

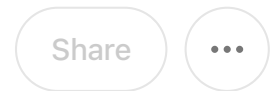
# 25 March 2020 : COVID-19 news

It's day 65, and US cases are growing faster than any other country per Financial Times; Swiss per capita cases exceed Italy; mainstream pushback against "curve flattening"; US deaths top 1,000



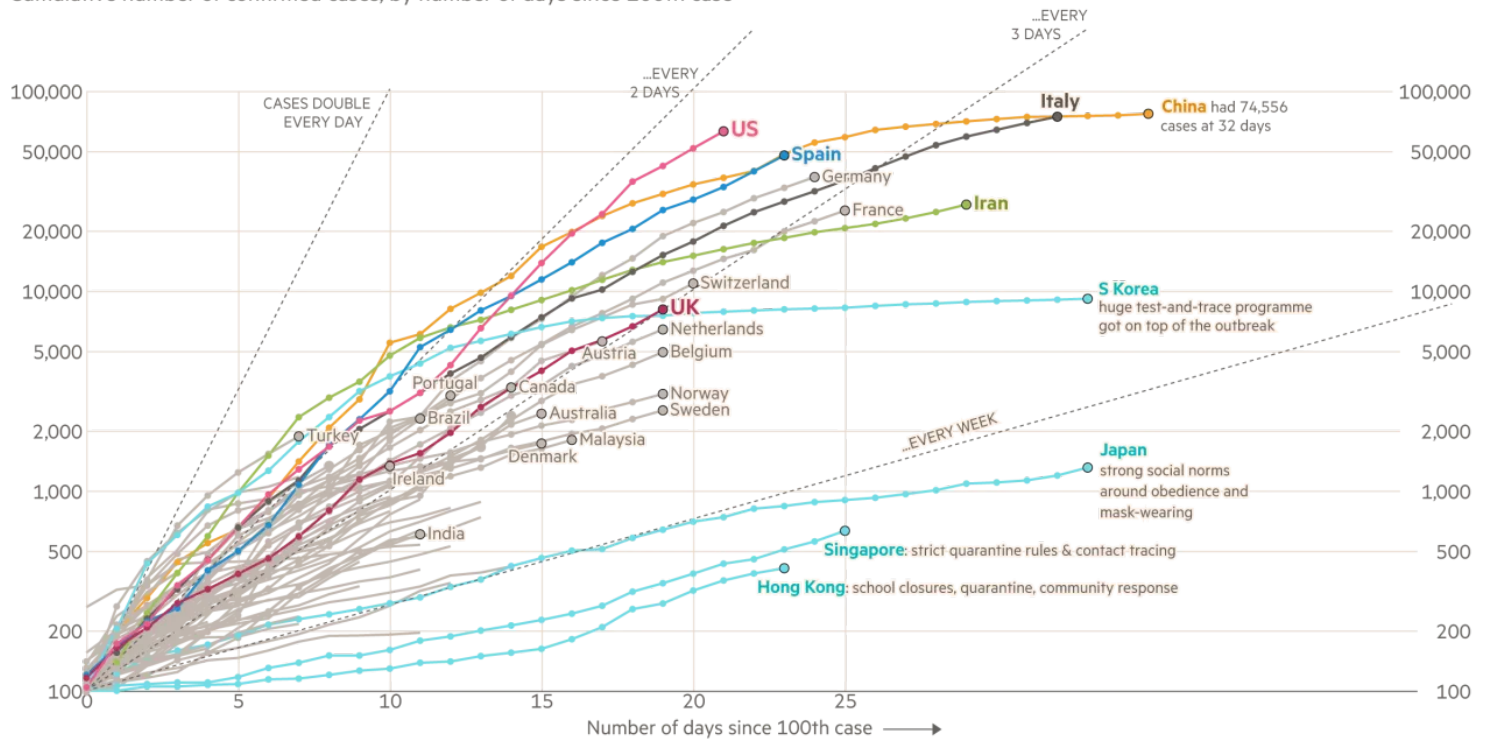
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## Country by country: how coronavirus case trajectories compare

Cumulative number of confirmed cases, by number of days since 100th case



FT graphic: John Burn-Murdoch / @jburnmurdoch  
Source: FT analysis of Johns Hopkins University, CSSE; Worldometers; FT research. Data updated March 25, 19:00 GMT  
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It's day 65 since the first case of coronavirus disease was announced in the United States. [Johns Hopkins reports](#) 69,018 (55,222) cases and 1,042 (797) deaths, an increase of 96 and 150 percent, respectively, [since Sunday](#).

