

Global & Regional Update. 2 PM WDC.

16 April 2020

Global 2,032,485
cases

138,511
deaths

212
countries/territories/areas

HIGHLIGHTS

In the Region of the Americas, an additional 35,903 cases and 6,892 deaths were reported in the past 24 hours – representing an 5% (cases) and 22% (deaths) relative increase compared to the previous day. The significant increase in daily death incidence compared to the previous day (2,986) is due to the addition of probable deaths from [New York City](#) (n=4,059) in the total death count. Majority of the new cases (28,711 cases) and deaths (6,409) continue to be reported from the United States of America.

- **Other countries in the region with significant increase in cases** compared to the previous day are Brazil (3,058 additional cases, 12 % increase), Canada (1,344 additional cases, 5% increase) and Peru (1,172 additional cases, 11 % increase).
- **On additional country/territory** joined the list of those with ≥ 1,000 cumulative confirmed cases in the region, for a total of 12 countries/territories – Puerto Rico reported a total of 1,043 cases including 56 deaths as of 16 April. (see table 1)
- **Of the total 6,892 new deaths** (confirmed +probable) reported in the past 24 hours majority were reported by the United States of America (6,409 additional deaths, 93% of total new deaths), followed by Brazil (204 new deaths, 3%), Canada (94 new deaths, 1.4%), and Ecuador (65 new deaths, 1%)
- **As of 14 April, Brazil** has reported 17 confirmed cases, 22 suspected cases, and 3 deaths among the country's indigenous populations, including two cases in healthcare workers.
- **In the last four weeks, the number of unemployment claims** in the United States reached 22 million — roughly the net number of jobs created in a nine-and-a-half-year stretch that began after the last recession (2009) and ended with the pandemic's arrival (2020).

[Preliminary research](#) (not peer reviewed) point to obesity as the most significant risk factor, second only to older age for patients being hospitalized with Covid-19.

Globally, the number of COVID-19 cases crossed the threshold of 2 million cases today – the threshold of 1 million cases was crossed on 3 April with approximately 1 million cases reported by 206 countries.

In Europe, the UK extended its lockdown by three weeks from its initial plan to reopen the country on 16 April 2020.

In Asia, Japan, which has seen a sharp rise in cases in the last month with more than 8,000 confirmed cases reported, is declaring a national emergency ahead of the long weekend on April 29. Experts worry that the holiday period known as "Golden Week" could spread the virus further in the country.

Singapore reported 728 new cases of COVID-19, a sharp increase in new daily cases compared to recent days. Among these new cases, 654 (90%) were reported among residents of migrant worker dormitories which has been a significant driver of Singapore's growing epidemic in recent weeks.

In Africa, Ghana reported that a total of 636 people tested positive for COVID-19 out of a total of 44,421 persons tested as of 13 April; eight of the cases have died. This is a more than doubling in the number of cases reported the previous week (287).

PAHO

743,623 (+5%)
Cases*

37,719 (+22%)
deaths *

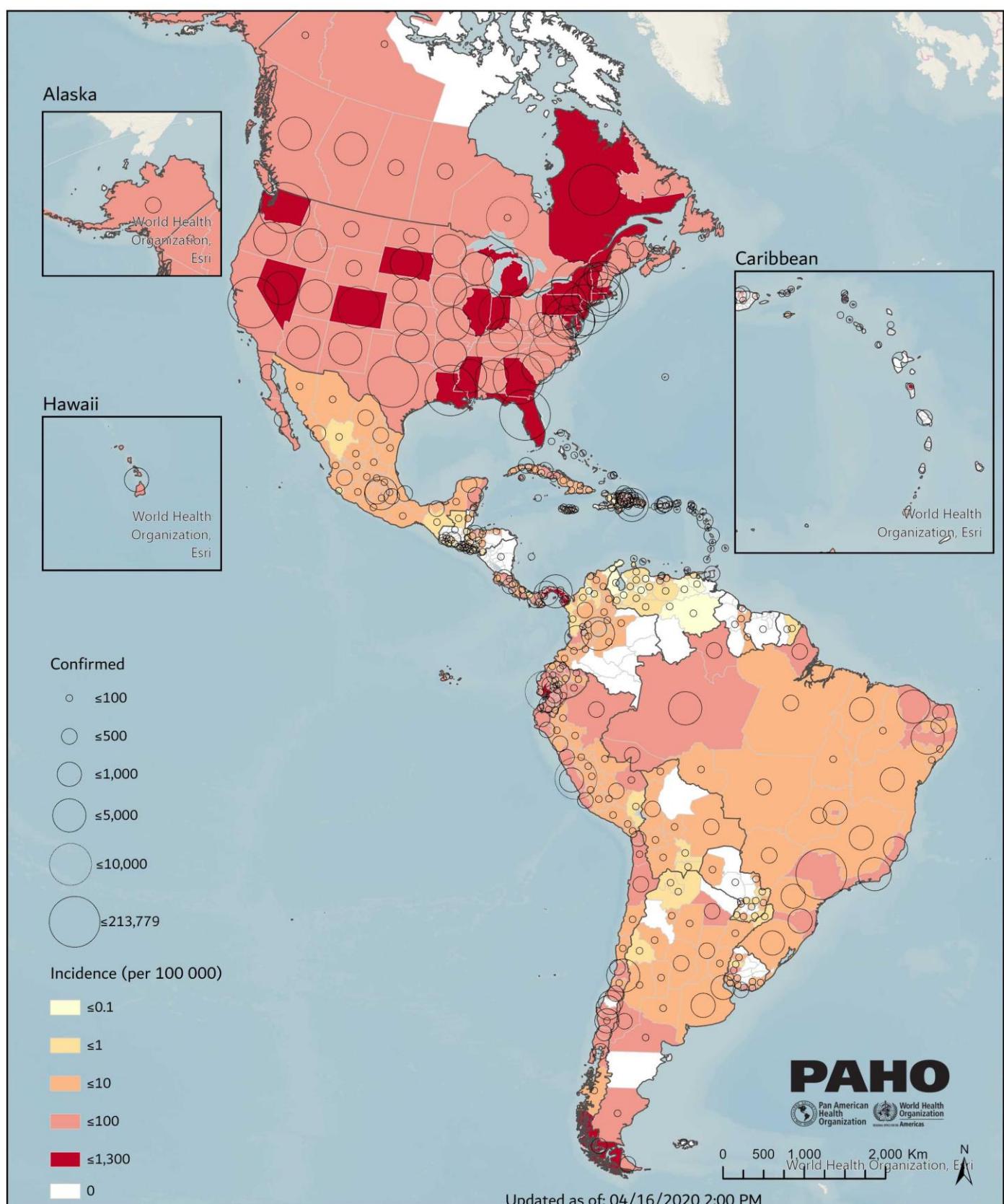
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Countries/areas/territories

