

How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported?

As of Jan. 12, there were more than 91,027,775 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide and more than 1,948,236 deaths.

How severe is COVID-19?

The worldwide COVID-19 infection fatality rate is estimated to be as high as 1.15%, according to a report published in October; however, the individual risk of death depends heavily on one’s age, the presence of comorbidities, and access to adequate medical care. The WHO reports that 80% of those who contract the virus experience only mild symptoms.

What is the status of COVID-19 vaccines?

Around 50 nations have begun administering COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Oxford-AstraZeneca—as well as developers based in China and Russia—totaling more than 28.5 million doses as of Jan. 12. However, vaccine availability will almost certainly remain limited to high-risk groups such as healthcare workers and the elderly over the months ahead, as manufacturers increase global production capacity and governments ramp up national inoculation campaigns.

How have new virus variants changed the threat landscape?

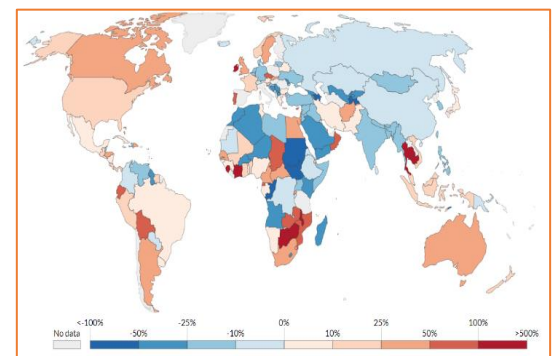
Health officials in Japan recently identified a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in four travelers arriving from Brazil. This variant has not yet been proven to be more infectious – unlike two previously identified mutated variants initially seen in the UK and South Africa. These two variants are now present on every continent, in at least 33 countries and territories, including the US. Though research is still ongoing, epidemiologists do not currently believe that any new variants cause more severe illness or are likely to be resistant to existing COVID-19 vaccines; however, more rapid transmission has led to rising infection rates in some countries, straining hospital capacity.

How is COVID-19 affecting international travel?

Dozens of nations have restricted international travel in recent weeks over the emergence of new viral variants. Most measures have focused on limiting the arrival of travelers from the UK and South Africa, though curbs on other travel are increasingly likely in the days and weeks ahead. Additionally, many officials have implemented mandatory testing or quarantine requirements for travelers arriving from, or transiting through, the affected countries. In many locations where the variants have been identified, authorities have also attempted to further slow transmission by tightening domestic movement restrictions.

Country	Daily New Cases (7-day avg.)	Total Cases	Total Deaths
US	248,650	22,771,320	379,365
UK	58,003	3,173,274	83,342
Brazil	53,980	8,131,612	203,580
Russia	23,282	3,412,390	61,908
Spain	21,848	2,137,220	52,683
Germany	20,700	1,957,898	42,259
South Africa	19,042	1,259,748	34,334
France	18,232	2,864,297	68,939
Italy	17,476	2,303,263	79,819
India	17,476	10,479,179	151,327
Colombia	16,539	1,801,903	46,451
Czechia	12,677	844,799	13,485
Mexico	12,345	1,541,633	134,368
Argentina	11,712	1,730,921	44,654
Turkey	11,553	2,346,285	23,152
Poland	9,634	1,395,779	31,593
Indonesia	9,231	846,765	24,645
Portugal	8,239	496,552	8,080
Canada	8,114	677,751	17,203
Israel	7,557	508,701	3,756
Sweden	7,442	506,866	9,667
Netherlands	7,321	895,443	12,664

Countries Averaging >7,000 New COVID-19 Cases Daily (Source: JHU & European CDC/Our World in Data)



Week-by-Week Change in Confirmed COVID-19 Cases (Source: European CDC/Our World in Data)