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The corona map is updated daily at noon.

NB. There have been delays in the updating of Corona map's information on Friday, 26.2.

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**Updated on Fri., February 26th at 14:10**

## The Coronavirus situation in Finland in brief

- Reported cases in total: **56,407** (+720\*)
- Total of **1,232\*** cases caused by the coronavirus variants have been identified in Finland:
  - B.1.1.7 UK variants: 1,167
  - B.1.1.7 South African variants: 64
  - P.1 Brazilian variant: 1
- Tested samples in total approx. **3,290,600** (+20,000\*)
- Cumulative number of reported deaths associated with the disease: **742** (+2\*)
- Number of patients in specialised medical care wards: **85** (+2\*)
- Number of patients in primary healthcare wards: **87** (+12\*)
- Number of patients in intensive care: **38** (+2\*)
- [COVID-19 vaccination progress](#) (in Finnish)

\*The information was updated on Friday, February 26th 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. 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

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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 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:

- [Coronavirus variants](#) (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.

Vaccination progress in Europe:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker](#) (ECDC)

## 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
<b>52/2020</b> – <b>7/2021</b>	473,000		473,000
<b>8/2021</b>		154,000	627,000
<b>9/2021</b>		109,000	736,000
<b>10/2021</b>		83,000	819,000

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 22 February.

## Information by region

Regional incidence has changed as follows during the last **14 days** (10th–23rd February) compared to the previous 14-day monitoring period (27th January–9th February):

- The incidence has increased in 12/21 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, Satakunta, Vaasa, Pirkanmaa, North Ostrobothnia, Central Finland, South Savo, Kanta-Häme, Päijät-Häme and South Karelia.
- 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 9/21 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](#)

## Information about hospital care

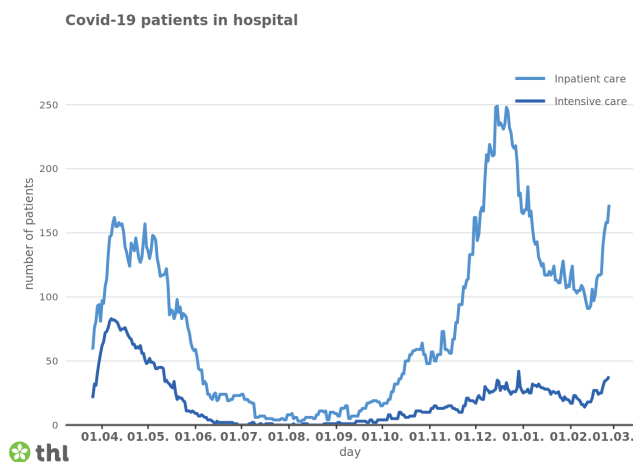
Hospital districts report the numbers of people having contracted COVID-19 and the deaths associated with the disease to the National Infectious Diseases Register.

### 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	51	22	26	99	491
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	9	22	1	32	79

Oulu University Hospital catchment area	5	24	3	32	33
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	9	15	3	27	62
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	11	4	5	20	77
<b>Nationwide total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>742</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. 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 26th.



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 26th. 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 \(in Finnish\)](#)

- [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.

- [The Corona map](#)

The National Infectious Diseases Register has accumulated information on 764 fatalities:

- The median age of the deceased is 83.
- 50% of the deceased were men and 50% women.
- Among the deceased persons on which more detailed health information is available in the National Infectious Diseases Register, the majority (over 95%) had one or more chronic diseases.

Place of care of the deceased persons immediately prior to their death:

- 25% in specialised medical care
- 40% in primary health care units
- 33% in 24-hour social welfare units
- 2% at home or elsewhere

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 about statistics:

- [Statistics on deaths related to COVID-19](#)

## 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).

## The current status of the epidemic in other countries

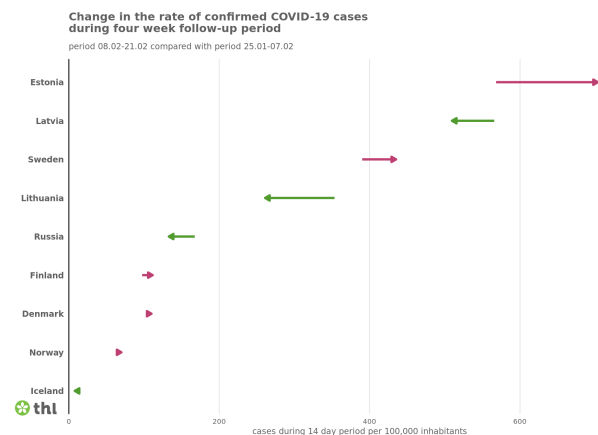
We update the section on the status of the epidemic in other

countries once a week on Fridays. For daily information on the global situation, please see the links below:

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

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, Slovakia, 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 increased most in Sweden and Estonia. In Norway and Iceland the incidence of new cases was under 100 per 100,000 inhabitants in the previous 14-day period.



*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 26th.*

#### 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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