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

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

Country/Territory	Cases	Deaths
USA	632,781	32,280
Canada	28,899	1,048
Brazil	28,320	1,736
Peru	11,475	254
Chile	8,807	105
Ecuador	8,225	1,035
Mexico	5,847	449
Dominican Republic	3,755	196
Panama	3,751	103
Colombia	3,105	131
Argentina	2,598	115
Puerto Rico	1,043	56

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 16 April 2020



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Cumulative confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases reported by countries and territories in the Americas, as of 16 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	28,884	15	1,048		8,553	5%	Community transmission
	Mexico	5,847		449			8%	Community transmission
	United States of America (the)†‡	632,781		28,221	4,059	39,690	5%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	667,512	15	29,718	4,059	48,243	5%	
Central America	Belize	18		2			0%	Sporadic cases
	Costa Rica	626		4		67	1%	Clusters of cases
	El Salvador	164		6		33	3%	Clusters of cases
	Guatemala	196		5		19	9%	Clusters of cases
	Honduras	426		35		7	2%	Clusters of cases
	Nicaragua	9		1		3	0%	Undetermined
	Panama	3,751		103		75	5%	Community transmission
	Subtotal	5,190	0	156	0	204	4%	
South America	Argentina	2,598		115		631	5%	Community transmission
	Bolivia	441		29		14	11%	Clusters of cases
	Brazil	28,320		1,736		14,026	12%	Community transmission
	Chile	8,807		105		3,299	6%	Community transmission
	Colombia	3,105		131		452	4%	Community transmission
	Ecuador	8,225		403	632	838	5%	Community transmission
	Paraguay	174		8		30	8%	Community transmission
	Peru§	11,475		254			11%	Community transmission
	Uruguay	493		9		272	0%	Clusters of cases
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	197		9		111	2%	Clusters of cases
	Subtotal	63,835	0	2,799	632	19,673	9%	
Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands	Anguilla	3				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Antigua and Barbuda	23		2		3	0%	Clusters of cases
	Aruba	95		2		39	2%	Clusters of cases
	Bahamas (the)	53		8		6	8%	Clusters of cases
	Barbados	75		5		15	3%	Clusters of cases
	Bermuda	81		5		33	42%	Clusters of cases
	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba	4					0%	Sporadic cases
	Cayman Islands	60		1		6	11%	Clusters of cases
	Cuba	862		27		171	6%	Clusters of cases
	Curacao	14		1		10	0%	Sporadic cases
	Dominica	16				8	0%	Clusters of cases
	Dominican Republic (the)	3,755		196		215	4%	Community transmission
	Falkland Islands (the) [Malvinas]	11				1	0%	Clusters of cases
	French Guiana	96				61	1%	Clusters of cases
	Grenada	14					0%	Clusters of cases
	Guadeloupe	145		8		68	0%	Clusters of cases
	Guyana	55		6		8	15%	Clusters of cases
	Haiti	41		3			0%	Clusters of cases
	Jamaica	125		5		23	19%	Clusters of cases
	Martinique	159		8		73	1%	Clusters of cases
	Montserrat	11				1	0%	Sporadic cases
	Puerto Rico	1,043		56			7%	Clusters of cases
	Saint Barthelemy	6				4	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Kitts and Nevis	14					0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Lucia	15				11	0%	Sporadic cases
	Saint Martin	35		2		13	0%	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	8%	Clusters of cases
	Suriname	10		1		4	0%	Sporadic cases
	Trinidad and Tobago	114		8		19	0%	Sporadic cases
	Turks and Caicos	11		1			10%	Sporadic cases
	Virgin Islands (UK)	3				2	0%	Sporadic cases
	Virgin Islands (US)	51		1		46	0%	Clusters of cases
	Subtotal	7,070	1	355	0	854	5%	
	Total	743,607	16	33,028	4,691	68,974	5%	

* Recovered counts as indicated by reporting Member States

† Data reported by state/district/territory public health authorities. 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>

§ Total confirmed cases reported as per Peru Ministry of Health, of which 6,820 cases tested positive by RT-PCR and the remaining 4,655 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: - Large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains - Large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance - Multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country/territory/area