

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Daily Update: 24 March 2020



Situational analysis

Source: WHO data 23 March 2020

Region*	Confirmed cases***		Deaths***	
	New	Total	New	Total
Globally**	40 778	332 930	1 727	14 510
Western Pacific	750	94 787	58	3 473
European Region	20 131	171 424	1 318	8 743
South East Asia	519	1 776	13	58
Eastern Med	1 706	25 375	145	1 741
Americas	17 331	37 016	213	465
Africa**	251	990	3	25

The data used in the table above reflects all confirmed cases received by the WHO at 10h00 CET, 23 March 2020. There are different numbers being reported on various dashboards due to timing and reporting differences.



Spread

China has reported a drop in cases and all of the new cases are imported.



South Africa:

According to the latest statement by the Minister of Health, 402 cases are confirmed, 12 815 tests conducted with 12 413 testing negative. Latest updates are available on www.sacoronavirus.co.za

President Ramaphosa announced on 23 March 2020 a lock down of South Africa for 21 days starting at midnight on Thursday, 26 March 2020. More details of the impact on the tourism sector will be made available as the implications have been assessed.

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- [COVID-19: 21-days lockdown explained](#)
- [Stay at home! Ramaphosa announces lockdown for South Africa](#)
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FEDHASA has put a call out to interested properties wanting to participate in its Self-Isolation Centre (SIC) initiative. The goal of the initiative is to contain the spread of the virus imminently. It requires hotel owners, management and staff to follow rigorous isolation, health and hygiene protocols. Currently FEDHASA has called on expressions of interest to ascertain which hotels would offer SIC beds, how many and where these are located. Once this is received, FEDHASA will pass the information to provincial and national departments which will advise on the best process.

GLOBAL NEWS

- [Both Guatemala and El Salvador have announced the closing of borders and national curfew](#)
- [Hong Kong will ban non-residents from visiting the island for 14 days as the city sees a second wave of imported coronavirus cases](#)
- [Oman prohibits public gatherings and shutting down currency exchanges](#)
- [Morocco has suspended all public transport](#)
- The Democratic Republic of Congo has implemented a 48 hour lockdown
- [One in three Americans have been ordered to stay home in an attempt to try and prevent spread](#)
- [Al Jazeera provides up to date information on travel restrictions and border shutdowns](#)
- New Zealand announced a total shut down in 48 hours
- [The UK economy will contract by at least 10 % in the first half of 2020](#)
- [Australia says unemployment will soar to 11,1 % by June](#)
- [The American Hotel and Lodging Association released a statement saying as many as 44 % of hotel employees across the US \(up to 4 million people\) could lose their jobs, commenting that the current situation is worse than 9/11 and the 2008 recession combined](#)
- Moody's Analytics released their March report highlighting that any kind of economic recovery will depend on the trajectory of the virus and the decisions of governments.
- [Museums and other attractions ramping up their virtual tours](#)
- The saga of the Olympic Games rages on. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said that Tokyo must consider postponing the Olympics if safety cannot be guaranteed. Canada announced that it would not send its team to the Olympics and Paralympics in the summer of 2020. The Australian Olympic Committee said its athletes should prepare for a Tokyo Olympics in the northern summer of 2021.

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