

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 threats

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 17 November 2020 and as of 18 November 2020, 548 156 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 10 189 new deaths have been reported.

New cases have been reported from Europe (224 822), America (221 205), Asia (88 299), Africa (13 290) and Oceania (540). The five countries reporting most new cases are: United States (154 316), France (45 522), India (38 617), Brazil (35 294) and Italy (32 191).

New deaths have been reported from Europe (5 207), America (3 076), Asia (1 499), Africa (402) and Oceania (5). The five countries reporting most new deaths are: United States (1 467), France (1 219), Italy (731), Brazil (685) and United Kingdom (598).

Summary: Since 31 December 2019 and as of 18 November 2020, 55 449 479 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported, including 1 338 980 deaths.

Cases have been reported from:

Africa: 1 999 563 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are South Africa (754 256), Morocco (301 604), Egypt (111 284), Ethiopia (103 395) and Tunisia (81 723).

Asia: 15 025 564 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are India (8 912 907), Iran (788 473), Iraq (524 503), Indonesia (474 455) and Bangladesh (436 684).

America: 23 918 764 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United States (11 359 802), Brazil (5 911 758), Argentina (1 329 005), Colombia (1 211 128) and Mexico (1 011 153).

Europe: 14 456 337 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are France (2 036 755), Russia (1 971 013), Spain (1 510 023), United Kingdom (1 410 732) and Italy (1 238 072).

Oceania: 48 555 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are Australia (27 756), French Polynesia (12 121), Guam (6 234), New Zealand (1 652) and Papua New Guinea (602).

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

Deaths have been reported from:

Africa: 48 029 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are South Africa (20 433), Egypt (6 481), Morocco (4 932), Tunisia (2 445) and Algeria (2 186).

Asia: 266 201 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are India (130 993), Iran (42 461), Indonesia (15 393), Iraq (11 752) and Turkey (11 704).

America: 687 678 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United States (248 687), Brazil (166 699), Mexico (99 026), Argentina (36 106) and Peru (35 317).

Europe: 335 966 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are United Kingdom (52 745), Italy (46 464), France (46 273), Spain (41 688) and Russia (33 931).

Oceania: 1 099 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Australia (907), Guam (100), French Polynesia (56), New Zealand (25) and Papua New Guinea (7).

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

EU/EEA and the UK:

As of 18 November 2020, 11 120 884 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: France (2 036 755), Spain (1 510 023), United Kingdom (1 410 732), Italy (1 238 072), Germany (833 307), Poland (752 940), Belgium (540 509), Czechia (469 769), Netherlands (456 453), Romania (373 474), Portugal (230 124), Austria (213 462), Sweden (192 439), Hungary (156 949), Bulgaria (106 598), Slovakia (88 602), Croatia (87 464), Greece (78 825), Ireland (68 686), Denmark (64 551), Slovenia (56 937), Lithuania (36 876), Norway (29 510), Luxembourg (27 256), Finland (19 647), Latvia (10 914), Malta (8 247), Estonia (8 033), Cyprus (7 513), Iceland (5 215) and Liechtenstein (1 002).

As of 18 November 2020, 275 596 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA and the UK: United Kingdom (52 745), Italy (46 464), France (46 273), Spain (41 688), Belgium (14 839), Germany (13 119), Poland (10 848), Romania (9 261), Netherlands (8 604), Czechia (6 558), Sweden (6 225), Portugal (3 553), Hungary (3 380), Bulgaria (2 413), Ireland (1 995), Austria (1 815), Greece (1 228), Croatia (1 113), Denmark (768), Slovakia (557), Slovenia (556), Finland (371), Lithuania (299), Norway (298), Luxembourg (236), Latvia (132), Malta (101), Estonia (84), Cyprus (40), Iceland (25) and Liechtenstein (8).

EU:

As of 18 November 2020, 9 674 425 cases and 222 520 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](#), [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 detection of new SARS-CoV-2 variants related to minks has been published on 12 November 2020.

Dengue - French Antilles - 2020

Source: [Santé publique France](#)

Update: Since the previous update, with data as of 29 October 2020 and as of 12 November 2020, an additional 3 778 dengue cases have been reported in Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy and Martinique.

The following cases have been reported since the previous update:

Guadeloupe: 1 855 additional suspected cases.

Saint-Martin: 50 additional suspected cases.

Saint-Barthelemy: 73 additional suspected cases.

Martinique: 1 800 additional suspected cases, including three deaths.

Summary: According to French authorities, Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy and Martinique are all in an epidemic phase, although cases have started to decrease since week 40.

