

COVID-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update

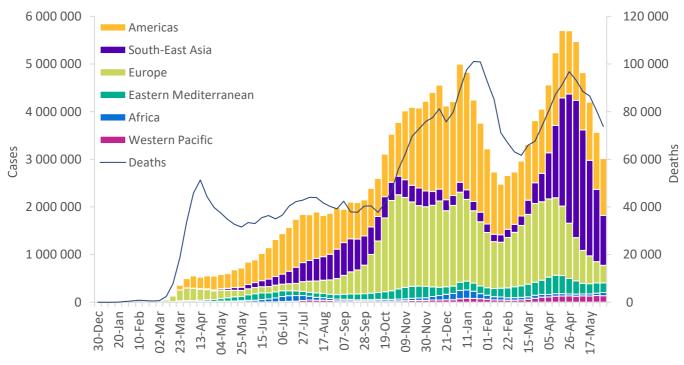
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Global overview Data as of 6 June 2021

Global case and death incidences continued to decrease with over 3 million new weekly cases and over 73 000 new deaths, a 15% and an 8% decrease respectively, compared to the previous week (Figure 1). The European and South-East Asia Regions reported marked declines in the number of new cases in the past week, whereas the African Region reported an increase compared to the previous week (Table 1). The Region of the Americas as well as the Eastern Mediterranean and the Western Pacific Regions reported similar numbers compared to the previous week. The number of new deaths reported in the past week decreased in the European and South-East Asia Regions and increased in the Western Pacific Region. Death incidences remained stable in the Region of the Americas as well as the Eastern Mediterranean and African Regions. Despite the downward trend in global case and death incidences for a sixth and fifth consecutive week respectively, many countries across all six regions have reported rises in the number of cases and deaths.





Reported week commencing

**See Annex 3: Data, table and figure notes

The highest numbers of new cases were reported from India (914 539 new cases; 33% decrease), Brazil (449 478 new cases; 7% increase), Argentina (212 975 new cases; 3% decrease), Colombia (175 479 new cases; 17% increase), and the United States of America (99 103 new cases; 35% decrease).

WHO Region	New cases in last 7 days (%)	Change in new cases in last 7 days *	Cumulative cases (%)	New deaths in last 7 days (%)	Change in new deaths in last 7 days *	Cumulative deaths (%)
Americas	1 191 047 (39%)	-1%	68 370 018 (40%)	34 392 (47%)	4%	1 794 865 (48%)
Europe	368 874 (12%)	-17%	54 629 665 (32%)	8 890 (12%)	-21%	1 157 890 (31%)
South-East Asia	1 049 694 (35%)	-31%	32 654 915 (19%)	23 369 (32%)	-21%	425 123 (11%)
Eastern Mediterranean	202 208 (7%)	-5%	10 278 904 (6%)	3 503 (5%)	-1%	205 145 (6%)
Africa	65 943 (2%)	25%	3 563 825 (2%)	1 167 (2%)	2%	88 274 (2%)
Western Pacific	138 239 (5%)	-1%	3 139 006 (2%)	2 486 (3%)	19%	47 634 (1%)
Global	3 016 005 (100%)	-15%	172 637 097 (100%)	73 807 (100%)	-8%	3 718 944 (100%)

Table 1. Newly reported and cumulative COVID-19 cases and deaths, by WHO Region, as of 6 June 2021**

*Percent change in the number of newly confirmed cases/deaths in past seven days, compared to seven days prior **See Annex 3: Data, table and figure notes

For the latest data and other updates on COVID-19, please see:

- WHO COVID-19 Dashboard
- <u>WHO COVID-19 Weekly Operational Update and previous editions of the Weekly Epidemiological</u> <u>Update</u>

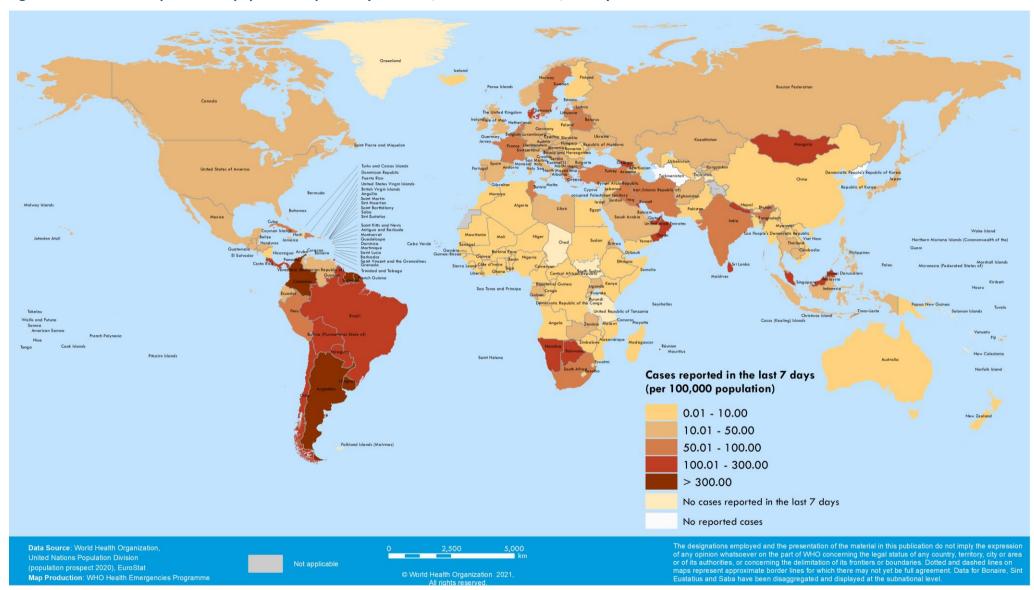


Figure 2. COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population reported by countries, territories and areas, 31 May – 6 June 2021**

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Special Focus: Update on SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Interest (VOIs) and Variants of Concern (VOCs)

WHO, in collaboration with national authorities, institutions and researchers, routinely assesses if variants of SARS-CoV-2 result in changes in transmissibility, clinical presentation and severity, or if they result in changes in the implementation of public health and social measures (PHSM) by national health authorities. Systems have been established to detect "signals" of potential Variants of Concern (VOCs) or Variants of Interest (VOIs) and assess these based on the risk posed to global public health. Table 2 lists currently designated global VOIs and VOCs. National authorities may choose to designate other variants of local interest/concern. Here we provide an update on emerging evidence surrounding phenotypic characteristics and the geographical distribution of designated VOCs.

On 31 May 2021, <u>WHO announced new easy-to-say/easy-to-remember VOI and VOC labels</u> to facilitate public communication about SARS-CoV-2 variants and the <u>1 June 2021 edition</u> of the WEU outlined the changes in labelling of the VOCs and VOIs, as well as updates to the classifications of variants B.1.617.1, B.1.617.3 and B.1.616.

