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## Situation update on coronavirus



**Corona map**

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**Updated on 4 June at 17:14.**

### The situation in Finland in brief

- Tested samples in total approximately **195,400** (+ approx. 2,600\*)
- Reported cases in total: **6,911** (+ 0\*)
- A total of **322** (+ 1\*) deaths associated with the disease have been reported.
- The number of patients in hospital care in Finland is **50** (- 1\*).
- The number of patients in intensive care in Finland is **7** (+ 0\*).
- \* Change from previous day. Newly reported cases can be distributed over several days. Also see [Reporting of information](#) below for information on reporting of data.
- In relation to the total population of Finland (5,543,233), the overall incidence of cases is **125** cases per 100,000 people.
- During the most recent seven-day monitoring period (26

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May–1 June), **190** new cases were diagnosed. The incidence of new cases in relation to the population was **4** cases per 100,000 inhabitants. During the previous monitoring period (19–25 May), the corresponding figures were 243 new cases, with an incidence of 4 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 around **13,000** tests per day.
- An estimated **5,800** people have recovered, which is around 85% of reported cases. The estimate is based on the follow-up of the observed cases over a period of three weeks (21 days). A person is considered to have recovered, when they do not have any follow-up data related to the progress of the illness after 3 weeks have passed from diagnosis. (Estimate updated on 4 June.)

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## Information by region


- Nationally the coronavirus epidemic has continued to slow down. The epidemic's status is different in different parts of the country, the majority of cases have been diagnosed in Uusimaa.
- The emergence of new cases varies based on region. The number of cases diagnosed in Finland has decreased significantly for over a month.
- During the most recent seven-day monitoring period (26

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May–1 June), the incidence of cases had decreased or remained the same in the majority (15/21) of the hospital districts compared to the seven day monitoring period (19–25 May) prior to this one. No new cases were diagnosed in eight areas during the most recent monitoring period.

- The incidence of cases has increased in six areas. Compared to the previous week, the change in the number of new cases has been less than five new cases per region.
- 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](#).
- THL has studied whether coronavirus is present in Finland’s waste waters in order to gather more information on the regional scope and progress of the coronavirus epidemic. The study found that coronavirus in the waste waters of both Helsinki and Turku, but no indications of the virus in samples collected in Tampere, Kuopio, and Oulu. The findings are based on composite samples taken 24–25 May. Confirmed infections indicate an abating epidemic situation, and wastewater studies support the observations based on testing individuals. Wastewater testing can give us an advance warning if increasing quantities of the virus start circulating in the population. [About the study](#)

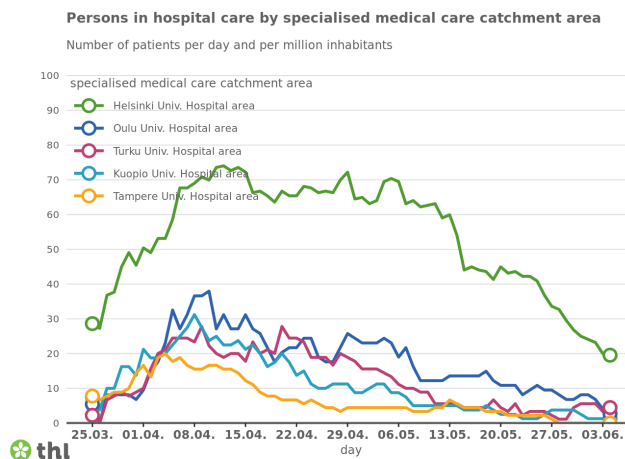
### People hospitalised due to coronavirus and deaths associated with the disease

Catchment area	Inpatient care	In intensive care	Hospitalised, total number	Deaths (cumulative)
Helsinki University Hospital catchment area	36	7	43	265
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	1	0	1	25
Oulu University Hospital catchment area	2	0	2	12

