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# Situation update on coronavirus



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## Finland's situation in brief

- Tested samples in total: over **152,300** (+ 2,600\*)
- Reported cases in total: **6,399** (+ 19\*)
- A total of **301** (+ 1\*) deaths associated with the disease have been reported.
- The number of patients in hospital care in Finland is **112** (- 5 \*).
- The number of patients in intensive care in Finland is **25** (- 9 \*).  
\* Change from previous day.
- In relation to the total population of Finland (5,543,233), the overall incidence of cases is **115** cases per 100,000 people.
- During the most recent sliding seven-day monitoring period (10 – 16 May), 382 new cases were diagnosed. The incidence of new cases in relation to the population was 7 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. During the previous monitoring period (3 – 9 May), the corresponding figures were 632 new cases, and an incidence of 11 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.
  - Reporting delays can affect the numbers stated for the most recent monitoring period. It is therefore not possible to draw any certain conclusions on the increase or decrease of cases on the basis of the most recent monitoring period.
- Virus testing currently has a capacity of 9,600 tests per day.
- According to a preliminary estimate, at least **5,000** people have recovered from the disease.
  - The estimate is based on reported cases which were reported at least two weeks ago and for which no other monitoring data on the course of the disease exists. (Estimate updated on 15 May.)

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## Information by region

- The epidemic is progressing at different rates in different parts of the country. The majority of cases have been reported in Uusimaa.
- The emergence of new cases varies based on region.

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During the most recent sliding seven-day monitoring period (10–16 May), the incidence of new cases decreased or remained the same in most hospital districts compared to the previous seven day monitoring period. No new cases were diagnosed in four areas during the most recent monitoring period. (Information updated on 19 April.)

- THL is conducting an ongoing population study based on random sampling, which assesses the spread of the novel coronavirus in the population. The study examines the presence of antibodies in different age groups and in Finland’s different regions. Thus far, results have shown that very few people have formed antibodies for the novel coronavirus. Results will be published online in the [weekly report on the corona epidemic’s population serology study](#).

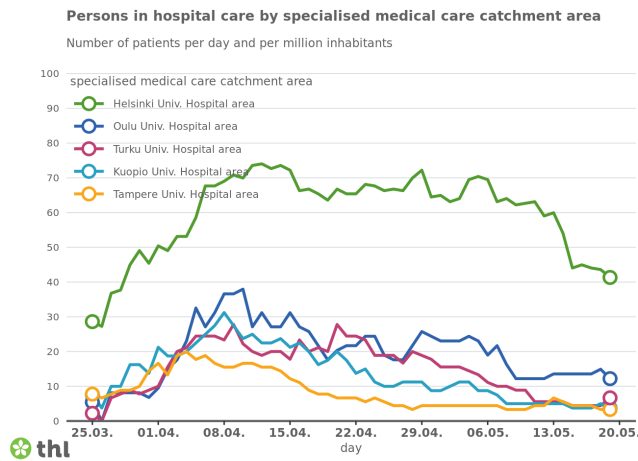
### Persons hospitalised due to coronavirus and deaths associated with the disease

Catchment area	Hospitalised, total number	In inpatient care	In intensive care	Deaths (cumulative)
Helsinki University Hospital catchment area	91	71	20	247
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	3	3	0	25
Oulu University Hospital catchment area	9	6	3	12
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	3	2	1	3
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	6	5	1	14
<b>Nationwide total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>301</b>

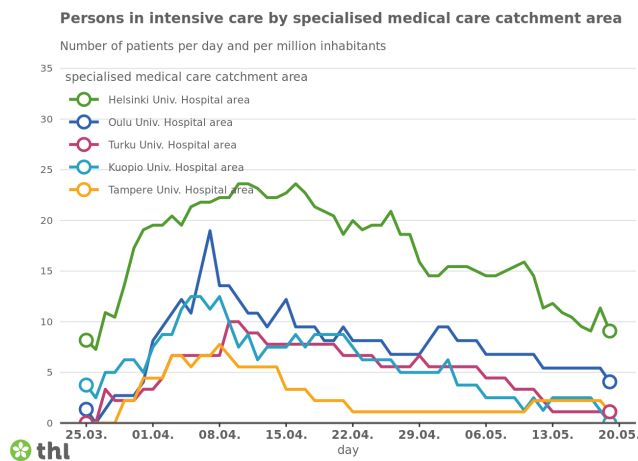
*The table shows the number of patients that have been hospitalised due to COVID-19 and the number of deaths associated with the disease by catchment area. At the moment, patient numbers are reported by catchment area to*

ensure patient privacy, because the number of patients in several hospital districts is small. Information updated on 19 May at 8.00.

- The number of COVID-19 patients in hospital and intensive care is decreasing or has evened out in all catchment areas.