WHO label	Pango lineage	GISAID clade	Nextstrain clade	Earliest documented samples	Date of designation
Variants of C	Concern (VOCs	5)			
Alpha	B.1.1.7	GRY (formerly GR/501Y.V1)	20I/501Y.V1	United Kingdom, Sep-2020	18-Dec-2020
Beta	B.1.351	GH/501Y.V2	20H/501Y.V2	South Africa, May-2020	18-Dec-2020
Gamma	P.1	GR/501Y.V3	20J/501Y.V3	Brazil, Nov-2020	11-Jan-2021
Delta	B.1.617.2	G/452R.V3	21A/S:478K	India, Oct-2020	VOI: 4-Apr-2021 VOC: 11-May-2021
Variants of I	nterest (VOIs)				
Epsilon	B.1.427/ B.1.429	GH/452R.V1	20C/S.452R	United States of America, Mar- 2020	5-Mar-2021
Zeta	P.2	GR	20B/S.484K	Brazil, Apr-2020	17-Mar-2021
Eta	B.1.525	G/484K.V3	20A/S484K	Multiple countries, Dec-2020	17-Mar-2021
Theta	P.3	GR	20B/S:265C	Philippines, Jan-2021	24-Mar-2021
lota	B.1.526	GH	20C/S:484K	United States of America, Nov- 2020	24-Mar-2021
Карра	B.1.617.1	G/452R.V3	21A/S:154K	India, Oct-2020	4-Apr-2021

Table 2: SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern (VOCs) and Variants of Interest (VOIs), as of 8 June 2021

Table 3: Summary of phenotypic impacts* of Variants of Concern (VOCs)

WHO label	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta
Transmissibility	Increased transmissibility and secondary attack rate ¹	Increased transmissibility ²	Increased transmissibility ¹	Increased transmissibility and secondary attack rate ^{3,4,5}
Disease severity	Not confirmed, possible increased risk of hospitalization ⁶ , severity and mortality ⁷	Not confirmed, possible increased risk of in- hospital mortality ^{8,9}	Not confirmed, possible increased risk of hospitalization ¹⁰	Not confirmed, possible increased risk of hospitalization ⁵
Risk of reinfection	Neutralizing activity retained, ¹¹ risk of reinfection remain similar ^{12,13}	Reduction in neutralizing activity reported; T cell response elicited by D614G virus remains effective ^{14–17}	Moderate reduction in neutralizing activity reported ^{18,19}	Reduction in neutralizing activity reported ²⁰
Impacts on diagnostics	Limited impact – S gene target failure (SGTF); no impact on overall result from multiple target RT-PCR, No impact on Ag RDTs observed ²¹	No impact on RT-PCR or Ag RDTs observed ¹⁶	None reported to date	None reported to date
Impacts on vaccine efficacy/effectiveness	 Protection retained against disease Severe disease: No/minimal loss: Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty²²⁻²⁷ Symptomatic disease: No/minimal loss: AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria, Novavax-Covavax, PfizerBioNTech-Comirnaty^{23,24,27-30} Infection: No/minimal loss: Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty³¹ Asymptomatic infection: No/minimal loss: Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty.^{23,32} Inconclusive/moderate-substantial loss, limited sample size: AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria²⁹ 	 Reduced protection against disease; limited evidence Severe disease: No/minimal loss: Janssen Ad26.COV 2.5, PfizerBioNTech-Comirnaty^{24,33} Mild-moderate disease: No/minimal loss: Janssen-Ad26. COV 2.5.³³ Moderate loss: Novavax-Covavax.³⁴ Inconclusive/substantial loss, limited sample size: AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria³⁵ Infection: Moderate loss: PfizerBioNTech-Comirnaty²⁴ Asymptomatic infection: No evidence 	 Protection likely against disease; very limited evidence, on only one vaccine Symptomatic Disease: No/minimal loss: Sinovac- CoronaVac^{36,37} Infection: No/minimal loss: Sinovac-CoronaVac³⁷ 	 Protection likely against disease; very limited evidence on only two vaccines Symptomatic Disease: No/minimal loss: Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty, AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria.³⁸ Minimal/modest loss: <i>single</i> <i>dose</i> of PfizerBioNTech- Comirnaty, AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria³⁸
Impacts on neutralization by vaccine	 No/minimal loss: Bharat-Covaxin, Gamaleya-Sputnik V, Moderna-mRNA- 1273, Novavax-Covavax, Pfizer BioNTech- Comirnaty, BeijingCNBG-BBIBP-CorV, Sinovac-CoronaVac^{17,38-63} Minimal/moderate loss: AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria^{29,53} 	 Minimal/modest loss: Beijing CNBG-BBIBP-CorV, Sinovac-CoronaVac, Anhui ZL - Recombinant^{64–66} Minimal to substantial loss: Moderna- mRNA-1273, Pfizer BioNTech- Comirnaty^{17,40,44,46–48,50,52–54,60,62,63,67–73} Moderate to substantial loss: AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria, Gamaleya- Sputnik V, Janssen- Ad26.COV 2.5, Novavax-Covavax^{46,55,70,70,74} 	 No/minimal loss:AstraZeneca- Vaxzevria,Sinovac- CoronaVac^{53,75} Minimal/moderate loss: Moderna-mRNA-1273, Pfizer BioNTech- Comirnaty^{17,40,41,50,52,53,59,62,76,77} 	Pfizer BioNTech Comirnaty, Bharat-Covaxin ^{60,78,79} (Note: sublineage of B.1.617 not specified in Bharat-Covaxin study)

*Generalized findings as compared to previously/co-circulating variants. Based on emerging evidence, including non-peer-reviewed preprint articles and reports, all subject to ongoing investigation and revision.

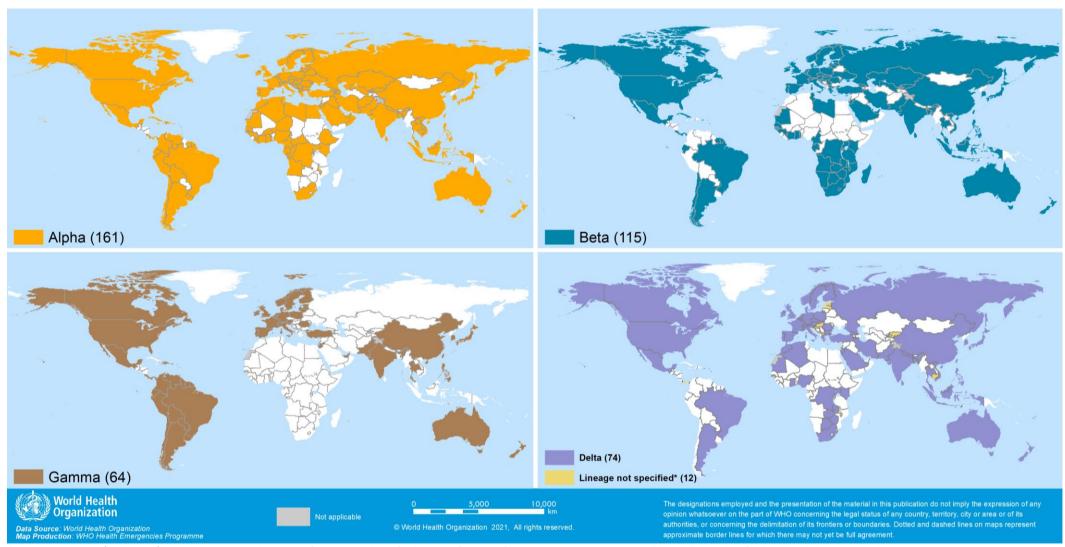


Figure 3. Countries, territories and areas reporting variants Alpha (B.1.1.7), Beta (B.1.351), Gamma (P.1) and Delta (B.1.617.2), as of 8 June 2021**

*Includes countries/territories/areas reporting the detection of B.1.617 without further specification of lineage at this time. These will be reallocated as further details become available. **Countries/territories/areas highlighted include both official and unofficial reports of VOC detections, and do not presently differentiate between detections among travellers (e.g., at Points of Entry) or local community cases. Please see Annex 2 for further details.

Phenotypic characteristics

Available evidence on phenotypic impacts of VOCs and vaccine performance against VOCs are summarised in Tables 3, as well as in <u>previous editions</u> of the WEU.

Recent studies of the Delta variant in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland suggest a possible increased risk of severe disease, and support previous observations of increased transmissibility.⁵ An analysis comparing Delta and Alpha variant confirmed cases in the United Kingdom from 29 March to 20 May 2021 showed the Delta variant was associated with a possible increased risk of hospitalization (hazard ratio 2.61, 95%CI 1.56-4.36), and an increased risk of emergency care attendance or hospitalization (hazard ratio 1.67, 1.25-2.23) within 14 days of specimen collection, as compared to the Alpha variant. A second analysis based on cases reported in the United Kingdom from 29 March to 11 May 2021 (variant data as of 25 May 2021) found that the secondary attack rate was higher among contacts of Delta cases compared to contacts of Alpha cases (2.6% vs. 1.6% among contacts of cases that have travelled; 8.2% vs. 12.4% among contacts of cases that have not travelled). Further analyses are required to better understand and confirm these findings.

