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Daily Global Situation Report

March 16, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Greece and Turkey will meet today to discuss bilateral relations and issues related to the Mediterranean Sea, such as disputes over continental shelf claims, territorial waters, and airspace. It will be just the second meeting since talks resumed in 2020 after a five-year hiatus.

The consultative talks take place as both countries vie for access to energy resources in the Eastern Med and come a week after Greece participated in a joint naval exercise in the region with Cyprus, Israel and France.



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Global

Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 120.1 million, with deaths at 2.6 million.

- The IMF found that big companies have benefited the most from the pandemic, entrenching the market power of **big business**.
- Gilead Sciences and Merck are teaming up to develop a long-acting **HIV treatment** that could be taken every few months rather than daily.
- The Vatican declared that the Catholic Church will not bless **same-sex marriage** but argued that it could still welcome and bless gay people in a note released Monday.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Amid reports that the US was attempting to dissuade Brazil from buying Sputnik V vaccine, Russia protested “*politicization*” of vaccines.

- **Sweden, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Cyprus and Venezuela** joined the list of countries that have suspended use of the **Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine** over concerns about adverse effects.
- The **European Medicines Agency** will meet Thursday to discuss the links between the of **AstraZeneca vaccine** and blood clots.
- **Indonesia** will delay the rollout of **AstraZeneca** vaccines due to the reports from Europe.
- The **WHO** said no deaths have been “*linked conclusively*” to any of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in use.
- The head of the **Oxford University** group that worked with AstraZeneca to develop its vaccine said there is “*no signal of a problem*” with its shot.
- NIH Director Collins said that the **US** could approve the **AstraZeneca** vaccine within a month, despite suspensions in Europe.
- **Hong Kong** expanded vaccine eligibility amid criticism for the slow pace of the city’s rollout.
- **China** will give special “*conveniences*” to foreigners inoculated with Chinese-made injections when applying for entry into the country.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

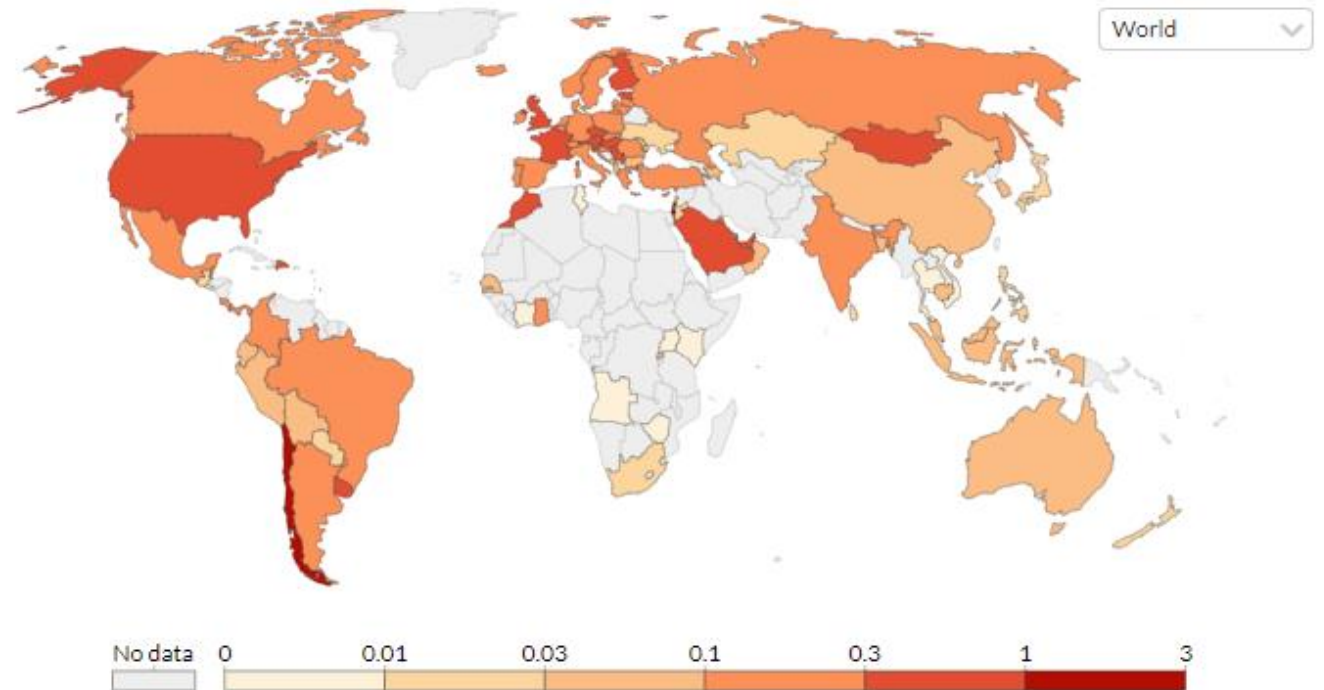
Globally, 381.34 million have received vaccinations.

Chile, Israel and the US are the global leaders in the roll out of daily vaccine doses administered per 100 people, reflecting more efficient logistics and access to supplies.

Daily COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Mar 15, 2021

Our World in Data

Shown is the rolling 7-day average per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).



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Markets & Business

The European Central Bank is aiming to stop bond yields from rising before the euro zone economy is ready to digest higher borrowing costs.

- **World stocks** rose on Tuesday, as investors anticipated the US Federal Reserve and other central banks meeting this week will keep supportive policies in place to help drive a post-pandemic global economic recovery.
- Research from Citi showed that vaccine rollout has boosted **value stocks** to their best performance in 15 years, compared to shares in growth companies.
- A rally in **junk bonds** is reducing the costs of borrowing for highly indebted companies.
- **News Corp Australia** struck a deal with **Facebook** to pay for use of news on its platform, marking a major breakthrough following Australia's new media law.
- **Blackston Group** and **Starwood Capital** have agreed to purchase hotel operator **Extended Stay America** for \$6 billion.
- Confectionery chain **Thorntons** will close all of its UK stores to more to online sales.
- Yogurt maker **Danone SA's** CEO has stepped down following a clash with activist investors.
- **Volkswagen** announced that it will invest in six battery factories in Europe, in a sign of the auto industry's accelerating shift to EVs.
- **Nokia** announced plans to cut up to 10,000 jobs within two years to trim costs and invest more in research capabilities.