The Financial Times [daily trends chart](#) shows the growth rate for identified cases. The x-axis represents the number of days since the 100th case. **US cases are growing faster than any other country that they are tracking.** This could be an artifact of our extremely delayed start in testing (which is still not widespread) but may also reflect delayed social distancing

measures.

Think “flattening the curve” is overrated ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#))?



Donald J. Trump

@realDonaldTrump

The LameStream Media is the dominant force in trying to get me to keep our Country closed as long as possible in the hope that it will be detrimental to my election success. The real people want to get back to work ASAP. We will be stronger than ever before!

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Then look at China. Look at Singapore, South Korea. Those lines are... flattening. Guess what they did? Tested, quarantined/isolated, locked down.

When did the US have 100 *identified* cases? Day 42, on 02 March.

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COVID-19 **Deaths** and Cases - USA

@kegill

And 200 *identified* cases? Day 45 (232).

And 400 *identified* cases? Day 48 (530).

Identified cases is an important trend number to follow because doctors can project number of hospital beds that will be needed based upon the experience of other countries. For example, this is the projection in Arizona today:

Nicole Grigg

@NicoleSGrigg

JUST IN: for the first time we're hearing what to expect in Arizona. Peak COVID-19 cases hitting in mid April and hospitalizations peaking in May. This is big. This is the first time we're hearing this. [#abc15](#) [#COVID-19](#) [#COVID2019](#) [#coronavirus](#)

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The US remains behind China (81,726) and Italy (74,386) in total identified cases. In Italy, coronavirus deaths have topped 9,362.

However, the relevant numbers are these:

Italy: 1,224 deaths/million and 1,230 cases/million

Spain: 78 deaths/million and 1,059 cases/million

Iran: 25 deaths/million and 322 cases/million

France: 20 deaths/million and 392 cases/million

Switzerland: 18 deaths/million and **1,259 cases/million**

USA: 315 deaths/million and 209 cases/million

USA: 0.15 deaths/million and 207 cases/million

China: 2.34 deaths/million and 58 cases/million

**Switzerland now tops Italy in number of cases per million.** Total population (city, state, country) matters: it is a proxy for the size of the health care system, and it provides context for scary-big case numbers.

Europe accounts for 75 percent of new global cases each day; 35 countries have more than 100 identified cases.

We remain in the early stages of this disease; limiting contact with others will slow the transmission. Eventually, most of us will become infected, and the longer we can stretch that timeline the more likely our health system will not collapse. And that there might be a vaccine.

A reminder that the alarm bells are incessant but officials are wearing both ear plugs and ear muffs when the subject is COVID-19 in our prisons and jails.

Molly Griffard  
@MollyGriffard

In case you weren't scared yet about what is going on with the TERRIFYING infection rate on Rikers, here is another graphic for you. Now tell [@NYGovCuomo](#) to grant clemency to all sentenced inmates on Rikers (he can do it with a stroke of his pen) & [@NYCMayor](#) to close Rikers now.

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## Recommended reading

- [Can you become immune to coronavirus?](#) *NY Times*, 25 March 2020.

Related: [FDA will allow doctors to treat critically ill coronavirus patients with blood from convalescent](#) *NBC News*, 24 March 2020

FROM SURVIVORS. NBC NEWS. 24 MARCH 2020.

- Chapter 11 of *Public Health Law, Public Health Emergency Preparedness*, is available as a free download from the [University of California Press](#).
- [Her Family Was Careful, And They Got The Coronavirus Anyway](#). *BuzzFeed News*, 25 March 2020.

I do not feel like I could safely disclose my positive status, given what I've heard," a mother in Seattle said. "However, there is a silver lining: This is a bit liberating.

## Recommended viewing

The Monterey Aquarium started a meditation series (MeditOcean) on 18 March. It's [available on YouTube](#) as well as [their Facebook page](#). If you don't already meditate, give this a try. This is my first meditation where I am looking at a soothing image of water.

### Morning MeditOcean – A Guided Meditation with the Rocky Shore



- March 18: [Jellies](#)
- March 19: [Moon Jellies](#)
- March 20: [Rocky Shore](#)

March 21: [Jellyfish](#)

- March 23: [Open Sea](#)

## Around the country

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands have identified COVID-19 cases. The 930 known deaths are from 39 states plus the District of Columbia as well as from Guam, Puerto Rico.

A second *Financial Times* chart: this one compares deaths in cities and states starting with the 10th death. The important factor to consider is the steepness of the curve; steeper = increasing at a faster rate = more pressure on the medical system.

