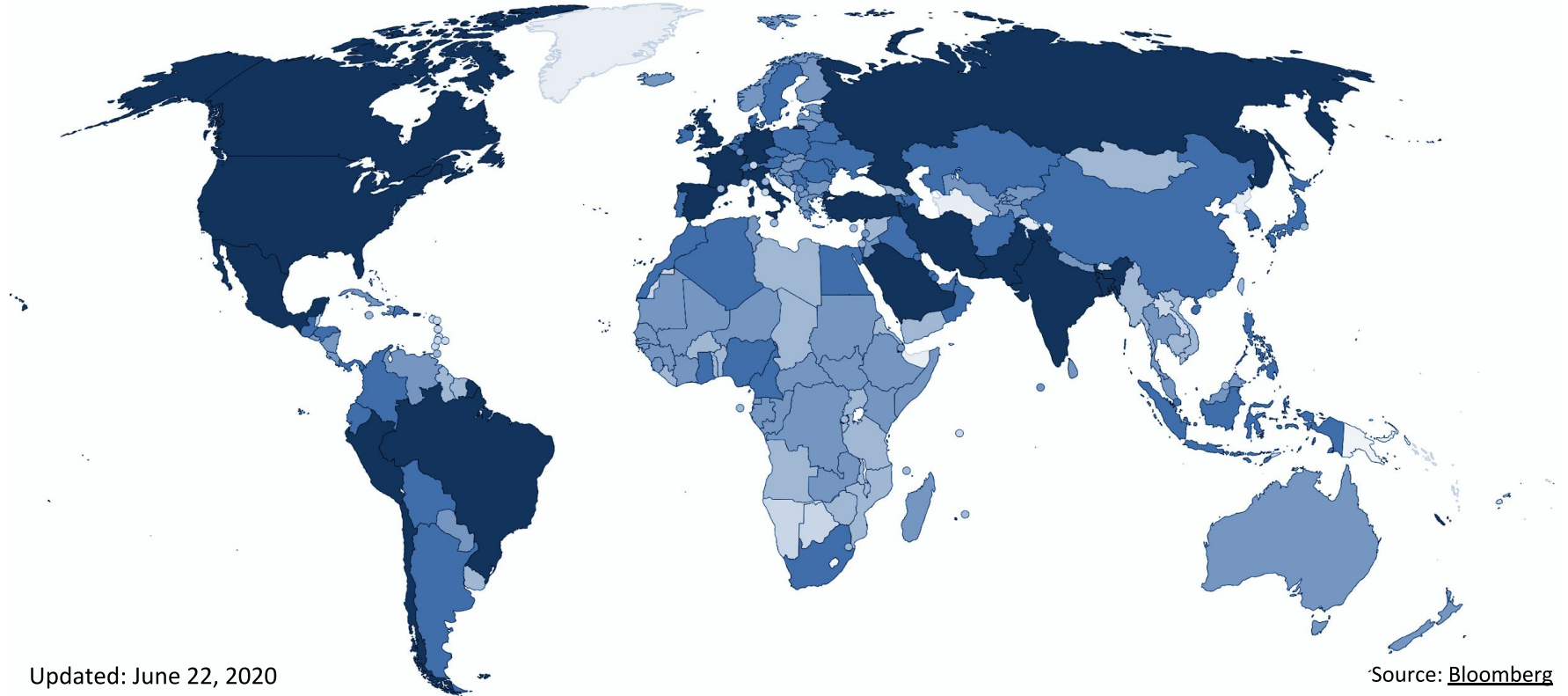
The U.S. accounts for 20% of new cases globally as the pandemic surges at record speed around the world.

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Source: WHO

Mapping the Spread of COVID-19

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



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Source: Bloomberg

Global Hotspots at a Glance

India



Source: [NYT](#)

India's underfunded hospitals are beginning to buckle as the country reports [more infections per day than any country](#), aside from the U.S. and Brazil. People in desperate need of treatment are being turned away.

Germany



Source: [NYT](#)

Germany is scrambling to contain an outbreak at the country's largest pork processing plant. The authorities have [confirmed 1,331 new cases](#) at the Tönnies plant in the Northwestern town of Rheda-Wiedenbrück.

