Globally, between 31 Dec 2019 - 13 Mar 2020

- A total of 132,624 confirmed cases:
  - 80,991 cases in China
  - 51,633 cases from 122 countries/states/territories (39% of cases globally)

- 4,957 deaths
  - 3,180 in China and 1,777 outside of China

Last 24 hours

- 7,881 new confirmed cases of which 11 are in China
- 349 new deaths of which 7 are in China

Source: WHO Situation dashboard
https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace52164816a5beeee16b9125cd
New Cases per day of COVID-19 since 1 February 2020

Number of new, confirmed daily cases

- New Cases in China
- New Cases Outside of China
11 March 2020 - COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic

Key messages

• COVID-19 is a pandemic that can be controlled
• A comprehensive approach is needed but “containment” is still the major objective
• Countries can change the course of the pandemic
What led to WHO characterizing COVID-19 as a pandemic?

1. Severity and an increase in transmission

In the previous 2 weeks:

- number of cases of COVID-19 outside China has increased 13-fold
- number of affected countries has tripled
- >125,000 cases in 118 countries (2/3 of the global population)
- >4,600 deaths

2. The need for urgent and aggressive action
WHO calls upon countries to implement a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach

- Activate and scale up emergency response mechanisms.
- Communicate with people about the risks and how they can protect themselves.
- Find, isolate, test and treat every case and trace every contact.
Considerations for Home Care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

4 February
In the context of this home care guidance:

Caregivers refer to parents, spouses, other family members or friends without formal healthcare training who may be looking after:

- A person who is ill with fever and cough
- A person with suspected coronavirus disease
- A person confirmed with coronavirus with mild symptoms, such as fever and cough

Picture credit: Graceland University
Advice for the caregiver

The caregiver should be one person only (if possible) who is in good health. The caregiver should...

• Make sure the ill person rests, drinks plenty of fluids and eats nutritious food.
• Wear a medical mask when in the same room with the ill person. Do not touch the mask during use. Masks should be discarded after use.
• Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub after any type of contact with the ill person or their surroundings; before, during and after preparing food; before eating; and after using the toilet.
• Use dedicated dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels and bedlinens for the ill person.
• Wash dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedlinens used by the ill person with soap and water.
• Identify frequently touched surfaces (such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables). Regularly clean and disinfect the surfaces frequently touched by the ill person.
• Contact your health care facility or doctor if the ill person worsens or experiences difficulty breathing.
Advice for the ill person

- Clean hands frequently with soap and water or with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Stay at home; do not attend work, school or public places.
- Rest, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.
- Ideally stay in a separated room from other family members. If not possible, the ill person should keep a distance of at least 1 meter (3 feet) from others and wear a medical mask.
- Sneeze or cough into a flexed elbow, or use a disposable tissue and discard it immediately into a closed bin.
Advice for all members of the household

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water, especially after:
  - coughing or sneezing
  - before, during and after you prepare food
  - before eating
  - after using toilet

- Avoid exposure to the ill person and avoid sharing items (e.g. eating utensils, dishes, drinks, towels).

- Cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissues when coughing or sneezing.

- Monitor their health for symptoms like fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.
More information

**WHO sources:**

COVID-19 website: [https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)

WHO Travel Advice: [https://www.who.int/ith/en/](https://www.who.int/ith/en/)

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