



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) – 2019-2021

Update: Since week 2021-3 and as of week 2021-4, 3 720 869 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 98 279 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from America (1 803 073), Europe (1 317 617), Asia (467 221), Africa (132 387) and Oceania (571). The five countries reporting most new cases are: United States (1 024 054), Brazil (357 929), Spain (229 423), United Kingdom (169 713) and France (143 497).

New deaths have been reported from America (46 746), Europe (38 304), Asia (7 221), Africa (6 003) and Oceania (5). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: United States (22 226), Mexico (8 827), United Kingdom (8 219), Brazil (7 435) and Germany (5 033).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of week 2021-4, 103 446 897 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 2 236 386 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 3 579 809 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (1 456 309), Morocco (471 157), Tunisia (210 045), Egypt (165 951) and Ethiopia (138 384).

Asia: 20 004 167 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (10 757 610), Iran (1 417 999), Indonesia (1 078 314), Israel (646 277) and Iraq (619 636).

America: 46 270 502 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (26 321 125), Brazil (9 229 322), Colombia (2 104 506), Argentina (1 933 840) and Mexico (1 869 708).

Europe: 33 534 153 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Russia (3 868 087), United Kingdom (3 817 176), France (3 197 114), Spain (2 822 805) and Italy (2 553 032).

Oceania: 57 561 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (28 818), French Polynesia (18 060), Guam (7 608), New Zealand (1 947) and Papua New Guinea (867).

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

Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 91 398 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (44 399), Egypt (9 316), Morocco (8 275), Tunisia (6 802) and Algeria (2 891).

Asia: 338 028 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (154 392), Iran (57 959), Indonesia (29

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998), Iraq (13 047) and Pakistan (11 683).

America: 1 065 014 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (443 355), Brazil (225 099), Mexico (159 100), Colombia (54 272) and Argentina (48 249).

Europe: 740 733 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United Kingdom (106 158), Italy (88 516), France (76 057), Russia (73 619) and Spain (59 081).

Oceania: 1 207 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (909), French Polynesia (131), Guam (129), 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 2021-4, 19 727 693 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (3 197 114), Spain (2 822 805), Italy (2 553 032), Germany (2 221 971), Poland (1 513 385), Czechia (987 329), Netherlands (980 447), Romania (728 743), Portugal (726 321), Belgium (711 818), Sweden (575 047), Austria (410 985), Hungary (368 710), Slovakia (249 913), Croatia (232 520), Bulgaria (218 748), Denmark (198 960), Ireland (196 547), Lithuania (182 893), Slovenia (166 473), Greece (156 957), Latvia (66 241), Norway (62 966), Luxembourg (50 669), Finland (45 482), Estonia (44 208), Cyprus (30 876), Malta (18 027), Iceland (6 009) and Liechtenstein (2 497).

As of week 2021-4, 473 139 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (88 516), France (76 057), Spain (59 081), Germany (57 120), Poland (37 180), Belgium (21 135), Romania (18 335), Czechia (16 392), Netherlands (14 009), Portugal (12 757), Hungary (12 578), Sweden (11 773), Bulgaria (9 045), Austria (7 653), Greece (5 796), Croatia (5 054), Slovakia (4 642), Slovenia (3 752), Ireland (3 307), Lithuania (2 825), Denmark (2 145), Latvia (1 195), Finland (677), Luxembourg (580), Norway (567), Estonia (419), Malta (269), Cyprus (199), Liechtenstein (52) and Iceland (29).

EU:

As of week 2021-4, 19 656 221 cases and 472 491 deaths have been reported in the EU.

Other News

According to [Polish media](#), the authorities caught a person selling fake Pfizer vaccines on the black market. After further laboratory investigation, it seems that the fake vaccine is a close copy of the real vaccine. ECDC informed EUROPOL and EMA on 3 February 2021.

On 1 Feb 2021, EUROPOL published a [warning](#) about the illegal sale of false negative COVID-19 test certificates. Several cases have already emerged of fraudulent COVID-19 test certificates being sold to travellers. Member States are encouraged to share any relevant information on criminal activities related to fake COVID-19 test documentation with Europol.

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](#), [fifth](#) and [sixth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April, 31 July, 29 October 2020, and 14 January 2021, 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's dedicated webpage](#).

Actions: ECDC has published the 13th update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. ECDC's [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk of the increase of COVID-19 infection related to end-of-year festive season was published on 4 December 2020. ECDC's [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA was published on 29 December 2020, and a [first update](#) published on 21 January 2021.

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