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## 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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Press conference on 17 april 2020, 2 pm

### Current situation in Switzerland

17.4.2020, 8 am, cases confirmed in Switzerland:

No. of people tested positive (for coronavirus): 27,078

**Deaths:** 1,059 people

The figures published here are based on notifications received until early morning. They generally correspond to the date on which the sample was taken by the doctor. The figures contained in the report and in the Excel table may therefore differ from those communicated by the cantons.

## Graphics

You can find links to graphics on:



**Distribution by canton, age and sex** (in [German](#) or [French](#))



**Development over time** (in [German](#) or [French](#))

The graphic showing the development over time is based on the date on which cases were reported. This is generally the date on which the test was conducted. Figures relating to the last two or three days are provisional as there is sometimes a delay in reporting.

Evaluations are limited to data sets for which details regarding age, sex and the canton of residence are complete. Data from the Principality of Liechtenstein are excluded. This accounts for the difference in the figures shown in the graphics and the figures published above.

## Highest priority: To protect the public

The Federal Council's highest priority is to protect the public. It is important that we all continue to follow the recommendations and stay at home – even if the weather is fine. That way we can continue to curb the spread of the new coronavirus.

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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## Scientific advisory body

The Confederation has set up a scientific advisory body, the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force. Its members comprise researchers from across the Swiss scientific community. The Task Force is headed by Matthias Egger, president of the National Research Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF). The mandate comes from the Federal Council Coronavirus Crisis Unit KSBC, the FOPH and the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI.

Through its work the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force will help to overcome the coronavirus pandemic. It is providing its expertise in the fields of science and research to the relevant political authorities.

Further information can be found on the [website of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force](#).

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## Current situation – International

17.4.2020, 7 am:

Cases of new coronavirus infections have been confirmed in more than 230 countries or regions.

	Confirmed cases, more than	Deaths, more than
Italy	168,500	22,000
France	108,500	17,500
Germany	137,500	4,000
Austria	14,000	400
Globally	2,158,000	144,000

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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## News

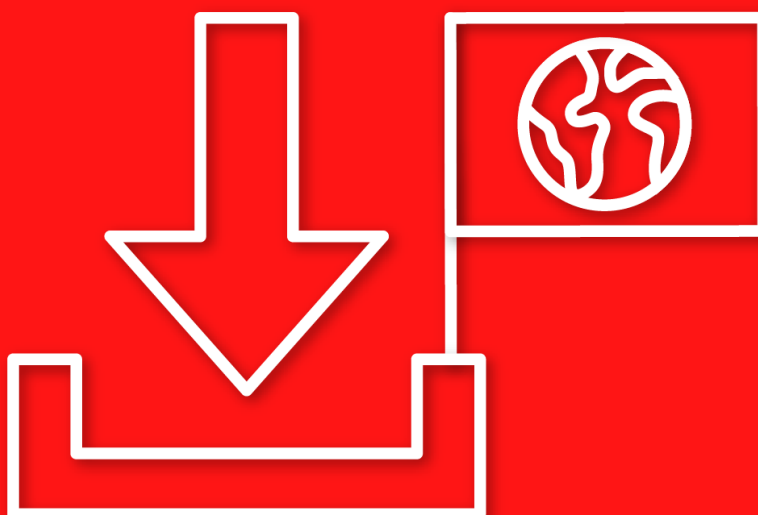
14.4.2020: [Staying at home and playing Bunny Madness](#)

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27.3.2020: [Evaluation of anonymised data on gatherings](#)

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Posters, videos, factsheets... information in numerous world languages to download and share.

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