South Korea



Source: [Reuters](#)

A top health official in South Korea said the country has been battling a [“second wave,”](#) but added the caseload remained too small to qualify as a true “wave.” Many previously successful countries have seen a [resurgence in cases](#).

COVID-19 and the U.S.

U.S. cases

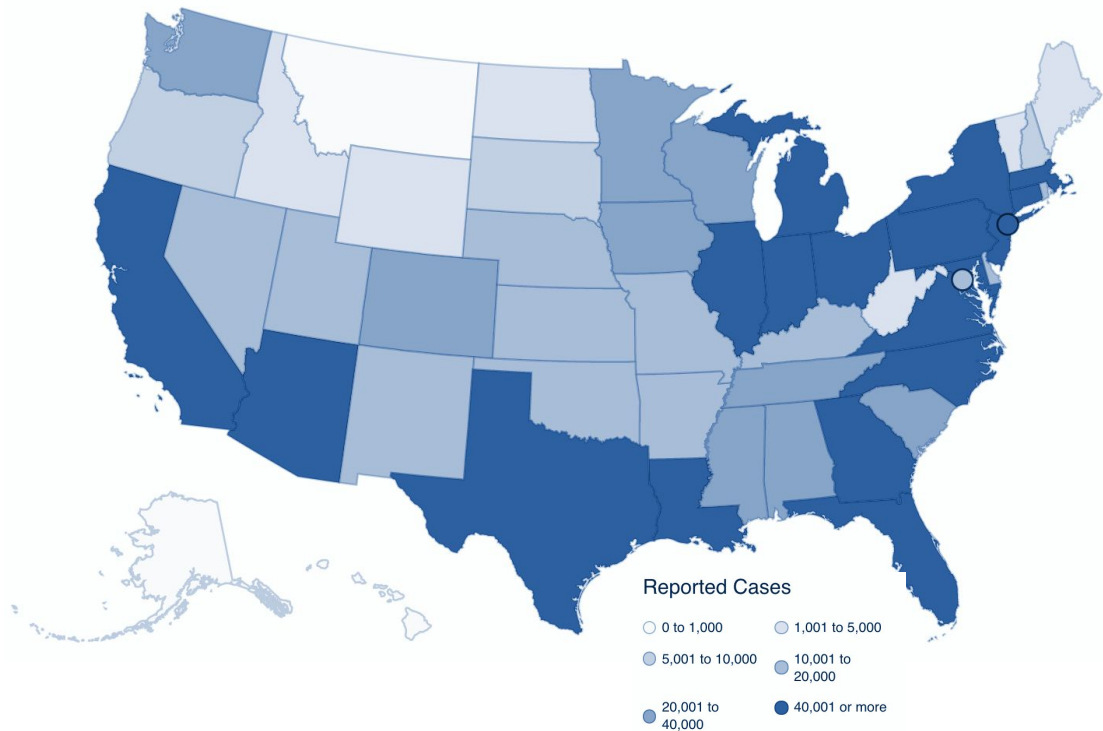
Over 2.24 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. exceeding 119,000 deaths. Cases are on track to spread like “forest fire” through summer and fall.

New cases surge over the weekend

New cases emerged over the weekend in [22 states, especially in the West and South](#). Oklahoma and Missouri reported their largest single-day increases yet on Sunday. Florida passed 100,000 total cases.

New York's reopening "milestone"

New York is beginning its [Phase II reopening](#) as offices are allowed to reopen, and [as many as 300,000 people](#) are expected to return to work in person.



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Source: CDC

COVID-19 Treatments



Source: [Politico](#)

Demand for steroid surges

WHO reports that [demand for the steroid dexamethasone](#) to treat COVID-19 patients is surging.

Easy-to-administer treatment moves forward

Gilead Sciences, an American biopharmaceutical company, [will soon start human trials of an inhalable version of remdesivir](#), an antiviral drug that has shown some promise as a virus treatment.

Blood-thinner pill study

A study has shown that a blood-thinner pill, [sold under the brand name Xarelto](#), can reduce COVID-19 complications.