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Africa

- **Sudan** formally wrote to the African Union, the UN, the EU, and the US to request mediation for negotiations over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam between Sudan, **Egypt**, and **Ethiopia**.
- Medecins Sans Frontieres reported that 70 percent of health facilities in the war-torn Tigray region on **Ethiopia** have been looted and 30 percent have been damaged.
- **Ugandan** opposition political Bobi Wine was briefly arrested during a protest, then released without charge.
- In northern **Nigeria**, 618 schools have temporarily closed following a string of abductions.



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Asia

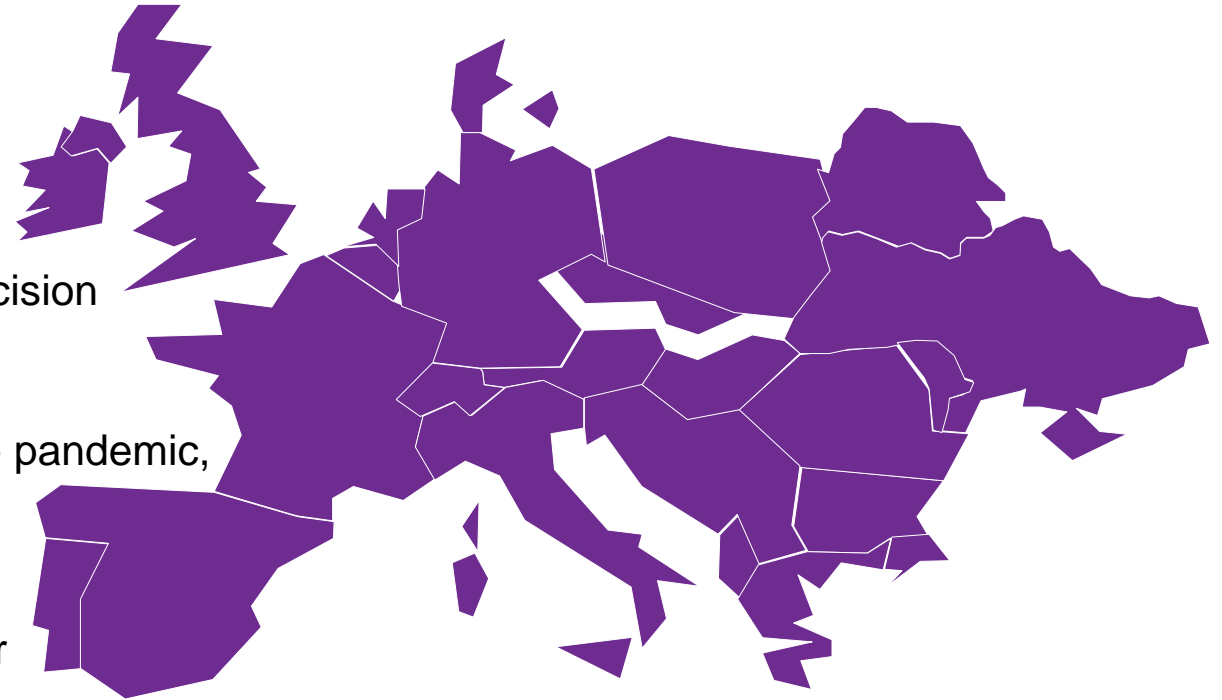
- **Myanmar's** military junta extended “*full martial law*” over more parts of Yangon following the intense weekend of protests. An activist group in Myanmar reported that over 180 have died in weeks of protests following the military coup. **China** called on Myanmar to stop attacks on Chinese factories, marking Beijing's strongest criticism of the junta since February's coup.
- **Chinese** authorities formally arrested Li Qiaochu, a women's rights activist and girlfriend of prominent jailed legal activist Xu Zhiyong, on “*subversion*” charges; she was initially detained last month after publicizing Xu's account of torture in detention. The Chinese government has reportedly asked Alibaba to jettison its media assets, amid apparent concerns about the firm's sway over domestic public opinion.
- **India** is home to 35 of the world's 50 most polluted cities, according to IQAir's 2020 World Air Quality Report, which gathered data for 106 countries.



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Europe

- The **EU** launched legal action against the **UK** over its decision to unilaterally ease trading rules for **Northern Ireland**.
- Oslo, **Norway** implemented its strictest restrictions of the pandemic, including closing all middle and high schools. **Turkey** reported the second highest number of new virus cases yesterday (15,503) in Europe, after **Italy**, two weeks after relaxing restrictions. Coronavirus infections are rising exponentially in **Germany**, warned an expert at the Robert Koch Institute for infectious diseases. One in three people in the **UK** has some form of protection from COVID-19, according to Office for National Statistics.
- **Spain's** far-left deputy prime minister Pablo Iglesias is quitting his position to run in Madrid regional elections. Spain is poised to try a 32-hour workweek, which would allow workers to spend less time at the office without any change in pay.
- Elderly and vulnerable **Dutch** citizens began voting in staggered three-day elections.