VOC impacts on vaccines

Since the <u>update on VOC impacts on vaccines on 25 May</u>, two studies have provided further evidence of the effectiveness of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty vaccine against VOCs. A study from Canada found two doses of the vaccine to be 90% (95% CI: 85-94%) and 88% (95% CI: 61-96%) effective against symptomatic disease \geq 7 days post second dose caused by variants Alpha and Beta/Gamma, respectively, among adults 16 years and older. Vaccine effectiveness (VE) against hospitalization/death \geq 0 days post second dose was 94% (95%CI: 55-99%) for Alpha and 100% (95% CI not available) for Beta/Gamma. VE of a single dose of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty against symptomatic disease (\geq 14 days after immunization) was 61% (95% CI: 59-66%), 43% (95% CI: 22-59%), and 61% (95% CI: 53-67%) for Alpha, Beta, and for Gamma, respectively, underscoring the importance of two doses of vaccine in preventing symptomatic disease. Samples bearing the 501Y mutation with the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation with the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation without the E484K mutation were assumed to be Alpha while samples bearing the 501Y mutation with

A previously highlighted study from Qatar found two doses of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty to be highly effective against Alpha infection (VE 89.5%) and severe disease (VE 100%); the vaccine was also highly effective against severe disease caused by Beta with a VE of 100% but somewhat reduced against infection (VE 75%) due to this variant.²⁴ A follow-up analysis (not yet peer-reviewed) to this study evaluated the effectiveness of one dose of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty against infection and severe disease caused by Alpha and Beta variants. At 1-7 days and 8-14 days post vaccination, low to no effectiveness against infection and severe disease events caused by these variants. At 15-21 days post vaccination, VE estimates against infection and severe disease due to Alpha were 65.5% (95% CI: 58.2-71.5%) and 72.0% (95% CI: 32.0-90.0%), respectively. VE estimates against infection and severe disease due to Beta were 46.5% (95% CI: 38.7-53.3%) and 56.5% (95% CI: 0.0-82.8%), respectively. These findings underscore the importance of two doses in preventing infection and severe disease caused by Alpha and Beta. Of note, infections that were not due to Alpha were assumed to be caused by Beta variant as national surveillance did not detect any other strains circulating during much of the study period.⁸⁰

Two recent studies provide evidence of reduced neutralization capacity of COVID-19 vaccines against variant Delta. One study found a 5.8-fold reduction in neutralization against Delta compared to a reference strain in 159 samples from individuals who received two doses of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty [median time after second dose: 28 days (IQR: 21-37)]; 2.6- and 4.9-fold reductions were observed against Alpha and Beta variants, respectively, relative to the reference strain.⁶⁰ Findings from a second study (not yet peer-reviewed)

show a 3-fold reduction in neutralization capacity against Delta relative to Alpha among sera collected from 16 individuals five weeks after receipt of second dose of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty; a 16-fold reduction was observed against Beta relative to Alpha. Most samples (81-100%) were able to neutralize Alpha, Beta and Delta five weeks after receipt of the second dose; findings remained consistent at 13 weeks after second dose with the exception of the Beta strain whereby only 46% of samples were able to neutralize the variant. Authors also found that a single dose of AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria, while able to neutralize Alpha, was less effective at neutralizing Beta or Delta.⁷⁸

Two recent studies (not yet peer reviewed) provide evidence of the impact of heterologous vaccination on neutralization capacity against variants. In both studies, individuals received AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria as a first dose followed by a Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty booster. The first of these studies compared 26 individuals receiving heterologous vaccination to 14 individuals receiving two doses of Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty. Overall, authors report a strong neutralization response in heterologous vaccinated individuals against Alpha, Beta and B.1.617 (lineage not specified) exceeding neutralization titers of the homologous vaccination group, though the difference for B.1.617 was not statistically significant. Results also show that, among the heterologous group, a two-fold reduction in neutralization capacity was observed against Beta relative to Alpha, though neutralization was still achieved; no such reduction was observed for B.1.617. In addition, CD4+ or CD8+ T cells were detected two weeks after heterologous vaccination, with results similar to those from studies evaluating a single dose of AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria and homologous Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty vaccination.⁸¹ The second study compared the AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria/Pfizer BioNTech-Comirnaty heterologous group to a homologous group receiving two doses of AstraZeneca-Vaxzevria and found higher neutralization against Alpha, Beta and Gamma in the heterologous group. Increased CD4+ and CD8+ T cell reactivity was also observed in the heterologous group.⁸² Together, these studies provide evidence that a heterologous vaccination regimen is at least as protective as homologous vaccinations.

Geographic distribution

As surveillance activities to detect SARS-CoV-2 variants are strengthened at local and national levels, including by strategic genomic sequencing, the number of countries/areas/territories (hereafter countries) reporting VOCs has continued to increase (Figure 3, Annex 2). This distribution should be interpreted with due consideration of surveillance limitations, including differences in sequencing capacities and sampling strategies between countries

Public health authorities are encouraged to continue to strengthen surveillance and sequencing capacities and apply a systematic approach to provide a representative indication of the extent of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 variants based on the local context, and in the investigation of unusual epidemiological events. <u>Environmental surveillance</u> has the potential to support other early warning surveillance systems for monitoring the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infections, including variants. A recent study in the United Kingdom demonstrated the ability to detect co-circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants and identify changes in viral RNA sequences in wastewater.⁸³ In Spain, weekly wastewater estimates of the proportion of variant Alpha in 32 different locations reflected the trends in reported sequenced clinical cases in most regions. Moreover, wastewater surveillance allowed the identification of variant Alpha circulation in new areas within Spain before detection by the public health authorities using clinical specimens.⁸⁴

WHO recommendations

Virus evolution is expected, and the more SARS-CoV-2 circulates, the more opportunities it has to evolve. Reducing transmission through established and proven disease control methods such as those outlined in the <u>COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan</u>, as well as avoiding introductions into animal populations, are crucial aspects of the global strategy to reduce the occurrence of mutations that have negative public health implications. PHSM remain critical to curb the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and its variants. Evidence from multiple countries with extensive transmission of VOCs has indicated that PHSM, including infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in health facilities, have been effective in reducing COVID-19 case incidence, which has led to a reduction in hospitalizations and deaths among COVID-19 patients. National and local authorities are encouraged to continue strengthening existing PHSM, IPC and disease control activities. Authorities are also encouraged to strengthen surveillance and sequencing capacities and apply a systematic approach to provide a representative indication of the extent of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 variants based on the local context, and to detect unusual events.

Additional resources

- Tracking SARS-CoV-2 variants
- COVID-19 new variants: Knowledge gaps and research
- Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2: a guide to implementation for maximum impact on public health
- <u>Considerations for implementing and adjusting PHSM in the context of COVID-19</u>
- COVID-19 Situation Reports from WHO Regional Offices and partners: <u>AFRO</u>, <u>AMRO/PAHO</u>, <u>EMRO</u>, <u>EURO/ECDC</u>, <u>SEARO</u>, <u>WPRO</u>
- ACT accelerator diagnostic pillar, FIND test directory

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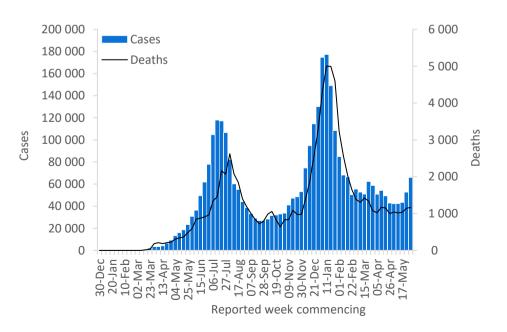
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WHO regional overviews

African Region

The African Region reported just under 66 000 new cases, a 25% increase compared to the previous week, and over 1100 new deaths, a number similar to that of the previous week. The region reported an increase in weekly case incidence by over 20% for a second consecutive week, while death incidence increased for a third consecutively, though by a lower rate. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from South Africa (32 421 new cases; 54.7 new cases per 100 000 population; a 22% increase), Uganda (5745 new cases; 12.6 new cases per 100 000; a 137% increase), and Zambia (4789 new cases; 26.0 new cases per 100 000; a 191% increase).

