

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

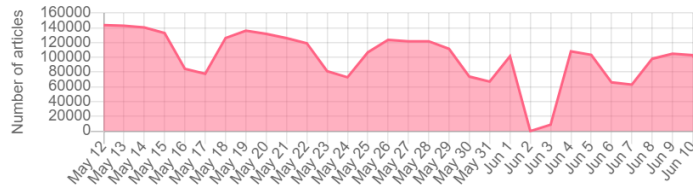


Figure 1 Media reports on Covid-19 (source: EMM/MEDISYS; missing data on 2-3 June)



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

- USA has [surpassed 2 million cases](#)
- Brazil's [big cities start to reopen, fueling fears of another deadly coronavirus wave](#)
- UK: Coronavirus [entered the UK 'at least 1,356 times' with nearly a third of imported cases estimated to have come from Spain](#)
- Spain prepares for [last phase change of coronavirus deescalation plan; regions will be able to reopen to foreign tourists before July 1](#)
- Italy reported [202 new cases and 71 deaths on Wednesday](#)
- France: [new coronavirus deaths in France sharply down, but cases rise](#)
- German [new cases lowest since late February, infection rate down](#)
- Belgium reports [19 hospital admissions with fewer than 100 patients in intensive case](#)
- Luxembourg records [three additional confirmed cases](#)
- Russia's cases passed [500,000 as lockdown is being eased](#)
- Mexico's cases ['not coming down yet' even as country begins to reopen](#)
- India: [one third of India's total cases were recorded in first 10 days of June](#)
- Indonesia reports [biggest daily rise in COVID-19 cases for a second day](#)
- Iran has seen a [rapid surge in case numbers in recent weeks](#)
- Pakistan [reports record 5,834 coronavirus cases in one day](#)
- South Korea: [resurgence of coronavirus threatens South Korea's success story](#)
- Japan to let in [250 business travellers per day from Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Vietnam under eased travel curbs](#)
- China reports [11 new imported cases and four asymptomatic cases](#)



## Twitter

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

- "White House goes quiet on coronavirus as outbreak spikes again across the U.S. It's been more than a month since the White House halted its daily coronavirus task force briefings" ([politico](#))
- "Widespread mask-wearing could prevent COVID-19 second waves: study" ([reuters](#))
- "Fauci underscores concerns about protests spreading coronavirus" ([thehill](#))
- "Donald Trump's corruption is killing Americans. The government's coronavirus response is just another example of quid pro quo." ([motherjones](#))
- "Voting machines and coronavirus force long lines on Georgia voters" ([ajc](#))
- "Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker" ([nytimes](#))

The most mentioned English sources were Politico, Reuters, Vox, the New York Times and the Washington Post.

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

## ” *Extracted Quotes*

### **Anthony Fauci (URSA, NIAID Director):**

"The issue of physical separation is important. Masks can help, but it's masks plus physical separation, and when you get congregations like we saw with the demonstrations, like we have said — myself and other health officials — that's taking a risk"; "Unfortunately, what we're seeing now is just an example of the kinds of things we were concerned about".

## *Fact Check*

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

- Indian fact checkers debunk claims that the Health Department of the Government of Punjab of Pakistan has called for an immediate ban on poultry due to the presence of “deadly coronavirus” in it ([thelogicalindian](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that inhaling hot steam and drinking hot tea four times a day cure COVID-19 ([vishvasnews](#)).

### **Fact checked: downplaying COVID-19**

- Fact checkers debunk claims that the mortality rate of COVID-19 is negligible, compared to that of other diseases such as tuberculosis and cancer or that of traffic accidents ([stopfake](#)).

### **Fact checked: anti-China narratives**

- Fact checkers debunk US President Donald Trump's claims that China “stopped it [the coronavirus] cold” from spreading from Wuhan to other parts of China “but they didn't stop it cold from coming to the United States, Europe and the rest of the world”, reporting that China did not stop the coronavirus from spreading from Wuhan, where it originated, to other parts of China ([factcheck](#)).
- Fact checkers debunk claims that Germany sent a bill of 149 billion euros to China for the damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic, reporting that the bill was mocked up by a German tabloid newspaper and the German government had nothing to do with it ([aosfatos](#)).