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Middle East

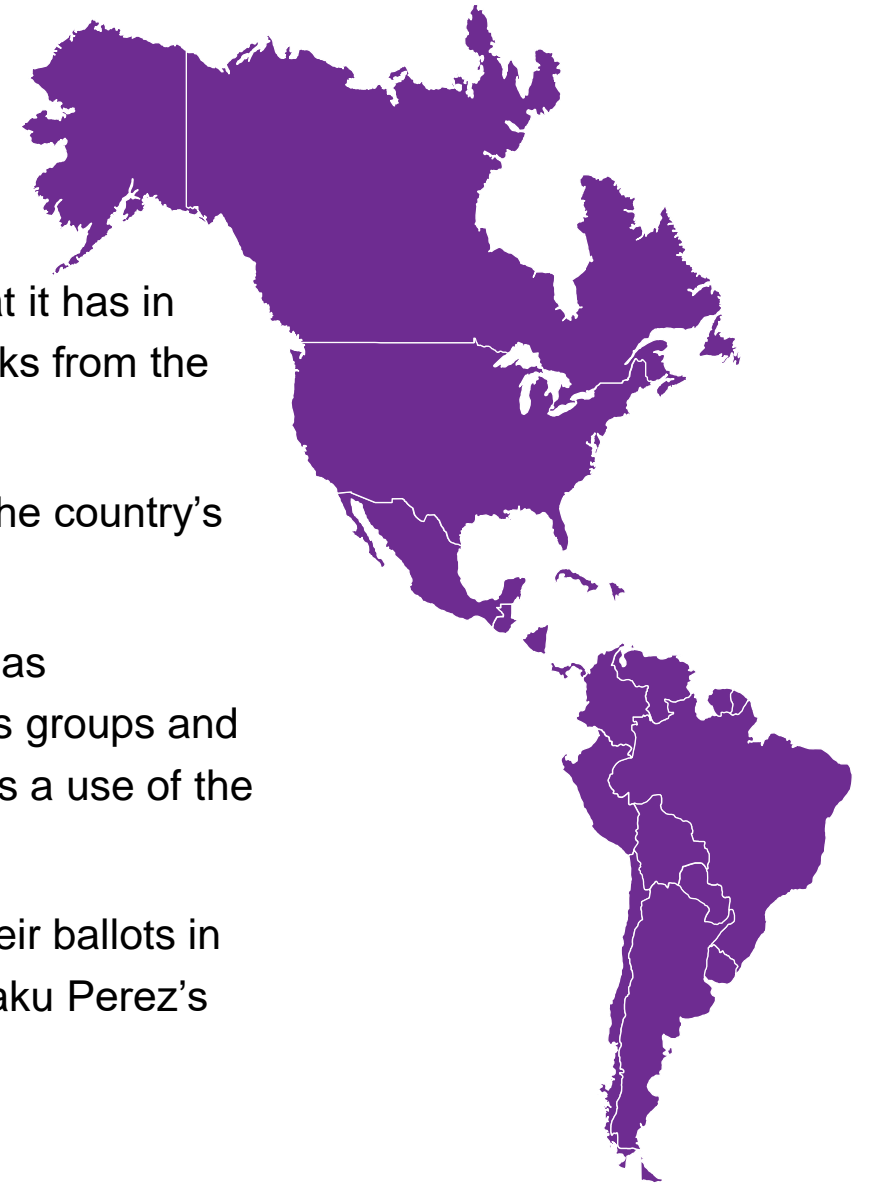
- **Iraqi** officials reported that at least 5 rockets hit an Iraqi airbase in the north of the country, with no casualties.
- **Libya's** interim government was sworn in.
- **Iran** suspended flights to **Iraq** over the presence of new strains in the country. Iranian authorities charged a **French** tourist, arrested 10 months ago, with espionage and propaganda.
- The **US** announced that Special Envoy for **Afghanistan** Khalilzad will indeed attend a summit on hosted by **Russia**.
- **Oman** blocked Clubhouse nationally, raising concerns about freedom of expression in the Gulf.
- Thousands rallied in Idlib, **Syria**, the last major stronghold of the opposition, to mark ten years since the anti-government protests that sparked the civil war. A **United Nations** body working to ensure justice for war crimes committed by all sides in Syria has provided information and evidence to 12 national jurisdictions in support of trials.



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Americas

- **Mexico** has asked the **US** to share doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine that it has in stock. Mexico's President Lopez Obrador downplayed concerns about risks from the AstraZeneca jab.
- **Brazil** President Bolsonaro named Marcelo Queiroga, a cardiologist, as the country's new health minister, becoming the fourth person to hold the job in a year.
- **Bolivia's** former President Anez began four months of pre-trial detention as investigators probe accusations that she was part of a coup; human rights groups and the Organization of American States (OAS) have condemned the move as a use of the judiciary for political ends.
- **Ecuador's** main Indigenous advocacy group urged supporters to spoil their ballots in the country's April 11 presidential elections, after Indigenous candidate Yaku Perez's request for a recount of primary results was denied.



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Americas: US



- Nationally, 71.1 million people (21.4 percent of the total population) have received one or more **vaccine doses**. A CDC study found that 12 percent of Americans did not receive their second dose within the recommended period.
- **Mississippi and District of Columbia**, which have had some of the slowest vaccine rollouts in the country, announced plans to expand vaccine eligibility. **Connecticut and Kansas** will also accelerate eligibility timelines. **Pennsylvania** will loosen coronavirus restrictions next week. In-person school resumes this week for many children in **Maryland and Virginia**.
- A spring breaks begin, the TSA said about 2.57 million passengers passed through airports this weekend; Friday was the single **biggest day for travel** since March 15, 2020.
- Federal prosecutors charged two men for assaulting Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick with a chemical during the **January 6 riot**.
- The Senate **confirmed** Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior; she will be the first person of Native American descent to serve in the Cabinet.

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Prospects for US-Japan Leadership in the Indo-Pacific

By Briana Boland

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin embarked on their first overseas trip of the Biden Administration yesterday, with Tokyo as their first destination. Following “two plus two” diplomatic and security talks with their Japanese counterparts, Austin and Blinken will fly to Seoul to continue highlighting the importance of Indo-Pacific alliances.

The visits follow last Friday’s first ever head-of-state-level meeting of the Quad (the strategic forum of Japan, the US, India, and Australia) and comes ahead of an expected early April US visit by Japan’s Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, who would become the first foreign head of state to be hosted by the Biden White House. All this high-level diplomatic activity sends a clear message that the Biden Administration views Japan as key to its Indo-Pacific strategy. But while the US and Japan have many shared strategic interests, obstacles to deepening ties remain, including domestic politics that are likely to keep Prime Minister Suga busy at home for months to come.