The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from South Africa (566 new deaths; 1.0 new deaths per 100 000 population; a 4% decrease), Kenya (123 new deaths; 0.2 new deaths per 100 000; a 34% increase), and Namibia (87 new deaths; 3.4 new deaths per 100 000; a 58% increase).

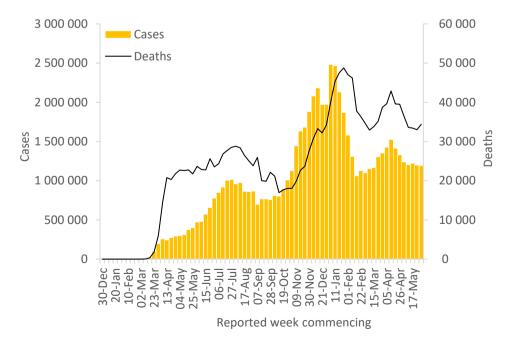


Region of the Americas

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The Region of the Americas reported just under 1.2 million new cases and over 34 000 new deaths, both figures similar to those of the previous week. Case incidence overall continued to decrease since mid-April 2021; however, high numbers in both cases and deaths continue to be observed in many countries, most notably in parts of South and Central America. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from Brazil (449 478 new cases; 211.5 new cases per 100 000; a 7% increase), Argentina (212 975 new cases; 471.2 new cases per 100 000; a 3% decrease), and Colombia (175 479 new cases; 344.9 new cases per 100 000; a 17% increase).

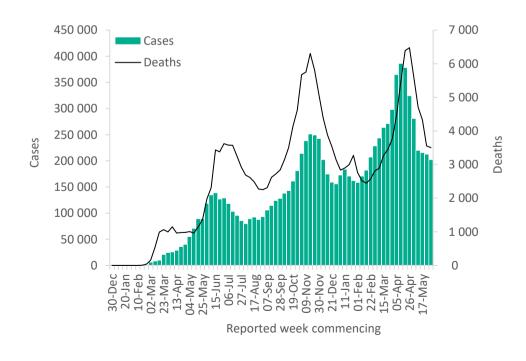
The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from Brazil (11 797 new deaths; 5.5 new deaths per 100 000; a 7% decrease), Mexico (5496 new deaths; 4.3 new deaths per 100 000; a 203% increase), and Argentina (3718 new deaths; 8.2 new deaths per 100 000; a 13% increase).



Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Eastern Mediterranean Region reported over 202 000 new cases and over 3500 new deaths. Overall, weekly case and death incidence has continued a general downward trend; however, surges in transmission have been observed in several countries. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from the Islamic Republic of Iran (67 533 new cases; 80.4 new cases per 100 000; a 3% decrease), Iraq (28 070 new cases; 69.8 new cases per 100 000; a 5% decrease), and Pakistan (14 272 new cases; 6.5 new cases per 100 000; a 24% decrease).

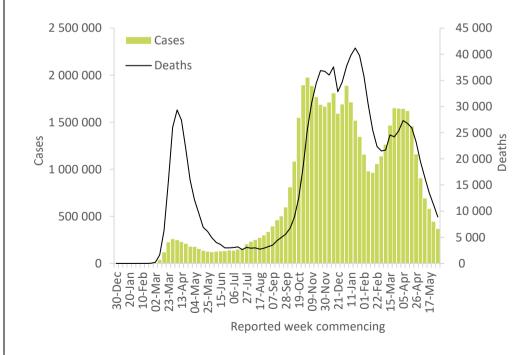
The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from the Islamic Republic of Iran (1200 new deaths; 1.4 new deaths per 100 000; a 12% decrease), Pakistan (509 new deaths; 0.2 new deaths per 100 000; similar to the previous week), and Tunisia (374 new deaths; 3.2 new deaths per 100 000; a 5% decrease).



European Region

The European Region reported over 368 000 new cases and just under 8900 new deaths, a 17% and a 21% decrease respectively compared to the previous week. Steep declines in both case and death incidences continued for a tenth and eighth consecutive week, respectively. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from the Russian Federation (62 995 new cases; 43.2 new cases per 100 000; a 2% increase), France (47 528 new cases; 73.1 new cases per 100 000; a 22% decrease), and Turkey (46 616 new cases; 55.3 new cases per 100 000; a 19% decrease).

The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from the Russian Federation (2625 new deaths; 1.8 new deaths per 100 000; a number similar to that of the previous week), Germany (816 new deaths; 1.0 new deaths per 100 000; a 20% decrease), and Turkey (797 new deaths; 0.9 new deaths per 100 000; a 34% decrease).

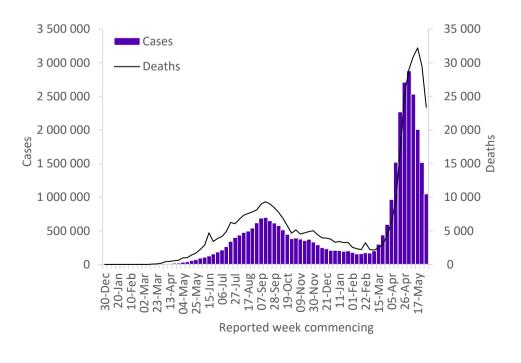


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South-East Asia Region

The South-East Asia Region reported over 1.0 million new cases and over 23 000 new deaths, a 31% and a 21% decrease respectively compared to the previous week. Overall, case and death incidences continued to sharply decline in line with trends in India; however, marked increases have been observed elsewhere in the region. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from India (914 539 new cases; 66.3 new cases per 100 000; a 33% decrease), Indonesia (40 280 new cases; 14.7 new cases per 100 000; similar to the previous week), and Nepal (31 678 new cases; 108.7 new cases per 100 000; a 34% decrease).

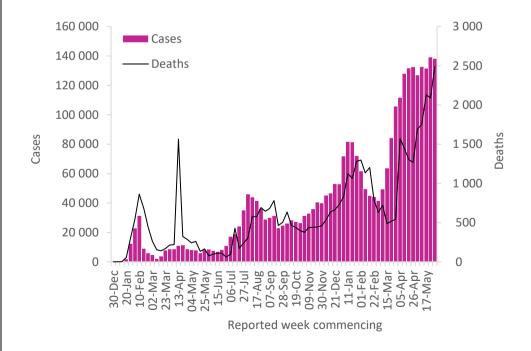
The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from India (20 787 new deaths; 1.5 new deaths per 100 000; a 22% decrease), Indonesia (1187 new deaths; 0.4 new deaths per 100 000; a 12% increase), and Nepal (636 new deaths; 2.2 new deaths per 100 000; a 37% decrease).



Western Pacific Region

The Western Pacific Region reported over 138 000 new cases, a number similar to that of the previous week, and over 2400 new deaths, a 19% increase compared to the previous week. During the past week, the region recorded its highest incidence of deaths and second highest cases incidence to date. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from Malaysia (52 040 new cases; 160.8 new cases per 100 000; a 3% decrease), the Philippines (45 681 new cases; 41.7 new cases per 100 000; a 19% increase), and Japan (18 649 new cases; 14.7 new cases per 100 000; a 32% decrease).

The highest numbers of new deaths were reported from the Philippines (1010 new deaths; 0.9 new deaths per 100 000; a 30% increase), Malaysia (641 new deaths; 2.0 new deaths per 100 000; a 42% increase), and Japan (603 new deaths; 0.5 new deaths per 100 000; a 12% decrease).



