

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Situation Report – 198

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Highlights

WHO Regional Director for the Americas, Dr Carissa Etienne, has warned of disruptions to regular health services due to COVID-19. <u>Health workers have been redirected to care for</u> <u>COVID-19 patients</u>, people are hesitating to seek routine care due to fears of infection, and global supply chains of medicines and equipment are strained.

This week, the world celebrates <u>Breastfeeding Awareness Week</u> to highlight the importance of breastfeeding. <u>WHO recommendations on the initiation and continued breastfeeding of infants and young children also apply to mothers with suspected or confirmed COVID-19</u>. As WHO Director-General Dr Tedros mentioned in yesterday's <u>press briefing</u>, 'the many, many benefits of breastfeeding for newborn babies and children substantially outweigh the potential risks for COVID-19 infection.' The WHO Regional Office for Europe has released an <u>article on Marko Obradovic, a paediatric nurse in Serbia</u>, who describes the challenges and importance of encouraging breastfeeding.

<u>WHO has been supporting Suriname to address the COVID-19 pandemic</u> and has assisted in strengthening Suriname's health system and through the <u>Universal Health Coverage</u> <u>Partnership</u>, with the goal of helping the country achieve universal health coverage.

Today we include two reports in the '<u>Subject in Focus</u>' below. The first discusses a recently released WHO brief on <u>estimating mortality from COVID-19</u>, an extremely useful indicator of the burden of disease that helps guide policy decisions. The second provides a summary of the age and sex distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases from the WHO COVID-19 global surveillance database from January to July 2020.

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	18 354 342 cases (206 709)	696 147 deaths (5 116)
Africa	834 147 cases (8 875)	14 750 deaths (611)
Americas	9 841 842 cases (100 115)	367 934 deaths (2 600)
Eastern Mediterranean	1 585 458 cases (10 907)	41 601 deaths (399)
Europe	3 451 556 cases (21 623)	214 731 deaths (476)
South-East Asia	2 299 433 cases (56 777)	48 569 deaths (995)
Western Pacific	341 165 cases (8 412)	8 549 deaths (35)

Subject in Focus: Estimating COVID-19 mortality rates

An important characteristic of an infectious disease, particularly one caused by a novel pathogen like SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is its severity, including its ability to cause death.

Fatality rates help us understand the severity of a disease, identify at-risk populations, and evaluate the quality of healthcare. Furthermore, differences in mortality between groups of people and countries are important proxy indicators of relative risk of death that guide policy decisions regarding scarce medical resource allocations.

However, this is no easy task. To better understand fatality rates, WHO has published a scientific brief entitled '<u>Estimating mortality from COVID-19</u>'. This document is intended to help countries estimate the proportion of deaths among identified confirmed cases (the case fatality ratio, CFR) and, if possible, the proportion of deaths among all infected individuals (the infection fatality ratio, IFR).

It looks in turn at how to calculate CFR and IFR, potential biases in the detection of cases and deaths, approaches to minimizing these biases in estimating fatality rates during ongoing epidemics, and how to take into account groups with different risk profiles, such as older people and those with underlying illness.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, broad variations in CFR estimates have been published, which may be misleading. This scientific brief concludes by providing some explanations for these variations, and why making comparisons between countries can be problematic. WHO will continue to support countries to improve their population data on COVID-19, and improve their estimates of fatality rates, thereby maximizing the effectiveness of their response by using such information to guide public health policy.

WHO global surveillance for human infection with coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Analysis of age and sex, data as of July 30 2020

Following the notification of the first COVID-19 cases in China in early January, WHO set up a <u>global surveillance system</u> to gather essential information to monitor the pandemic. Members States (MS) were requested to report daily count of confirmed cases and deaths, in addition to reporting a minimal set of information via a case based reporting system using a <u>case reporting form</u> (CRF) or via the <u>weekly aggregated surveillance system</u>.

As of 30 July, 133 countries, territories and areas have reported CRF data and 54 countries, territories and areas have reported weekly aggregate numbers.

A total of 16 298 556 confirmed cases had been reported globally. WHO received information for 8 483 026 (52%) confirmed cases: 5 220 697 through CRF and 3 262 329 through weekly aggregate surveillance.

