

# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 6 April 2020



## Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 5 April 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	82 061	1 133 758	5 798	62 784
Western Pacific	1 034	111 396	29	3 838
European Region	38 266	621 407	4 082	46 416
South East Asia	1 288	7 816	35	302
Eastern Med	4 328	70 239	201	2 794
Americas	36 171	315 714	1 385	8 187
Africa**	974	6 420	66	236

Johns Hopkins confirmed that more than 250 000 people have recovered from the virus.



### Spread

[Although the outbreak started in China, Europe has emerged as the hub for its global spread.](#) Travel from and within Europe preceded the first coronavirus cases in 93 countries across 5 continents, accounting for more than half of the world's index cases. Travel from Italy alone preceded index cases in at least 46 countries (compared to 27 associated with travel from China). Although Europe is still responsible for nearly 40 % of daily cases, the US has become the new centre of the pandemic.

[France reported fewer coronavirus hospital deaths in the last 24 hours.](#)

[Germany reports a third straight drop in daily rate of new coronavirus infections](#)

[Italy has reported the lowest number of daily deaths in more than 2 weeks.](#)

[Spain marked its third straight daily drop in the number of people who have died](#)

[Algeria is on a very steep curve, Portugal's acceleration is slowing, Sweden is still tracking China and Ireland is on a shallower curve than the UK.](#)

[Australia's confirmed cases has slowed and it looks as if their tough social restrictions are working](#)

South Korea reports the lowest number of new cases since February.



## South Africa:

South Africa has reported 70 new cases for a total of 1 655 and two new deaths for a total of 11.

Visit: [www.sacoronavirus.co.za](http://www.sacoronavirus.co.za) for the latest updates

SA Tourism will make updates available on [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net) on how the lockdown measures will impact tourism.

### SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

- [Health minister confirms two more deaths, SA's Covid-19 toll now at 11](#)
- [Coronavirus in SA: Here's where Western Cape community testing will start](#)
- [Whatever horror Covid-19 brings, this is the hour our heroes stepped up](#)
- [SA brains come up with a nifty box to protect virus frontline staff](#)
- [Can you really be convicted of attempted murder if you infect someone with the Coronavirus?](#)
- [Mboweni reaffirms commitment to reforms as Fitch adds to woes](#)

### GLOBAL NEWS

- [Boris Johnson taken to hospital for 'precautionary' tests on advice of his doctor after testing positive ten days ago](#)
- France, Spain, Belgium and France are examples of the countries that have set up expert committees to examine a gradual easing of stay-at-home orders for businesses and schools. [The question is how to handle an exit strategy while seeking to avoid a second wave of infections. Commentators are warning that successfully managing the exit from lockdown will require skill and resolve across many areas of government policy.](#)
- [The outbreak has resulted in mass unemployment in Finland and the world best-funded welfare state is starting to crack](#)
- Lesotho's billionaire Sam Matekane is setting up testing labs nationwide, the Lesotho Times announced yesterday.
- [Airbnb](#) has reported huge drop in request for short term rental and the company has set up a relief fund, there is also innovation from the owners: rentals are being dropped substantially to accommodate domestic rentals, others have switched from short-term to long-term rentals. One group of Airbnb owners that is still doing well are those situated near hospitals - many of them are running special pricing for frontline staff - police, health care workers, etc. Others are specifically targeted at assisting stranded passengers.
- [Google searches are showing us how big data can be used to find emerging COVID-19 outbreaks.](#) Researchers have found that a bevy of symptom-related searches - loss of smell as well as fever and shortness of breath - have tracked outbreaks around the world. It is not the first time that Google is building models using search data - they have published quite extensively on the work they did with the CDC in 2009 on the influenza outbreak - the problem was with the H1N1 outbreak, it was in the news so much that people were searching for flu not because they were feeling symptoms, but because they were curious or fearful. It is an interesting study. The other way we can use search data is to understand the progression of symptoms.