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Key weekly updates

WHO Director-General's key messages

- In his <u>opening remarks at the media briefing on COVID-19 7 June 2021</u>, the Director-General reminded us that although the number of cases and deaths have been decreasing for over a month, we are increasingly seeing a two-track pandemic: where many countries still face an extremely dangerous situation, while some of those with the highest vaccination rates are starting to talk about ending restrictions.
- On 12 June, leaders of G7 countries will meet for their annual summit. The Director-General urges the G7 not just to commit to sharing doses, but to commit to sharing them in June and July. The inequitable distribution of vaccines has allowed the virus to continue spreading, increasing the chances of a variant emerging that renders vaccines less effective and the biggest barrier to ending the pandemic remains sharing: of doses, of resources, of technology.

Upcoming meetings

• 10 June 2021, 1pm CEST: Global Consultation on SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern and their Impact on Public Health Interventions – register here.

Updates and publications

- <u>The Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine: What you need to know</u>
- Background document on the inactivated vaccine Sinovac-CoronaVac against COVID-19
- Interim recommendations for use of the inactivated COVID-19 vaccine, CoronaVac, developed by Sinovac
- Guidance on developing a national deployment and vaccination plan for COVID-19 vaccines
- Use of medical and non-medical/fabric masks for community outreach activities during the COVID-19 pandemic
- How to manage COVID-19 vaccines without Vaccine Viral Monitors (VVM) at vaccination service points?
- <u>Revised scope and direction for the Smart Vaccination Certificate and WHO's role in the Global Health Trust</u> <u>Framework</u>
- Statement on protection of health care in complex humanitarian emergencies
- <u>Developing guidelines for fighting COVID-19: Fascinating to merge local and global expertise</u>

Technical guidance and other resources

- <u>Technical guidance</u>
- <u>WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard</u>
- Weekly COVID-19 Operational Updates
- WHO COVID-19 case definitions
- <u>COVID-19 Supply Chain Inter-Agency Coordination Cell Weekly Situational Update</u>
- <u>Research and Development</u>
- Online courses on COVID-19 in official UN languages and in additional national languages
- <u>The Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP)</u> outlining the support the international community can provide to all countries to prepare and respond to the virus
- Updates from WHO regions:
 - o African Region
 - o <u>Region of the Americas</u>
 - o Eastern Mediterranean Region
 - o South-East Asia Region
 - o <u>European Region</u>
 - o <u>Western Pacific Region</u>
- Recommendations and advice for the public:
 - o <u>Protect yourself</u>
 - o <u>Questions and answers</u>
 - o <u>Travel advice</u>
 - EPI-WIN: tailored information for individuals, organizations and communities
- <u>WHO Academy COVID-19 mobile learning app</u>

Annex

Annex 1. COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths reported in the last seven days by countries, territories and areas, and WHO Region, as of 6 June 2021**

Reporting Country/Territory/Area ⁱ	New cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases	Cumulative cases per 100 thousand population	New deaths in last 7 days	Cumulative deaths	Cumulative deaths per 100 thousand population	Transmission classification ⁱⁱ
Africa	65 943	3 563 825	317.7	1 167	88 274	7.9	
South Africa	32 421	1 691 491	2 852.0	566	56 929	96.0	Community transmission
Uganda	5 745	51 676	113.0	12	374	0.8	Community transmission
Zambia	4 789	99 540	541.5	27	1 303	7.1	Community transmission
Namibia	3 398	58 057	2 284.9	87	905	35.6	Community transmission
Botswana	2 451	58 764	2 498.9	35	866	36.8	Community transmission
Algeria	2 225	130 681	298.0	50	3 510	8.0	Community transmission
Kenya	1 840	172 325	320.5	123	3 264	6.1	Community transmission
Ethiopia	1 605	272 805	237.3	58	4 201	3.7	Community transmission
Angola	1 414	35 594	108.3	37	794	2.4	Community transmission
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 380	32 796	36.6	15	797	0.9	Community transmission
Cameroon	947	78 929	297.3	5	1 275	4.8	Community transmission
Seychelles	865	12 238	12 443.7	2	42	42.7	Community transmission
Cabo Verde	730	31 003	5 576.2	4	267	48.0	Community transmission
Nigeria	471	166 756	80.9	46	2 117	1.0	Community transmission
Ghana	413	94 188	303.1	2	786	2.5	Community transmission
Eritrea	400	4 461	125.8	0	14	0.4	Community transmission
Madagascar	397	41 631	150.3	30	859	3.1	Community transmission
Rwanda	382	27 162	209.7	10	359	2.8	Community transmission
Mozambique	358	71 082	227.4	1	837	2.7	Community transmission
Mauritania	322	19 785	425.5	3	466	10.0	Community transmission
Senegal	300	41 631	248.6	7	1 145	6.8	Community transmission
Côte d'Ivoire	281	47 476	180.0	5	306	1.2	Community transmission
Congo	262	11 920	216.0	2	155	2.8	Community transmission

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Zimbabwe	235	39 168	263.5	11	1 605	10.8	Community transmission
Gabon	226	24 591	1 104.8	4	154	6.9	Community transmission
Burundi	151	4 905	41.3	2	8	0.1	Community transmission
Тодо	101	13 533	163.5	0	125	1.5	Community transmission
Equatorial Guinea	97	8 626	614.8	0	118	8.4	Community transmission
Guinea	83	23 255	177.1	1	162	1.2	Community transmission
Liberia	72	2 251	44.5	0	86	1.7	Community transmission
Mauritius	65	1 458	114.6	1	18	1.4	Clusters of cases
Malawi	55	34 384	179.7	2	1 156	6.0	Community transmission
Eswatini	47	18 636	1 606.3	1	673	58.0	Community transmission
Mali	31	14 296	70.6	1	518	2.6	Community transmission
Niger	28	5 438	22.5	0	192	0.8	Community transmission
Sierra Leone	28	4 168	52.3	0	79	1.0	Community transmission
Guinea-Bissau	26	3 787	192.4	0	68	3.5	Community transmission
Benin	24	8 082	66.7	1	102	0.8	Community transmission
Burkina Faso	22	13 452	64.4	1	167	0.8	Community transmission
Central African Republic	16	7 101	147.0	0	98	2.0	Community transmission
Lesotho	12	10 837	505.9	0	326	15.2	Community transmission
Chad	11	4 939	30.1	1	174	1.1	Community transmission
Sao Tome and Principe	8	2 353	1 073.6	0	37	16.9	Community transmission
Comoros	7	3 956	454.9	0	146	16.8	Community transmission
Gambia	6	5 999	248.2	0	179	7.4	Community transmission
South Sudan	0	10 688	95.5	0	115	1.0	Community transmission
United Republic of Tanzania	0	509	0.9	0	21	0.0	Pending
Territories ⁱⁱⁱ							
Réunion	1 174	26 075	2 912.4	14	203	22.7	Community transmission
Mayotte	22	19 347	7 091.6	0	173	63.4	Community transmission

Reporting Country/Territory/Area ⁱ	New cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases	Cumulative cases per 100 thousand population	New deaths in last 7 days	Cumulative deaths	Cumulative deaths per 100 thousand population	Transmission classification ⁱⁱ
Americas	1 191 047	68 370 018	6 684.8	34 392	1 794 865	175.5	
Brazil	449 478	16 841 408	7 923.2	11 797	470 842	221.5	Community transmission
Argentina	212 975	3 915 397	8 663.2	3 718	80 411	177.9	Community transmission
Colombia	175 479	3 518 046	6 914.0	3 683	90 890	178.6	Community transmission
United States of America	99 103	33 015 604	9 974.4	2 984	591 276	178.6	Community transmission
Chile	50 510	1 420 266	7 429.6	769	29 816	156.0	Community transmission
Peru	28 611	1 976 166	5 993.5	2 770	185 813	563.6	Community transmission
Uruguay	26 292	308 490	8 880.7	398	4 516	130.0	Community transmission
Mexico	20 853	2 429 631	1 884.4	5 496	228 568	177.3	Community transmission
Paraguay	19 999	368 183	5 162.0	717	9 609	134.7	Community transmission
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	18 887	383 457	3 285.0	523	14 900	127.6	Community transmission
Canada	15 233	1 389 508	3 681.6	239	25 679	68.0	Community transmission
Costa Rica	13 877	327 979	6 438.4	191	4 153	81.5	Community transmission
Dominican Republic	9 155	299 681	2 762.6	24	3 652	33.7	Community transmission
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	9 105	239 252	841.4	103	2 698	9.5	Community transmission
Cuba	7 744	147 831	1 305.2	60	1 003	8.9	Community transmission
Guatemala	7 555	261 392	1 459.0	159	8 280	46.2	Community transmission
Ecuador	6 688	431 429	2 445.3	288	20 773	117.7	Community transmission
Honduras	4 588	241 039	2 433.6	170	6 454	65.2	Community transmission
Panama	4 268	381 122	8 833.0	24	6 389	148.1	Community transmission
Trinidad and Tobago	3 181	25 801	1 843.6	98	556	39.7	Community transmission
Suriname	1 704	16 009	2 729.0	50	332	56.6	Community transmission
Haiti	1 024	15 282	134.0	16	323	2.8	Community transmission
El Salvador	895	74 141	1 143.1	25	2 266	34.9	Community transmission
Guyana	735	17 459	2 219.7	23	403	51.2	Community transmission
Jamaica	527	48 901	1 651.4	22	964	32.6	Community transmission
Bahamas	170	11 930	3 033.7	2	232	59.0	Clusters of cases

