

**Global** 2,201,713 cases      153,789 deaths      212 countries/territories/areas

### HIGHLIGHTS

In the Region of the Americas, an additional 37,589 cases and 3,002 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours – representing an 5% (cases) and 7% (deaths) relative increase compared to the previous day. Majority of the new cases (30,023 cases, 85%) and deaths (2,043 deaths, 85%) continue to be reported from the United States of America.

- **In the United States**, New York state reported 540 new deaths in the last 24 hours – the lowest daily toll in more than two weeks. Of the total, 504 deaths were reported from the hospitals and 36 were reported from nursing homes – a location recently under scrutiny for possible underreporting of COVID-19 related deaths among their residents – and an issue many countries such as Canada, France, Spain and the United Kingdom have also recently faced.
- **Other countries with a significant increase in the number of cases** compared to the previous day are Brazil (3,257 additional cases, 11% increase), Canada (1,741 additional cases, 6% increase) and Ecuador (572 additional cases, 7 % increase).
- **While the true mortality of COVID-19** will take some time to fully understand, the data we have so far indicate that the crude mortality ratio (the number of reported deaths divided by the reported cases) **for the region is approximately 5.3%**, mostly driven by cases and deaths from the US. The crude mortality ratio among the countries/territories with more than 1,000 cumulative cases reported to date are **Ecuador (13.2%), Mexico (7.9%), and Brazil (6.4%)**. See table 1.

### PAHO

821,874 (+5%)  
Cases\*

43,333 (+7%)  
deaths \*

54  
Countries/areas/territories

\* Total includes both confirmed and probable for Ecuador (deaths), Canada (cases) and the US (probable deaths in NYC)

### Global Updates

Worldwide, the number of COVID-19 cases has surpassed 2.2 million including more than 150,000 deaths from 212 countries/territories. While Europe was the epicenter of this pandemic in March 2020 after China in Jan-Feb, the daily death incidence is on a downward trend for many of its countries.

**In Italy**, the number of COVID-19 patients admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) has decreased to 2,812 as of 17 April compared to 5 April, when more than 4,000 patients were admitted in the northern region. While the trends in daily reported cases should be interpreted with caution due to delays in reporting and other biases, Italy has seen a steady decline in daily toll of cases since 21 March when 6,557 new cases were reported. In the past 24 hours, 3,491 cases were reported – a 46% reduction in daily number of cases since the peak in March.

