

# 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 nearly 100 thousand articles per day on Monday (in 70 languages, as detected by [MEDISYS](#)).

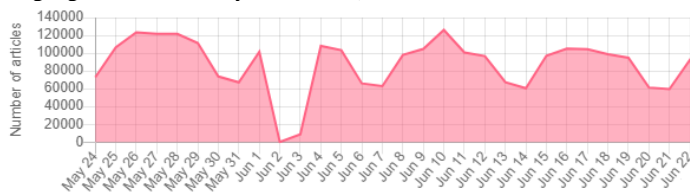


Figure 1 Media reports on Covid-19 (source: EMM/MEDISYS; missing data on 2-3 June)



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



## Headlines

- USA: [half of US states see coronavirus surge as officials warn first wave far from over; despite surge in coronavirus cases, USA continues to open up](#)
- Brazil [registers 21,432 additional cases and 654 deaths](#)
- UK's [confirmed cases fall to pre-lockdown level](#)
- Spain reports [12 active coronavirus outbreaks with Aragón returning to Phase 2 of the deescalation plan](#)
- Germany: [lockdown measures for Gütersloh district with more than 7,000 employees of a meat processing plant under quarantine](#)
- France is [ramping up health restrictions in its overseas territory of Guiana due to rising case numbers; Fête de la Musique in France sparks virus resurgence fears](#)
- Belgium [averages 89 new infections and 5 deaths per day](#)
- Luxembourg's [parliament passed two new laws to uphold a number of existing restrictions past the state of emergency](#)
- Russia's [case tally approaches 600,000](#)
- India allows [religious festival to go ahead in 'limited' capacity as coronavirus cases surge](#)
- South Korea [fighting 'second wave' of COVID-19 as WHO reports record daily rise in global cases](#)
- Japan: The Tokyo Metropolitan Government reports [31 new cases Tuesday](#)
- China reports [22 new cases, 13 in Beijing](#)



## Twitter

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

- "Israeli-designed instant coronavirus breathalyser could be rolled out globally" ([timesofisrael](#))
- "Two family reunions cause a rebound of 21 new infections in Navarra" ([eldiario](#))
- "Mexico's Central de Abasto: How coronavirus tore through Latin America's largest market" ([washingtonpost](#))
- "Top Democrats say Trump is sitting on \$14B for coronavirus testing, contact tracing. Sens. Chuck Schumer and Patty Murray are calling on the administration to immediately free up the funds." ([nbcnews](#))
- "Two more Trump staffers test positive for coronavirus after Tulsa rally" ([cnn](#))
- "Surge in coronavirus cases linked to more Texans in their 20s getting sick, officials say" ([texastribune](#))

The hashtag #gütersloh is trending due to the lockdown measures taken following a major outbreak in a meat processing plant.

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

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

## ” *Extracted Quotes*

**Tedros Adhanom (WHO, Director-General):**

"The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that, indeed, the world was not prepared"; "Globally, the pandemic is still accelerating"

**Benjamin Netanyahu (Israel, Minister President):**

"We will make an announcement today on restricted areas in which there are high infection rates. If the rate of infection continues [to rise], we will expedite the process of bringing the digital means to the approval of the cabinet before Sunday"

## *Fact Check*

**Fact checked: health-related claims**

- Fact checkers debunk misleading claims about the health risks of face masks, including claims that wearing face masks is dangerous because it leads to "re-breathing your exhaled CO2", reporting that carbon dioxide molecules are tiny - far smaller than droplets containing coronavirus which the masks are designed to stop - and will not be trapped by a breathable material ([bbcrealitycheck](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk a video in which a self-proclaimed researcher claims that the coronavirus will disappear after the solar eclipse of 21 June, reporting that the video comes from a satirical channel ([fatabyyano](#)).

**Fact checked: conspiracy theories**

- Fact checkers debunk claims that Nobel laureate Dr Denis Mukwege resigned from a Democratic Republic of the Congo COVID-19 response team because they were ordered to declare all deaths COVID-19 death, reporting that in his resignation letter, he blamed the country's organisational problems, outpaced strategy and slow testing ([africacheck](#), [facta](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that a peer-reviewed research paper says that the new coronavirus has been artificially engineered, reporting that a Norwegian virologist has made claims about the non-natural origins of the new coronavirus, but this claim is not in a new peer-reviewed paper he co-authored and the scientific community widely agrees that the virus was not artificially engineered ([fullfact](#)).