Of 8 483 026 confirmed cases received via CRF and weekly aggregate surveillance, 5 911 819 (70%) provided information on sex and 6 451 652 (76%) provided information on age. Among the information received on sex, fifty-three percent (n=3 129 345) were male and 47 per cent (n=2 782 474) were female.

The majority (64%) of cases were between the age of 25 to 64 years (Table 1).

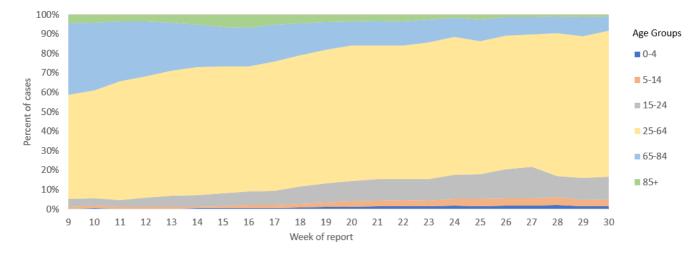
From 24 February through 12 July 2020 (epidemiological weeks 9 to 28), the proportion of cases aged 0-4 years, 5-24 years and 25-64 years have increased by seven-fold, six-fold and three-fold, respectively (Figure 1). This trend may be explained by, but is not limited to, the following factors:

- early detection and testing were initially focused on identifying cases with severe symptoms, which are more frequently observed among older people;
- Changes to case definitions and general awareness are now leading to detection of more mild cases, many of whom tend to be younger;
- expanded availability of testing with numerous drive-through testing, which likely enables increased testing in communities;
- toutbreak hotspots shifting over time to countries with lower age profiles (e.g. developing countries, or countries with substantial ex-patriate dormitory populations);
- risky behavior after easing of public health and social measures implemented to reduce the spread of the virus, which may have increased transmission among younger population.

Table 1: Age distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases, COVID-19 WHO surveillance,
January to July 2020

Age groups (years)	Cases (%)
0-4	1.2%
5-14	2.5%
15-24	9.6%
25-64	64%
65-84	19.4%
85+	3.4%

Figure 1: Distribution by age of confirmed COVID-19 cases per week, COVID-19 WHO surveillance, February to July 2020.



Source: COVID-19 global surveillance database

Surveillance

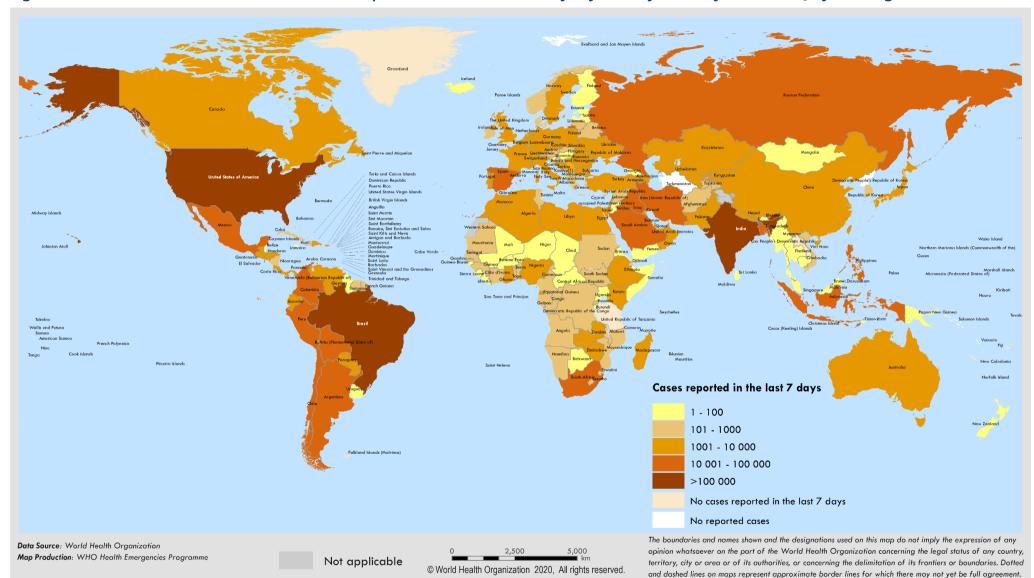


Figure 2. Number of confirmed^{*} COVID-19 cases reported in the last seven days by country, territory or area, 30 July to 5 August **