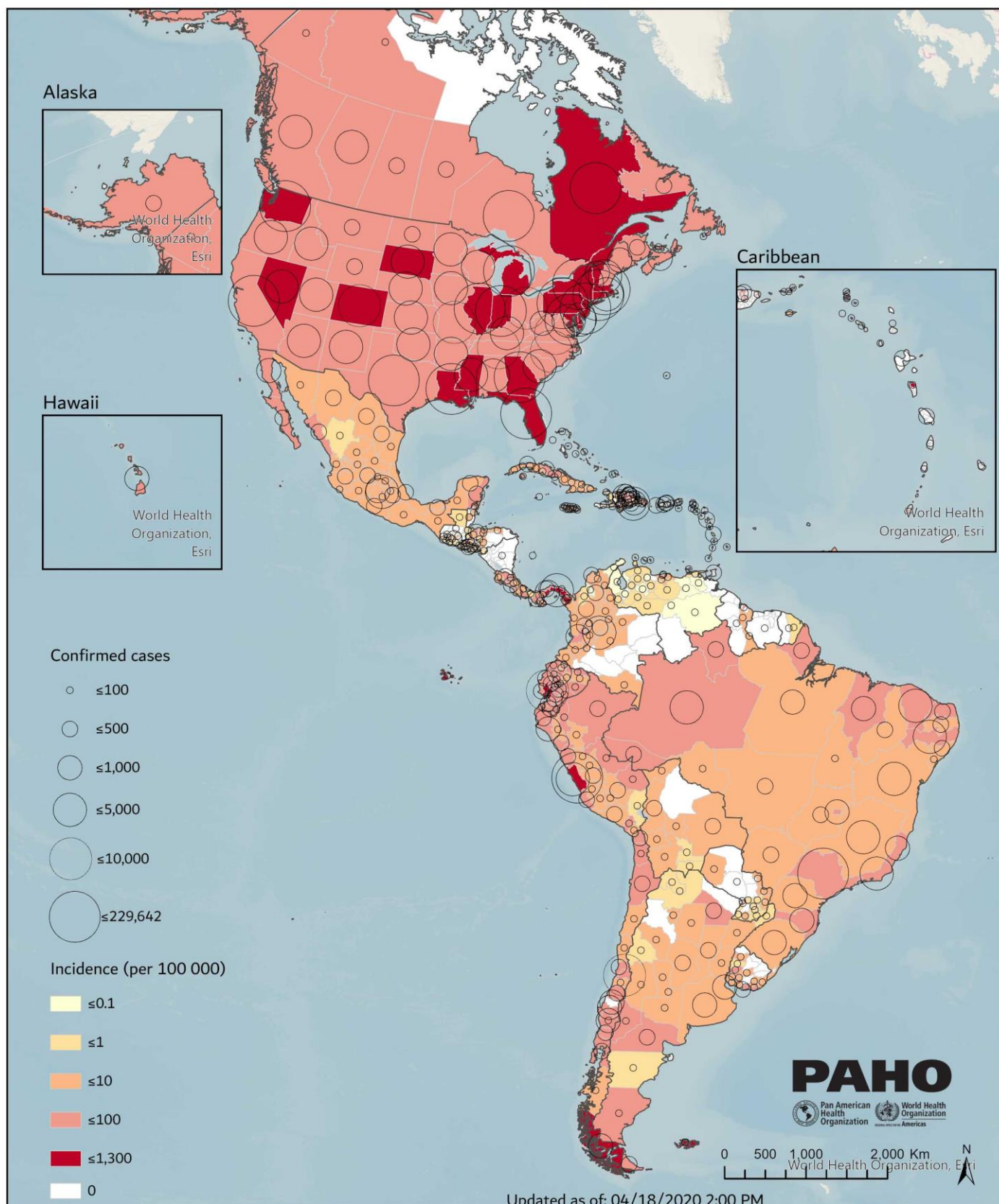
**Germany** has seen an increase in daily number of cases reported since 14 April with more than 3,600 cases reported in the past 4 days for a total of 137,439 cases reported to date including 4,110 deaths. The number of deaths had also risen by 242 in the past 4 days

**Iran has partially lifted the lockdown in Teheran**, its capital city today allowing some businesses to open including factory work. The other provinces in the country had lifted their two-week stay-at-home orders a week ago. The daily death incidence fell to a new low of 73 deaths – the lowest number since 12 March. The Islamic Republic of Iran currently has the 7th highest number of COVID-19 cases in the world with 80,868 cases reported to date including 5,031 deaths.

**Table 1: Cumulative cases and deaths among PAHO countries with ≥ 1,000 cumulative confirmed cases**

Country/Territor	Cases	Deaths
USA	695,353	36,736
Brazil	33,682	2,141
Canada	32,412	1,346
Peru	13,489	300
Chile	9,730	126
Ecuador	9,022	1,187
Mexico	6,875	546
Dominican Republic	4,335	217
Panama	4,210	115
Colombia	3,439	153
Argentina	2,784	129
Puerto Rico	1,118	60

**Map 1. Reported number of cumulative COVID-19 cases in the Region of the Americas and corresponding incidence rate (per 100,000 persons) by country/territory. As of 18 April 2020**



Data Sources: Member States Ministries of Health  
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Cumulative confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 18 April 2020

