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### Corona map

See the confirmed coronavirus cases [thl.fi/coronamap](https://thl.fi/coronamap)

The corona map is updated daily at noon. The map has information on daily numbers of confirmed cases and tested samples as well as cumulative numbers of confirmed cases and deaths. The map also shows the incidence of the disease, and the number of cases and tests by hospital district and municipality.

**Updated on Fri., February 19th at 16:20**

### The situation in Finland in brief

- Reported cases in total: **52,653** (+444\*)
- Total of **524\*** cases caused by the coronavirus variants have been identified in Finland:
  - 501 UK variants B.1.1.7
  - 22 South African variants B.1.351

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- 1 Brazilian variant P.1
- Tested samples in total approx. **3,146,700** (+15,700\*)
- Cumulative number of reported deaths associated with the disease: **726** (+1\*)
- Number of patients in specialised medical care wards: **69** (+7\*)
- Number of patients in primary healthcare wards: **48** (+0\*)
- Number of patients in intensive care: **24** (-3\*)

\*The information was updated on Friday, February 19th and shows the change compared to yesterday. On [the corona map](#), information about confirmed cases and tested specimens is updated every day. Case and sample volumes may be adjusted retrospectively as more information becomes available. The numbers of variant strains are based on the data reported to the National Infectious Diseases Register by 19February. The number of patients hospitalized for coronavirus and the deaths associated with the disease is based on the information reported to THL by the hospital districts.

- More information:
  - [Regional restrictions and recommendations](#)
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## Coronavirus variants

Viruses typically change over time. These variant viruses may differ from the previously virus strain in their characteristics, such as transmissibility. Several different coronavirus variants are currently circulating around the world.

Virus variants are identified by sequencing the whole or part of the genome of the virus. A sample of COVID-19 cases identified in Finland is selected for sequencing each week. The capacity to detect coronavirus variants is constantly

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being expanded. THL assesses the spread of coronavirus variants in collaboration with regional and national health authorities, and the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

The transmission of the new coronavirus variants can be prevented by the same measures that were used to limit the spread of the previously circulating coronavirus strain.

Read more on coronavirus variants and their monitoring on [THL's website](#) (in Finnish).

## Coronavirus vaccines

THL reports vaccination progress daily on its website: [COVID-19 vaccination progress](#) (in Finnish).

- Data on vaccine doses administered is based on the THL vaccination registry. The vaccination registry information is updated daily at approximately 1 p.m. Vaccination information may be transferred to the vaccination register with a delay of a few days. The information is updated retrospectively.
- ECDC: [Vaccine Tracker](#) (vaccination progress in Europe)

### Number of received vaccine doses and estimated number of future vaccine doses in Finland

Week	Number of received vaccine doses	Estimated number of future vaccine doses	Total number of vaccine doses
52/2020 – 6/2021	367,000		367,000
7/2021		109,000	476,000
8/2021		151,000	627,000
9/2021		107,000	734,000

*The table presents the total number of coronavirus vaccine doses received, estimated number of future vaccine doses and the total amount of vaccine doses in Finland. The table is updated once a week on Mondays. Updated 15.2.*

## 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).

## Information by region

The regional incidence will be monitored in the situation update for 14-day monitoring periods. A comparison of 14 day monitoring periods will reflect changes in incidence and the status of the epidemic over a longer period of time.

Regional incidence has changed as follows during the last **14 days** (3rd – 16th February) compared to the previous 14-day monitoring period (20th January – 2nd February):

- The incidence has increased in 7/21 regions compared to the previous 14 days.
- The largest number of new cases have been recorded in the hospital districts of Helsinki and Uusimaa, Southwest Finland, Vaasa, Satakunta, Central Finland, Pirkanmaa and North Ostrobothnia.
- In other regions, there have been under a hundred new cases per region during the latest 14-day monitoring period.
- The incidence decreased or remained the same in 14/21 hospital districts.
- New cases were diagnosed in all regions during the most recent 14-day monitoring period.

