

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 20 May 2020



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 19 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	112 637	4 731 458	4 322	316 169
Africa	2 358	63 521	48	1 796
Americas	65 134	2 082 945	3 059	124 668
Eastern Med	18 189	356 749	170	10 149
Europe	19 125	1 909 592	825	167 998
Sout East Asia	7 168	148 761	198	4 780
Western Pacific	663	169 178	22	6 765



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- India has recorded 100 000 cases late on Monday, infections have doubled in little over 12 days, 67 % of all cases were reported in May - if this continues, it will take ~8 days to reach 150 000 cases. Recovery rates are at 38,8 %.
- There is no flattening of the curve in Indonesia - they have recorded as many deaths in the past three days as in any three days previously since the epidemic began
- [Three weeks ago, there were just 5 reported cases in South Sudan. Today the country has 347 with cases doubling every five days. The Vice President and the Defence Minister have both tested positive](#)
- Sweden now tops the world in daily deaths per capita
- [Taiwan is now on a 12-day-streak without any cases and 37-days without any local cases](#)
- [Approximately 1 in 5 Americans have already expressed unwillingness to get the eventual COVID-19 vaccine](#)



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/-Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
12 May	369 697	358 347	11 350	206	3,07	0,63	1,81		
13 May	386 352	374 278	12 074	219	3,13	0,66	1,81	4745	39
14 May	403 018	390 279	12 739	238	3,16	0,69	1,87	5 676	45
15 May	421 555	408 031	13 524	247	3,21	0,72	1,83	6 083	45
16 May	439 559	425 204	14 355	261	3,27	0,75	1,82	6 478	45
17 May	460 873	445 358	15 515	264	3,37	0,78	1,70	7 006	45
18 May	475 071	458 638	16 433	286	3,46	0,81	1,74	7 298	44
19 May	488 609	471 409	17 200	312	3,52	0,83	1,81	7 960	46

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- [Greece on tenterhooks over arrival of socially distanced tourists](https://www.businesslive.co.za/ft/life/2020-05-20-greece-on-tenterhooks-over-arrival-of-socially-distanced-tourists/) <https://www.businesslive.co.za/ft/life/2020-05-20-greece-on-tenterhooks-over-arrival-of-socially-distanced-tourists/>
- Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the Canada-USA border closure will be extended until June 21. Travel is limited to essential workers only.
- [German's Foreign Minister alluded to milder travel guidelines. Currently the travel warning for all tourist trips abroad is in place until June 15. They will make a decision on 15 June on whether they will lift the global travel warning and what guidelines they will be replacing it with. The minister warned there will be no quick return to holidays and if there is a second wave of infections, restrictions could come back.](#)
- [Tourism contributes roughly 10 % of India's GDP and according to industry sources tourism impacts 10 - 12 % of India's employment](#)
- [Spain has lifted a ban on direct flights and ships from Italy but retained a block on cruise ships and a two-week quarantine for all travellers from abroad along with the state of emergency](#) <https://t.co/RCjhEnH70D?amp=1>. Their Tourism Minister did allude end of July and he also said Spain has work to do to ensure that tourists feel safe and that the product is affordable.
- [Southwest Airlines said it recorded positive bookings on a net basis so far for May as passenger reservations outpace trip cancellations. It expects June capacity to fall between 45 % and 55 % from a year ago – compared to the decline of 60 % to 70 % in May capacity](#)
- [Travel unemployment in the United States of America hits 51 %](#)
- [Like the rest of the industry, cruising has been badly affected by the pandemic. So far, the pandemic has cost the industry around \\$750 million. Shares in major cruise companies \(Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Norwegian\) have dropped 60 to 70%. Cruise tourism in the Caribbean has grown by over 300 % in the last ten years and forms a major component of their industry - and of their infrastructure expenditure \(upgraded ports and harbours to expand capacity, etc.\) Cruise liners, by their nature, have always been extremely equipped to handle outbreaks and have strict policies on prevention, access to medical care 24/7.](#)
- [IATA has published their five principles for industry restart](#)

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