



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 the previous RT report published on 11 April 2021 and as of 12 April 2021, 114 211 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 1 696 new deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA.

New cases have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new cases are: France (34 895), Poland (21 733), Italy (15 737), Germany (13 245) and Netherlands (8 210).

New deaths have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new deaths are: Italy (331), Hungary (291), Poland (245), France (176) and Romania (129).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 12 April 2021, 28 430 212 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported in the EU/EEA, including 644 764 deaths.

EU/EEA cases:

As of 12 April 2021, 28 430 212 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (5 058 680), Italy (3 769 814), Spain (3 347 512), Germany (3 011 513), Poland (2 574 631), Czechia (1 581 184), Netherlands (1 348 945), Romania (1 006 167), Belgium (925 382), Sweden (857 401), Portugal (827 494), Hungary (725 241), Austria (573 944), Bulgaria (371 993), Slovakia (371 062), Greece (295 480), Croatia (292 516), Ireland (240 945), Denmark (237 792), Slovenia (226 499), Lithuania (226 173), Estonia (114 443), Latvia (107 608), Norway (101 959), Finland (82 053), Luxembourg (63 650), Cyprus (51 505), Malta (29 614), Iceland (6 258) and Liechtenstein (2 754).

EU/EEA deaths:

As of 12 April 2021, 644 764 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (114 254), France (98 778), Germany (78 452), Spain (76 328), Poland (58 421), Czechia (27 918), Romania (25 135), Hungary (23 708), Belgium (23 473), Portugal (16 916), Netherlands (16 750), Bulgaria (14 418), Sweden (13 621), Slovakia (10 565), Austria (9 411), Greece (8 885), Croatia (6 308), Ireland (4 785), Slovenia (4 408), Lithuania (3 687), Denmark (2 441), Latvia (1 986), Estonia (1 037), Finland (868), Luxembourg (768), Norway (684), Malta (402), Cyprus (272), Liechtenstein (56) and Iceland (29).

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Other News:

On 9 April 2021, a pre-print was published on [medrxiv](#) showing results from a case-control study in Israel where individuals fully vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine (two-doses) were disproportionately infected (8:1) with the South-African variant (B.1.351). The study included 400 cases (i.e. those vaccinated) and 400 controls, including 150 individuals who received two doses of the vaccine. Less than 1% of the sample had the B1.351 strain (eight patients). The authors point out that the small sample size and the absolute numbers found were very small, so cautions against over-interpreting the odds ratios obtained should be made. In February 2021, Pfizer/BioNTech stated that they were working on a third vaccine dose as a booster shot that would be effective against the COVID variants.

The European Medicines Agency's (EMA), Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) has started [reviewing reports](#) of thromboembolic events in people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. So far, there have been four serious cases of unusual blood clots with low blood platelets. One case occurred in a [clinical trial](#) and three cases occurred during the vaccine rollout in the USA. One of them was fatal. The EMA's PRAC [concluded](#) that unusual blood clots with low blood platelets should be listed as very rare side effects of Vaxzevria. Additionally, the PRAC has started [reviewing reports](#) of capillary leak syndrome in people who have been vaccinated with Vaxzevria. So far there have been five cases of this very rare disorder.

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 2020, 31 July 2020, 29 October 2020, and 14 January 2021, respectively. The committee concluded during these meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC. The 7th IHR Emergency Committee meeting is planned for 15 April 2021.

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

Actions: ECDC has published the 14th 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 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.

Risk assessment under production

Joint Notification Summary with EFSA on the Multi-country cluster of *Listeria monocytogenes* clonal complex 1 (CC1) linked to soft cheese, to be circulated to MS on the 14 April 2021.

Expert deployment

One EPIET fellow has been deployed in Georgia, from 24 March 2021 until 1 May 2021, as part of the WHO team providing support to the Georgian NCDC for the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study in health workers.

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