Reporting Country/Territory/Area ⁱ	New cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases	Cumulative cases per 100 thousand population	New deaths in last 7 days	Cumulative deaths	Cumulative deaths per 100 thousand population	Transmission classification ⁱⁱ
Nicaragua	116	5 949	89.8	1	187	2.8	Community transmission
Saint Lucia	73	5 108	2 781.7	3	80	43.6	Community transmission
Belize	70	12 861	3 234.4	1	325	81.7	Community transmission
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	41	2 068	1 864.1	0	12	10.8	Community transmission
Barbados	20	4 029	1 402.0	0	47	16.4	Community transmission
Saint Kitts and Nevis	10	78	146.6	0	0	0.0	Clusters of cases
Antigua and Barbuda	4	1 263	1 289.7	0	42	42.9	Clusters of cases
Dominica	0	188	261.1	0	0	0.0	Clusters of cases
Grenada	0	161	143.1	0	1	0.9	Sporadic cases
Territories							
French Guiana	962	24 725	8 278.0	5	121	40.5	Community transmission
Puerto Rico	464	138 949	4 856.9	17	2 516	87.9	Community transmission
Guadeloupe	234	17 108	4 275.7	5	260	65.0	Community transmission
Saint Martin	104	2 113	5 465.7	7	22	56.9	Community transmission
United States Virgin Islands	95	3 560	3 409.1	1	28	26.8	Community transmission
Martinique	81	12 060	3 213.7	2	97	25.8	Community transmission
Aruba	61	11 018	10 319.8	0	107	100.2	Community transmission
Sint Maarten	44	2 448	5 708.7	0	28	65.3	Community transmission
Turks and Caicos Islands	8	2 420	6 250.3	0	17	43.9	Clusters of cases
Cayman Islands	6	587	893.2	0	2	3.0	Sporadic cases
Saint Barthélemy	6	1 029	10 409.7	0	1	10.1	Clusters of cases
Curaçao	5	12 276	7 481.1	0	122	74.3	Community transmission
Bonaire	4	1 589	7 597.4	0	17	81.3	Community transmission
Bermuda	3	2 494	4 004.9	1	33	53.0	Community transmission
Anguilla	0	109	726.6	0	0	0.0	Clusters of cases
British Virgin Islands	0	289	955.8	0	1	3.3	Clusters of cases
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0	63	1 808.8	0	0	0.0	Sporadic cases

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Montserrat	0	20	400.1	0	1	20.0	No cases
Saba	0	7	362.1	0	0	0.0	Sporadic cases
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	0	25	431.4	0	0	0.0	No cases
Sint Eustatius	0	20	637.1	0	0	0.0	No cases
Eastern Mediterranean	202 208	10 278 904	1 406.5	3 503	205 145	28.1	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	67 533	2 960 751	3 525.0	1 200	80 941	96.4	Community transmission
Iraq	28 070	1 221 678	3 037.3	184	16 518	41.1	Community transmission
Pakistan	14 272	930 511	421.3	509	21 189	9.6	Community transmission
United Arab Emirates	13 934	581 197	5 876.4	23	1 696	17.1	Community transmission
Bahrain	13 883	249 582	14 667.7	152	1 091	64.1	Community transmission
Tunisia	10 408	353 782	2 993.4	374	12 948	109.6	Community transmission
Kuwait	9 183	315 900	7 397.1	30	1 794	42.0	Community transmission
Afghanistan	8 463	79 224	203.5	226	3 145	8.1	Community transmission
Saudi Arabia	8 278	456 562	1 311.4	106	7 440	21.4	Community transmission
Oman	7 433	222 799	4 362.9	80	2 401	47.0	Community transmission
Egypt	6 512	267 171	261.1	308	15 309	15.0	Clusters of cases
Jordan	4 180	739 319	7 246.0	73	9 516	93.3	Community transmission
Morocco	2 327	521 195	1 412.0	35	9 173	24.9	Community transmission
Libya	2 138	186 953	2 720.8	21	3 137	45.7	Community transmission
Qatar	1 414	218 455	7 582.5	12	566	19.6	Community transmission
Lebanon	1 291	541 423	7 932.4	40	7 758	113.7	Community transmission
Sudan	525	36 004	82.1	69	2 697	6.2	Clusters of cases
Syrian Arab Republic	199	24 639	140.8	27	1 790	10.2	Community transmission
Somalia	76	14 729	92.7	5	773	4.9	Community transmission
Yemen	45	6 780	22.7	5	1 325	4.4	Community transmission
Djibouti	29	11 556	1 169.6	0	154	15.6	Clusters of cases
Territories ⁱⁱⁱ							

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occupied Palestinian territory	2 015	338 694	6 639.2	24	3 784	74.2	Community transmission
Europe	368 874	54 629 665	5 854.8	8 890	1 157 890	124.1	
Kosovo ^[1]	104	107 443		1	2 234		Community transmission
Russian Federation	62 995	5 126 437	3 512.8	2 625	123 787	84.8	Clusters of cases
France	47 528	5 605 201	8 618.2	553	109 096	167.7	Community transmission
Turkey	46 616	5 282 594	6 263.5	797	48 068	57.0	Community transmission
The United Kingdom	30 724	4 511 673	6 646.0	61	127 836	188.3	Community transmission
Germany	21 219	3 700 367	4 449.3	816	89 222	107.3	Community transmission
Italy	17 098	4 230 153	7 092.6	470	126 472	212.1	Clusters of cases
Netherlands	17 048	1 661 454	9 544.4	60	17 675	101.5	Community transmission
Spain	16 219	3 693 012	7 802.3	68	80 099	169.2	Community transmission
Ukraine	13 045	2 214 517	5 063.6	710	51 182	117.0	Community transmission
Sweden	9 355	1 078 062	10 438.7	8	14 523	140.6	Community transmission
Kazakhstan	9 067	450 868	2 401.2	144	7 465	39.8	Clusters of cases
Belgium	8 899	1 070 801	9 293.2	95	25 033	217.3	Community transmission
Greece	8 394	408 789	3 813.8	229	12 253	114.3	Community transmission
Belarus	7 272	398 909	4 221.6	79	2 900	30.7	Community transmission
Denmark	6 202	285 636	4 905.5	2	2 518	43.2	Community transmission
Georgia	5 495	349 098	8 751.1	153	4 910	123.1	Community transmission
Portugal	3 821	852 034	8 275.5	9	17 032	165.4	Clusters of cases
Poland	3 186	2 875 136	7 574.5	414	74 152	195.4	Community transmission
Switzerland	2 699	694 181	8 020.9	4	10 215	118.0	Community transmission
Ireland	2 532	263 689	5 311.6	0	4 941	99.5	Community transmission
Kyrgyzstan	2 418	106 973	1 639.6	44	1 847	28.3	Clusters of cases
Czechia	2 358	1 663 517	15 555.7	55	30 159	282.0	Community transmission
Austria	2 267	642 429	7 217.4	39	10 373	116.5	Community transmission
Lithuania	2 254	276 453	9 894.2	50	4 307	154.1	Community transmission

