

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



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Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 26 May 2020

Region	Confirmed cases		Deaths	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally	99 780	5 404 512	1 468	343 514
Africa	3 042	83 044	94	2 267
Americas	59 157	2 454 452	2 267	143 739
Eastern Med	11 068	438 900	129	11 293
Europe	16 569	2 041 705	1 215	173 213
Sout East Asia	9 066	210 273	188	6 140
Western Pacific	878	175 397	23	6 902



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- The number of cases in Brazil is likely to be seven times higher than reported.
- [Social distancing rules in Germany have been extended until June 29 because of concerns around a possible second peak.](#)
- [India's Minister of Health said in an interview with the Deccan Herald that India is in a good position as it has contained the level of infections, the capacity of hospitals has been increased and recoveries are high. India is now testing approximately 110 000 samples per day, using 612 labs.](#)
- [Italy says 96 % of its virus fatalities had other underlying illnesses](#)
- [Did Japan Just Beat the Virus Without Lockdowns or Mass Testing? The article from Bloomberg analyzes how Japan defied the odds and contained the virus while disregarding the playbook used by other successful countries. There is only agreement on one thing: that there was no silver bullet, no one factor that made the difference.](#)
- South Korea has reported its highest daily number of cases in 49 days – this is as more than 2 million pupils return to school.



South Africa:

Date	Tests	Negative	Positive	Deaths	% +/- Tests	% test/Pop (58 780 000)	Fatality Rate (Deaths/Pos)	Recoveries	Recovery Rate % (Rec/Pos)
20 May	506 861	488 858	18 003	339	3,55	0,86	1,86	8 950	50
21 May	525 433	506 296	19 137	369	3,64	0,89	1,93		
22 May	543 032	522 907	20 125	397	3,71	0,92	1,97	10 104	50
23 May	564 370	543 027	21 343	407	3,78	0,96	1,91	10 104	47
24 May	583 855	561 272	22 583	429	3,87	0,99	1,90	11 100	49
25 May	596 777	573 162	23 615	481	3,96	1,02	2,04	11 917	50
26 May	605 991	581 727	24 264	524	4,00	1,03	2,16	12 741	53

SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

- [EDITORIAL: SA's closed skies risk turning Ramaphosa's 'new gold' into dust Tourism accounts for almost 10% of all jobs, and more than 8% of GDP – a strong argument for opening the sector, albeit safely](#)
- [SAA prepares for take-off again South African Airways \(SAA\) plans to restart domestic flights as soon as it is given official approval by the government.](#)
- [You can now buy tickets for domestic flights next week - but you'll have to move fast While there is still some uncertainty about who will be able to fly, the first domestic flights are now available.](#)
- [FlySafair wants SA government to 'subsidise aviation industry' during level 3](#)
- [Lockdown causes 'total devastation' to tourism & hospitality](#)
- [Most industries will return to work in June, but this sector, which employs over 700 000 people directly and twice that amount indirectly, sees no end in sight.](#)
- [Churches, mosques, synagogues reopen 1 June – here's what services will be like](#)
- [Religious services to resume under Level 3, but limited to 50 people President Cyril Ramaphosa says the National Coronavirus Command Council has acceded to proposals put forward to it by religious leaders.](#)
- [Coronavirus Morning Update: Last on cigarette ban, more on hotspots and testing backlogs](#)
- [Taverns want to use a click-and-collect scheme to sell booze in Level 3 – here's how it works. Tavern owners are arguing they can safely offer alcoholic drinks for sale, for off-site consumption, using an online platform.](#)
- [Hard Lockdown unsustainable – economy had to be reopened Health Minister Zweli Mkhize cited social distress, unemployment and recession for easing the Covid-19 lockdown to Level 3. And while Tuesday's four-hour National Council of Provinces session had Health MECs talking of a post-Covid-19 legacy of improved public health, serious questions remain on how key governance decisions are made.](#)
- [Minister's briefing sows lockdown level confusion Health minister's presentation shows Covid-19 hotspots could remain on level 4 while rest of country moves to level 3](#)
- [Patel concedes handling of some lockdown rules was poor Government erred in not communicating that clothing list was drawn up with retailers, minister says](#)
- [NEWS ANALYSIS: Tobacco ban poses biggest threat to public's faith in state's reasonableness](#)
- [Government facing myriad of court challenges over lockdown rules Legal challenges against the government are mounting as several opposition parties, teacher unions and civil rights organisations are approaching courts to challenge lockdown regulations and the constitutionality of its decisions.](#)
- [UIF scrambles to fix website as Covid-19 relief claims pile up](#)



GLOBAL NEWS

- Travel between Australia and New Zealand could resume early in July with Australia venturing to other short-haul international markets by September.
- [The Canadian government has agreed to provide as much as \\$200 million to help relaunch debit-laden Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group](#)
- [Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center is ready to welcome events back. They have a series of preventative measures in place and have just hosted their first post-pandemic event - the Hong Kong Wedding Fair. Outside of the 'normal' hygiene prevention, they paid special attention to floor plan design, queuing logistics, F&B provisions amongst other things](#)
- Germany has announced that its citizens can travel through Europe after 15 June. This is huge relief for Italy, Greece and Spain that rely heavily on German tourists during this period. Shares in German holiday company Tui were up 38 % on Tuesday morning and shares in budget airline EasyJet has risen by 17 % by midday. Although holidays will be allowed, the government also said it will not be 'summer holidays as we know it' - social distance and hygiene rules will be valid everywhere.
- [Tourism New Zealand has launched a stunning new campaign called 'PURE' in a bid to make the country one of the world's greatest destinations by rethinking the entire way they approach tourism. They have drawn inspiration from how the country managed the lockdown](#)
- The Prime Minister of Thailand said he will not hasten to allow tourists back yet as the nation needs to be absolutely sure in controlling the virus. He asked for a balanced approach to tackling economic and health impact.
- [In the United States of America, ARC reported consolidated airline ticketing volume variance compared to the same period in 2019 - the article has the detailed breakdown, but YTD we are looking at a -45,64 % ticket variance and -51,97 % sales variance](#)
- Lufthansa's coveted airline slots are under threat after the bailout as Brussels pushes for conditions to the airline's Euro 9 billion rescue and Ryanair has already announced plans to challenge the deal. The way the deal is structured may undermine the competition rules.
- [Hertz is in hot water after it was revealed that they paid more than \\$16 million in retention bonuses to senior managers, including the CEO, just days before filing for bankruptcy](#)
- [The International LGBTQ and Travel Association \(IGLTA\) released the result of their recent member survey around attitude to travel:](#)
 - 66 % of global respondents said they would feel comfortable travelling again for non-essential and non-business reasons before the end of 2020 (September and October are the most popular choices)
 - 46 % say they will not change the type of destinations that they choose reflecting a high degree of destination loyalty, 25% s are still undecided and 28% said they would change destination choices.
- [Global tourism and leisure industry deals for April were worth \\$4,86 billion. This is an increase of 67,4 % over March, but a drop of 45,2 % when compared with the last 12-month average of \\$8,86 billion](#)
- [Airline debt to balloon by 28 % to \\$550 billion by the end of the year - that is a \\$120 billion increase over the debt levels at the start of 2020 according to IATA. Over half the relief provided by governments creates new liabilities. Less than 10 % will add to airline equity. Paying off this debt will cause the crisis to last much longer. The \\$123 billion in government financial aid is equal to 14 % of 2019's total airline revenues](#)