For more information on the regional epidemic situation by hospital district:

[Regional restrictions and recommendations](#)

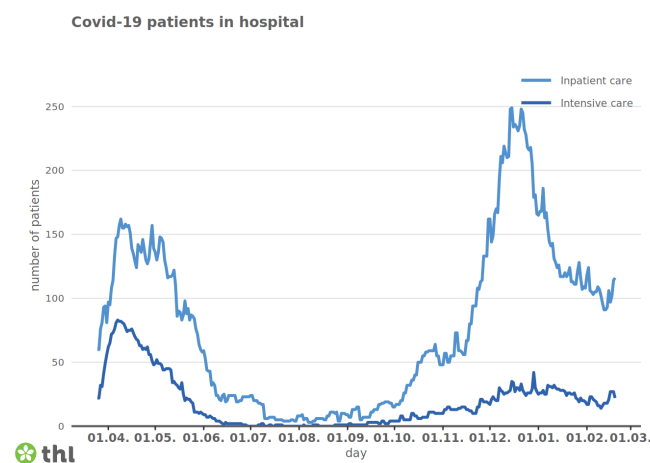
## People hospitalised due to coronavirus and deaths associated with the disease

Catchment area	In specialised medical wards	In primary healthcare wards	In intensive care wards	Hospitalised, total number	Deaths (cumulative)
Helsinki University Hospital catchment area	38	14	11	63	483*
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	3	13	5	21	79

Oulu University Hospital catchment area	5	4	1	10	33
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	11	12	2	25	59
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	12	5	5	22	72
<b>Nationwide total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>726</b>

*\* Helsinki University Hospital catchment area has retroactively updated the number of reported deaths.*

*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. The figures are based on information reported by the hospital districts. The patient situation is reported by catchment area to ensure patient privacy. Turku University Hospital catchment area also includes data for Åland. Information has been updated on February 18th.*



*The graph shows the number of people in hospital care and intensive care in Finland. The figures are based on information reported by the hospital districts. The information was updated on February 19th. As of week 50, more comprehensive information on COVID-19 patients in city and health center hospitals has also been reported to THL.*

## About intensive care

- A national office for the coordination of intensive care headed by the Kuopio University Hospital (KUS)

maintains the national [situational picture on intensive care \(in Finnish\)](#).

- Monthly 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 20/1/2021 \(Office coordinating intensive care, in Finnish, PDF 715 kt\)](#)

## Coronavirus-related deaths

- [The corona map](#) has information on deaths related to COVID-19 according to the date of death, and on the age distribution of the deceased.
- More detailed information on where the deceased had been treated immediately prior to their death has been collected from hospital districts on all 726 individuals: Of the deceased, 25 per cent were in specialised medical care, 39 per cent in primary health care units, 34 per cent in social welfare 24-hour units and 2 per cent at home or elsewhere.
- So far, the National Infectious Diseases Register has accumulated information on 739 fatalities and more detailed information is available on these. Of them, 51 percent were men and 49 percent were women. The median age of the deceased is 84.
- The majority (over 95 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 overall mortality in Finland. Deaths among working-age people are very rare and no deaths related to coronavirus disease in children and adolescents have been reported in Finland.
- More information: [Statistics on deaths related to COVID-19](#)

## The current status of the epidemic in other countries

- We update the section on the status of the epidemic in other countries once a week on Fridays. For daily information on the global situation, please see the links below.
- As in previous weeks, the incidence of new cases is globally highest on the American continents, in Europe and North Asia. In Europe the incidence of new cases is highest in Czech Republic, Spain, Slovenia and Latvia.
- During the 4-week-monitoring period, in Finland's neighbouring states in the Nordic countries, in Baltic

countries and in Russia, the incidence of new cases has decreased or has remained the same in all other countries except Estonia. In Finland, Norway and Iceland the incidence of new cases was under 100 per 100,000 inhabitants in the previous 14-day period.

- [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](#).
- [COVID-19 \(ECDC\)](#)



*The graph shows the incidence of diagnosed COVID-19 cases in the Nordic countries, Baltic states and Russia for the two previous 14-day monitoring periods. The direction and colour of the arrow indicate a decrease (Green) or an increase (Red) in incidence. If the incidence has remained the same, it is shown in the graph with a green arrowhead. The graph's cases have been listed according to their reporting date based on publicly available information the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The graph is updated once a week on Fridays for the situation update. Graph updated on February 12th.*

### See also

- [THL corona map](#)
- [More information on the corona map.](#)
- [THL symptoms map](#)
- [More information on the Symptoms Map](#)

### Research

THL is researching the spread of the coronavirus epidemic in the population and regionally. For more information on studies, see below:

- [Weekly report on the serological population study of the coronavirus epidemic](#)

- [Monitoring of coronavirus at wastewater treatment plants](#)



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