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Corona Virus Monitoring

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[Corona virus real-time tracking map](#) (Johns Hopkins University, USA)

Situation in China

The number of total infections in China's coronavirus outbreak has passed 20,400 nationwide with 3,235 new cases confirmed, the National Health Commission said Tuesday. In its daily update, the commission said there had been 64 new deaths from the virus -- all in hardest-hit Hubei province, bringing the national toll to 425. (AFP/News 18, France, 04/02/20) [more](#)

China's top leadership on Monday admitted "*shortcomings and difficulties*" in its response to the coronavirus outbreak, as state media said a new hospital built at breakneck pace began receiving patients in the epicentre of the crisis. (AFP, France, 03/04/20) [more](#)

Beijing is stepping up diplomatic efforts to reassure countries around the world it can control the coronavirus outbreak that has killed more than 420 people so far, seeking to prevent more travel bans placed against travellers from China. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Two more cities in China's eastern province of Zhejiang have restricted the movement of residents over fears of the spread of the coronavirus, far from the epicentre of the health emergency. (AFP/Straits Times, France, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

The city of Taizhou and three Hangzhou districts - including the area home to the main office of Chinese tech giant Alibaba - will only allow one person per household to go outside every two days to buy necessities, city officials said. (AFP/Straits Times, France, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

A total of 632 patients infected with the novel coronavirus had been discharged from hospital after recovery by the end of Monday, Chinese health authorities announced Tuesday. (Xinhua, China, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Coronavirus patients arrived Tuesday at a Chinese field hospital built from scratch in under two weeks at the frontline of the outbreak. (AFP/France 24, France, 04/02/20) [more](#)

China told the World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday that it had shared full information on coronavirus with authorities in Taiwan, where there have been 10 confirmed cases, and that channels of communication across the straits were "unblocked". (National Post, Canada, 03/02/20) [more](#)

Last December, China detained eight doctors after they reported observing several patients in Wuhan coming down with what they thought might have been Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, but was actually the coronavirus, The Daily Beast reports. (News Max, USA; 03/02/20) [more..](#)

A 39-year-old man in Hong Kong who was being treated for the novel coronavirus has died. (AFP/NY Times, France, 04/02/20) [more](#)

International Situation and reactions

MALAYSIAN health authorities on Tuesday confirmed the first citizen to be infected with the new coronavirus, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 10. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

TAIWAN dramatically escalated its war of words with Beijing on Tuesday over the island's exclusion from the World Health Organisation, saying "vile" China was preventing Taiwan from getting timely information about the coronavirus outbreak. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Les autorités **JAPONAISES** vérifiaient mardi l'état de santé de 3.711 personnes en quarantaine à bord d'un bateau de croisière près de Tokyo, après un cas avéré de coronavirus parmi l'un des passagers ayant débarqué à Hong Kong. (AFP/France24, France, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

PAKISTAN said on Monday it was resuming flights to and from China, three days after it suspended them because of the coronavirus outbreak in China. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more](#)

NORTH KOREA'S already tenuous economic lifelines to the outside world are now nearly severed as it seals its borders with China and Russia to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus. Already one of the most closed-off countries in the world, North Korea has stopped airline flights and train service with its neighbours, established weeks-long mandatory quarantines for recently arrived foreigners, suspended international tourism, and imposed a near-complete lockdown on cross-border travel. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

A **SOUTH KOREAN** woman has tested positive for coronavirus after visiting Thailand, South Korean officials said on Tuesday, the first foreign tourist reported to have been infected after a visit to the southeast Asian nation. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

CANADA: All Canadians evacuated from a flu-hit Chinese region will be placed in quarantine for 14 days once they arrive at a military base in the province of Ontario, Health Minister Patty Hajdu told a news conference on Monday. (Reuters/ National Post, Canada, 03/02/20) [more](#)

AUSTRALIA: Doctors have warned of a rise in racist incidents as Asian-Australians have been targeted amid coronavirus fears. Guardian Australia has been told of one involving a young mother who was racially abused on a Sydney train. (The Guardian, UK, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

RUSSIA is postponing an annual investment forum in the Black Sea city of Sochi that had been scheduled to take place next week due to coronavirus concerns, a government order said on Monday. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

A first Russian military plane took off on Tuesday to evacuate Russian citizens from the Chinese city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak, the RIA news agency reported citing the Defence Ministry. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES will suspend all flights with China from Wednesday, with the exception of the capital, Beijing, the state news agency WAM said on Monday. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more](#)

AFRICA: The ongoing Chinese coronavirus epidemic has now reached the shores of Africa with at least four countries reporting suspected cases of the disease across the continent as of Monday. (Breitbart, USA, 03/02/20) [more..](#)

A 21-year-old **CAMEROONIAN** student in China has become the first African known to be diagnosed with the deadly coronavirus. (Business Day, Nigeria, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Medical and health issues

