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## Situation update on coronavirus

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The corona map is updated daily at noon.

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## The coronavirus situation in Finland in brief

- Reported cases in total: **123,861** (+4,226)
  - 650 cases were reported on Thursday, 26.8.
  - 570 cases were reported on Friday, 27.8.
  - 619 cases were reported on Saturday, 28.8.
  - 619 cases were reported on Sunday, 29.8.
  - 472 cases were reported on Monday, 30.8.
  - 617 cases were reported on Tuesday 31.8.
  - 679 cases were reported on Wednesday 1.9.
- Tested samples in total approx. **6,595,400** (+185,200)
- Cumulative number of deaths associated with the disease: **1030** (+12\*)
- Number of patients in specialised medical care wards: **50** (-6\*)
- Number of patients in primary healthcare wards: **26** (+5\*)
- Number of patients in intensive care: **21** (-1\*)
- [COVID-19 vaccination progress](#) (in Finnish)

\*The information was updated on Wednesday, 1st September and shows the change compared to Wednesday, 25th August. 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 in hospital care is updated on the corona map on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The number of patients hospitalised for coronavirus disease is based on information reported to THL by the hospital districts. The number of deaths associated with COVID-19 is based on information in the National Infectious Diseases Register. The information may be adjusted retrospectively.

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

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example, virus strains that have been noticeably modified can be classified as so-called variants 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. Of these variants, Alfa-, Beta-, Gamma- and Delta-variants are classified as VOC. The spread of the new viral variants can be prevented in the same way that the contagion of the previous variant of the coronavirus.

A sample of all COVID-19 cases identified in Finland is selected for sequencing each week in order to assess the situation in different parts of Finland. About 20 percent of all positive samples are sequenced. In recent weeks, the Delta-variant was found from more than 90 percent of the samples sequenced.

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 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.

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
52/2020 – 33/2021	7,852,845		7,852,845
34/2021		225,000	8,077,845
35/2021		225,000	8,302,845
36/2021		155,000	8,457,845
37/2021		155,000	8,612,845

*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. Updated on 1st September 2021.*

## Information by region

Regional incidence has changed as follows during the last **14 days** (16th August–29th August) compared to the previous 14-day monitoring period (2nd August – 15th August):

- The incidence has increased in 7/21 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, North Ostrobothnia and Pirkanmaa.
- The incidence decreased or remained the same in 14/21 hospital districts.
- During the most recent 14-day monitoring period (16th August – 29th August), new cases were diagnosed in all areas.

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 to THL.

### People hospitalised due to coronavirus

Catchment area	In specialised medical wards	In primary healthcare wards	In intensive care wards	Hospitalised, total number
Helsinki University Hospital catchment area	16	21	6	43
Kuopio University Hospital catchment area	4	0	5	9
Oulu University Hospital catchment area	9	1	3	13
Tampere University Hospital catchment area	12	0	4	16
Turku University Hospital catchment area + Åland	9	4	3	16
<b>Nationwide total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>97</b>

The table shows the number of patients that have been hospitalised due to COVID-19 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 1st September and 20/21 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 1st September. 20/21 hospital districts reported up to date information to THL. As of week 50/2020, 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 \(in Finnish\)](#)

## 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 1030 fatalities:

- The median age of the deceased is 82.
- 54% of the deceased were men and 46% women.
- More detailed health information is available for 52% of the deceased persons. The majority of them (over 95%) had one or more chronic diseases.

\*The information in the National Infectious Diseases Register may be adjusted retrospectively.

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

The information on the status of the epidemic in other countries has been updated on 1st September. 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)

Globally, the incidence of new cases has remained approximately at the same compared to the previous week. The incidence of new cases has still increased in the Western Pacific in recent weeks. In Europe the incidence of new cases has remained the same compared to the previous week. In the EEA/EU countries the incidence has been the highest in Cyprus, Ireland, France and Greece.

During the four-week-monitoring period the incidence of new cases has increased in all the Nordic countries, Baltic states and Russia, except in Iceland.



*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). Graph has been updated on 1st September.*

## 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 \(in Finnish\)](#)

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