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Norway	2 140	126 169	2 350.6	2	785	14.6	Clusters of cases
Hungary	1 976	806 008	8 250.2	146	29 770	304.7	Community transmission
Latvia	1 759	134 677	7 059.7	37	2 407	126.2	Community transmission
Slovenia	1 721	255 218	12 177.2	9	4 707	224.6	Clusters of cases
Uzbekistan	1 598	101 722	303.9	6	696	2.1	Clusters of cases
Serbia	1 516	713 562	10 301.6	65	6 909	99.7	Community transmission
Croatia	1 424	357 565	8 811.0	72	8 086	199.3	Community transmission
Romania	1 316	1 078 742	5 581.0	478	30 725	159.0	Community transmission
Bulgaria	1 205	419 426	6 033.6	156	17 813	256.2	Clusters of cases
Azerbaijan	924	334 647	3 300.5	33	4 936	48.7	Clusters of cases
Slovakia	746	390 436	7 153.6	65	12 404	227.3	Clusters of cases
Estonia	633	130 119	9 790.9	12	1 263	95.0	Clusters of cases
Armenia	544	223 180	7 531.6	26	4 458	150.4	Community transmission
Bosnia and Herzegovina	422	204 360	6 228.9	173	9 395	286.4	Community transmission
Finland	401	92 770	1 679.0	11	959	17.4	Community transmission
Cyprus	387	72 750	8 192.5	3	363	40.9	Clusters of cases
Republic of Moldova	327	255 432	6 332.0	32	6 132	152.0	Community transmission
Luxembourg	293	70 182	11 209.2	4	818	130.6	Community transmission
Montenegro	188	99 804	15 890.8	8	1 591	253.3	Clusters of cases
North Macedonia	161	155 407	7 459.4	50	5 448	261.5	Clusters of cases
Israel	112	839 566	9 699.8	10	6 418	74.1	Community transmission
Albania	77	132 374	4 599.8	2	2 451	85.2	Clusters of cases
Andorra	65	13 758	17 806.3	0	127	164.4	Community transmission
Malta	39	30 568	5 940.6	0	419	81.4	Clusters of cases
Iceland	28	6 604	1 813.6	0	30	8.2	Community transmission
Liechtenstein	10	3 111	8 029.0	0	57	147.1	Sporadic cases
Monaco	5	2 508	6 390.8	1	33	84.1	Sporadic cases

Reporting Country/Territory/Area ⁱ	New cases in last 7 days	Cumulative cases	Cumulative cases per 100 thousand population	New deaths in last 7 days	Cumulative deaths	Cumulative deaths per 100 thousand population	Transmission classification ⁱⁱ
Holy See	0	26	3 213.8	0	0	0.0	Sporadic cases
San Marino	0	5 090	14 997.9	0	90	265.2	Community transmission
Tajikistan	0	13 714	143.8	0	91	1.0	Pending
Territories							
Faroe Islands	29	741	1 516.4	0	1	2.0	Sporadic cases
Gibraltar	7	4 300	12 763.1	0	94	279.0	Clusters of cases
Isle of Man	5	1 597	1 878.1	0	29	34.1	No cases
Guernsey	1	823	1 276.6	3	17	26.4	Community transmission
Greenland	0	40	70.5	0	0	0.0	No cases
Jersey	0	3 243	3 008.5	0	69	64.0	Community transmission
South-East Asia	1 049 694	32 654 915	1 615.5	23 369	425 123	21.0	
India	914 539	28 809 339	2 087.6	20 787	346 759	25.1	Clusters of cases
Indonesia	40 280	1 850 206	676.4	1 187	51 449	18.8	Community transmission
Nepal	31 678	585 100	2 008.1	636	7 799	26.8	Community transmission
Thailand	23 160	177 467	254.3	224	1 236	1.8	Clusters of cases
Sri Lanka	21 764	202 357	945.0	251	1 656	7.7	Clusters of cases
Bangladesh	11 928	809 314	491.4	252	12 801	7.8	Community transmission
Maldives	4 632	67 538	12 494.5	24	182	33.7	Clusters of cases
Timor-Leste	907	7 659	580.9	1	17	1.3	Community transmission
Myanmar	727	144 253	265.1	7	3 223	5.9	Clusters of cases
Bhutan	79	1 682	218.0	0	1	0.1	Clusters of cases
Western Pacific	138 239	3 139 006	159.8	2 486	47 634	2.4	
Malaysia	52 040	610 574	1 886.5	641	3 291	10.2	Community transmission
Philippines	45 681	1 262 250	1 151.9	1 010	21 732	19.8	Community transmission
Japan	18 649	760 323	601.2	603	13 523	10.7	Clusters of cases
Mongolia	7 357	63 978	1 951.6	39	307	9.4	Clusters of cases
Republic of Korea	4 242	144 152	281.2	16	1 973	3.8	Clusters of cases

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Cambodia	4 209	33 613	201.0	43	252	1.5	Sporadic cases
China	3 341	114 105	7.8	125	5 070	0.3	Clusters of cases
Viet Nam	1 672	8 580	8.8	6	53	0.1	Clusters of cases
Papua New Guinea	426	16 327	182.5	2	164	1.8	Community transmission
Fiji	244	604	67.4	0	4	0.4	Sporadic cases
Singapore	173	62 176	1 062.8	1	33	0.6	Sporadic cases
Australia	75	30 158	118.3	0	910	3.6	Clusters of cases
Lao People's Democratic Republic	49	1 957	26.9	0	3	0.0	Sporadic cases
New Zealand	10	2 326	48.2	0	26	0.5	Sporadic cases
Brunei Darussalam	3	244	55.8	0	3	0.7	Sporadic cases
Solomon Islands	0	20	2.9	0	0	0.0	No cases
Territories							
Guam	39	7 957	4 714.6	0	139	82.4	Clusters of cases
French Polynesia	29	18 889	6 724.3	0	142	50.6	Sporadic cases
Marshall Islands	0	4	6.8	0	0	0.0	No cases
New Caledonia	0	128	44.8	0	0	0.0	Sporadic cases
Northern Mariana Islands (Commonwealth of the)	0	183	317.9	0	2	3.5	Pending
Samoa	0	1	0.5	0	0	0.0	No cases
Vanuatu	0	3	1.0	0	0	0.0	No cases
Wallis and Futuna	0	454	4 037.0	0	7	62.2	Sporadic cases
Global	3 016 005	172 637 097		73 807	3 718 944		

*See Annex 3: Data, table and figure notes

Annex 2. List of countries/territories/areas reporting Variants of Concern as of 8 June 2021**

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Afghanistan	•	-	-	-	-
Albania	•	-	-	-	-
Algeria	٠	-	-	•	-
Angola	•	٠	-	-	-
Argentina	•	٠	٠	•	-
Armenia	0	-	-	-	-
Aruba	•	•	•	•	-
Australia	•	•	•	0	-
Austria	•	•	•	•	-
Azerbaijan	•	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	•	•	-	•	-
Bangladesh	•	٠	-	•	-
Barbados	•	-	-	-	-
Belarus	•	-	-	-	-
Belgium	•	٠	٠	•	-
Belize	•	-	-	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	•	-	•	-	-
Bonaire	•	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	-	-	-	-
Botswana	-	٠	-	•	-
Brazil	•	•	•	•	-
Brunei Darussalam	•	•	-	-	-
Bulgaria	•	-	-	•*	-
Burkina Faso	•	-	-	-	-
Cabo Verde	•	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	•	-	-	-	•

