

Kostenloses tägliches CISION News-Briefing zum Coronavirus

The global death toll has reached 3,190 and more than 93,000 people have been infected across 80 countries. The number of confirmed cases in Germany rose to 240, while in Italy 79 people have died. Malaysia reported its biggest jump in infections with 14 new cases and Poland reported its first case. The number of confirmed cases in Sweden doubled to 30. The World Health Organization Chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, warned that protective equipment used by health workers is running out amid panic buying. Italy is to close all schools and universities for two weeks.

The Epidemic and Medical Progress

Coronavirus Deaths Tied to Nursing Centre Came Earlier Than Anyone Knew

A nursing center in Washington has had seven deaths attributed to the coronavirus outbreak. Currently, nine people have died from the illness in the US. On 4 March 2020, 15 Italian

has said. "We will do all that we can to address the novel coronavirus threat," said Dr. Rajeev Venkayya, President of Takeda's Vaccine Business Unit and Head of the Response Team. Drugmakers such as GlaxoSmithKline, Sanofi, Johnson & Johnson, Inovio Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Moderna Inc. are also working to develop therapies for the coronavirus that first emerged in China during late 2019.

[Bloomberg.com](https://www.bloomberg.com) | 04.03.2020

China approves use of Roche arthritis drug for coronavirus patients

China will use a Roche Holding AG arthritis drug to treat some coronavirus patients in severe conditions, as the country seeks to build up treatment regimens to help the infected recover. Tocilizumab, sold by the Swiss pharma giant under the trade name Actemra, can be prescribed to coronavirus patients who show signs of serious lung damage and have elevated level of a protein called Interleukin 6, which could indicate inflammation or immunological diseases.

[reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com) | 04.03.2020

Coronavirus in the Heinsberg district: "Situation takes on threatening proportions".

The Heinsberg district has by far the largest number of coronavirus patients in Germany. Hospitals in the district are "highly handicapped in treatment," according to a letter from the district office of the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians. A "collapse of medical care at the base level" can no longer be ruled out.

[focus.de](https://www.focus.de) | 04.03.2020

Italy closes all schools and universities for two weeks as coronavirus death toll rises

The Italian Government has announced it will close all schools and universities in the country until mid-March in an effort to contain the coronavirus outbreak. This comes as the number of deaths in the country caused by the virus rose from 52 on 2 March to 79 on 3 March. 2,502 cases of the virus have been reported in Italy, making it the worst affected country in Europe.

[CNBC.com](https://www.cnbc.com) | 04.03.2020

[theverge.com | 03.03.2020](#)

ECR 2020 Postponed Until July as COVID-19 Spreads

The European Society of Radiology (ESR) has announced the postponement of its annual ECR 2020 event, which was originally scheduled to take place in Vienna, Austria, from 11 to 15 March 2020. The postponement comes after recent statements by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) issued concerns about the coronavirus outbreak. "We have analyzed the recommendations from the Austrian health authorities for large-scale events and came to the conclusion that we are not in a position to fulfil their requirements and guarantee a safe congress for our participants and industry partners at this time," said ESR President Boris Brkljačić.

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Hanover Fair postponed to July

Due to the continuing spread of the novel coronavirus, the organizers of the Hannover Messe are postponing the world's largest industrial show. There had not been any cancellations of participants on a large scale to date.

[faz.net | 04.03.2020](#)

Financial Market

Coronavirus: fears of global slowdown grow as US stimulus fails to rally markets

Fears of a global economic slowdown due to coronavirus have intensified, following an emergency cut in US interest rates and knock-on effects for global stock markets. Central banks and leaders are attempting to cushion the economic impact. The World Bank has announced a USD 12 billion package to assist countries grappling with the health and economic impacts. Meanwhile the World Health Organization has warned that panic buying, and market manipulation are "rapidly depleting" supplies of protective equipment.

[The Guardian | 04.03.2020](#)

MIDEAST STOCKS-Gulf bourses gain as stimulus hopes offset virus

Major stock markets in the Gulf improved on 3 March 2020 - extending gains from the previous session - with hopes that central banks are likely to enact financial stimulus to offset the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index gained 2.2 percent. Furthermore, G7 finance ministers and central bank governors held a conference call on 3 March 2020 to discuss measures to deal with the coronavirus outbreak and its economic impact.

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S&P cuts U.S. growth forecast again as virus spreads

S&P Global Ratings cut its growth forecast for the US on 3 March, noting that the rapidly spreading coronavirus could be a "material headwind" for the US economy. This comes as the US Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a half percentage point on 3 March, while Australia's central bank cut interest rates to a record low of 0.5 percent. The OECD has warned that this is the worst downturn in the global economy since the global financial crisis over 10 years ago.

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