The Quad and US-Japan mismatch on China

The first Quad leadership meeting last week provided an important glimpse into how the forum may translate talk of shared interests into

action in the region, namely through its announcement of a vaccine drive for Southeast Asia. However, it remains unclear how the Quad will coordinate action on China – a question that also remains uncertain in US-Japan bilateral relations. Born as an initiative of then-Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007, the US and Japan can be seen as the driving forces behind bringing the Quad countries together, but the two countries are not synchronized on the key issue of China policy. Ahead of their first meeting, the Quad leaders published an op-ed in the *Washington Post*, describing the Quad as “a flexible group of like-minded partners dedicated to advancing a common vision and to ensuring peace and prosperity.” The article went on to emphasize cooperation on climate and COVID-19, as well as the four countries’ “shared vision for an Indo-Pacific region that is free, open, resilient and inclusive,” but did not mention China once.

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In contrast, a *Washington Post* op-ed by Blinken and Austin ahead of their first travel painted a picture of Asia at an inflection point, with democracy under pressure from an authoritarian China. One interpretation of the Quad's decision to skirt China issues could be that the Quad has chosen to start with easier, positive forms of cooperation, creating a partnership structure which can counterbalance China but will not yet seek to address China directly. This may be good strategy to create the foundations for a new coalition, but it leaves many thornier foreign policy questions unanswered. Along with deepening bilateral economic and security ties with its Indo-Pacific allies, the Biden Administration is likely to push for its partners to be more active on challenging issues like calling out human rights abuses in China and supporting democracy in Southeast Asia. While the US, Australia, Canada, the UK, and sometimes EU countries have frequently coordinated joint statements condemning Beijing's actions, the Japanese government, which must balance deeper economic reliance on China, has been less vocal on issues like the crackdown on Hong Kong's democracy. In the future, whether Japan joins more US joint statements on China, or in the longer-term, whether Japan starts coordinating with

US sanctions on Chinese officials, will indicate the strength of US-Japan cooperation on China. Myanmar may also prove a test for joint action, as Japan, which did not join international sanctions in the 1990s and 2000s, has more negotiating leverage with the military junta than many western powers, making Tokyo a potential key player in international support for Burmese democracy.

Prime Minister Suga's domestic priorities

Another key hurdle to deepening US-Japan relations is the pressing domestic priorities that both countries face, particularly Japan, which is dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic while planning for the Tokyo Olympics and an election year. Prime Minister Suga, who this week marked six months in office, has six more months to go before a September leadership election in the LDP (Liberal Democratic Party) could end his tenure as prime minister. In order to maintain his position, Suga will need strong levels of public support. As Suga is not backed by a particular LDP faction, and because elections for Japan's House of Representatives are currently scheduled for late October, he is unlikely to be re-elected if his popularity remains low.

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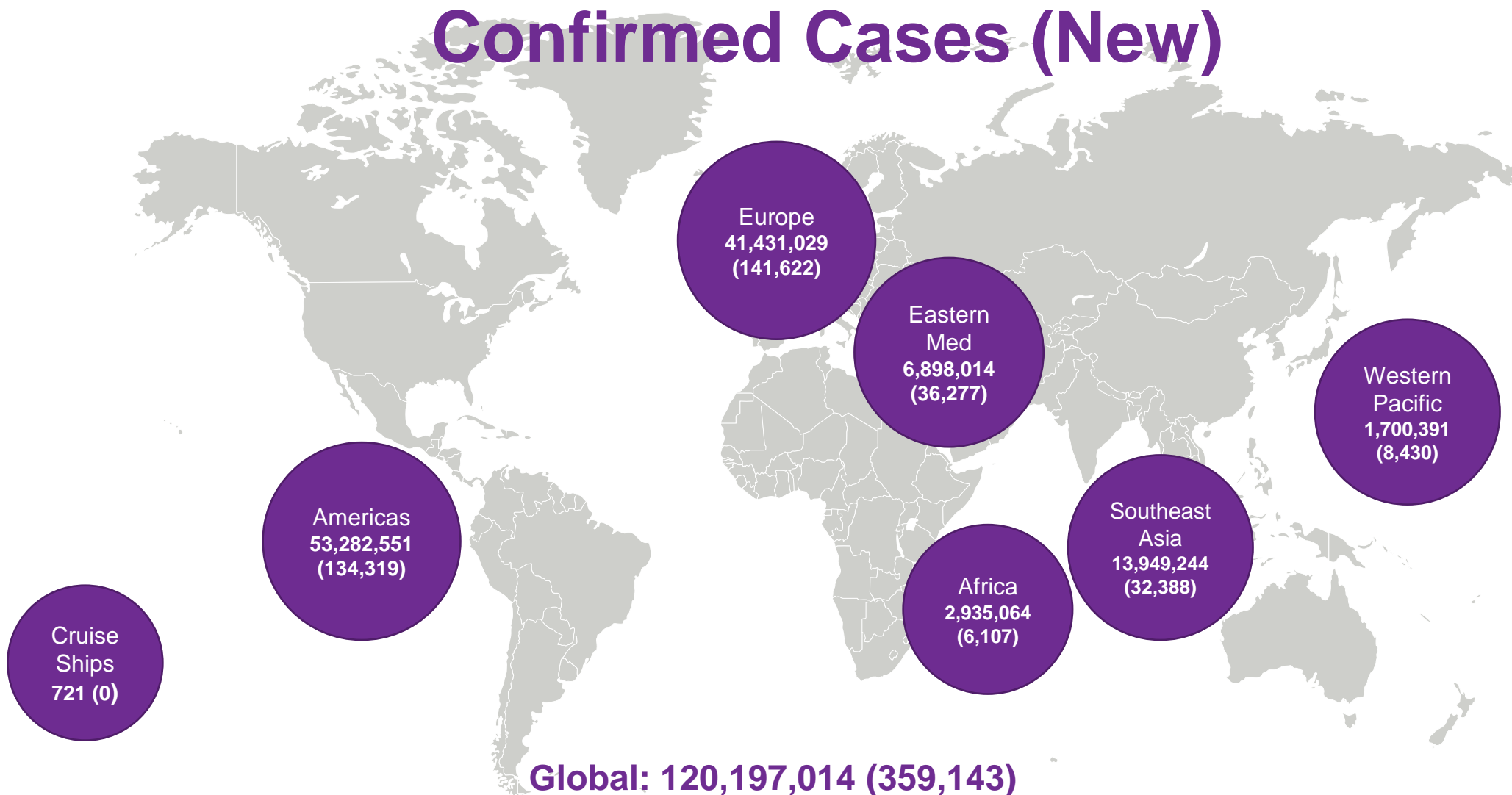
According to a February Nikkei poll, Suga's approval rating is at 44 percent, marking a decrease from his initial popularity as his government has faced public backlash for its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and for a number of dining scandals (in breach of COVID-19 guidelines). Some see the summer Olympics, scheduled to begin on July 23, as a make-or-break political issue for the Suga Administration, and some have even speculated that Suga might call snap elections before they begin. In his short time as Prime Minister, Suga has yet to establish himself as a strong presence in international relations, in contrast to his predecessor Shinzo Abe. With six months of high-stakes domestic challenges ahead of him, answering the difficult questions in US-Japan relations is unlikely to be high on Suga's agenda.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 15, 2021

