



Current Situation: COVID-19

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2020 Update

COVID-19 Research Continues

Vaccine and Medication

There are widespread rumors that the malaria drugs chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine as a combination can be used to [treat COVID-19](#). New York begins trials on these drugs Tuesday.

Testing for a [COVID-19 vaccine](#) have already began human trials, and might be available to healthcare workers in the fall.

Symptoms and Cycle

Iceland, which was able to test its entire population, determined that half of those testing positive [have no symptoms](#).

A study uploaded to the [research site SSRN](#) has determined that 90% of COVID-19 cases have occurred within a specific temperature, 37 to 63 degrees, adding evidence to possibility of a season cycle.

How Long Will This Last?

Differing Opinions

Three quarters of Americans believe it will take months or longer for COVID-19 to be contained.

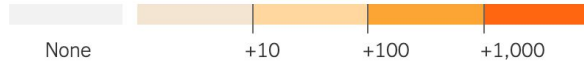
Stanford University biology professor and 2013 Nobel Peace Prize winner Michael Levitt predicts the US will see a turning point in the battle against the virus sooner than expected.

Some health professionals believe that the epidemic will last until a vaccine is available, which could be 12-18 months away.

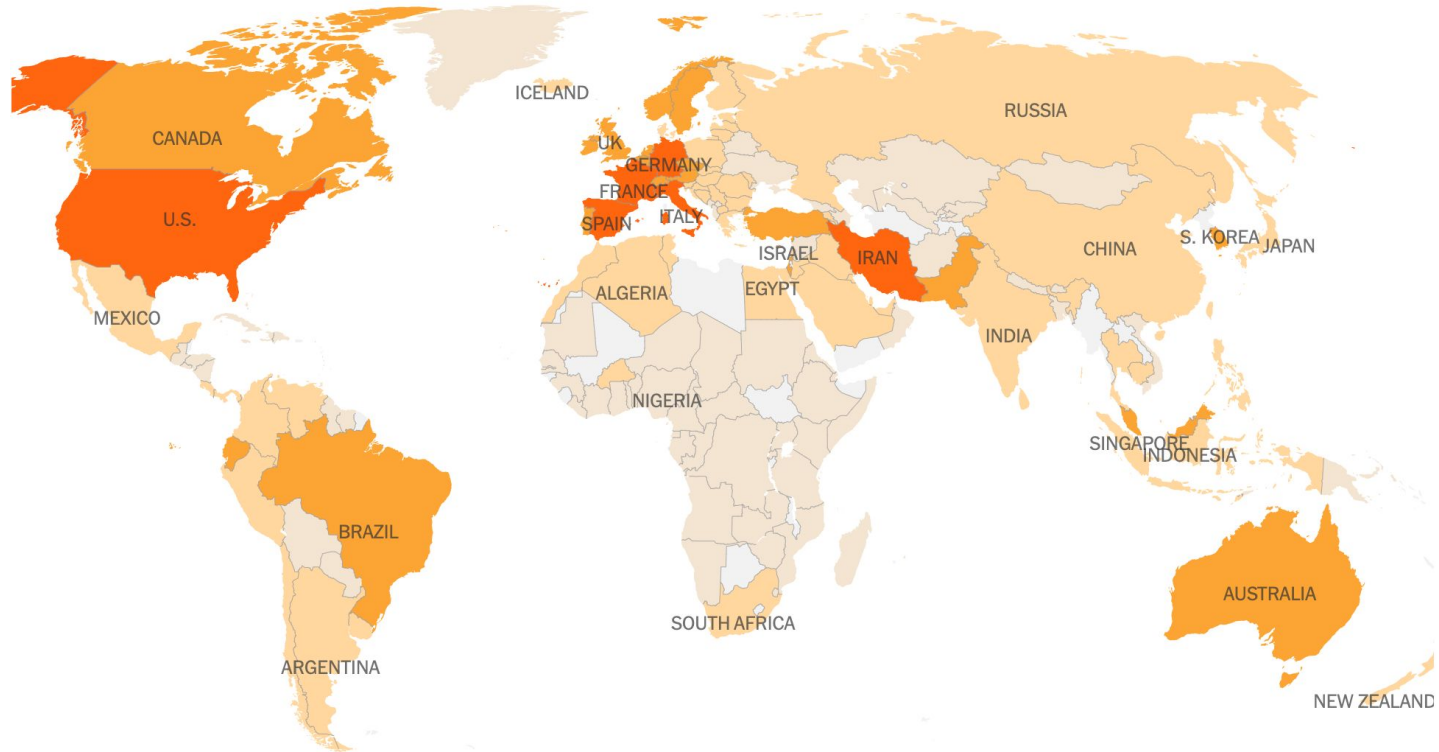
Others believe COVID-19 cases will balance out as we go into the summer months, especially if it turns out to be a seasonal illness.