**See <u>Annex 1</u> for data, table and figure notes.

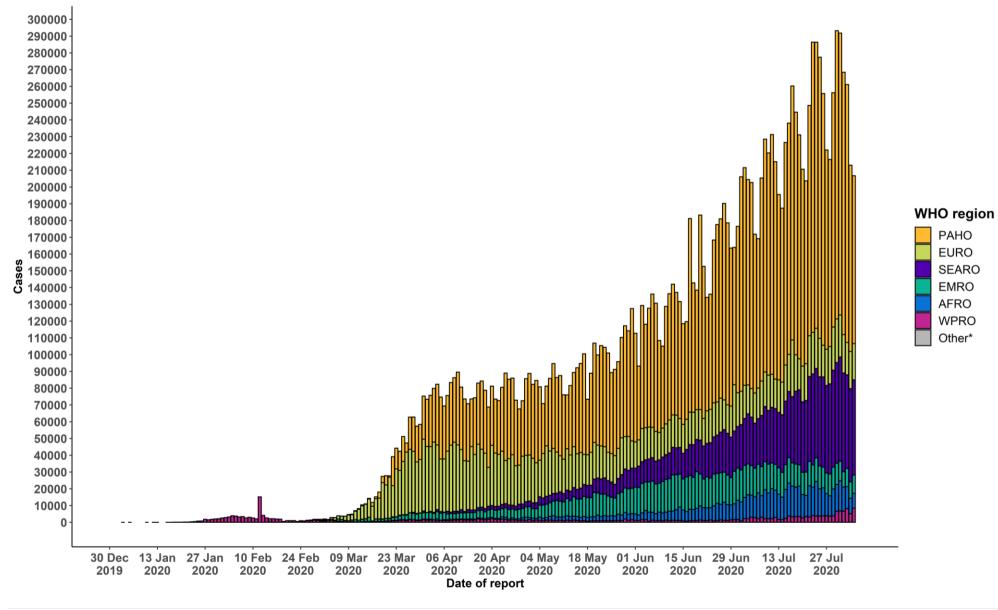


Figure 3. Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, by date of report and WHO region, 30 December through 5 August**

*^{**}See <u>Annex 1</u> for data, table and figure notes.*

Table 2. Countries, territories or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed^{*} COVID-19 cases and deaths, by WHO region. Data as of 10 AM CEST, 5 August 2020**

Reporting Country/Territory/Area	Total confirmed [*] cases	Total confirmed [*] new cases	Total deaths	Total new deaths	Transmission classification ⁱ	Days since last reported case
Africa						
South Africa	521 318	4 456	8 884	518	Community transmission	0
Nigeria	44 433	304	910	14	Community transmission	0
Ghana	37 812	798	191	9	Community transmission	0
Algeria	32 504	532	1 248	19	Community transmission	0
Kenya	23 202	605	388	6	Community transmission	0
Ethiopia	19 875	586	343	7	Community transmission	0
Cameroon	17 718	0	391	0	Community transmission	1
Côte d'Ivoire	16 293	73	103	1	Community transmission	0
Madagascar	11 895	235	123	5	Community transmission	0
Senegal	10 432	46	214	3	Community transmission	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	9 177	45	214	0	Community transmission	0
Gabon	7 646	0	51	0	Community transmission	1
Guinea	7 489	71	48	2	Community transmission	0
Zambia	6 580	0	171	0	Community transmission	1
Mauritania	6 418	36	157	0	Community transmission	0
Equatorial Guinea	4 821	0	83	0	Community transmission	4
Central African Republic	4 618	4	59	0	Community transmission	0
Malawi	4 361	88	128	5	Community transmission	0
Zimbabwe	4 221	146	81	1	Clusters of cases	0
Congo	3 546	159	58	1	Community transmission	0
Eswatini	2 856	18	49	7	Community transmission	0