The graph shows the number of people in hospital care due to having contracted COVID-19 in relation to a million residents by catchment area. Turku University Hospital catchment area also includes data for Åland. The graph is updated on business days. The information was updated on 19 May.



The graph shows the number of people in intensive care due to having contracted COVID-19 in relation to a million residents by catchment area. Turku University Hospital catchment area also includes data for Åland. The graph is updated on business days. The information was updated on 19 May.

## About intensive care

- Based on physician notifications submitted to the National Infectious Diseases Register, more than 60% of patients, who have been treated in intensive care, have

had a long-term illness in addition to COVID-19. This information is based on the data of 118 intensive care patients. (Information updated on 13 May.)

- A national office for the coordination of intensive care headed by the Kuopio University Hospital (KUS) maintains the national situational picture on intensive care.
- More information on intensive care capacity, treatment periods and age and gender distributions
  - [Situational picture on intensive care on 13/05/2020](#) (Office coordinating intensive care)

## Coronavirus-related deaths

- Data on the amount of deaths associated with the disease is collected by the hospital districts.
- For the time being, more detailed information is available on 265 of the fatalities. Of them, 47 percent were men and 53 percent were women. The median age of the deceased is 84.

Age distribution of coronavirus-related deaths:

Age	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80-89 yrs	Over 90 yrs
Number	< 5	< 5	7	19	49	114	71

*Age distribution of deaths related to COVID-19. The protection of privacy has been taken into account in the breakdown of age groups. For example, if there are 1–4 cases, the number is reported in the statistic as <5. No further information will be given on these cases. Information updated on 19 May.*

- More detailed information on where the deceased was treated immediately prior to their death has been collected for 301 individuals:
  - Of the deceased, 19 per cent were in specialised medical care, 33 per cent in primary health care units, 46 per cent in social welfare 24-hour units and 2 per cent at home or elsewhere.
- The majority (over 90 percent) of the deceased persons for whom more detailed health information is available had one or more long-term illnesses. The most common ones were heart diseases and diabetes.
- The coronavirus epidemic has not increased total mortality in Finland. Deaths of working-age people are very rare, and no deaths of children and young people have been diagnosed in Finland.

## Testing of coronavirus samples in Finland

- Virus testing at the acute phase of illness and tracing of infections can be used to prevent the spread of coronavirus, to protect risk groups and to ensure the adequacy of critical personnel and the carrying capacity of health care services. In addition, a situational picture that is as precise as possible will be created on the progress of the epidemic in Finland.
- The goal is to test everyone suspected of having an acute stage coronavirus infection.
- The number of infections in Finland is likely higher than reported, as not all those with mild symptoms were tested in the early stages of the epidemic, and there are few data available on asymptomatic infections.
- Coronavirus samples are being collected and analysed by numerous laboratories in both the public and private sectors.
- The coronavirus test indicates an acute infection. Antibody tests can be used to monitor the progress of the epidemic, but are not as of yet reliable in assessing whether or not an individual has had the disease.

## Indicators on the effectiveness of Finland's hybrid strategy

- The effectiveness of Finland's hybrid strategy in combating the coronavirus epidemic is monitored using epidemiological, medical, and functional indicators.
- The first monitoring report by the Situational Picture and Modelling Working Group appointed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health was published on 15 May.
  - [Hybrid Strategy Monitoring Report](#) (PDF 97 kB, updated on 15 May 2020)
  - [Press conference on effectiveness indicators](#) (the Prime Minister's Office, 15 May 2020)
- The report is published once a week on the THL website.
  - [Monitoring of the coronavirus](#)

## Reporting of information

- There are delays in the reporting of data, which are due to factors such as the recording of samples, the transfer of data and the reporting of deaths. The reporting is developed continuously.
- Information on sample numbers and the number of new cases diagnosed each day may change as information is corrected retrospectively.

- Laboratories report data on the samples to the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare by hospital district. Tested samples are reported according to their date of analysis.
- All confirmed COVID-19 cases are reported to the National Infectious Diseases Register regardless of where the cases are treated. Cases are reported according to the date the sample was taken.

## The current status of the epidemic in other countries

- A total of around 4.7 million coronavirus infections have been reported globally. A total of over 310,000 deaths associated with the disease have been reported.
- A total of around 1.9 million cases of coronavirus and over 160,000 deaths associated with the disease have been reported in Europe (WHO European Region).
- Many European countries have closed their borders and imposed extensive restrictions on mobility and public and private sector activities. Numerous countries have initiated the phasing out of restrictions.
- A total of more than 57,000 cases of coronavirus and over 4,700 deaths associated with the disease have been reported in the Nordic countries.
- [Number of cases in different countries](#) (WHO)
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