Global Economic Updates

Global markets

In Europe, oil-and-gas companies and travel and leisure stocks were [some of the worst performers](#). In Asia, most major equity benchmarks dropped.

Britain protects itself from foreign companies

Britain's government [plans to propose that it be allowed to oversee mergers and takeovers involving foreign companies](#), to protect its ability to combat a public health emergency like the pandemic.

Continued suspension on cruise lines

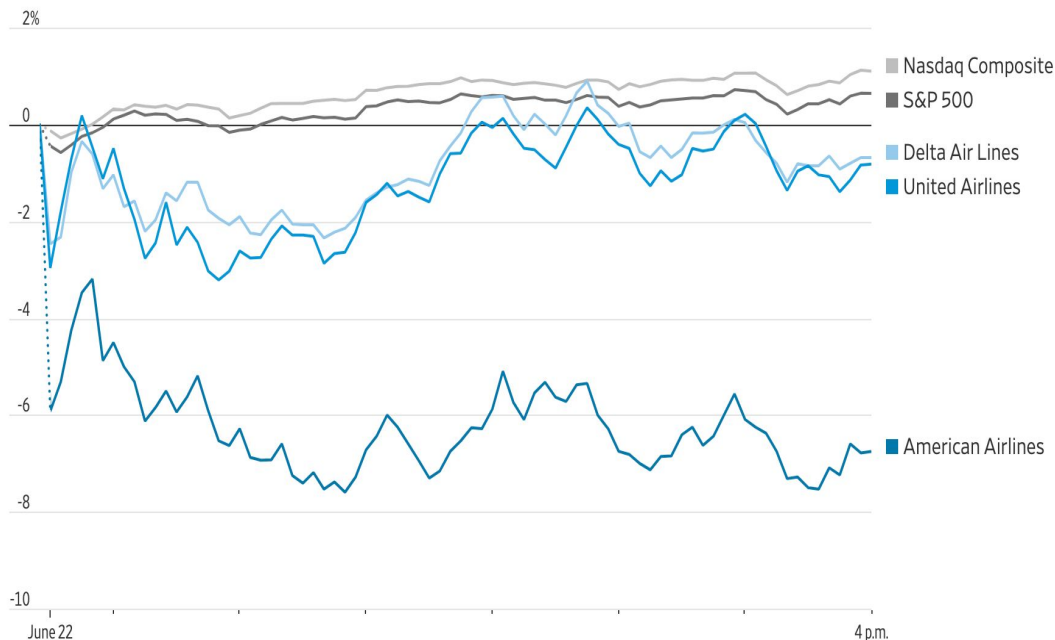
Carnival Cruise line [extends cruise cancellations](#) as the global cruise industry is dealt another blow of a CDC "[no sail order](#)" extended to September 15.



Source: [USA Today](#)

U.S. Economic Updates

Share-price and index performance



Updated: June 22, 2020 at 4 PM ET

Source: [WSJ](#)

Wall Street

All [three major indexes rose](#), despite a rise in U.S. coronavirus infection rates.

Preventing a vaccine “for-profit bonanza”

Members of Congress say they will [keep prices down](#) for any taxpayer-funded treatments and vaccines for COVID-19.

Federal aid has averted poverty for millions

Studies suggest the [expansion of federal aid has prevented poverty](#) as unemployment reaches the highest levels since the Great Depression.

Trump to sign an order suspending work visas

The order will [bar entry to foreigners](#) and has angered many businesses.

Global Response

UN prepares to convene virtually for the first time

The United Nations General Assembly will conduct its annual meeting in September [virtually for the first time](#) where world leaders are expected to deliver their speeches via pre-recorded statements.

Beijing tests nearly 1 million people a day

Beijing has increased its [maximum testing capacity](#).

Leader of Belarus faces criticism over response

The leader of Belarus, who has been in power for 26 years, [faced criticism over his response to the virus](#).

Palestinians protest wearing masks and gloves

Thousands of Palestinians gathered in the West Bank to demonstrate against the prospect of [Israeli annexation](#).



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