Reporting Country/Territory/Area	Total confirmed [*] cases	Total confirmed [*] new cases	Total deaths	Total new deaths	Transmission classification ⁱ	Days since last reported case
Cabo Verde	2 631	48	26	1	Clusters of cases	0
Mali	2 543	0	124	0	Community transmission	1
Namibia	2 470	64	12	0	Clusters of cases	0
South Sudan	2 437	0	47	0	Community transmission	1
Rwanda	2 099	7	5	0	Clusters of cases	0
Mozambique	2 029	56	15	1	Community transmission	0
Guinea-Bissau	2 022	41	27	0	Community transmission	0
Benin	1 936	22	38	0	Community transmission	0
Sierra Leone	1 855	7	67	0	Community transmission	0
Angola	1 344	64	59	1	Clusters of cases	0
Liberia	1 216	2	78	0	Community transmission	0
Uganda	1 203	8	5	0	Clusters of cases	0
Burkina Faso	1 153	3	54	1	Community transmission	0
Niger	1 152	5	69	0	Community transmission	0
Тодо	976	15	19	0	Community transmission	0
Chad	938	2	75	0	Community transmission	0
Sao Tome and Principe	875	1	15	0	Clusters of cases	0
Botswana	804	0	2	0	Clusters of cases	6
Gambia	799	301	16	7	Sporadic cases	0
Lesotho	726	8	21	2	Clusters of cases	0
United Republic of Tanzania	509	0	21	0	Community transmission	89
Burundi	395	0	1	0	Clusters of cases	2
Comoros	388	2	7	0	Community transmission	0

Reporting Country/Territory/Area	Total confirmed [*] cases	Total confirmed [*] new cases	Total deaths	Total new deaths	Transmission classification ⁱ	Days since last reported case
Mauritius	344	0	10	0	Sporadic cases	11
Eritrea	282	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	1
Seychelles	114	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	8
Territories ⁱⁱ						
Mayotte	3 023	15	39	0	Clusters of cases	0
Réunion	669	2	4	0	Clusters of cases	0
Americas						
United States of America	4 678 610	49 151	154 952	726	Community transmission	0
Brazil	2 750 318	16 641	94 665	561	Community transmission	0
Mexico	443 813	4 767	48 012	266	Community transmission	0
Peru	433 100	4 250	19 811	197	Community transmission	0
Chile	362 962	1 469	9 745	38	Community transmission	0
Colombia	327 850	10 199	11 017	367	Community transmission	0
Argentina	206 743	4 824	3 863	196	Community transmission	0
Canada	117 031	147	8 947	2	Community transmission	0
Ecuador	87 963	922	5 808	41	Community transmission	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	81 846	1 693	3 228	75	Community transmission	0
Dominican Republic	74 295	1 178	1 213	30	Community transmission	0
Panama	68 456	1 003	1 497	26	Community transmission	0
Guatemala	52 365	823	2 037	24	Community transmission	0
Honduras	43 794	597	1 384	7	Community transmission	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	20 754	548	180	6	Community transmission	0
Costa Rica	19 402	427	171	9	Community transmission	0
El Salvador	18 262	419	486	9	Community transmission	0

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Haiti	7 511	35	166	1	Community transmission	0
Paraguay	5 724	80	55	3	Community transmission	0
Nicaragua	3 266	186	123	7	Community transmission	0
Cuba	2 701	31	88	1	Clusters of cases	0
Suriname	1 893	44	27	0	Clusters of cases	0
Uruguay	1 291	5	36	0	Clusters of cases	0
Jamaica	905	11	12	0	Clusters of cases	0
Bahamas	679	31	14	0	Clusters of cases	0
Guyana	474	0	21	0	Clusters of cases	1
Trinidad and Tobago	192	10	8	0	Sporadic cases	0
Barbados	132	0	7	0	Clusters of cases	1
Antigua and Barbuda	92	1	3	0	Clusters of cases	0
Belize	57	0	2	0	Sporadic cases	1
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	55	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	1
Saint Lucia	25	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	5
Grenada	24	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	5
Dominica	18	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	53
Saint Kitts and Nevis	17	0	0	0	No cases	25
Territories ⁱⁱ						
Puerto Rico	19 324	533	237	7	Community transmission	0
French Guiana	7 998	50	45	1	Community transmission	0
United States Virgin Islands	463	24	8	0	Community transmission	0
Guadeloupe	272	7	14	0	Clusters of cases	0
Martinique	269	0	15	0	Clusters of cases	11