Confirmed Cases (New)

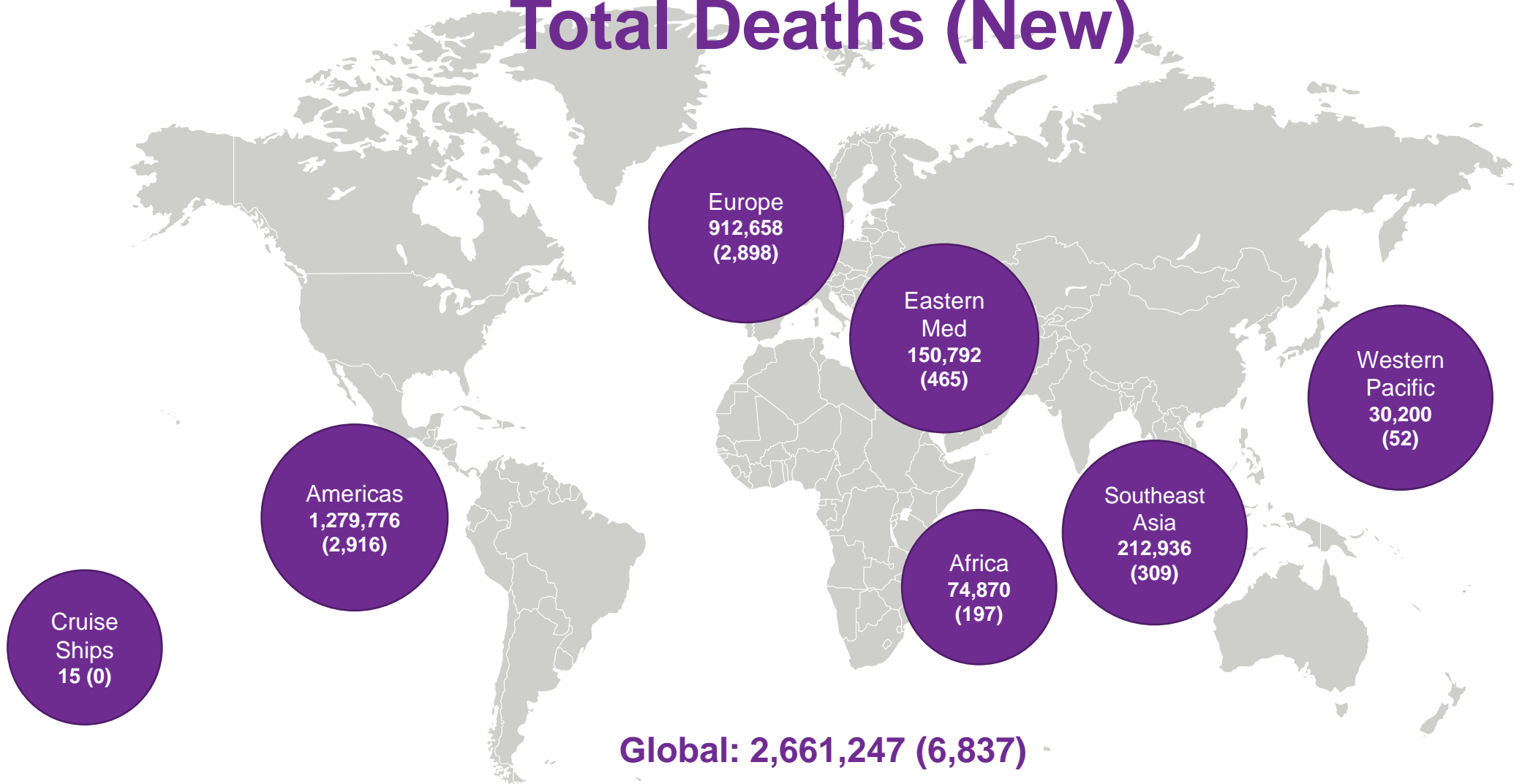


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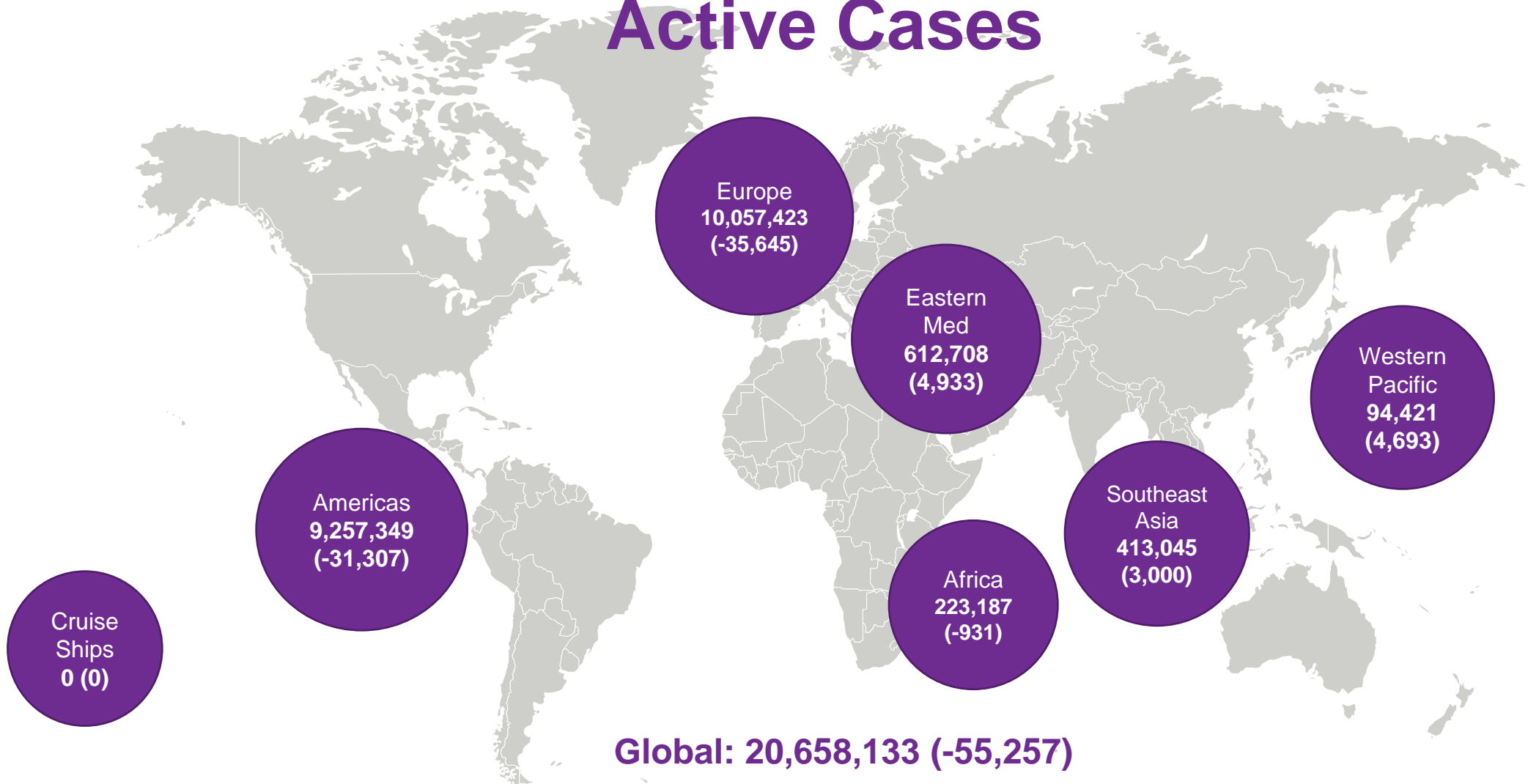
Total Deaths (New)



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Active Cases



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Country Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	7243085	29494542 (58011)	535661 (725)	90678	1649	1.54%
France	3766577	4166248 (6701)	91420 (339)	62380	1388	4.72%
Netherlands	1147502	1179109 (5567)	16221 (18)	67748	937	3.39%
Brazil	1133921	11525477 (42107)	279602 (1275)	53953	1309	4.11%
Belgium	731265	808283 (2962)	22441 (20)	69529	1930	2.38%
Sweden	699381	712527 (0)	13146 (0)	70244	1296	3.87%
UK	612312	4276884 (5130)	125817 (64)	62573	1843	0.96%
Italy	530357	3238394 (15267)	102499 (354)	53617	1697	4.85%
Russia	303975	4400045 (9437)	92494 (404)	30142	634	2.63%
Poland	295866	1917527 (10896)	47206 (28)	50705	1248	6.07%
Mexico	265837	2166290 (2415)	194710 (220)	16679	1499	1.65%
