

# COVID-19 media surveillance

24 June 2020; 17:30

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 Tuesday (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 virus cases [surge to highest level in two months](#)
- Brazil's cases are 'much higher' than reported due to lack of testing according to WHO
- UK: at least [two schools in England have shut their doors to all students this week over a confirmed case](#)
- Spain prepares [plans for a safe return to school with face masks and class 'bubbles'](#); another [part of Aragón has been moved back to the previous stage of the deescalation plan](#)
- Germany has placed the [district of Warendorf under lockdown after outbreak at meat processing plant](#)
- France: [460,000 people have deleted contact-tracing app after just 1.8 million installed it](#)
- Luxembourg: [12 new confirmed cases in Tuesday update](#)
- Russia: [Thousands gather for Russia's Victory Day parade as Covid-19 cases pass 600,000](#)
- Ukraine [opens more hospitals to Covid-19 patients amid new high of cases](#)
- Yemen's [coronavirus cases are expected to surge as UN aid dries up](#)
- India: [10 states with highest number of confirmed cases](#)
- Japan: [Office cluster pushes Tokyo's case number to 6-week high of 55](#)



## Twitter

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

- "E.U. may bar American travelers as it reopens borders, citing failures on virus" ([nytimes](#))
- "An exploding coronavirus crisis shows Modi is not up to the task of leading India" ([washingtonpost](#))
- "'I don't kid': Trump says he wasn't joking about slowing coronavirus testing" ([politico](#))
- "Texas governor warns coronavirus is spreading at an 'unacceptable rate'" ([axios](#))
- "End of lockdown, Memorial Day add up to increase in coronavirus cases, experts say. Florida, Oregon, Texas and Arizona are among the states where case numbers are spiking." ([nbcnews](#))

The hashtag #yemen was trending due to the reporting on additional cases in Yemen ([ahram](#)).

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

El Diario, Infobae, RT (Spanish Version), CNN (Spanish Version) and La Nacion, and Le Monde and Le Parisien were among the most mentioned Spanish and French sources, respectively.

## ” *Extracted Quotes*

**Hugo López-Gatell Ramírez (Mexico, Deputy Health Minister):**

"We must learn to live with the Sars-CoV-2 virus and permanently incorporate hygiene and prevention practices into the new reality".

**Bill de Blasio (USA, Mayor of New York):**

"While the marathon is an iconic and beloved event in our city, I applaud New York Road Runners for putting the health and safety of both spectators and runners first".

## *Fact Check*

**Fact checked: fear-mongering claims**

- Fact checkers debunk an image claiming to show a helicopter dumping COVID-19 corpses into the ocean in Mexico, reporting that the image in question shows a group of people skydiving ([fatabyyano](#)).

**Fact checked: health-related claims**

- Fact checkers respond to US Vice President Mike Pence's op-ed in the Wall Street Journal headlined "There Isn't a Coronavirus 'Second Wave'", reporting that the United States is arguably still in the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic so it may be too early to talk about a coming second wave and that the biggest risk for kicking off a new wave - whether it's the second wave or simply an uptick in the first wave - is a relaxing of social distancing measures ([politifact](#)).
- Fact checkers address claims that people with blood type O are more protected against COVID-19, reporting while a few studies have reported an association between type O blood and a lower incidence of COVID-19 infection, scientists have warned that there is not enough evidence to establish a causal association ([healthfeedback](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk a social media post claiming that there is a cure against COVID-19 and any other disease caused by a virus, reporting that the drug mentioned in the post is actually a veterinary drug ([stopfake](#)).

**Fact checked: anti-vax narratives**

- Fact checkers debunk claims that the spread of coronavirus began last October with "contaminated" flu vaccines, reporting that such claims have no scientific basis and that the flu vaccine does not increase the risk of coronavirus infection ([efeverifica](#)).