Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
Daily Update: 30 March 2020

Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 29 March 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	63 159	634 835	3 464	29 957
Western Pacific	1 343	102 803	34	3 626
European Region	36 688	361 031	2 753	21 493
South East Asia	624	3 709	25	139
Eastern Med	3 846	42 777	160	2 668
Americas	20 484	120 798	488	1 973
Africa**	174	3 005	4	51

The WHO media conference outlined yesterday the six steps that any country can take, regardless of the size or scenario, to fight the virus:
• Expand, train and deploy your public health force
• Implement a system to find every suspected case
• Ramp up testing capacity and availability
• Identify and adapt key facilities you will use to treat and isolate patients
• Develop a clear plan to quarantine contacts
• Refocus the whole of government on suppression and containing COVID-19

Spread
• One new country/territory/area reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
• The COVID-19 Solidarity Fund has now received donations of more than US$ 108 million, from 203,000 individuals and organizations. Click here to donate and for more information.
• WHO, together with national authorities, is monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's mental health, and providing information and guidance to governments and the public. On 27 March, WHO European Region published an article on mental health and psychological resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic; highlighting the potential mental health impacts on children and the elderly. Click here for more information.

South Africa:

According to the latest statement by the Minister of Health, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 is 1 280 – this is an increase of 93 from previously reported case. A second death has been reported. Visit: www.sacoronavirus.co.za for the latest updates

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

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

• Coronavirus cases in SA increases to 1 280, with a second death confirmed
• SA participates in COVID-19 treatment trial
• More than a thousand South Africans are still stranded abroad – and they plead for help
• Lockdown financially devastating for franchise stores
• 'Truly amazing': the journey from Wuhan to SA
• Covid-19 relief money starts rolling in
• Letter from economists: desperate times call for desperate measures

GLOBAL NEWS

• Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali of Ethiopia announced that they have received the supplies from the Jack Ma Foundation and have successfully finalized the distribution task within the continent in six days through Ethopian Airways.
• The Harvard Business Review published a report on lessons that we can all learn from Italy (and other countries), specifically around how we formulate policy
• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has warned against cruise travel worldwide and the cruise industry has stopped sailing. The CEO of Carnival does not agree. The Globe and Mail reported on the MS Zaandam cruise and cruise operators' step to protect passengers - such as banning travellers from China. Cruises are particularly dangerous because of the containment and spread. When reading the interviews, these people all boarded when the pandemic was concentrated in Europe and China, so South America seemed like a safe destination. The challenge with cruise ships now is that nobody really wants them and countries on the routes are closing harbours and will not allow them to dock. The Zaandam received permission to transit the Panama Canal on Saturday - but only after various countries leaders' intervened to get their citizens off the ship.
• The Diamond Princess revealed how easily the virus spread, provided estimates of the disease's severity and allowed researchers to investigate the share of infections with no symptoms. All this is crucial for making decisions on how to manage the outbreak.
• UK broadband providers lift data caps during the crisis.
• AirBnB is using their accommodation facilities in France to assist healthcare workers.

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