Eric Feigl-Ding

@DrEricDing

My god - New York is surpassing every other epicenter hotspot - now on track to double up every day. Slowing it down to doubling every 2 days would be actually improvement right now. [#COVID19](#)

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- [California will need 50,000 additional hospital beds](#) to treat coronavirus patients, according to modeling data. This is a dramatic jump from the 20,000 extra beds Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state would need on Monday, two days ago.
- [Google is downgrading video quality on YouTube](#) in response to network traffic associated with coronavirus.
- In NYC, one hospital had 13 deaths in one day: “[An ‘Apocalyptic’ Coronavirus Surge](#)”.

Hospitals in the city are facing the kind of harrowing increases in cases that overwhelmed health care systems in China and Italy.

[More COVID-19 news from Wednesday.](#)

# Politics, economics and COVID-19

The Trump Administration, **ignoring its own medical team** (the CDC), **calls COVID-19 the “Wuhan virus” or the “China virus,”** and it became an impediment to the G7 agreeing upon a joint statement about the crisis.

Foreign ministers representing seven major industrialized nations failed to agree on a joint statement Wednesday after the Trump administration insisted on referring to the **coronavirus** outbreak as the “Wuhan virus,” three officials from G-7 countries told The Washington Post... Washington’s insistence on using the term “Wuhan virus” was first reported by Der Spiegel.

In **California, one million people** have filed an unemployment claim. But the White House has not released disaster unemployment funds.

On a typical day, the California department of unemployment sees 2,000 new claims. Last week, on Wednesday, 80,000 new claims were filed in a single day..

Newsom said on Tuesday he had spoken with CEOs from 200 financial institutions who committed to a 90-day waiver on mortgages and foreclosures. **Bank of America only agreed to a 30-day waiver** [emphasis added.]

Blake 'Don't Touch Your Face' News

@blakehounshell

A story that is not getting enough attention: The White House has yet to release disaster funds for New York, California and Washington State:

politico.com

Trump hasn't yet released disaster unemployment funds

President Donald Trump approved three states' disaster declarations during the past week, but not the sought-after disaster unemployment assistance.

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In Canada ...

**Marieke Walsh**

@MariekeWalsh

Trudeau: the emergency response benefit will provide \$2,000/month for four months for people affected by COVID-19 [#cdnpoli](#)

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And in South Korea ...

**Vincent Lee**

@Rover829

SEOUL, March 25 (Reuters) - South Korea said it would tighten border checks for travellers from the United States by Friday as concerns rise over imported coronavirus cases despite a decline in domestically transmitted infections.

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## Global news

The number of affected countries [jumped from 29 at the end of February to 192 today](#). There are 195 countries in the world. Although early reports tied the outbreak to a seafood (“wet”) market in Wuhan, China, [analyses of genomic data suggest that the virus may have](#)



developed elsewhere.

[More COVID-19 news from Wednesday.](#)

## Case count

Tests are becoming much more widely available. There is a lag between being contagious and showing symptoms. [The virus was not created in a lab.](#)

### 25 March, global

- Globally: 414,179 confirmed (40,712 new) with 18,440 deaths (2,202 new)
- Regions of the Americas: 60,834 confirmed (11,390 new) with 813 deaths (248)

### WHO Situation report, 65

- Global confirmed: 47,1407
- Total deaths: 21,287
- Total recovered: 114,444

[Johns Hopkins interactive dashboard](#) (9 pm Pacific)

### 25 March, domestic

Nationally\* there are a total of 54,453 cases and 737 deaths [according to the CDC](#), and 69,018 (55,222) cases and 1,042 (797) deaths [according to Johns Hopkins](#) (9:00 pm, Pacific). All 50 states plus DC, PR, Guan and VI are reporting 65,149 (53,126) identified cases.

View infographic and data online: [total cases](#) and [cases/million](#).

**\*CDC and Johns Hopkins data include Puerto Rico, Guam, and US Virgin Islands**

## What you can do

1. Stay home when sick.
2. Stay home as much as possible, period.
3. Avoid crowded places.

What do to when you or a loved one feels sick

***Digestive problems may be a symptom.***

## Resources

- [Annotated coronavirus resources & readings](#)
- [Annotated list of official sources](#)
- [CDC, COVID-19 portal](#)
- [Johns Hopkins, COVID-19 interactive dashboard](#)  
[Download data from GitHub](#)
- [Johns Hopkins, COVID-19 overview](#)
- [Our World in Data](#)
- [Twitter list of experts, news and organizations](#)

- [WHO, COVID-19 global overview](#) and [COVID-19 rolling updates](#)

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