Avg. number of new cases each day (for the last 7 days)



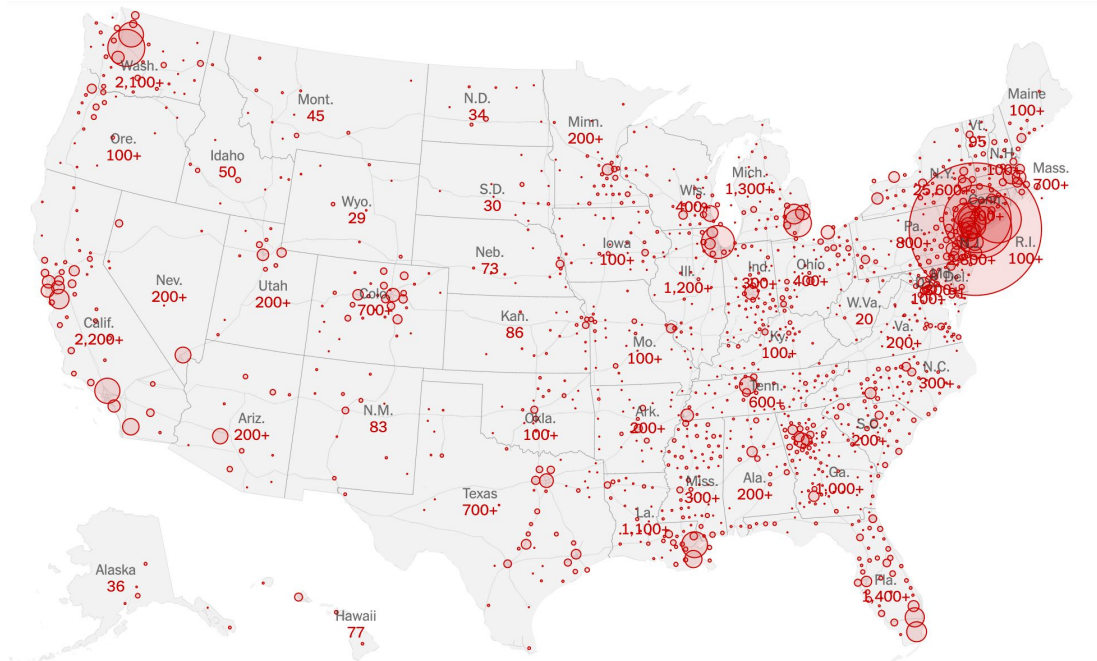
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Sources: Local governments; The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at [Johns Hopkins University](https://www.jhu.edu/); National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China; World Health Organization.

COVID-19 in the U.S.

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A \$2 trillion dollar [stimulus deal](#) is in the works between the Senate and White House, causing U.S. stocks to surge.

[Total US cases](#) have surpassed 50,000. New York has had the most cases of any state, approximately 25,000. NY cases are said to be doubling every 3 days.

Note: The map shows the known locations of coronavirus cases by county. Circles are sized by the number of people there who have tested positive, which may differ from where they contracted the illness. Some people who traveled overseas were taken for treatment in California, Nebraska and Texas. [Sources](#): State and local health agencies, hospitals, C.D.C.

President Trump Wants to Reopen Economy by Easter

Despite the [WHO warning](#) that the United States could become the new epicenter of the virus, Trump says “We can’t have the cure be worse than the problem”.

States across the country are continuing to impose extreme measures, ordering residents to stay at home and shutting down businesses.



China Eases Restrictions while Europe Locks Down

China

Approximately two months after locking the region down, [China has reopened travel](#) into and out of the Hubei Province, except for capital city Wuhan.

United Kingdom

Meanwhile, the [UK has joined](#) other European countries in imposing severe measures to keep the spread of COVID-19 at bay. On March 23rd, Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that people should only leave their homes for essential purposes.



Global Reactions & Responses

More Consequences

The [Tokyo Olympics](#) have been postponed until 2021.

The [Indian Prime Minister](#) Narendra Modi extending restrictions into a 21 day shutdown of the entire nation.



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