Updated as of 2 PM

Sub-Region	Country/Territory	Cases		Deaths		Recovered*	% Relative Increase in Confirmed Cases	Transmission Type
		Confirmed	Probable	Confirmed	Probable			
North America	Canada	32,400	12	1,346		9,271	6%	Community transmission
	Mexico	6,875		546		699	9%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)††	695,353		32,427	4,309	44,230	5%	Community transmission
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>734,628</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>34,319</b>	<b>4,309</b>	<b>54,200</b>	<b>5%</b>	
Central America	Belize	18		2			0%	Sporadic cases
	Costa Rica	649		4		88	1%	Clusters of cases
	El Salvador	190		7		43	7%	Clusters of cases
	Guatemala	235		7		21	10%	Clusters of cases
	Honduras	457		46		7	3%	Clusters of cases
	Nicaragua	9		1		6	0%	Undetermined
	Panama	4,210		115		122	5%	Community transmission
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>5%</b>	
South America	Argentina	2,784		129		685	3%	Community transmission
	Bolivia	493		31		31	6%	Clusters of cases
	Brazil	33,682		2,141		14,026	11%	Community transmission
	Chile	9,730		126		4,035	5%	Community transmission
	Colombia	3,439		153		634	6%	Community transmission
	Ecuador§	9,022		456	731	922	7%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	202		8	35	30	2%	Community transmission
	Peru¶	13,489		300			0%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	508		9		294	1%	Clusters of cases
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	204		9		111	0%	Clusters of cases	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73,553</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>20,768</b>	<b>7%</b>	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	23		2		3	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba	96		2		43	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bahamas (the)	54		9		9	0%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	75		5		15	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	83		5		35	0%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Sab	5					0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	61		1		7	0%	Clusters of cases
	Cuba	986		32		227	7%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	14	1	1		10	0%	Sporadic cases
	Dominica	16				8	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	4,335		217		312	5%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	11				1	0%	Clusters of cases
	French Guiana	96		0		61	0%	Clusters of cases
	Grenada**	13				7	-7%	Clusters of cases
	Guadeloupe	145		11		70	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guyana	63		6		9	11%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	44		3			2%	Clusters of cases
	Jamaica	163		5		25	14%	Clusters of cases
	Martinique	163		12		73	3%	Clusters of cases
	Montserrat	11				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico	1,118		60			5%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Barthelemy	6				5	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	14					0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	15				11	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Martin	37		2		19	6%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	1					0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	12				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Sint Maarten	57	1	9		12	0%	Clusters of cases
Suriname	10		1		4	0%	Sporadic cases	
Trinidad and Tobago	114		8		21	0%	Sporadic cases	
Turks and Caicos	11		1		0	0%	Sporadic cases	
Virgin Islands (UK)	3				2	0%	Sporadic cases	
Virgin Islands (US)	53		3		46	4%	Clusters of cases	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,911</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>5%</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>821,860</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38,258</b>	<b>5,075</b>	<b>76,293</b>	<b>5%</b>	

\*Recovered counts as indicated by reporting Member States

\*\* Case number revised by Grenada MoH on 18 April 2020

†Data reported by state/district/territory public health authorities. Confirmed case and death totals may include a small proportion of probable cases and deaths due to differences in reporting. Excludes counts for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands

‡To date, the probable deaths are those reported and defined by New York City, available at <https://on.nyc.gov/2RloJdU>

§Probable deaths as defined by the Ecuador Ministry of Public Health, available at: <https://bit.ly/2RZtqjR>

¶Total confirmed cases reported as per Peru Ministry of Health, of which 7,703 cases tested positive by RT-PCR and the remaining 5,786 cases tested positive by rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs); however, to date, these RDTs are not recommended for use by WHO

**Note:** WHO recommends using the following categories to describe **transmission patterns** at national and sub-national levels (wherever possible) to guide decisions for preparedness, readiness and response activities.

Category number	Category name	Definition
1	No cases	Countries/territories/areas with no cases
2	Sporadic cases	Countries/territories/areas with one or more cases, imported or locally detected
3	Clusters of cases	Countries/territories/areas experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures
4	Community transmission	Countries/area/territories experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains</li> <li>- Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance</li> <li>- Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area</li> </ul>