

# New coronavirus: Current situation – Switzerland and international



Information on the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus and those who have died as a result of the infection, as well as the report on the epidemiological situation in Switzerland, can be found here.

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## Current situation in Switzerland

Confirmed in Switzerland, **22.3.2020, 12 pm:**

### Number of cases

Tested positive: 7014 people

### Number who have died

60 people

## The top priority for the Swiss Federal Council is the health of the public

The aim should be to make sure that people are better protected from the novel coronavirus, especially those who are at a higher risk of becoming severely ill. We can all help by following the recommendations (both the new ones and those issued previously):

- **Keep your distance** – for example: Protect elderly people by keeping adequate distance from them; Keep your distance when queuing or waiting in line; Keep your distance at meetings.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly.**
- **Avoid shaking hands.**
- **Cough and sneeze into a tissue or the crook of your arm.**
- **If you have a fever and are coughing, stay at home.**
- **Only go to the doctor or A&E once you have notified them by phone.**

You will find detailed information on the “[Protect yourself and others](#)” site or at [www.foph-coronavirus](http://www.foph-coronavirus) .

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## Current situation – International

As of 21 March 2020, 6.45 am

Cases of new coronavirus infections have been confirmed in more than 160 countries or regions.

### Italy:

**Infected:** more than 53,000 people

**Died:** 4,825 people

### Globally:

**Infected:** more than 300,000 people

**Died:** more than 13,000 people

In the majority of cases the illness is mild. [However, people aged over 65 and those with an existing pre-illness could become seriously ill.](#)

## Affected areas: why is reference no longer being made to 'affected areas'?

There is now a risk of becoming infected with new coronavirus in almost all parts of the world. As of 9 March we will therefore no longer be referring to 'affected areas'.

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Press conference from 21 march 2020, 2 pm

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### Links

#### Federal government links

[FDFA: Coronavirus – News](#)

[EDA: Fokus Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

[alert.swiss: Ongoing events](#)

#### Additional links: Switzerland

[Safetravel: medical advice for travellers \(in German or French\)](#)

[HUG Geneva Virology Laboratory](#)

#### Additional links: international

[WHO: Coronavirus](#)

[Disease Outbreak News der WHO](#) 

[WHO Technical documents for novel coronavirus](#) 

[WHO advice for international travel](#) 

[Risk assessment of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ECDC](#) 

[ECDC: Infographic COVID-19](#) 

[Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#) 

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