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The Coronavirus situation in Finland in brief

- Reported cases in total: **90,249** (+563*)
 - 192 cases were reported on Saturday, 15.5.
 - 227 cases were reported on Sunday, 16.5.
 - 144 cases were reported on Monday, 17.5.
- Tested samples in total approx. **4,766,200** (+45,800*)
- Cumulative number of reported deaths associated with the disease: **933** (+2*)
- Number of patients in specialised medical care wards: **79** (+15*)
- Number of patients in primary healthcare wards: **26** (-4*)
- Number of patients in intensive care: **27** (-1*)
- [COVID-19 vaccination progress](#) (in Finnish)

*The information was updated on Monday, May 17th and shows the change compared to the previous business day. 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 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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 - [Compilation of statistics for COVID-19 cases](#)
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Coronavirus variants

It is typical for viruses to mutate. Mutated viruses can have different characteristics from an earlier virus strain. For example, virus strains that have been noticeably modified can be classified as so-called variants of concern (variant of concern, VOC).

THL is actively following how the coronavirus mutates and is evaluating how the variants affect the coronavirus epidemic. Many different variants of coronavirus are currently circulating around the world. The spread of the new viral

[coronavirus vaccine in Finland to come after European Medicines Agency issues recommendations](#)

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variants can be prevented in the same way that the contagion of the previous variant of the coronavirus.

Total of **6,424** cases caused by the coronavirus variants have been identified in Finland:

- B.1.1.7 UK variants: 5,265
- B.1.1.7 South African variants: 1 132
- B.1.617 Indian variants (and its sub-lineages): 25
- P.1 Brazilian variant: 2

The numbers of variant strains are based on the data reported to the National Infectious Diseases Register. The numbers are updated once a week on Wednesdays. The information was updated on Wednesday, May 12th.

In addition to the abovementioned VOC viral variants, other viral strains also exist in Finland and other parts of the world, in which the significance of the mutations they contain for the communicability of the virus or the protection offered by vaccines is not yet known. These are called sc variants of interest (VOI). THL is following but is not reporting VOI discoveries regularly. The World Health Organisation (WHO) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) are both maintaining listings of coronavirus variants of concern.

- [More information: WHO has classified Indian coronavirus mutation as 'variant of concern'](#) (press release in Finnish)

Read more on coronavirus variants and their monitoring:

- [Coronavirus variants](#) (in Finnish)
- [Separate review, changing theme: Monitoring Coronavirus variants II 31.3.2021 \(pdf 440 kb\)](#) (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
52/2020 – 19/2021	2,855,025		2,855,025
20/2021		240,000	3,095,025
21/2021		240,000	3,335,025
22/2021		285,000	3,620,025
23/2021		285,000	3,905,025

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 on Monday, May 17th 2021.

Information by region

Regional incidence has changed as follows during the last **14 days** (1st–14th May) compared to the previous 14-day monitoring period (17th–30th April):

- The incidence has increased in 11/21 regions compared to the previous 14 days.
- More than 100 new cases have been recorded in the hospital districts of Helsinki and Uusimaa, Southwest Finland, Päijät-Häme and Pirkanmaa.
- The incidence decreased or remained the same in 10/21 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](#)

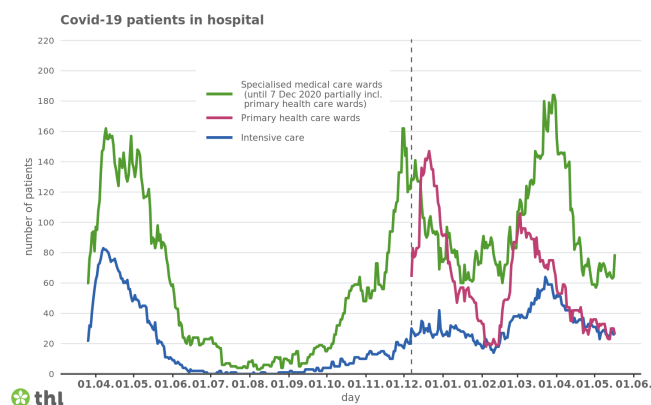
Information about hospital care

Hospital districts report the number of patients that have been hospitalised due to COVID-19 and the deaths associated with the disease to THL.

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	36	4	19	59	603
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	5	2	1	8	83
Oulu University Hospital catchment area	9	6	3	18	61
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	23	9	3	35	85
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	6	5	1	12	101
Nationwide total	79	26	27	132	933

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. The table has been updated on May 17th. 21/21 hospital districts reported up to date information to THL.



The graph shows the number of people in specialised medical care wards (green), primary health care wards (red) and intensive care (blue) in Finland. The figures are based on information reported by the hospital districts. The graph was updated on May 17th. 21/21 hospital districts reported up to date information to THL. As of week 50, comprehensive information on COVID-19 patients in primary health care wards 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 28/4/2021 \(Office coordinating intensive care, pdf 715 kt\) \(in Finnish\)](#)

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 980 fatalities:

- The median age of the deceased is 82.
- 53% of the deceased were men and 47% 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:

- 28% in specialised medical care
- 43% in primary health care units

- 27% in 24-hour social welfare units
- 2% at home or elsewhere

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).

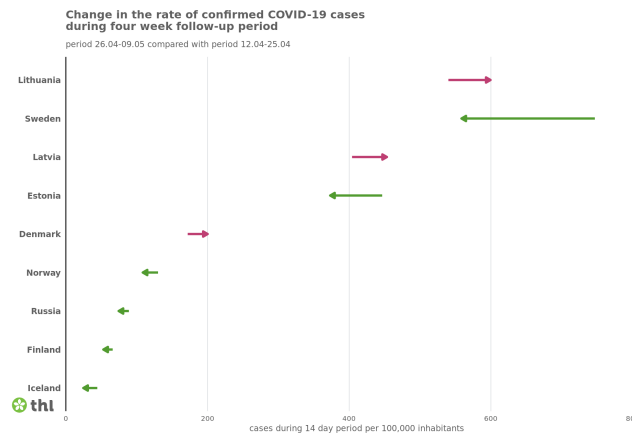
The current status of the epidemic in other countries

We update the section on the status of the epidemic in other countries once a week on Fridays. The information has been updated on Friday, May 14th. 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)

The incidence of new cases is globally highest in Southeast Asia, especially in India. In Europe, the incidence as a whole has decreased in the past few weeks. The incidence is now highest on Cyprus and in Lithuania, and the smallest on Iceland and in Portugal.

During the 4-week-monitoring period, in Finland's neighbouring states the incidence of new cases has increased most in Lithuania and Latvia, similarly to last week. In Sweden and Estonia the incidence of new cases has decreased most. Also in Finland, the incidence of new cases has decreased a little compared to the previous monitoring 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 countries have been arranged according to incidence during the most recent monitoring period. 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 has been updated on Friday May 14th.

See also

- [THL Corona map](#)
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- [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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