



Round Table Report

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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 week 2020-52 and as of week 2020-53, 4 205 212 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 74 321 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from America (2 072 707), Europe (1 546 543), Asia (426 554), Africa (158 366) and Oceania (1 042). The five countries reporting most new cases are: United States (1 488 563), United Kingdom (325 049), Brazil (249 461), Russia (182 103) and India (132 598).

New deaths have been reported from America (32 304), Europe (31 470), Asia (6 454), Africa (4 084) and Oceania (9). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: United States (18 264), Brazil (4 879), Germany (4 448), Mexico (4 358) and United Kingdom (3 915).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of week 2020-53, 84 532 824 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 1 845 597 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 2 832 753 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (1 100 748), Morocco (443 146), Tunisia (143 544), Egypt (142 187) and Ethiopia (125 622).

Asia: 18 099 566 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (10 340 469), Iran (1 243 434), Indonesia (758 473), Iraq (598 369) and Bangladesh (516 019).

America: 37 144 796 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (20 640 214), Brazil (7 733 746), Colombia (1 675 820), Argentina (1 640 705) and Mexico (1 448 755).

Europe: 26 399 030 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Russia (3 260 138), France (2 655 728), United Kingdom (2 654 779), Italy (2 155 446) and Spain (1 958 844).

Oceania: 55 974 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (28 504), French Polynesia (16 926), Guam (7 327), New Zealand (2 181) and Papua New Guinea (799).

Other: 705 cases have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

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Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 67 277 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (29 577), Egypt (7 805), Morocco (7 485), Tunisia (4 800) and Algeria (2 772).

Asia: 311 534 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (149 649), Iran (55 540), Indonesia (22 555), Iraq (12 844) and Pakistan (10 350).

America: 881 142 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (351 590), Brazil (196 018), Mexico (127 213), Colombia (43 965) and Argentina (43 482).

Europe: 584 454 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Italy (75 332), United Kingdom (75 024), France (65 037), Russia (58 988) and Spain (51 078).

Oceania: 1 184 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (909), Guam (123), French Polynesia (114), New Zealand (25) and Papua New Guinea (9).

Other: 6 deaths have been reported from an international conveyance in Japan.

EU/EEA:

As of week 2020-53, 15 857 298 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (2 655 728), Italy (2 155 446), Spain (1 958 844), Germany (1 775 513), Poland (1 322 947), Netherlands (820 193), Czechia (746 714), Belgium (650 794), Romania (640 429), Sweden (469 748), Portugal (427 254), Austria (364 574), Hungary (328 851), Croatia (212 958), Bulgaria (203 051), Slovakia (188 099), Denmark (168 711), Lithuania (147 997), Greece (140 099), Slovenia (125 858), Ireland (101 887), Norway (50 715), Luxembourg (46 919), Latvia (42 497), Finland (36 919), Estonia (29 521), Cyprus (23 974), Malta (13 082), Iceland (5 754) and Liechtenstein (2 222).

As of week 2020-53, 376 891 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (75 332), France (65 037), Spain (51 078), Germany (34 574), Poland (29 161), Belgium (19 750), Romania (15 979), Czechia (12 070), Netherlands (11 598), Hungary (9 977), Sweden (8 985), Bulgaria (7 678), Portugal (7 118), Austria (6 253), Greece (4 957), Croatia (4 072), Slovenia (2 891), Slovakia (2 521), Ireland (2 259), Denmark (1 374), Lithuania (1 361), Latvia (680), Finland (565), Luxembourg (506), Norway (449), Estonia (251), Malta (220), Cyprus (131), Liechtenstein (35) and Iceland (29).

EU:

As of week 2020-53, 15 798 607 cases and 376 378 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Other news: On 6 January 2021, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) granted a [conditional marketing authorisation](#) for Moderna's in people 18 years of age and older. This is the second COVID-19 vaccine EMA has recommended for authorisation. Following this advice, the European Commission [approved](#) this authorisation, for which 160 million doses will be delivered to the EU by September 2021.

Additionally, on 6 January 2021, [the Netherlands](#) began its COVID-19 vaccination campaign nationwide with the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccine.

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](#), [fourth](#) and [fifth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April, 31 July and 29 October 2020, respectively. The committee concluded during these 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 thirteenth update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. ECDC [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk of increase of COVID-19 infection related to end-of-year festive season was published on 4 December 2020. On 29 December 2020, ECDC published [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk related to spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA.

The next update on worldwide COVID-19 figures will be on 14 January 2021.

Risk assessment under production

Joint ECDC and EFSA rapid outbreak assessment to be produced on *Salmonella* Enteritidis contamination in poultry products from Poland to be published in week 03-2021.

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