In **Guadeloupe**, since week 2019-43 and as of 12 November 2020, 18 905 suspected dengue cases have been reported, including one death. Most of the cases have been identified as dengue virus serotype 2.

In **Saint-Martin**, since week 2020-03 and as of 12 November 2020, 2 450 suspected dengue cases have been reported, including one death. Most of the cases have been identified as dengue virus serotype 1.

In **Saint-Barthélemy**, since week 2020-17 and as of 12 November 2020, 1 250 suspected dengue cases have been reported. Most of the cases have been identified as dengue virus serotype 2.

In **Martinique**, since 4 November 2019 and as of 12 November 2020, 29 800 suspected dengue cases have been reported, including 14 deaths. Dengue virus serotype 3 has been identified among most of the cases. The number of cases is now declining in Martinique. This outbreak constitutes the largest outbreak reported on the island in the last decade.

ECDC Assessment: EU/EEA travellers to and residents in the affected areas should apply [personal protective measures against mosquito bites](#). The occurrence of further autochthonous cases in the French Antilles is expected, as environmental conditions are favourable for continuous transmission. The concurrent circulation of several dengue serotypes may increase the risk of more severe clinical presentations.

The current likelihood of the occurrence of local transmission events of dengue virus in southern continental Europe is considered to be very low as the environmental conditions are no longer favourable to vector activity and virus replication.

More information about dengue is available at [ECDC factsheet](#).

Action: ECDC is monitoring the ongoing situation through its epidemic intelligence activities. ECDC has maintained a list of the [autochthonous transmission events of dengue virus in continental EU/EEA](#) since 2010.

Update on threats under monthly review

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

Update:

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 on 24 October 2020, Chad, Thailand and Malaysia have reported the majority of new cases.

Dengue: Since the beginning of the year, the countries reporting most cases are Brazil, Paraguay, Mexico, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

Summary:

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.

Dengue:

Since the beginning of the year and as of 17 November 2020, [France](#) has reported twelve autochthonous cases of dengue: two in Hérault department, three in Var department, six in Alpes Maritimes and one in Gard department. In [Italy](#), ten locally-acquired cases were detected in the Veneto region in August 2020.

Americas and the Caribbean

Chikungunya virus disease:

[Colombia:](#) In 2020, as of 7 November, Colombia has reported 158 cases, five of which are laboratory-confirmed. This represents an increase of two suspected cases since the last CDTR update.

Costa Rica: In 2020, as of 31 October, Costa Rica has reported 49 cases.

Ecuador: In 2020, as of 31 October, Ecuador has reported one case.

El Salvador: In 2020, as of 31 October, El Salvador has reported 106 suspected cases. This represents an increase of five new cases since the last CDTR update. During the same period in 2019, El Salvador reported 642 suspected cases.

Mexico: In 2020 and as of 31 October, Mexico has reported six confirmed cases. During the same period in 2019, Mexico reported nine cases.

Nicaragua: In 2020, as of 31 October, Nicaragua has reported 15 suspected cases. During the same period in 2019, 169 suspected cases were reported.

Paraguay: In 2020, as of 7 November, Paraguay has reported three probable cases and 283 additional suspected cases.

Peru: In 2020, as of 7 November, Peru has reported 94 cases, 52 of which are laboratory-confirmed. This represents an increase of 14 cases since the last CDTR update.

Venezuela: In 2020, as of 7 November, Venezuela has reported 62 cases, 2 of which are laboratory-confirmed. This represents an increase of 10 cases since the last CDTR update.

No updates are available for Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala and Honduras.

Dengue:

In 2020, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) reported 2 114 841 suspected and confirmed dengue cases and 853 deaths, in the Americas region. The five countries reporting most cases are: Brazil (1 378 592 cases), Paraguay (221 000), Mexico (99 632), Bolivia (83 552) and Colombia (73 357).

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 epidemic phase, although cases have started to decrease since week 40. Details about the current epidemics in Guadeloupe, Saint Martin, Saint Barthélemy and Martinique can be found in the Dengue – French Antilles – 2020 threat in this CDTR.

Asia

Chikungunya virus disease:

India: In 2020, as of 30 September, India has reported 22 587 suspected cases and 3 487 confirmed cases.

Malaysia: In 2020 and as of 31 October 2 374 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 196 149 cases since the last CDTR update.

Thailand: In 2020, as of as of 7 November, the country has reported 10 397 cases, with no associated deaths, affecting 72 provinces across the country. This represents an increase of 296 cases since the last CDTR update.

