



Round Table Report 24 September 2020

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

Active threat

COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2020

Sources: This update is based on multiple official sources, including [WHO updates](#), Ministries of Health, National Health authorities and official social media accounts. Detailed updates are presented on the [ECDC website](#) and [ECDC COVID-19 dashboard](#).

Update: Since the previous RT report published on 23 September 2020 and as of 24 September 2020, 308 884 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 6 406 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from Asia (127 438), America (113 134), Europe (59 693), Africa (8 536) and Oceania (83). The five countries reporting most new cases are: India (86 508), United States (37 930), Brazil (33 281), France (13 072) and Argentina (12 638).

New deaths have been reported from America (3 695), Asia (1 838), Europe (664), Africa (203) and Oceania (6). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: India (1 129), United States (1 102), Brazil (869), Mexico (601) and Argentina (424).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 24 September 2020, 31 969 439 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 978 284 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 1 429 911 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (665 188), Morocco (107 743), Egypt (102 375), Ethiopia (71 083) and Nigeria (57 724).

Asia: 9 766 032 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (5 732 518), Iran (432 798), Bangladesh (353 844), Iraq (332 635) and Saudi Arabia (331 359).

America: 16 032 673 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (6 934 204), Brazil (4 624 885), Colombia (784 268), Peru (782 695) and Mexico (710 049).

Europe: 4 707 458 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Russia (1 122 241), Spain (693 556), France (481 141), United Kingdom (409 729) and Italy (302 537).

Oceania: 32 669 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (26 973), Guam (2 235), New Zealand (1 471), French Polynesia (1 332) and Papua New Guinea (531).

Other: 696 cases have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

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Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 34 529 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (16 206), Egypt (5 822), Morocco (1 918), Algeria (1 698) and Ethiopia (1 141).

Asia: 181 268 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (91 149), Iran (24 840), Indonesia (9 977), Iraq (8 754) and Turkey (7 711).

America: 541 624 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (201 909), Brazil (138 977), Mexico (74 949), Peru (31 870) and Colombia (24 746).

Europe: 219 918 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United Kingdom (41 862), Italy (35 758), France (31 459), Spain (31 034) and Russia (19 799).

Oceania: 938 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (859), Guam (38), New Zealand (25), Papua New Guinea (7) and French Polynesia (5).

Other: 7 deaths have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

EU/EEA and the UK:

As of 24 September 2020, 3 014 925 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: Spain (693 556), France (481 141), United Kingdom (409 729), Italy (302 537), Germany (278 070), Romania (116 415), Belgium (106 793), Netherlands (100 493), Sweden (89 756), Poland (81 673), Portugal (70 465), Czechia (55 464), Austria (40 558), Ireland (33 675), Denmark (24 357), Hungary (21 200), Bulgaria (19 283), Greece (16 286), Croatia (15 340), Norway (13 152), Finland (9 288), Luxembourg (8 090), Slovakia (7 269), Slovenia (4 694), Lithuania (3 932), Estonia (3 033), Malta (2 857), Iceland (2 476), Cyprus (1 654), Latvia (1 572) and Liechtenstein (117).

As of 24 September 2020, 187 509 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: United Kingdom (41 862), Italy (35 758), France (31 459), Spain (31 034), Belgium (9 959), Germany (9 428), Netherlands (6 287), Sweden (5 876), Romania (4 550), Poland (2 344), Portugal (1 928), Ireland (1 794), Bulgaria (779), Austria (777), Hungary (709), Denmark (643), Czechia (555), Greece (357), Finland (343), Norway (267), Croatia (257), Slovenia (133), Luxembourg (124), Lithuania (87), Estonia (64), Slovakia (41), Latvia (36), Malta (25), Cyprus (22), Iceland (10) and Liechtenstein (1).

EU:

As of 24 September 2020, 2 589 451 cases and 145 369 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):

On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC. On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the [WHO](#) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The [third](#) and [fourth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April and 31 July 2020, respectively. The committee concluded during both meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

Assessment: For the last available risk assessment, please visit [ECDC dedicated webpage](#).

Actions: ECDC has published the eleventh update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website.

Threats under monthly review

Chikungunya and dengue – Multi-country (World) – Monitoring global outbreaks

Summary:

Chikungunya virus disease: The virus is widespread in the Americas region, with several countries reporting cases in 2020. Chikungunya virus disease cases have also been reported in Asia and Africa during this period. Since the previous CDTR update in August 2020, Brazil, Chad and Thailand have reported the majority of new cases.

Dengue: Since the beginning of the year, the majority of the cases have been reported by Brazil, Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina and Indonesia.

