

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 27 March 2020



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 26 March 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	42 219	462 682	2 401	20 834
Western Pacific	1 292	99 058	22	3 540
European Region	29 771	250 287	1 964	13 950
South East Asia	192	2 536	7	79
Eastern Med	2 811	32 442	154	2 162
Americas	14 878	75 712	252	1 065
Africa**	275	1 937	2	31

The UN's Antonio Guterres made it very clear in his remarks to G20 leaders that the COVID-19 threat is to all countries and people everywhere and that the magnitude of "our response must match the scale of the crisis". He then proceeded to give the growth rates: it took the world three months to reach 100 000 confirmed cases, 12 days for the next 100 000, four days for the third 100 000 and 1.5 days for the fourth 100 000. For his entire address, go to <https://t.co/6leJhISW0D?amp=1>.

The United Nations launched a US\$2 billion COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan to support the world's most vulnerable countries. The fund is mostly available to NGOs.



Spread

[South Korea is pleading with residents to stay in isolation as they have seen a flare-up in spread](#)



South Africa:

According to the latest statement by the Minister of Health, 927 cases are confirmed, Latest updates are available on www.sacoronavirus.co.za

SA Tourism will make updates available on www.southafrica.net on how the lockdown measures will impact tourism.

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

- [It's official: We're in lockdown. And these are the rules](#)
- [Covid-19 infections now at 927, as Ramaphosa says 'we fear it might rise'](#)
- [Covid-19: Economic impact on East and southern Africa](#)
- [Administer lockdowns with care, urges WHO](#)
- ['SA could have 1500 coronavirus cases in a few days': Ramaphosa warns of invisible enemy](#)
- [We must do everything to defeat the virus, go and save South Africa, Ramaphosa tells police ahead of lockdown](#)
- [G20 nations pledge 'united front' on coronavirus crisis](#)

GLOBAL NEWS

- Unemployment figures continue to spike: 929 000 Canadians applied for European Insurance in the week starting March 16
- The US jobless claims jump from 217 000 the end of February to 3.3 million at the end of March. Sec Mnuchin stated on @CNBC that record jobless claims numbers in the last week 'are not relevant'. He reasons that businesses that laid people off will rehire after the stimulus goes into effect.
- [The Washington correspondent for CNBC, Kayla Tausche, did a piece on the cruise industry - mainly centering around the cruise industry not confident that they can borrow from any of the existing loan programmes because of offshore registration. She quotes senior administrative officials saying that the Senate is working on a solution and if they cannot find one, they will seek a legislative fix in the next package. President Trump stated that cruise lines should be US based if they want loans](#)
- [The aviation industry continues to bleed with one third of the global commercial airline fleet currently in storage - approximately 7 500 aircraft](#)
- Singapore announced a tourism support package - US\$90 million is set aside to help the tourism industry to rebound and their Enhance Jobs Support Scheme entails a 75 % wage offset for every local worker employed in the tourism sector
- S&P and Moody's are downgrading US companies at the fastest pace in more than a decade
- Some of the companies that have been affected this year: Ford, Kraft Heinz, Macy's and Occidental Petroleum.
- Michael Jordaan, the ex-CEO of FNB and now one of the business leaders in the President's Entrepreneurial Council, predicted that Moody's will downgrade South Africa to junk status today. Moody's also slashed India's GDP growth in 2020 to 2,5 %
- Ireland has just effectively nationalized its health service in response to the pandemic: private hospitals are being taken over. Everybody is now promised equal access to treatment, regardless of insurance.
- [W Kent Taylor, the co-founder and CEO of Texas Roadhouse Inc, has redirected his bonus and the base salary he would have received from March 18 - Jan 7, 2021 to the pockets of his chain's frontline workers instead. This is on the back of a US\\$5 million donation to a fund that help the company's employees during their time of need](#)
- [Ralph Lauren pledged USD10 million to global efforts and has committed his factories to produce gowns and masks](#)
- The British Boxer Amir Khan has donated a 60 000 square foot building to the NHS to assist people affected by the outbreak
- Tim Cook from Apple is continuing to make his ops and supply chain teams to the disposal of the world to find and purchase whatever is required - they have managed to secure 10 million masks for a variety of countries.
- [Real Madrid is turning the Santiago Bernabeu stadium into a collection point to store donations of medical supplies, etc. They are also working with their partners to make donations - either economic or in the form of materials required by the Ministry of Health](#)
- [Hilton President and CEO, Christopher Nassetta, will forgo his salary as part of the company's coronavirus response](#)

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