No updates are available for Cambodia and Yemen.

Dengue:

According to media sources quoting health authorities, [Bangladesh](#) has reported 867 dengue cases and one death in 2020 and as of 15 November 2020, an increase of 373 cases since 11 October.

China has reported 302 dengue cases in August and September 2020. This is lower compared to the same period in 2020.

Lao PDR has reported 6 889 dengue cases and 12 deaths in 2020 and as of 18 October 2020. The cumulative number of cases is 5.2 times lower compared to the same period in 2019, and the trend is within seasonally expected levels.

[Malaysia](#) has reported 82 753 cases and 133 deaths in 2020 and as of 31 October 2020. Dengue activity is showing a decreasing trend since week 33 and overall, the cumulative number of cases this year has been lower compared to the same period as last year.

[Pakistan](#) has reported a total of 2 184 cases of dengue for 2020 and as of 7 November 2020.

[The Philippines](#) have reported 71 785 dengue cases and 277 deaths in 2020 and as of 17 October. The number of cases is 81% lower compared to the 379 597 cases that were reported in the same period in 2019.

[Singapore](#) has reported 33 697 cases in 2020 and as of 14 November. The number of cases is further decreasing since the peak at week 30. Compared to the average over the past three years, the weekly number of cases is about two and a half times as high.

[Sri Lanka](#) has reported 29 116 cases as of 17 November 2020.

[Taiwan](#) has reported 133 cases in 2020 and as of 18 November 2020.

[Thailand](#) has reported 47 776 cases and six deaths as of 18 November 2020.

According to media sources quoting health authorities, [Vietnam](#) has reported 84 411 cases and 13 deaths.

There are no new updates available from Cambodia, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Indonesia.

Africa

Chikungunya virus disease:

[Chad](#): In 2020 and as of 1 November, 38 633 chikungunya cases and one associated death have been reported in the country. This represents an increase of 4 188 cases and one death since the last CDTR update. Chikungunya cases have been confirmed in Abdi, Abéché, Biltine and Gozbeida health districts.

[Sudan](#): In 2020 and as of 16 October, 11 additional chikungunya confirmed cases have been reported in West Darfur region. On 5 October 2020, a state of health emergency has been declared in the region as 41 chikungunya cases have been confirmed.

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

Dengue:

[Réunion](#) reported 16 000 confirmed cases, 34 000 suspected cases of dengue and 11 deaths as of 10 November 2020.

There are no new updates available from WHO Afro.

Australia and the Pacific

Chikungunya virus disease:

No outbreaks have been reported since the previous update.

Dengue:

[Australia](#) reported 216 autochthonous and imported dengue cases since the beginning of the year and as of 18 November 2020.

[The Cook Islands](#) have reported 380 probable and confirmed cases in 2020 and as of 30 October 2020.

[French Polynesia](#) reported 3 329 cases of DENV-2 since the start of the epidemic in April 2019 and as of 31 October 2020.

[The Republic of the Marshall Islands](#) reported 3 817 dengue cases (of which 1 924 have been laboratory confirmed) and two deaths since the start of the epidemic in May 2019 and as of 3 November 2020.

[New Caledonia](#) reported 55 autochthonous and imported dengue cases in 2020 and as of 26 October 2020. Dengue activity remains at a low level.

According to PacNet, [Fiji](#) reported 4 000 dengue cases and 3 deaths in 2020 as of 19 October.

[Wallis and Futuna](#) reported 109 probable and confirmed dengue cases in 2020 and as of 15 November 2020.

There are no new updates available from the Federated States of Micronesia.

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 affect most countries in the tropics and sub-tropics. The current likelihood of the occurrence of local transmission events of dengue virus in southern continental Europe is considered to be very low as the environmental conditions are no longer favourable to vector activity and virus replication.

As a precaution, [personal protective measures against mosquito bites](#) should be taken by everyone visiting or living in affected regions, including affected regions within the EU.

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.

Risk assessments under production

ECDC Rapid Risk Assessment: Increased reports of fatal cases of COVID-19 amongst long-term care facility residents in EU/EEA countries, to be published by 19 November.

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

Expert deployments

One EPIET working remotely with WHO headquarters, Geneva, until 4 December 2020, to support response activities in the Ebola outbreak in DRC.

One EUPHEM fellow working remotely with WHO headquarters, Geneva, until 19 November 2020, to support response activities in the Ebola outbreak in DRC.

Two EPIET are deployed to DRC until 10 and 22 December 2020 respectively, to support response activities in the Ebola outbreak in DRC.

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