

WHO Lebanon Daily Brief on COVID-19

14 February 2020

Highlights

- **No confirmed cases have been reported yet in Lebanon.**
- The number of countries reporting cases has still not changed, and outside the cases on the Diamond Princess cruise ship, we're not seeing a dramatic increase in transmission outside China.
- Outside China, there are 447 cases from 25 other countries, and now two deaths. In addition to the death in the Philippines, there is now one more death in Japan.
- WHO will continue to track both laboratory and clinically-confirmed cases in Hubei province. We've seen this spike in the number of cases reported in China, but this does not represent a significant change in the trajectory of the outbreak.

Situation in numbers as per WHO dashboard

- Globally 48,010 confirmed (1,460 new)
- Cases reported from **25** countries
- 47,505 confirmed cases in China (955)
- **1,383** deaths (15 new) (CFR: 2.9%)

Cases details (sitrep)

- 447 confirmed outside China (10 new)
- A total of **7,080 admitted cases recovered** (Johns Hopkins dashboard)

Overnight 14,840 cases, including 13,332 clinically diagnosed cases were reported from Hubei. This is the first time China has reported **clinically diagnosed cases** in addition to **laboratory-confirmed cases**. For consistency, WHO report only the number of laboratory-confirmed cases. WHO is continuing to seek clarity regarding the dates the clinically diagnosed cases correspond to.

WHO role in emergency preparedness and response/IHR

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

Countries with confirmed (new) cases

China: **47505** Cases
International conveyance (Japan): **218** Cases (43)
Singapore: **58** Cases (11)
Japan: **33** Cases (5)
Thailand: **33** Cases
Rep Korea: **28** Cases
Malaysia: **19** Cases (1)
Germany: **16** Cases
Viet Nam: **16** Cases (1)
Australia: **15** Cases
USA: **15** Cases (2)
France: **11** Cases
UK: **9** Cases (1)
UAE: **8** Cases
Canada: **7** Cases
India: **3** Cases
Italy: **3** Cases
Philippines: **3** Cases
Russian: **2** Cases
Spain: **2** Cases
Belgium: **1** Cases
Cambodia: **1** Cases
Finland: **1** Cases
Nepal: **1** Cases
Sri Lanka: **1** Cases
Sweden: **1** Cases

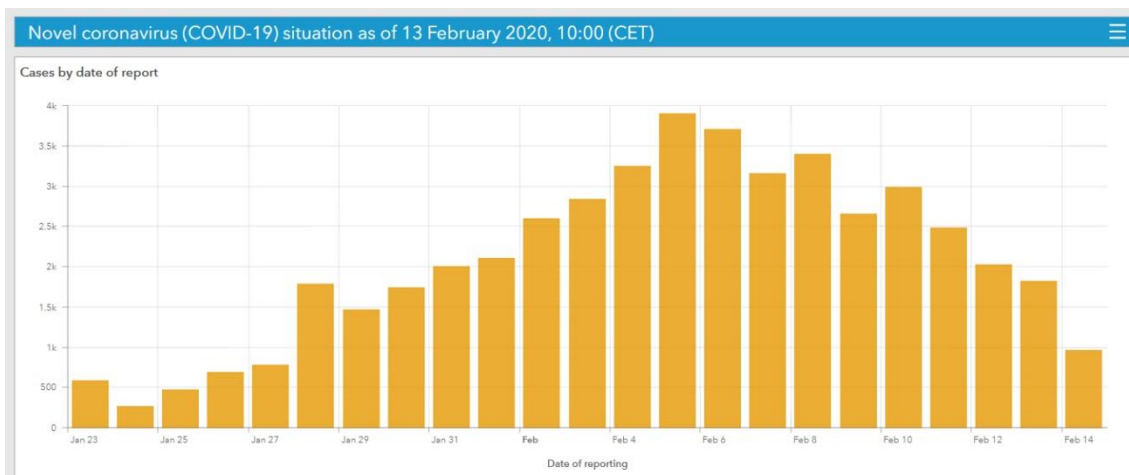


Figure 1 Progress of new infections confirmed by lab, daily reported (WHO dashboard 14 February 2020)

Questions and answers

Q: How big is this outbreak going to get? Have we passed the peak? When will we pass the peak?

A: 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. We won't know when this outbreak has peaked until later in its evolution. The virus may regain ground after seeming to retreat. We would not want to speculate. In any case, we expect more cases to be reported in China and other countries.

Q: Has China changed case definition to not include asymptomatic infection?

A: China continues to report all the confirmed laboratory cases of COVID-19 to WHO. We have requested confirmation from Chinese authorities of their case reporting procedures, and how these relate to the current revision of the case definition. (There have been 5 revisions as authorities learn more about the virus.)

As indicated in the latest prevention and control protocol for all of China issued on 6 February, suspected cases, confirmed cases and asymptomatic cases must be reported. We will inform you once we learn more.

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Useful links

- WHO real time [dashboard](#)
- WHO [COVID-19 page](#)
- WHO travel advice ([English/Arabic](#))
- Protect yourself ([English/Arabic](#))
- Q&A ([English/Arabic](#))
- WHO Lebanon [Facebook](#)
- WHO Lebanon [Twitter](#)
- WHO Lebanon [Instagram](#)
- WHO [online course](#) on emerging respiratory viruses, including COVID-19

Important numbers

- MOPH Hotline 1214
- Airport quarantine section 01-629352
- Epidemiological Surveillance Unit 01-614194 | 01-614196
- Preventive medicine center 01-843769 | 01830300