

# COVID-19 media surveillance

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Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is dominating the news, with 100 thousand articles per day on Wednesday (in 70 languages, as detected by [MEDISYS](#)).



Figure 1 Media reports on Covid-19 (source: EMM/MEDISYS; missing data on 2-3 June)



Figure 2 Geolocations mentioned in coronavirus media reports showing clusters of media reports on Italy, France, Spain, Germany, the UK, Russia, Egypt, India, China, South Korea and Japan (source: EMM/MEDISYS)



## Headlines

- US: [California, Florida and Texas show surge in case numbers](#)
- Brazilian President [Bolsonaro was ordered to wear face covering or pay fine](#)
- Spain will be [developed country hardest hit by Covid-19 crisis according to IMF](#)
- Germany: [outbreak at meat processing plant allegedly started at church service](#) – air cooling systems in abattoirs could increase transmission risk
- Italy: new [cluster of coronavirus cases reported in Bologna](#)
- France [reports lowest new cases since early March](#)
- Belgium [averages 15 hospitalisations and 6 deaths per day](#)
- Luxembourg: [7 new confirmed coronavirus cases in Wednesday update](#)
- EU: The European Medicines Agency said its human medicines committee (CHMP) recommended the use of [remdesivir in adults and adolescents from 12 years of age with pneumonia who require supplemental oxygen](#)
- Qatar: [over 1,000 world cup workers test positive](#)
- India to [survey 29 million New Delhi residents](#) administering a virus test to those who show or report symptoms
- South Korea reports [28 new cases including 23 local infections](#)
- Japan: [Tokyo reports 48 cases topping 40 for second day](#)
- China reports [19 new cases including 13 in Beijing](#)



## Twitter

The following news were found among the most mentioned/retweeted items:

- "Can We Call Trump a Killer? There is no way to remove his culpability in the neglectful handling of the coronavirus." ([nytimes](#))
- "Alarming spike in coronavirus sparks fears California is 'starting to lose this battle' ([latimes](#))"
- Fauci: 'I've never seen anything closely resemble' what the coronavirus can do ([thehill](#))
- How the Virus Won. Invisible outbreaks sprang up everywhere. The United States ignored the warning signs. We analyzed travel patterns, hidden infections and genetic data to show how the epidemic spun out of control. ([nytimes](#))
- A couple from the United States tests positive for coronavirus in Menorca ([elpais](#))
- Dozens of Secret Service officers and agents told to self-quarantine after Trump's Tulsa rally ([washingtonpost](#))

The most mentioned English sources were the Washington Post, the New York Times, CNN, Bloomberg and the Hill.

Infobae, Clarin, RT (Spanish Version), Libre Mercado and El Pais, and Le Monde and Le Parisien were among the most mentioned Spanish and French sources, respectively.

## ” *Extracted Quotes*

### **Hans Kluge (WHO, Regional Director for Europe):**

"Last week, Europe saw an increase in weekly cases for the first time in months; "thirty countries have seen increases in new cumulative cases over the past two weeks. In 11 of these countries, accelerated transmission has led to very significant resurgence that if left unchecked will push health systems to the brink once again in Europe."



## *Fact Check*

### **Fact checked: government response**

- Fact checkers address claims that no country currently has a functioning track and trace app, reporting that while several countries have launched apps, including Germany, France, Australia, Singapore and Latvia, uptake has been fairly low, concluding that it is too early to say whether track and trace apps will be effective in helping combat COVID-19 ([fullfact](#)).

### **Fact checked: health-related claims**

- Fact checkers debunk claims that Nigeria has discovered a COVID-19 vaccine, reporting that Nigerian researchers have claimed they have a potential candidate vaccine that will need to go through a lot of trials ([africacheck](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that if you can hold your breath for at least 10 seconds, then you do not have the coronavirus. Fact checkers note they have debunked these claims before, however, a new post is going viral on the Internet ([vishvasnews](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that witch hazel can destroy the novel coronavirus on skin or surfaces, reporting that there is no evidence that witch hazel destroys germs, including the novel coronavirus ([nationalacademies](#)).

### **Fact checked: conspiracy theories**

- Fact checkers debunk a video by a Serbian vlogger claiming that the pandemic was engineered, providing as proof the fact that several events focused on epidemic preparedness were held in 2019 ([faktograf](#)).