

WHO Lebanon Daily Brief on COVID-19

13 February 2020

Highlights

- No confirmed cases have been reported yet in Lebanon.
- In his media briefing on 12 February 2020 WHO DG said: “This is a time for solidarity, not stigma”. Outbreaks can bring out the best and worst in people. Stigmatizing individuals or entire nations does nothing but harm the response. Instead of directing all our energy against the outbreak, stigma diverts our attention and turns people against each other. Hence, WHO has published key considerations for repatriation and quarantine of travelers in relation to COVID-19. More information can be found [here](#).
- On 12 February 2020 world experts and funders set priorities for COVID-19 research.
- The training of health workers through the Syndicate of Nurses on infection prevention and control will provide healthcare workers and health facilities with information related to COVID-19 - case definitions, transmission modes, signs and symptoms, diagnosis and available treatments - will commence 19 February 2020.

WHO role in emergency preparedness and response/IHR

- Monitoring outbreak
- Normative guidance
- Technical support for national authorities
- Risk communication
- Filling critical gaps

Situation in numbers as per Johns Hopkins dashboard

- Globally 60,349 confirmed (15,178 new)
- Cases reported from **25** countries
- 59,822 confirmed cases in China (15,092 new)
- **1,367** deaths (252 new)

Cases details (sitrep)

- 8,204 severe cases (871 new)
- 441 confirmed (46 new)
- A total of **6,140 admitted cases recovered** (Johns Hopkins dashboard)

Countries with confirmed cases

- 59,822 China
- 175 Others
- 51 Hong Kong
- 50 Singapore
- 33 Thailand
- 28 South Korea
- 28 Japan
- 19 Malaysia
- 18 Taiwan
- 16 Germany
- 16 Vietnam
- 15 Australia
- 14 US
- 11 France
- 10 Macau
- 9 UK
- 8 United Arab Emirates
- 7 Canada
- 3 Italy
- 3 Philippines
- 3 India
- 2 Russia
- 2 Spain
- 1 Nepal
- 1 Cambodia
- 1 Belgium
- 1 Finland
- 1 Sweden
- 1 Sri Lanka

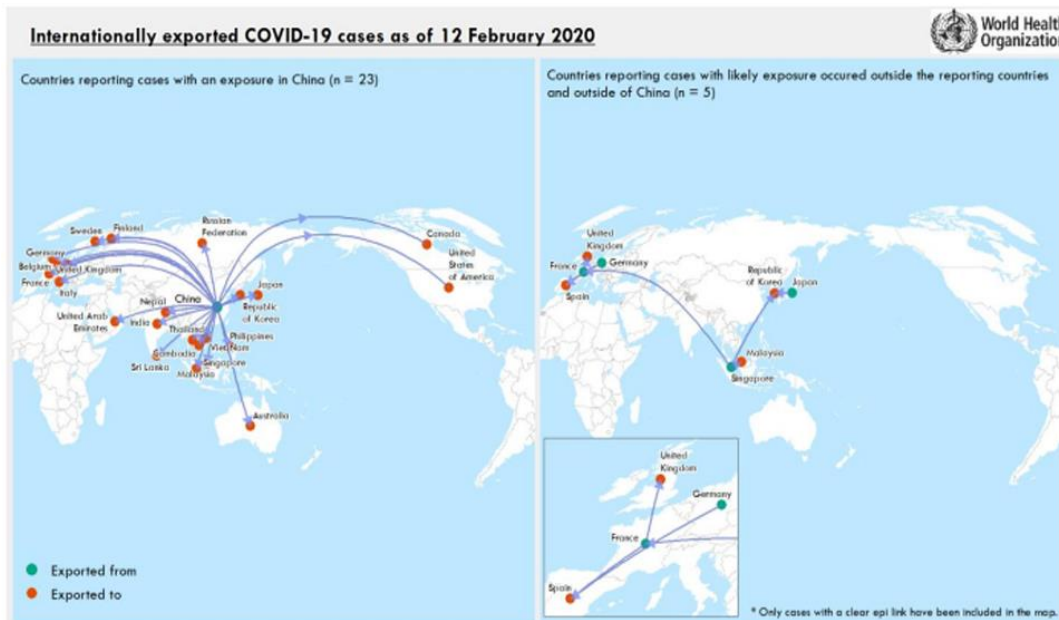


Figure1 Distribution of cases per country as reported to WHO (source WHO Sitrep 13 Feb 2020)

