

Kostenloses tägliches CISION News-Briefing zum Coronavirus

There have been more new cases of coronavirus in the rest of world compared to China for the first time.

In Wuhan, the Chinese government closed a hospital which had been built to deal with the virus during its outbreak. Cases continue to rise in Europe, with most of Germany's federal states recording infections and 12 French regions recording cases. In Italy, the death toll rose to 52. The Czech Republic confirmed its first case. Meanwhile, the UK Government presented its coronavirus action plan today, with the number of cases currently at 39. Japan has seen a rise in patients and reported the first case on the island of Kyushu. Japan's Minister of the Olympics has said that Tokyo's Olympic 2020 contract allows it to postpone the Games until the end of the year, amid concerns the coronavirus could disrupt the event. The health minister in the Australian state of New South Wales confirmed more cases in NSW, taking the number of cases there to 13.

General News

Coronavirus Updates: Chinese Cities Announce New Travel Restrictions

Major cities across China have announced new travel restrictions on people who have recently visited countries where coronavirus infections are on the rise. On 3 March 2020, authorities in Shanghai and Beijing stated that all travelers entering the cities who have visited countries with significant outbreaks within the last two weeks must undergo a 14-day quarantine at home or at an approved isolation facility. Officials in Guangdong Province have also announced similar measures.

[Nytimes.com | 03.03.2020](#)

[Outbreak of coronavirus enters unknown territory | bbc.com | 03.03.2020](#)

[China's Wuhan closes coronavirus hospital as officials hail drop in new cases | Reuters.com | 02.03.2020](#)

Coronavirus: 191 cases in France, 61 additional cases

191 cases of coronavirus have been confirmed in France; there are now 12 affected regions within the country, five of which have more than 10 cases. In Germany, the number of infections has reached 170, with nearly all federal states within the country now affected. 18 new deaths have been reported in Italy, bringing the total to 52 and the number of infected cases to 1,835. The Czech Republic has suspended all flights from Milan, Bologna, Venice and South Korea after the first three cases of infection in the country.

[lefigaro.fr | 03.03.2020](#)

[Coronavirus infections in almost all federal states | faz.net | 03.03.2020](#)

[Coronavirus in Italy: the latest news | repubblica.it | 03.03.2020](#)

[Third case of coronavirus in Mallorca | repubblica.it | 03.03.2020](#)

Coronavirus: The number of infections is increasing in Arab countries

Nearly 5,000 cases of Covid-19 have been recorded in South Korea. Iran is reported to be "accelerating measures" to contain the virus. France, Germany and the UK have pledged to

send emergency medical supplies to Iran. Meanwhile, the number of coronavirus cases in the Middle East has continued to increase. Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Jordan and Morocco have all reported the first case of coronavirus within each country, while in Qatar the total number of people infected has reached 7. Two women with the virus were isolated in Algeria on 1 March 2020. There are 56 confirmed cases in Kuwait, 47 in Bahrain, 21 in Iraq and 21 in the UAE. Despite no confirmed cases of the virus in Venezuela, the country has adopted preventative measures amidst concerns over the capacity of its health system to respond adequately.

[bbc.com | 02.03.2020](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56144444)

[Coronavirus: South Korea declares "war" on outbreak as WHO experts arrive in Iran | theguardian.com | 03.03.2020](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/03/coronavirus-south-korea-declares-war-on-outbreak-as-who-experts-arrive-in-iran)

[Venezuela Adopts Preventative Measures as Coronavirus Spreads in Latin America | venezuelanalysis.com | 03.03.2020](https://www.venezuelanalysis.com/en/2020/03/03/venezuela-adopts-preventative-measures-as-coronavirus-spreads-in-latin-america/)

Counter Measures

How VR And AR Could Be A Solution To Coronavirus Cancellations For Conferences

The publication discusses how virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) could be used as solutions for communication between colleagues at conferences, as the coronavirus outbreak causes disruptions and cancellations to business meetings across the globe. However, despite this modern technology existing, it is suggested there are not enough people using AR and VR equipment to fully compensate for all conference meetings.

[forbes.com | 02.03.2020](https://www.forbes.com/sites/steve-dunham/2020/03/02/vr-ar-solutions-for-conferences/)

Germany's Leipzig Book Fair confirms cancellation over coronavirus

The Leipzig Book Fair has been cancelled by the organisers. The book fair attracted 286,000 visitors last year.

reuters.com | 03.03.2020

Employee Safety & Liability

Coronavirus UK: unions warn over lack of sick pay for gig economy workers

Downing Street has come under pressure from trade unions and Labour to promise statutory sick pay to all workers under its coronavirus action plan, published on 3 March. Work and Pensions Minister Justin Tomlinson has said the current advice for workers with no sick pay - including self-employed workers - is to claim universal credit; however, this can take up to five weeks to come through. The alternative is employment and support allowance, which requires claimants to have two to three years of National Insurance contributions.

theguardian.com | 03.03.2020

Production Site Shutdowns

Nike's Dutch HQ and factories supplying Samsung and Apple shut down after coronavirus outbreak

Factories in South Korea supplying Samsung and Apple have closed due to the coronavirus outbreak after five employees tested positive. Nike has also announced it is temporarily closing its European headquarters near Amsterdam after one employee tested positive, bringing the total number of cases in the Netherlands to 18 since the first case was reported on 27 February.

DailyMail.co.uk | 02.03.2020

Supply Chain Implications

Beiersdorf gives solid outlook but coronavirus impact unsure

German firm Beiersdorf has said it expects similar sales growth and profitability in 2020 compared to 2019 but has cautioned it cannot yet assess the impact of coronavirus on its business. Meanwhile, Visa Inc warned on 2 March 2020 that its second-quarter revenue growth would be slower than its previous forecast, following similar announcements from Mastercard Inc and PayPal Holdings Inc.

[Reuters.com | 03.03.2020](#)

[Visa flags hit to second-quarter revenue due to coronavirus outbreak | uk.reuters.com | 03.03.2020](#)

Twitter Advises 5,000 Global Employees to Work From Home

Twitter Inc. said on 2 March 2020 it is "strongly encouraging" its nearly 5,000 global employees to work from home due to concerns over the spread of Covid-19, a measure which is mandatory for the company's employees in Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea. In the UK, Newbury-based communications giant Vodafone also confirmed it had sent staff home after they came into contact with someone who was later diagnosed with the virus. Schools in Berkshire have closed down for a deep cleaning after one case of coronavirus was confirmed.

[Bloomberg.com | 03.03.2020](#)

[Berkshire coronavirus: Vodafone sends staff home and schools closed | getreading.co.uk | 03.03.2020](#)

Impact On Financial Markets

Global shares extend rebound on policy easing hopes, eye G7 for cues

Global shares and oil prices extended their rebound on 3 March 2020 as policymakers indicated their willingness to move to ease the economic fallout from the coronavirus. Finance ministers from the G7 group and central bank governors will hold a conference call on 3 March 2020 to discuss measures to deal with the widening coronavirus outbreak

and its economic impact. The plan came after the European Central Bank (ECB) joined the majority of central banks on 2 March 2020 in signalling a readiness to deal with the growing threats from the outbreak.

[Reuters.com | 03.03.2020](#)

[Carney: Coronavirus could produce 'large' short-term shock to economy | telegraph.co.uk | 03.03.2020](#)

Politics

Suspected coronavirus case in the CDU parliamentary group

A Thuringian CDU member of parliament may have been infected with the coronavirus and is under quarantine. A spokesperson for the Thuringian Health Ministry said that the member of parliament had been on a skiing holiday in Italy.

[spiegel.de | 03.03.2020](#)

