

How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported?

As of June 1, there were more than 170,800,205 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide and more than 3,551,771 deaths.

What is the status of COVID-19 vaccines?

Following a study conducted by the France's Pasteur Institute, initial findings suggested that the Pfizer vaccine was less effective at combating the B.1.617 variant (renamed as "Delta" after being commonly referred to as the "Indian" variant), though it still provided adequate protection. The study focused on 28 healthcare workers in Orleans and found that those inoculated with the Pfizer jab saw a three-fold reduction in antibody production when infected with Delta, suggesting it may have partial resistance to antibodies. However, all those inoculated remained fully protected against severe symptoms and death. A Brazilian-based study has found that Chinese-produced Sinovac vaccine was effective in preventing the spread of the virus in a small town's population, suggesting the jab may be effective in protecting against the P.1 variant (Brazil). However, Sinovac's WHO approval process has recently stalled, as the organization has requested more data on the vaccine's safety and manufacturing process. Currently, Chinese-made Sinopharm remains the only non-Western inoculation approved by the WHO for global use.

How have new virus variants changed the threat landscape?

The rapid spread of the Delta variant continues to impact large parts of the UK with official estimates suggesting the variant is causing 3 out of 4 new infections of COVID-19 within the country. Many EU countries—including France & Germany—continue to tighten restrictions on travelers originating from the UK, while some have banned travel altogether. Vietnam has reported the suspected discovery of a new "hybrid variant" that contains similar mutations to both the Delta and UK variants. Though the presence of the variant within the country has yet to be established, Vietnam has been dealing with a sharp rise in cases over the past month. It is still unclear if the variant is behind the recent surge; however, experts are suggesting the variant may be more transmissible if they are able to establish a causal link.

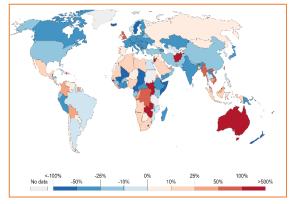
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> France Bans Non-essential UK travel – As of May 31, all foreign travelers are (Source: European CDC/Our World in Data) required to prove a compelling reason for travel when entering France from the UK. Additionally, all travelers must present a negative PCR test taken and issued within 48 hours of departure, quarantine for 7 days upon arrival, and retest at the end of the quarantine period.

> Saudi Arabia to Reopen to 11 Countries – As of May 30, travelers from 11 countries—including the US, UK, Germany, & France are once again permitted to enter the country; however, they must still meet an exemption. All travelers must present a negative PCR test taken and issued within 72 hours of departure. There are varying degrees of quarantine requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated travelers, including mandatory institutional quarantine. Full quarantine requirements broken down by traveler type can be found here.

Country	Daily New Cases (7- day avg.)	Total Cases	Total Deaths
India	175,167	28,175,044	331,895
Brazil	60,685	16,545,554	462,791
Argentina	31,378	3,781,784	78,093
Colombia	22,432	3,406,456	88,774
US	17,248	33,265,578	594,590
Iran	9,945	2,923,823	80,327
France	8,780	5,729,061	109,690
Russia	8,729	5,022,881	119,830
Turkey	7,913	5,249,404	47,527
Malaysia	7,680	579,462	2,867
Chile	7,012	1,384,346	29,300
Philippines	6,514	1,235,467	21,012
Nepal	5,834	566,587	7,454
Indonesia	5,797	1,826,527	50,723
Spain	4,410	3,678,390	79,953
Peru	4,311	1,955,469	69,342
Germany	4,276	3,691,725	88,654
Iraq	4,187	1,205,522	16,405

Countries Averaging >4,000 New COVID-19 Cases Daily (Source: JHU & European CDC/Our World in Data)



Week-by-Week Change in Confirmed COVID-19 Cases