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Cayman Islands	203	0	1	0	Sporadic cases	21
Bermuda	157	0	9	0	Sporadic cases	1
Sint Maarten	150	4	16	0	Community transmission	0
Aruba	124	2	3	0	Sporadic cases	0
Turks and Caicos Islands	116	2	2	0	Clusters of cases	0
Saint Martin	53	0	3	0	Sporadic cases	6
Curaçao	29	0	1	0	Sporadic cases	11
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	13	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	1
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	13	0	0	0	No cases	101
Montserrat	13	0	1	0	No cases	9
British Virgin Islands	9	1	1	0	No cases	0
Saint Barthélemy	9	0	0	0	No cases	2
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	4	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	19
Anguilla	3	0	0	0	No cases	123
Eastern Mediterranean						
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	314 786	2 751	17 617	212	Community transmission	0
Saudi Arabia	281 435	1 342	2 984	35	Clusters of cases	0
Pakistan	281 136	675	6 014	15	Clusters of cases	0
Iraq	134 722	2 836	5 017	83	Community transmission	0
Qatar	111 538	216	177	0	Community transmission	0
Egypt	94 752	112	4 912	24	Clusters of cases	0
Oman	79 159	0	421	0	Community transmission	5
Kuwait	68 774	475	465	4	Clusters of cases	0
United Arab Emirates	61 352	189	351	0	Community transmission	0

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Bahrain	42 132	297	152	2	Clusters of cases	0
Afghanistan	36 829	82	1 294	6	Clusters of cases	0
Morocco	27 217	1 021	417	16	Clusters of cases	0
Sudan	11 780	42	763	11	Community transmission	0
Djibouti	5 248	8	59	0	Clusters of cases	0
Lebanon	5 062	0	65	0	Clusters of cases	1
Libya	4 224	161	96	3	Clusters of cases	0
Somalia	3 220	0	93	0	Sporadic cases	2
Yemen	1 764	26	507	7	Community transmission	0
Tunisia	1 584	19	51	0	Sporadic cases	0
Jordan	1 224	6	11	- 11	Clusters of cases	0
Syrian Arab Republic	892	45	46	- 10	Community transmission	0
Territories ⁱⁱ						
occupied Palestinian territory	16 628	604	89	2	Clusters of cases	0
Europe						
Russian Federation	866 627	5 204	14 490	139	Clusters of cases	0
The United Kingdom	306 297	670	46 299	89	Community transmission	0
Spain	302 814	1 178	28 498	0	Clusters of cases	0
Italy	248 419	190	35 171	5	Clusters of cases	0
Turkey	234 934	1 083	5 765	18	Community transmission	0
Germany	212 022	741	9 168	12	Clusters of cases	0
France	180 037	965	30 176	1	Clusters of cases	0
Kazakhstan	94 882	1 062	1 058	0	Clusters of cases	0
Sweden	81 181	169	5 747	3	Community transmission	0

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Ukraine	75 490	1 271	1 788	24	Community transmission	0
Israel	74 816	1 804	555	14	Community transmission	0
Belgium	70 555	0	9 852	0	Community transmission	1
Belarus	68 250	84	574	3	Community transmission	0
Netherlands	55 955	540	6 150	10	Community transmission	0
Romania	55 241	1 232	2 480	48	Community transmission	0
Portugal	51 681	112	1 739	1	Clusters of cases	0
Poland	48 149	680	1 738	6	Community transmission	0
Armenia	39 586	288	770	8	Community transmission	0
Kyrgyzstan	38 110	569	1 438	11	Clusters of cases	0
Switzerland	35 657	130	1 705	1	Community transmission	0
Azerbaijan	32 910	226	473	5	Clusters of cases	0
Uzbekistan	27 314	764	167	6	Clusters of cases	0
Serbia	26 738	287	605	7	Community transmission	0
Ireland	26 253	45	1 763	0	Clusters of cases	0
Republic of Moldova	25 814	332	810	10	Community transmission	0
Austria	21 472	131	719	1	Community transmission	0
Czechia	17 286	278	383	0	Clusters of cases	0
Denmark	14 073	77	616	0	Community transmission	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	12 858	381	368	10	Community transmission	0
Bulgaria	12 159	204	404	16	Clusters of cases	0
North Macedonia	11 201	61	505	5	Clusters of cases	0
Norway	9 333	65	256	0	Clusters of cases	0
Tajikistan	7 583	45	61	0	Pending	0