Spain	264924	3195062 (4484)	72424 (56)	68318	1549	1.07%
India	225072	11409595 (24437)	158892 (130)	8211	114	1.44%
Ukraine	213108	1467548 (6792)	28433 (130)	33700	653	0.83%

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Ireland	199418	227316 (575)	4534 (0)	45678	911	1.61%
Iran	194302	1754933 (7980)	61330 (100)	20708	724	3.24%
Czechia	164751	1402451 (3318)	23529 (192)	130789	2194	5.50%
Argentina	154835	2201886 (6164)	53836 (166)	48407	1184	2.14%
Hungary	152296	524196 (7706)	17083 (131)	54360	1772	10.58%
Turkey	148372	2894893 (15503)	29552 (63)	34067	348	3.50%
Germany	146170	2585385 (6550)	74115 (156)	30788	883	2.77%
Indonesia	136524	1425044 (5589)	38573 (147)	5172	140	2.70%
Honduras	105265	178277 (445)	4334 (3)	17801	433	2.26%
Lebanon	83025	419953 (1505)	5422 (42)	61723	797	5.25%
Jordan	79723	486470 (9417)	5428 (82)	47348	528	10.55%
Slovakia	74055	337960 (457)	8605 (77)	61880	1576	4.19%
Serbia	70982	520911 (4634)	4747 (28)	59789	545	6.02%
Iraq	58677	763085 (4901)	13788 (37)	18679	338	4.20%