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Cameroon	•	٠	-	-	-
Canada	•	٠	•	•	-
Cayman Islands	•	-	-	-	-
Central African Republic	•	-	-	-	-
Chile	•	٠	٠	-	-
China	•	•	•	0	-
Colombia	•	-	٠	-	-
Comoros	•	٠	-	-	-
Congo	•	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	•	٠	٠	-	-
Croatia	•	٠	-	-	0*
Cuba	•	٠	-	-	-
Curaçao	•	-	٠	-	●*
Cyprus	•	٠	-	-	٠
Czechia	•	٠	-	•	-
Côte d'Ivoire	•	٠	-	-	-
Democratic Republic of the Congo	•	•	-	•	-
Denmark	•	٠	•	•	-
Dominica	•	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	•	-	•	-	-
Ecuador	•	٠	•	-	-
Egypt	•	-	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	•	٠	-	-	-
Estonia	•	•	0	-	0
Eswatini	-	٠	-	-	-
Ethiopia	0	-	-	-	-

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Faroe Islands	•	-	•	-	-
Fiji	-	-	-	•*	-
Finland	•	•	•	•	-
France	•	•	•	•	-
French Guiana	•	•	٠	-	-
French Polynesia	•	-	•	-	-
Gabon	•	0	-	-	-
Gambia	٠	-	-	•	-
Georgia	٠	0*	-	•*	-
Germany	•	•	٠	•	-
Ghana	•	•	-	•	-
Gibraltar	•	-	-	-	-
Greece	•	•	-	•	-
Grenada	•	-	-	-	-
Guadeloupe	•	•	-	-	•*
Guam	•	-	-	•*	-
Guinea	•	•	-	-	-
Guinea-Bissau	•	•	-	-	-
Guyana	-	-	•	-	-
Haiti	•	-	•	-	-
Hungary	•	0	-	-	0
Iceland	•	-	-	-	-
India	•	٠	٠	•	-
Indonesia	•	٠	-	•	-
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	٠	•	-	•*	-
Iraq	٠	-	-	-	-
Ireland	•	•	•	•	-

Israel	•	-			
Israel		•	•	•	-
Italy	•	•	•	•	-
Jamaica	•	-	-	-	-
Japan	•	•	•	•	-
Jordan	•	•	•	•	-
Kazakhstan	0	0	-	-	-
Kenya	•	•	-	•	-
Kosovo ^[1]	•	0*	-	-	-
Kuwait	•	-	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	•	•	-	-	•
Lao People's Democratic Republic	•	-	-	-	-
Latvia	•	•	•	-	0
Lebanon	•	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	-	•	-	-	-
Liberia	•	-	-	-	-
Libya	•	•	-	-	-
Liechtenstein	•	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	•	•	•	-	-
Luxembourg	•	•	•	•	-
Madagascar	-	•	-	-	-
Malawi	•	•	-	-	•*
Malaysia	•	•	-	•	-
Malta	•	0	•	0*	-
Martinique	•	•	-	-	-
Mauritania	•	•	-	•	-
Mauritius	0	•	-	-	-
Mayotte	•	•	-	-	-

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Mexico	•	•	•	•	-
Monaco	•	0	-	-	-
Montenegro	•	-	-	-	-
Morocco	•	-	-	•*	-
Mozambique	-	•	-	-	-
Namibia	-	•	-	-	-
Nepal	•	-	-	•	-
Netherlands	•	•	٠	•	-
New Caledonia	•	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	٠	٠	0	0	-
Niger	•	-	-	-	-
Nigeria	•	-	-	•	-
North Macedonia	•	•	-	-	•*
Norway	•	•	٠	•	-
Occupied Palestinian Territory	•	•	-	-	-
Oman	•	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	•	•	•	•*	-
Panama	•	٠	•	-	•
Paraguay	-	-	٠	-	-
Peru	•	-	•	-	-
Philippines	•	•	•	•	-
Poland	•	0	٠	•	-
Portugal	•	•	٠	0	-
Puerto Rico	•	•	٠	•	-
Qatar	•	•	-	•	-
Republic of Korea	•	•	•	0	-
Republic of Moldova	0	-	-	-	-

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Romania	•	•	•	•	-
Russian Federation	•	•	-	•	-
Rwanda	•	0	-	-	-
Réunion	•	•	٠	0	-
Saba	-	-	-	•*	-
Saint Barthélemy	•	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	•	-	-	-	-
Saint Martin	•	•	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	•	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	•	•	-	•*	-
Senegal	•	•	-	-	-
Serbia	•	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	٠	-	-	-
Singapore	•	•	٠	•	-
Sint Maarten	•	•	-	•*	-
Slovakia	•	•	-	•*	-
Slovenia	•	•	٠	•	-
South Africa	•	•	-	•	-
Spain	•	٠	٠	•	-
Sri Lanka	٠	٠	-	0	-
Suriname	•	•	٠	-	-
Sweden	٠	٠	٠	•	-
Switzerland	•	٠	0	•	-
Thailand	•	•	٠	•	-
Тодо	•	٠	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	•	-	•	-	-
Tunisia	•	٠	-	-	-
Turkey	•	٠	٠	•	-

Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+	Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+	Country/Territory/Area	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Delta+
Turks and Caicos Islands	•	-	-	-	-	United States of America	٠	•	•	•	-	Wallis and Futuna	•	-	-	-	-
Uganda	٠	٠	-	٠	-	Uruguay	٠	-	٠	-	-	Zambia	-	٠	-	•	-
Ukraine	٠	0	-	-	-	Uzbekistan	٠	٠	-	-	-	Zimbabwe	-	0	-	•	-
United Arab Emirates	٠	٠	٠	-	-	Venezuela (Bolivarian	•*		•								
United Kingdom	•	٠	٠	•	-	Republic of)	• 	-	•		-						
United Republic of Tanzania	-	•	-	-	-	Viet Nam	•	•	-	•	-						

*Newly reported in this update.

"Delta+" reflects countries/territories/areas reporting detection of B.1.617 without further specification of lineage at this time. These will be reallocated as further details become available.

"•" indicates that information for this variant was received by WHO from official sources.

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**Includes countries/territories/areas reporting the detection of VOCs among travelers (e.g., imported cases detected at points of entry), or local cases (detected in the community). Efforts are ongoing to differentiate these in future reports. See also Annex 3: Data, table and figure notes.

Annex 3. Data, table and figure notes

Data presented are based on official laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case and deaths reported to WHO by country/territories/areas, largely based upon WHO <u>case definitions</u> and <u>surveillance guidance</u>. While steps are taken to ensure accuracy and reliability, all data are subject to continuous verification and change, and caution must be taken when interpreting these data as several factors influence the counts presented, with variable underestimation of true case and death incidence, and variable delays to reflecting these data at global level. Case detection, inclusion criteria, testing strategies, reporting practices, and data cut-off and lag times differ between countries/territories/areas. A small number of countries/territories/areas report combined probable and laboratory-confirmed cases. Differences are to be expected between information products published by WHO, national public health authorities, and other sources. Due to public health authorities conducting data reconciliation exercises which remove large numbers of cases or deaths from their total counts, negative numbers may be displayed in the new cases/deaths columns as appropriate. When additional details become available that allow the subtractions to be suitably apportioned to previous days, graphics will be updated accordingly.

A record of historic data adjustment made is available upon request by emailing <u>epi-data-support@who.int</u>. Please specify the country(ies) of interest, time period(s), and purpose of the request/intended usage. Prior situation reports will not be edited; see <u>covid19.who.int</u> for the most up-to-date data.

Global totals include 758 cases and 13 deaths reported from international conveyances.

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^[1] All references to Kosovo should be understood to be in the context of the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999). In the map, number of cases of Serbia and Kosovo (UNSCR 1244, 1999) have been aggregated for visualization purposes.

ⁱ Excludes countries, territories, and areas that have never reported a confirmed COVID-19 case (Annex 1), or the detection of a variant of concern (Annex 2).

ⁱⁱ Transmission classification is based on a process of country/territory/area self-reporting. Classifications are reviewed on a weekly basis and may be revised as new information becomes available. Differing degrees of transmission may be present within countries/territories/areas. For further information, please see: <u>Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19.</u>

" "Territories" include territories, areas, overseas dependencies and other jurisdictions of similar status.