

## How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported?

As of Mar. 23, there were more than 123,810,630 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide and more than 2,725,892 deaths.

## What is the status of COVID-19 vaccines?

Total worldwide inoculation stands at 458 million doses as of Mar. 23. Despite reports of dangerous blood clots in some recipients, the EMA has deemed the AstraZeneca vaccine to be safe and effective for use. Since the announcement, the vaccine has been reintroduced throughout Europe, though Nordic countries have yet to reimplement its use. Additionally, following a US trial that found the AZ vaccine to be 79% effective, the US NIAID has expressed concern that AZ included outdated information which potentially altered actual efficacy data. There are now 13 vaccines on the market approved for use by at least one country. Aside from the widely-approved Western vaccines, several other countries have produced inoculations now cleared for use in 25+ countries – Sinopharm (China), Sputnik V (Russia), and Covishield (India).

## How have new virus variants changed the threat landscape?

Global cases rose by 8% in the past week, with WHO officials blaming a loosening of restrictions in many countries despite the continued spread of highly-contagious variants. Officials warned against reopening too quickly as cases continue to rise despite global inoculation campaigns. However, health experts agree that pandemic control measures should focus on vaccinating at-risk populations and adhering to social distancing and sanitary guidelines. Three main variants—the UK, Brazilian, and S. African—continue to spread throughout the world and have been increasingly identified in individuals with no travel history, suggesting that they are spreading much more widely than current numbers indicate.

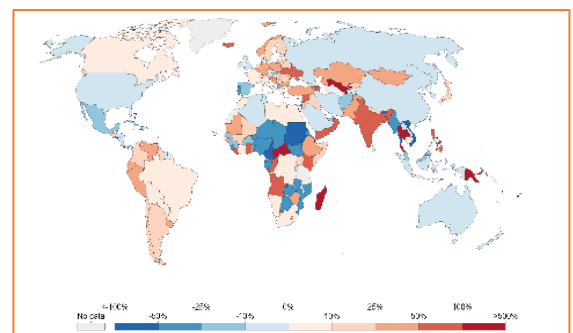
## How is COVID-19 affecting international travel?

### Significant Travel Developments

- **European Easter Lockdowns** – Several countries throughout Europe—including France, Germany, and Italy—have imposed new lockdown measures following a rise in cases and anticipation of increased travel over the upcoming Easter holiday. Many countries are imposing restrictions on non-essential travel/movement, business closures, and curfews.
- **Spain loosens restrictions on UK travelers** – Travelers from the UK will be permitted to travel to Spain after Mar. 30. However, travelers must still meet an exemption and prove that their travel is for non-essential reasons and are subject to the same PCR testing and 10-day quarantine entry restrictions. Travel from South Africa and Brazil will remain suspended until at least Apr. 13.

Country	Daily New Cases (7-day avg.)	Total Cases	Total Deaths
Brazil	75,416	12,047,526	295,023
US	53,441	29,870,995	543,023
India	39,566	11,686,796	160,166
France	31,509	4,358,910	92,776
Poland	22,228	2,089,869	49,761
Italy	21,683	3,390,181	105,328
Turkey	20,063	3,035,338	30,178
Germany	13,268	1,475,538	75,015
Ukraine	12,474	1,615,747	32,018
Russia	9,356	4,424,595	94,231
Czechia	9,273	1,475,538	25,055
Jordan	8,322	553,727	6,077
Hungary	8,063	586,123	18,703
Peru	7,702	1,472,790	50,339
Iran	7,641	1,815,712	61,951
Argentina	7,183	2,252,172	54,671
Netherlands	6,635	1,230,507	16,475
Chile	5,980	942,958	22,385
Indonesia	5,840	1,471,225	39,865
UK	5,537	4,315,603	126,411

Countries Averaging >5,000 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)