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Romania	53724	862681 (2972)	21565 (82)	45056	1126	3.72%
Philippines	53479	626893 (5404)	12837 (8)	5668	116	4.65%
Bulgaria	44663	283194 (4637)	11472 (187)	40975	1660	7.02%
Bolivia	42618	259389 (385)	11958 (14)	22011	1015	1.79%
Dominican Republic	40526	246299 (254)	3226 (4)	22546	295	1.13%
Peru	40009	1418974 (6568)	49177 (174)	42620	1477	3.37%
Colombia	38431	2305884 (2740)	61243 (100)	44981	1195	1.17%
Cyprus	37572	39869 (218)	240 (0)	32854	198	6.62%
Bangladesh	37470	559168 (1773)	8571 (26)	3372	52	1.43%
Portugal	36031	814513 (256)	16694 (10)	80045	1641	0.50%
Albania	34896	118017 (543)	2060 (15)	41041	716	3.76%
Chile	33791	896231 (5121)	21772 (98)	46602	1132	3.98%
Switzerland	33011	573815 (3170)	10118 (6)	65962	1163	1.53%
Egypt	32448	191555 (631)	11340 (40)	1847	109	2.33%

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Algeria	32376	115410 (145)	3040 (4)	2599	68	0.89%
Canada	31630	913047 (3890)	22495 (32)	24044	592	1.84%
Ethiopia	30235	176618 (1151)	2555 (5)	1510	22	5.37%
Austria	27284	495464 (1896)	8892 (19)	54793	983	3.73%
Paraguay	27027	181414 (1400)	3517 (41)	25217	489	6.37%
Israel	26771	820913 (2365)	6030 (22)	89253	656	1.92%
Estonia	25351	86086 (1281)	728 (9)	64865	549	11.50%
Uganda	25158	40591 (10)	334 (0)	868	7	0.28%
Greece	24956	222281 (1134)	7137 (46)	21400	687	7.20%
Tunisia	24554	242124 (290)	8404 (15)	20337	706	1.70%
Kenya	23453	113967 (731)	1918 (5)	2087	35	4.21%
South Africa	23287	1530033 (613)	51421 (95)	25572	859	0.54%
Ecuador	23094	302498 (277)	16240 (4)	16965	911	2.60%
Pakistan	22038	607453 (2253)	13537 (29)	2713	60	2.30%

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West Bank & Gaza	21675	211602 (2298)	2293 (25)	40817	442	6.17%
Moldova	21481	205324 (861)	4369 (39)	50982	1085	4.73%
Finland	20534	67334 (465)	800 (14)	12139	144	7.15%
UAE	18808	428295 (1898)	1402 (7)	42940	141	3.49%
Bosnia	17806	144831 (582)	5584 (63)	44340	1710	5.21%
Costa Rica	17264	209093 (0)	2862 (0)	40784	558	1.17%
Jamaica	15560	31305 (806)	492 (7)	10539	166	14.06%
Malaysia	15511	324971 (1208)	1213 (3)	9951	37	3.07%
Kazakhstan	15043	224731 (1011)	2856 (5)	11869	151	-19.66%
Kuwait	14169	210855 (1332)	1179 (7)	48868	273	4.25%
Mozambique	13411	64516 (0)	725 (0)	2025	23	2.81%
Nigeria	13127	160895 (238)	2016 (3)	767	10	1.24%
Japan	12630	447906 (1033)	8590 (30)	3549	68	1.77%
Qatar	11958	170733 (481)	267 (1)	60807	95	1.94%

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Libya	10981	146080 (1087)	2402 (16)	21059	346	4.40%
Lithuania	10910	205644 (249)	3410 (12)	76296	1265	1.56%
Uruguay	10536	72862 (1171)	717 (5)	20924	206	11.20%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			3.07%
Norway	10441	81305 (865)	640 (1)	14916	117	6.81%
Slovenia	10255	200579 (205)	3938 (4)	96472	1894	2.44%
Oman	9044	147423 (556)	1609 (1)	28366	310	2.05%
Armenia	9027	178702 (317)	3265 (10)	60227	1100	2.06%
Montenegro	8737	84163 (470)	1136 (7)	133991	1809	4.72%
Denmark	8567	221763 (612)	2394 (2)	38073	412	2.62%
Guatemala	7809	183014 (133)	6578 (10)	10085	362	2.32%
Latvia	7353	93959 (178)	1769 (2)	50207	945	3.65%
Myanmar	7206	142147 (0)	3202 (0)	2600	59	0.07%

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Belarus	7024	303270 (947)	2103 (8)	32102	223	2.25%
South Korea	6588	96017 (382)	1675 (6)	1872	33	2.87%
Bahrain	6375	131683 (682)	485 (1)	75568	278	3.36%
Azerbaijan	6324	240671 (376)	3286 (4)	23587	322	1.54%
Lesotho	6299	10530 (0)	309 (0)	4888	143	0.07%
Panama	5873	348155 (236)	6005 (11)	79810	1377	0.84%
Malawi	5173	32864 (33)	1084 (1)	1688	56	1.20%

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HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Cameroon	4760	40622 (0)	601 (0)	1504	22	9.42%
Somalia	4690	9328 (138)	379 (12)	576	23	9.54%
Botswana	4636	34999 (901)	447 (23)	14676	187	5.96%
Syria	4394	16556 (78)	1104 (5)	930	62	3.10%
Croatia	4342	251174 (129)	5685 (8)	61451	1391	1.82%
Cuba	4283	62206 (734)	373 (3)	5494	33	9.07%
Morocco	4237	489096 (159)	8733 (10)	13142	235	0.57%
Afghanistan	4054	55995 (23)	2460 (1)	1416	62	0.21%
Ghana	3673	87985 (223)	691 (6)	2791	22	1.73%
Sudan	3593	29135 (151)	1959 (19)	654	44	-4.82%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3358	27077 (63)	717 (0)	296	8	1.66%
Saudi Arabia	3253	382752 (345)	6573 (6)	10876	187	0.67%
Senegal	3253	36996 (104)	978 (15)	2170	57	2.80%
Cote d'Ivoire	3079	37908 (255)	213 (2)	1413	8	6.80%