Europe**Chikungunya virus disease:**

No autochthonous cases of Chikungunya virus were detected in continental EU/EEA countries and the UK in 2019 and none have been detected to date in 2020.

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Since the beginning of the year and as of 23 September, [France](#) has reported seven autochthonous cases of dengue: one in Hérault department, five in Alpes-Maritime department and one in Var department. In [Italy](#), five locally acquired cases were detected in the Veneto region in August 2020.

Americas and the Caribbean

Chikungunya virus disease:

[Barbados](#): In 2020, as of 5 September, Barbados has reported 9 confirmed cases.

[Bolivia](#): In 2020, as of 5 September, Bolivia has reported 1517 cases, 49 of which are laboratory-confirmed.

[Brazil](#): In 2020, as of 5 September, Brazil has reported 78746 cases, 28 288 of which are laboratory-confirmed. 14 deaths have been reported

[Costa Rica](#): In 2020, as of 29 August, Costa Rica has reported 47 cases. This represents an increase of ten cases since the last CDTR update.

[Colombia](#): In 2020, as of 5 September, Colombia has reported 149 cases, five of which are laboratory-confirmed. This represents an increase of five suspected cases since the last CDTR update.

[Ecuador](#): In 2020, as of 29 August, Ecuador has reported one case.

[El Salvador](#): In 2020, as of 12 September, El Salvador has reported 96 suspected cases. During the same period in 2019, El Salvador reported 535 suspected cases.

[Mexico](#): In 2020 and as of 13 September, Mexico has reported three confirmed cases. During the same period in 2019, Mexico reported nine cases.

[Nicaragua](#): In 2020, as of 15 August, Nicaragua has reported ten suspected cases. During the same period in 2019, 106 suspected cases were reported.

[Paraguay](#): In 2020, as of 13 September, Paraguay has reported three probable cases and 276 additional suspected cases.

[Peru](#): In 2020, as of 15 August, Peru has reported 67 cases of chikungunya.

[Venezuela](#): In 2020, as of 9 September, Venezuela has reported 52 cases, two of which are laboratory-confirmed. This represents an increase of nine cases since the last CDTR update.

Dengue:

In 2020, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) reported 1 997 524 suspected and confirmed dengue cases and 742 deaths, in the Americas region. The countries reporting most cases are: Brazil (1 348 042 cases), Paraguay (220 279) and Bolivia (83 552).

All four dengue virus serotypes (DENV 1, DENV 2, DENV 3, and DENV 4) are currently circulating in the Region of the Americas, which increases the risk of severe cases. The figures for each country of the Americas region can be found on the [PAHO Health Information Platform](#).

According to [Santé Publique France](#), the French Caribbean islands are all in an epidemic phase:

Since the beginning of the epidemic in week 2019-42 and as of 12 September 2020, [Guadeloupe](#) has reported 11 600 suspected dengue cases. The epidemic is intensifying and the main circulating serotype is DENV-2.

Since the beginning of the epidemic in week 2020-03 and as of 12 September 2020, [Saint Martin](#) has reported 2 110 suspected dengue cases, including one death. The main circulating serotype is DENV-1.

Since the beginning of the epidemic in week 2020-17 and as of 12 September 2020, [Saint Barthélemy](#) has reported 915 suspected dengue cases. The main circulating serotype is DENV-2.

The dengue epidemic is progressing in [Martinique](#). Since the beginning of the epidemic on 4 November 2019 and as of 12 September 2020, Martinique has reported 16 560 suspected dengue cases including three deaths. Cases are spread out all over the island.

Asia**Chikungunya virus disease:**

India: According to media sources, 107 cases have been reported in Ahmedabad, Gujarat state, in September 2020.

Cambodia: According to media sources, additional suspected cases are being reported in the country since last CDTR report in August. On 7 September, 49 suspected cases were reported in Banteay Meanchey province, neighbouring Thailand.

Malaysia: In 2020 and as of 22 of August, 2 029 cases have been reported across the country, with most of the cases being reported in Perak and Penang region according to Malaysia's Ministry of Health. This represents an increase of 475 cases since the last CDTR update.

Thailand: In 2020, as of 20 September, the country has reported 8 792 cases, with no associated deaths, affecting 71 provinces across the country. This represents an increase of 1 904 cases since the last CDTR update.

No update is available for the outbreak previously reported in [Yemen](#).

Dengue:

According to media sources quoting health authorities, [Bangladesh](#) has reported 439 dengue cases in 2020 and as of 13 September 2020.