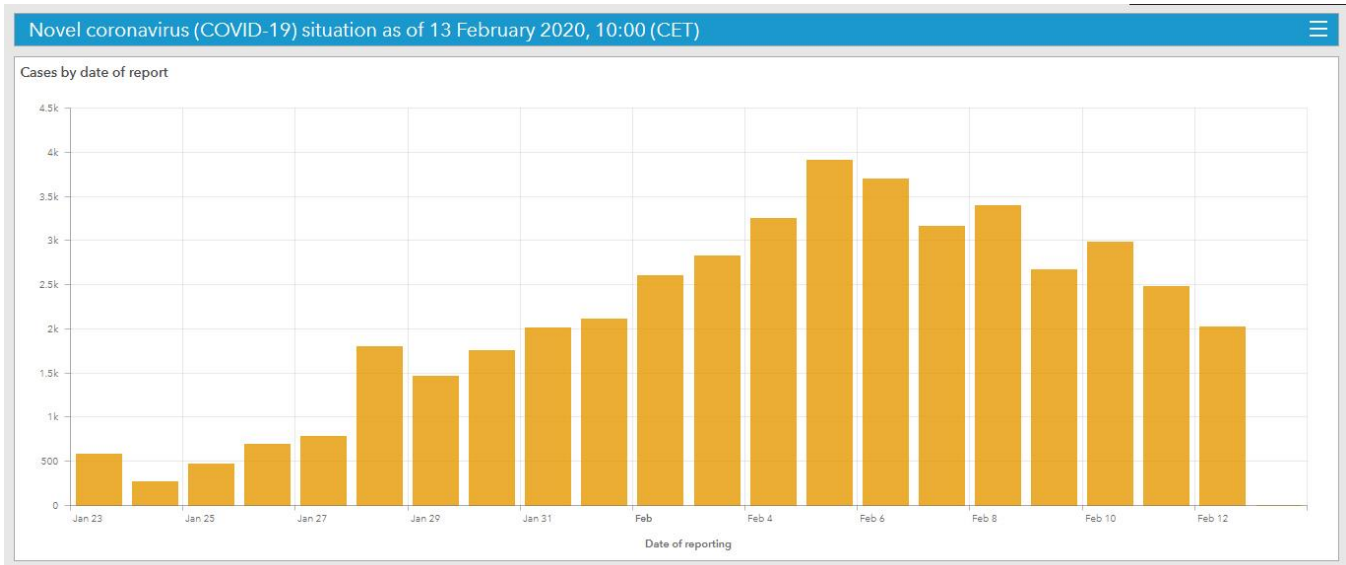


Figure 2 Progress of new infections daily reported (WHO dashboard 13 February 2020)

Tips

- The number of newly confirmed cases reported from China has stabilized over the past week, but that must be interpreted with extreme caution. This outbreak could still go in any direction.
- The number of countries reporting cases also has not changed since 4 February. Of the 48 new cases confirmed outside China yesterday, 40 were on board the Diamond Princess cruise ship, which is currently quarantined in Yokohama. WHO is in constant contact with the Japanese government, the International Maritime Organization, and the owner of the ship to protect the health of all passengers

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<p>Useful links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHO real time dashboard ➤ WHO COVID-19 page ➤ WHO travel advice (English/Arabic) ➤ Protect yourself (English/Arabic) ➤ Q&A (English/Arabic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WHO Lebanon Facebook ➤ WHO Lebanon Twitter ➤ WHO Lebanon Instagram ➤ WHO online course on emerging respiratory viruses, including COVID-19 	<p>Important numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MOPH Hotline 1214 ➤ Airport quarantine section 01-629352 ➤ Epidemiological Surveillance Unit 01-614194 01-614196 ➤ Preventive medicine center 01-843769 01830300
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