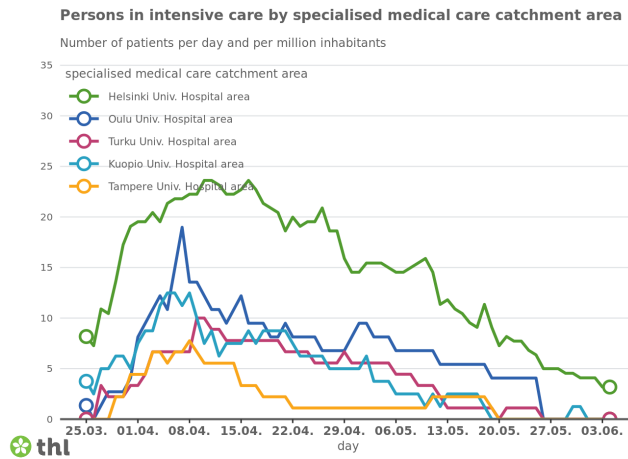
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	0	0	0	3
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	4	0	4	17
<b>Nationwide total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>322</b>

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. NOTE: Oulu University Hospital catchment area has corrected the total number of deaths from yesterday. Information updated on 4 June at 8:00.

- The number of COVID-19 patients in hospital and intensive care has decreased in all of Finland's 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. Note: Graph updated 4 June.



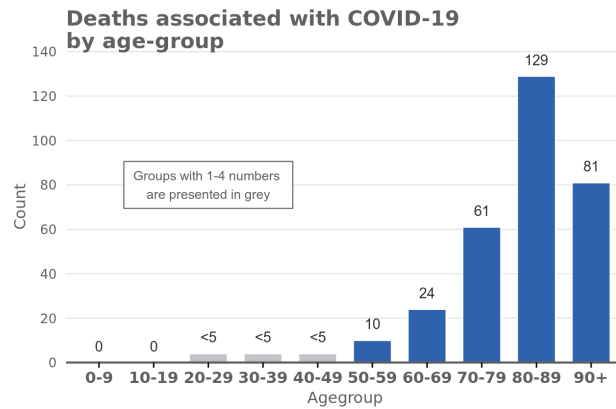
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## About intensive care

- A national office for the coordination of intensive care headed by the Kuopio University Hospital (KUS) maintains the national [situation update](#) on intensive care (in Finnish).
- Weekly reports provide more information on intensive care capacity, treatment periods, age and gender distribution and on the previous health status of patients.
  - [Situation update on intensive care on 03/06/2020](#) (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 311 of the fatalities. Of them, 48 percent were men and 52 percent were women. The median age of the deceased is 84.



*The graph shows the age distribution of the deceased whose deaths were 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, and is shown in the graph with a light grey column of a standard size. No further information will be given on these cases. Information updated on 4 June.*

- More detailed information on where the deceased were treated immediately prior to their death has been collected on 322 individuals:
  - Of the deceased, 19 per cent were in specialised medical care, 34 per cent in primary health care units, 45 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 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.
- If you have symptoms consistent with coronavirus, get yourself tested. THL recommends coronavirus testing at a low threshold.

- 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 is little 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 monitoring report by the Situational Picture and Modelling Working Group appointed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health is published once a week on the THL website:
  - [Monitoring of the coronavirus](#) (in Finnish)
  - [Situation assessment report 3 June 2020](#) (pdf, in Finnish)

## Reporting of information

- The reported new cases can be distributed over several days due to reporting delays. The National Infectious Diseases Register automatically combines data obtained from physician and laboratory notifications concerning the same person into a single case. Due to combining of data, the daily numbers may change and become more specific.
- 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 the number of tested 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 more than 6.3 million coronavirus infections have been reported globally. Over 380,000 deaths associated with the disease have been reported.
- A total of over 2.2 million cases of coronavirus and more than 180,000 deaths associated with the disease have been reported in Europe (WHO European Region).
- Many European countries have initiated the gradual dismantling of restrictions that were put in place due to the epidemic.
- A total of over 67,000 cases and more than 5,600 deaths associated with the disease have been reported in the Nordic countries.
- [Number of cases in different countries \(WHO\)](#)
- [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak \(WHO\)](#)
- [Numbers of cases in European countries \(WHO\)](#)
- A summary of cases diagnosed in Europe [on the ECDC website](#).
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