

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 Monday (in 70 languages, as detected by [MEDISYS](#)).

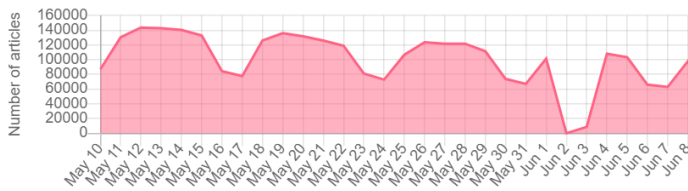


Figure 1 Media reports on Covid-19 (source: EMM/MEDISYS; missing data on 2-3 June)



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



Headlines

- USA: [Coronavirus infections are on the rise in 21 US states with cases rising in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico by 40%](#)
- Brazil reported [37,359 deaths and 711,696 cases](#) while [President Jair Bolsonaro's government stopped disclosing comprehensive data](#)
- UK [daily deaths drop to pre-lockdown level](#)
- Spain records [lowest number of new cases since 5 March](#)
- Italy reports [65 additional deaths and 280 new cases](#)
- France reports [54 additional deaths with new confirmed cases at one-week low](#)
- Germany [recorded an increase in the number of new cases with the infection rate above the key threshold of 1.0.](#)
- Belgium reports [89 new cases and 16 hospital admissions](#)
- Luxembourg records [one new case with no reported deaths](#)
- Russia: [Moscow's lockdown ends as coronavirus cases in Russia pass 485,000](#)
- Nigeria: ['Mysterious disease' has killed nearly 1,000 people over 5 weeks](#)
- Mexico reports [nearly 3,000 new coronavirus cases, total infections at 120,000](#)
- India sees [deadliest day of coronavirus with 266 new deaths and 9,987 new cases](#)
- Singapore reported [218 new cases in lowest daily tally since 11 April](#)
- Iran re-emerges as [hardest-hit Mideast country with 2,095 new cases](#)
- Pakistan's [hospitals are running out of beds as virus cases surge past 100,000](#)
- New Zealand: [no new cases for 18th day, but stricter border measures in place](#)
- South Korea: [Prime Minister Chung Sye-kyun urges tougher penalties for coronavirus breaches](#)
- Japan: Tokyo reported its [ninth day with cases in double digits](#)
- China reports [three new confirmed and 21 asymptomatic cases](#); China declares [pangolins protected due to coronavirus fear](#)



Twitter

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

- "Asymptomatic spread of coronavirus is 'very rare,' WHO says" ([cnbc](#))
- "Satellite data suggests coronavirus may have hit China earlier: Researchers say surge in cars at hospitals may indicate outbreak in fall" ([abcnews](#))
- "Trump to restart MAGA rallies this month despite coronavirus" ([politico](#))
- "Shutdowns prevented 60 million coronavirus infections in the U.S., study finds" ([washingtonpost](#))
- "UK government's 'world-beating' coronavirus response ranked the worst globally" ([theneweuropean](#))
- "A detailed timeline of all the ways Trump failed to respond to the coronavirus" ([vox](#))

The most mentioned English sources were CNBC, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Guardian and Forbes.

El Diario, Publico, El Confidencial, RT (Spanish version) and Infobae, and Le Monde and Le Parisien were among the most mentioned Spanish and French sources, respectively.

” *Extracted Quotes*

Tedros Adhanom (WHO, Director-General):

"More than six months into the pandemic, this is not the time for any country to take its foot off the pedal".

Chung Sye-kyun (South Korea, Prime Minister):

"Driving the community spread are protocol breaches that are making efforts of the majority of Koreans go to waste. This can no longer be tolerated".

Fact Check

Fact checked: health-related claims

- Fact checkers debunk claims that wearing face masks can lead to serious health problems, reporting that there is no scientific evidence in support of that ([knack](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that frequency vibrations kill SARS-CoV-2 ([animal](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk a long list of unproven coronavirus treatments, including eating certain types of food, drinking very hot water, taking painkillers, bathing in salt and putting salt in the nose ([afpfactcheck](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that asymptomatic carriers cannot spread the virus ([butac](#)).

Fact checked: conspiracy theories

- Italian fact checkers debunk claims that the authorities are distributing poisonous face masks ([open](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that the President of Madagascar said that the WHO tried to bribe him to poison the unproven herbal tonic that he is promoting to treat coronavirus, reporting that the President of Madagascar never made such a statement ([ellinikahoaxes](#)).