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Finland	7 483	17	331	2	Clusters of cases	0
Luxembourg	6 917	53	118	0	Community transmission	0
Albania	5 750	130	176	4	Clusters of cases	0
Croatia	5 318	22	154	1	Clusters of cases	0
Greece	4 855	118	209	0	Clusters of cases	0
Hungary	4 553	9	598	1	Community transmission	0
Montenegro	3 386	60	54	1	Clusters of cases	0
Slovakia	2 368	14	29	0	Clusters of cases	0
Slovenia	2 190	9	118	1	Clusters of cases	0
Lithuania	2 137	17	80	0	Community transmission	0
Estonia	2 091	11	63	0	Sporadic cases	0
Iceland	1 918	3	10	0	Community transmission	0
Latvia	1 249	3	32	0	Clusters of cases	0
Georgia	1 197	15	17	0	Sporadic cases	0
Cyprus	1 180	25	19	0	Clusters of cases	0
Andorra	939	2	52	0	Community transmission	0
Malta	825	16	9	0	Sporadic cases	0
San Marino	716	0	42	0	Community transmission	26
Monaco	99	0	1	0	Sporadic cases	59
Liechtenstein	89	0	1	0	Sporadic cases	5
Holy See	12	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	90
Territories ⁱⁱ						
Kosovo ^[1]	9 231	225	259	13	Community transmission	0

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Jersey	339	4	31	0	Community transmission	0
Isle of Man	336	0	24	0	No cases	75
Guernsey	252	0	13	0	Community transmission	94
Faroe Islands	227	2	0	0	Sporadic cases	0
Gibraltar	188	0	0	0	Clusters of cases	2
Greenland	14	0	0	0	No cases	7
South-East Asia						
India	1 908 254	52 509	39 795	857	Clusters of cases	0
Bangladesh	244 020	1 918	3 234	50	Community transmission	0
Indonesia	115 056	1 922	5 388	86	Community transmission	0
Nepal	21 009	259	58	1	Clusters of cases	0
Maldives	4 446	153	19	1	Clusters of cases	0
Thailand	3 328	7	58	0	Clusters of cases	0
Sri Lanka	2 834	6	11	0	Clusters of cases	0
Myanmar	356	1	6	0	Clusters of cases	0
Bhutan	105	2	0	0	Sporadic cases	0
Timor-Leste	25	0	0	0	No cases	1
Western Pacific						
Philippines	112 593	6 263	2 115	11	Community transmission	0
China	88 682	109	4 683	4	Clusters of cases	0
Singapore	53 346	295	27	0	Clusters of cases	0
Japan	41 129	1 271	1 022	6	Clusters of cases	0
Australia	18 729	411	232	11	Clusters of cases	0

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Republic of Korea	14 456	33	302	1	Clusters of cases	0
Malaysia	9 002	1	125	0	Clusters of cases	0
New Zealand	1 219	2	22	0	Clusters of cases	0
Viet Nam	672	20	8	2	Clusters of cases	0
Mongolia	293	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	2
Cambodia	243	2	0	0	Sporadic cases	0
Brunei Darussalam	141	0	3	0	No cases	89
Papua New Guinea	114	3	2	0	Sporadic cases	0
Fiji	27	0	1	0	Sporadic cases	15
Lao People's Democratic Republic	20	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	11
Territories ⁱⁱ						
Guam	367	0	5	0	Clusters of cases	1
French Polynesia	64	2	0	0	Sporadic cases	0
Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth of the)	46	0	2	0	Pending	1
New Caledonia	22	0	0	0	Sporadic cases	21
Subtotal for all regions	18 353 601	206 709	696 134	5 116		
Other ⁺	741	0	13	0	Not applicable	-
Grand total	18 354 342	206 709	696 147	5 116		