Drugmakers are racing to get a vaccine for the coronavirus approved this year, an ambitious goal considering the number of safety tests and trials a vaccine must pass before the public can access it. A possible vaccine for the 2019 novel coronavirus, which has infected over 17,000 and killed at least 360 since late 2019, is stored in a laboratory refrigerator in Houston, Texas. It was first developed for a different coronavirus, SARS, in 2012, but researchers think it could be just as effective in 2020. (Washington Examiner, USA, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

The China Guangzhou Center for Disease Control and Prevention said recently that a DNA sample collected from the door handle at the home of a novel coronavirus patient tested positive for the disease. (Taiwan News, Taiwan, China, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Chinese scientists say they have detected "*striking*" mutations in a new coronavirus that may have occurred during transmission between family members. (SCMP, China, 03/02/20) [more](#)

[Could coronavirus become a pandemic?](#) (CGTN, China, 04/02/20)

EU/Consular issues

BELGIUM has reported its first confirmed coronavirus case after one of the nine Belgians repatriated from China at the weekend tested positive, authorities said Tuesday. (Brussels Times, Belgium, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

GREECE: An additional package of measures to protect the country against a coronavirus outbreak was decided at the Greek National Public Health Council, which convened on Monday, in the presence of Health Minister Vassilis Kikilias in Athens. (Greek Reporter, Greece, 03/02/20) [more..](#)

LITHUANIA and China are setting up a hotline to exchange information on the coronavirus outbreak, the Lithuanian government said on Monday. (IRT, Lithuania, 03/02/20) [more..](#)

Two **DANES** judged to be potentially carrying the coronavirus were placed into 14 days of home quarantine upon their arrival in Denmark this morning. (Copenhagen Post, Denmark, 03/02/20) [more..](#)

LUFTHANSA is extending until Feb. 28 its suspension of flights to Beijing and Shanghai, the German airline said on Monday, citing the coronavirus outbreak. (Reuters, Canada, 03/02/20) [more](#)

Consular issues (non-EU)

The **US** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Monday announced a second case of transmission of the new coronavirus within the United States and provided more detailed plans on how it will handle travelers returning from China as the country works to limit the outbreak. (India Today, India, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

BRAZIL: Alarmed by the growing risks of a new coronavirus, Brazil has decided to repatriate Brazilians from Wuhan. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more](#)

UKRAINE plans to evacuate its citizens from China by the end of the week over coronavirus fears, Interfax-Ukraine cited

a Ukrainian Health Ministry official as saying on Monday. (Reuters, Canada, 03/02/20) [more](#)

VIETNAM has assigned the military to quarantine 950 Vietnamese returning from China, where the coronavirus epidemic has killed more than 420 people, state media reported on Tuesday. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

La **BANQUE MONDIALE** a appelé lundi tous les pays à "renforcer leur surveillance sanitaire et les réponses données" à l'épidémie de nouveau coronavirus chinois, et a dit examiner les ressources financières et techniques mobilisables rapidement. (AFP/ La Libre, France, 04/02/20) [plus..](#)

A **WHO**-led international team of experts could go to China as early as this week to investigate the coronavirus outbreak, as agreed between the WHO chief and Chinese President Xi Jinping, and could include U.S. experts, a WHO spokesman said on Monday. (Jerusalem Post, Israel, 03/02/20) [more](#)

The **VATICAN** has sent between 600,000 and 700,000 masks to China to try to help combat the spread of the coronavirus, Figaro reports. (Novinite, Bulgaria, 03/02/20) [more..](#)

Economic issues

China's yuan managed to staunch further losses on Tuesday after skidding to a near two-month low in the previous session, with traders assessing Beijing's efforts to stabilise confidence in markets battered by the coronavirus epidemic in the country. (Reuters, Nasdaq, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

The global oil market expects the coronavirus outbreak to create a large demand shock and keep volatility in spot prices elevated, Goldman Sachs said. [...] Crude oil prices fell to their lowest in more than a year on Monday as the virus outbreak curtailed Chinese demand and sparked potential supply cuts by OPEC and its allies. (Reuters, Canada, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

Samsung Electronics Co. will temporarily shut down its flagship store in China amid growing fears of the spread of the novel coronavirus, company officials here said on Monday. (The Hindu, India, 04/02/20) [more..](#)

[How countries around the world are fighting to keep growth afloat as the coronavirus threatens the economy.](#) (Markets Insider, USA, 03/02/20)

Links

[How coronavirus has hit Asian sport.](#) (Keir Radnedge, UK, 04/02/20)

[Factbox: China's fight against novel coronavirus outbreak.](#) (Xinhua, China, 03/02/20)

[10 myths about the coronavirus, including a link to meat-eating and imported packages.](#) (Business Insider, USA; 03/02/20)

[Disease knows no borders: Responding to coronavirus.](#) (The Hill, USA, 03/02/20)

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