

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 26 March 2020



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 25 March 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	40 712	414 179	2 202	18 440
Western Pacific	1 186	97 766	16	3 518
European Region	25 007	220 516	1 797	11 986
South East Asia	354	2 334	7	72
Eastern Med	2 416	29 631	131	2008
Americas	11 390	60 834	248	813
Africa**	359	1 664	3	29



Spread

As analysts around the world starts paying more attention to the number of deaths rather than the number of cases, there is enough data to start analyzing deaths by city. There are so many variables - higher density, more tests, transfers of patients to ICU facilities. In Spain, the Madrid region suffered the brunt of epidemic with 12 352 cases (just under 1/3 of the total), but it recorded 57 % of the national deaths.

South Africa is the country with the highest number of cases with no deaths being reported.

South Africa:



According to the latest statement by the Minister of Health, 709 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.

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- [All SA border posts to be closed for movement of people, says Motsoaledi](#)
- [Ladysmith Covid-19 patient arrested for not self-quarantining, 27 contacts sought](#)
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GLOBAL NEWS

- [Kosovo becomes the first nation in Europe to vote out a government over the way it handled the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Turkey has arrested 410 people for making 'provocative' posts on social media about the outbreak](#)
- [Germany announced that their economy can shrink by as much as 20 % due to the outbreak](#)
- [CAPA revised Indian aviation losses due to COVID-19 to USD3,3-3,6 billion in Q1FY2021](#)
- GoAir is cutting salaries of all employees.
- [Boeing CEO said that he would not accept a bailout package if the US government wants an equity stake](#)
- [The Jack Ma Foundation continues on their outreach programme They have now launched an online platform for doctors and nurses around the world to exchange ideas, lessons and know-how to fight the virus. They have invited to all hospitals to join Chinese hospitals on the open 'One world, one fight' platform.](#)
- [Comscore released a report on media consumption during the time of corona blog.](#) There is data on the increase in visits to government sites, health sites, retail sites, etc. BUT they included some interesting travel data: looking at the top 20 travel sites (including airlines, aggregators, hospitality, etc) travel visits declined 7.3 % for the week 24 February to 01 March and again 4,8 % for the week 02 to 08 March. It spiked the week of March 9-15, increasing by 9,5 %. This could be because of the large number of trip cancellations and rebookings plus airlines offering inexpensive flights. Internet searches including the terms 'coronavirus', 'COVID' or COVID-19" increased by 553 778 % in Jan 2020 from 9 902 in Dec 2019 to 54,85 million in Jan 2020 (Search Planner, Desktop Only).
- PM Modi of India locked down a nation of 1,3 billion people with a 4 hour warning
- Accor Hotels is making their hotels in France available for healthcare workers and the homeless.
- [The UNWTO, with support of the WHO, calls on innovators to take part in the 'Healing Solution Challenge' - they are looking for new ideas to help tourism respond to COVID-19](#)
- Qatar Airways announced that they will keep flights operating to more than 70 destinations to assist people to get home - #TakingYouHome

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