**See Annex 1 for data, table and figure notes.

Technical guidance and other resources

- To view all technical guidance documents regarding COVID-19, please go to <u>this webpage</u>.
- Updates from WHO regional offices
 - WHO AFRO
 - <u>WHO EMRO</u>
- WHO SEARO

- WHO PAHO

- <u>WHO EURO</u>
- WHO WPRO
- Research and Development
- Online courses on COVID-19 and in additional national languages
- <u>The Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP)</u> outlining the support the international community can provide to all countries to prepare and respond to the virus
- WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard
- <u>Weekly COVID-19 Operations Updates</u>

Recommendations and advice for the public

- Protect yourself
- <u>Questions and answers</u>
- <u>Travel advice</u>
- <u>EPI-WIN</u>: tailored information for individuals, organizations and communities

Case definitions

WHO periodically updates the <u>Global Surveillance for human infection with coronavirus</u> <u>disease (COVID-19)</u> document which includes surveillance definitions.

Definition of COVID-19 death

A COVID-19 death is defined for surveillance purposes as a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness in a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death that cannot be related to COVID-19 disease (e.g. trauma). There should be no period of complete recovery between the illness and death.

Further guidance for certification and classification (coding) of COVID-19 as cause of death is available <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.

Annex 1: Data, table and figure notes

Caution must be taken when interpreting all data presented. Differences are to be expected between information products published by WHO, national public health authorities, and other sources using different inclusion criteria and different data cut-off times. While steps are taken to ensure accuracy and reliability, all data are subject to continuous verification and change. Case detection, definitions, testing strategies, reporting practice, and lag times differ between countries/territories/areas. These factors, amongst others, influence the counts presented, with variable underestimation of true case and death counts, and variable delays to reflecting these data at global level.

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^[1] All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). In the map, number of cases of Serbia and Kosovo (UNSCR 1244, 1999) have been aggregated for visualization purposes.

*A small number of countries/territories/areas report combined probable and laboratoryconfirmed cases; efforts are underway to identify these for notation in the data table.[†]Other: includes cases reported from international conveyances.

Due to the recent trend of countries conducting data reconciliation exercises which remove large numbers of cases or deaths from their total counts, WHO will now display such data as negative numbers in the "new cases" / "new deaths" columns as appropriate. This will aid readers in identifying when such adjustments occur. When additional details become available that allow the subtractions to be suitably apportioned to previous days, graphics will be updated accordingly. Prior situation reports will not be edited; see <u>covid19.who.int</u> for the most up-to-date data.

Additional table notes

ⁱ Transmission classification is based on a process of country/territory/area self-reporting. Classifications are reviewed on a weekly basis and may be revised as new information becomes available. Differing degrees of transmission may be present within countries/territories/areas; classification is based on the highest category reported within a country/territory/area. Categories:

- No cases: with no confirmed cases;
- Sporadic cases: with one or more cases, imported or locally detected;
- Clusters of cases: experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures;
- Community transmission: experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains; large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance; and/or multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area;
- Pending: transmission classification has not been reported to WHO.

ii "Territories" include territories, areas, overseas dependencies and other jurisdictions of similar status.

Country, territory, or area-specific notes, updates and errata

- Erratum on 3 August, China: Data adjusted retrospectively to align with national authorities' data: 88 459 cases instead of 88 460 cases and 4676 deaths instead of 4677 deaths.
- Erratum on 4 August, China: Data adjusted retrospectively to align with national authorities' data: 88 473 cases instead of 8474 cases and 4679 deaths instead of 4678 deaths.
- Update 5 August 2020, Belgium: Counts adjusted retrospectively by national authorities: case counts adjusted from 2 July to 4 August and death counts adjusted for 4 August.
- Update 5 August 2020, Czechia: Counts adjusted retrospectively by national authorities: death counts adjusted for 3 and 4 August.
- Update 5 August 2020, Estonia: Counts adjusted retrospectively by national authorities: death counts adjusted from 19 May to 4 August.
- Update 5 August 2020, Spain: Counts adjusted retrospectively by national authorities: case counts adjusted from 14 May to 4 August and death counts adjusted from 21 May to 4 August.
- Update 5 August 2020, Switzerland: Counts adjusted retrospectively by national authorities: death counts adjusted from 1 August to 4 August.