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HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Malta	3018	26748 (213)	354 (3)	60465	800	8.03%
Georgia	2933	275148 (159)	3650 (2)	69067	916	0.78%
Luxembourg	2752	57926 (49)	693 (4)	91495	1095	2.16%
Sri Lanka	2737	88238 (331)	532 (5)	4109	25	2.49%
Namibia	2445	41424 (224)	465 (7)	16099	181	2.99%
Maldives	2357	21666 (94)	64 (0)	39594	117	3.45%
Haiti	2237	12664 (0)	250 (0)	1101	22	1.01%
Guinea	2151	17851 (0)	103 (0)	1334	8	5.26%
Nicaragua	2137	6537 (0)	175 (0)	979	26	0.73%
Gabon	2064	16945 (285)	101 (5)	7490	45	5.49%
Mali	2059	8933 (20)	363 (3)	432	18	3.58%
Australia	1991	29130 (13)	909 (0)	1133	35	0.24%
Burundi	1685	2461 (0)	3 (0)	203	0	5.16%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1684	9329 (0)	131 (0)	1662	23	1.61%

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kyrgyzstan	1559	86917 (67)	1483 (2)	13170	225	0.38%
South Sudan	1544	9554 (64)	104 (0)	847	9	7.16%
Zambia	1411	84950 (153)	1164 (6)	4533	62	2.70%
Papua New Guinea	1397	2269 (187)	26 (5)	250	3	26.40%
Rwanda	1385	20302 (116)	282 (2)	1541	21	3.17%
Togo	1313	8222 (152)	96 (1)	977	11	7.59%
El Salvador	1084	62377 (148)	1954 (4)	9583	300	2.53%
Sierra Leone	1079	3938 (1)	79 (0)	487	10	0.43%
Mongolia	1048	4083 (122)	4 (0)	1232	1	17.41%

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US Risk Assessment

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	1661443	3625142 (2079)	56674 (101)	91783	1417	0.59%
New York	795649	1748482 (7119)	49016 (63)	91906	2534	2.77%
Florida	665741	1979634 (2826)	32348 (93)	92171	1507	1.58%
Virginia	536679	595865 (1130)	10060 (41)	69810	1179	1.56%
Georgia	440041	1034763 (977)	18262 (47)	97459	1720	0.95%
Maryland	376238	394058 (617)	8055 (7)	65180	1332	1.53%
Kentucky	362885	416610 (395)	5005 (23)	93250	1120	1.34%
South Carolina	286967	534188 (767)	8878 (3)	103752	1724	1.40%
New Jersey	203779	840685 (2824)	23925 (22)	94667	2694	3.07%
Missouri	198685	571405 (400)	8661 (1)	86044	1452	12.80%
Alabama	194154	508229 (4556)	10329 (2)	103653	2107	1.60%
Washington	170666	350506 (1081)	5135 (12)	46444	682	1.36%
Colorado	149718	444390 (422)	6040 (2)	77168	1062	1.62%
Indiana	143994	672967 (413)	12864 (8)	99962	1911	0.78%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Rhode Island	120848	131487 (985)	2576 (9)	124119	2432	1.91%
Texas	111512	2731814 (4352)	46519 (96)	94329	1612	1.20%
Michigan	100440	673916 (3828)	16779 (10)	67480	1680	2.31%
Idaho	75897	175657 (421)	1916 (6)	98294	1072	1.34%
Wisconsin	61298	625690 (331)	7178 (0)	97886	1123	0.62%
Illinois	59173	1210032 (787)	23217 (10)	95496	1832	0.88%
Pennsylvania	55525	970281 (2022)	24566 (56)	75988	1929	1.80%
Nebraska	43885	204753 (115)	2127 (0)	105848	1100	0.84%
North Carolina	36685	886218 (3503)	11709 (18)	84498	1116	1.28%
Arizona	34773	833381 (638)	16553 (0)	114496	2274	0.74%
Maine	33589	47206 (174)	725 (1)	35113	539	2.70%
Ohio	31870	990340 (1149)	17870 (0)	84723	1529	1.07%
Connecticut	28458	293102 (2525)	7788 (23)	82210	2184	1.95%
Hawaii	28148	28598 (44)	450 (0)	19991	319	1.57%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Nevada	27965	299471 (184)	5121 (3)	97226	1663	1.03%
Massachusetts	26502	603464 (1156)	16673 (28)	87554	2419	1.84%
Oregon	17945	159790 (173)	2324 (2)	37885	551	1.42%
New Mexico	16976	188488 (177)	3853 (1)	89892	1838	0.77%
Kansas	16327	300434 (2686)	4824 (0)	103060	1669	0.55%
Iowa	13046	343303 (417)	5642 (1)	117555	1788	0.92%
Tennessee	12525	792795 (3143)	11639 (0)	116089	1704	1.12%
Utah	11897	378600 (221)	2027 (0)	118093	632	0.92%
Oklahoma	11865	432793 (310)	4701 (0)	109375	1188	0.84%
District of Columbia	11217	42623 (112)	1042 (1)	60394	1476	2.45%
Alaska	10274	60591 (384)	306 (0)	79499	413	1.60%
Mississippi	10025	300881 (101)	6903 (2)	101097	2319	1.07%
Minnesota	8419	498218 (826)	6815 (1)	88342	1208	1.55%
Puerto Rico	7994	103211 (216)	2081 (1)	56796	614	1.83%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Louisiana	7203	437565 (172)	9903 (19)	94124	2130	0.75%
Delaware	6814	90614 (233)	1511 (4)	93055	1552	2.26%
West Virginia	5214	135678 (210)	2531 (1)	75707	1412	1.51%

HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Arkansas	2884	327060 (117)	5481 (7)	108377	1816	0.64%
Vermont	2566	16992 (102)	214 (0)	27231	343	4.67%
South Dakota	2106	114649 (26)	1912 (0)	129597	2161	0.92%
New Hampshire	2064	78813 (198)	1199 (0)	57963	882	2.22%
Montana	1041	101933 (173)	1393 (1)	95373	1303	0.96%

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