Cambodia has reported 7 823 cases and nine deaths as of 30 August 2020. The number of cases reported is only 14% of the 56 617 cases reported in the same period in 2019.

India has reported 12 078 cases as of July 2020 including eight deaths.

Lao PDR has reported 5 510 dengue cases and 11 deaths in 2020 and as of 6 September 2020. The trend is within seasonally expected levels.

Malaysia has reported 72 952 cases and 118 deaths as of 5 September 2020. This is lower compared to the number of cases reported last year for the same period (93 344).

Nepal has reported 261 cases in 2020 and as of 13 September 2020.

Pakistan has reported a total of 333 cases of dengue for 2020 and as of 12 September 2020.

The Philippines have reported 60 819 dengue cases and 236 deaths in 2020 and as of 22 August. The cases are 77% lower compared to the 267 241 cases reported in the same period in 2019.

Singapore has reported 29 616 cases in 2020 and as of 22 September. The number of cases is in a downward trend; however, this year saw the [largest dengue outbreak](#) since records began in Singapore's history.

Sri Lanka has reported 27 502 cases as of 23 September 2020. This is less than last year figures when 52 147 cases were reported for the same period.

Taiwan has reported 80 cases in 2020 and as of 16 September 2020.

Thailand has reported 40 406 cases and four deaths as of 22 September 2020. This represents roughly half of the cases reported last year for the period of January till the end of September (69 609 cases).

Vietnam has reported 60 525 cases and seven deaths as of 30 August. This represents a decrease of 66% compared to 178,200 cases with 38 deaths reported during the same period in 2019.

There are no updates available for Myanmar and Indonesia.

Africa**Chikungunya virus disease:**

Congo: No suspected case of chikungunya was reported in week 31. From week 1 to week 31, 71 cases with no deaths were reported.

Chad: As of 16 September 2020, there is a total of 24 858 cases. The number of cases is increasing in the Biltine

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health district, while fluctuating in Abéché district. Females are predominantly affected, accounting for 13 497 (54%) cases.

No updates are available for the outbreaks previously reported in [Sudan](#) and [Kenya](#).

Dengue:

[Comoros](#) has detected suspected cases of dengue fever since December 2019. In 2020 and as of 2 August, a total of 1 437 suspected dengue fever cases was reported. The majority of cases was recorded from Anjouan, followed by Mohéli islands. There have been no new cases reported since week 31.

There are no updates available for Réunion, Mayotte or Mauritania.

Australia and the Pacific

Chikungunya virus disease:

No outbreaks have been reported since the previous update.

Dengue:

[Australia](#) reported 194 autochthonous and imported dengue cases since the beginning of the year and as of 22 September 2020. Since the last update on 18 August 2020, no new cases were reported.

[The Cook Islands](#) have reported 258 probable and confirmed cases in 2020 and as of 27 July 2020.

[French Polynesia](#) reported 2 949 cases of DENV-2 since the start of the epidemic in April 2019 and as of 23 August 2020.

[The Republic of the Marshall Islands](#) reported 3 612 dengue cases (of which 1 668 have been laboratory confirmed) and two deaths since the start of the epidemic in May 2019 and as of 15 September 2020.

[New Caledonia](#) reported 52 autochthonous and imported dengue cases in 2020 and as of 27 August 2020. Dengue activity remains at a low level.

N.B: The data presented in this report originate from several sources, both official public health authorities and non-official sources such as news media.

Data completeness depends on the availability of reports from surveillance systems and their accuracy, which varies between countries.

All data should be interpreted with caution as there may be areas of under-reporting; reported figures may not reflect the actual epidemiological situation.

Assessment: Chikungunya virus disease and dengue are endemic in large regions of the intertropical convergence zone. As a precaution, [personal protective measures against mosquito bites](#) should be taken by everyone visiting these regions. The risk of virus introduction is currently low and the current environmental conditions are less favourable to support local outbreaks in areas where the vector is present.

ECDC published a [rapid risk assessment](#) on autochthonous cases of dengue in Spain and France on 1 October 2019.

Action: ECDC monitors these threats through epidemic intelligence and reports on a monthly basis. A summary of the worldwide overview of [dengue](#) and [chikungunya](#) is available on the ECDC website.

Rapid risk assessment under production

Rapid Outbreak Assessment (ROA) on a multi-country *S. Typhimurium* outbreak (EPIS UI-636) with EFSA to be circulated on 20 October 2020.

Rapid Risk Assessment (RRA) "Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the EU/EEA and the UK – twelfth update: increased transmission" was circulated to the EC and MS on 23 September 2020.

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