

Global and regional COVID-19 epidemic models situation report No 26 – 2022-01-21

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Combine and visualize international periodically updated estimates of
COVID-19 pandemic
at the **global** level and for **six WHO regions**

Based on uptake 20220128 in <https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedGlobal>
JOHN only in uptake 20220128. IHME and IMPE models have not been updated since the
previous uptake of CovidVisualizedGlobal, and the SRIV model updated estimates are highly
implausible.

DELP: [model by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge](#)

IHME: [model by Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle](#)

IMPE: [model by Imperial College, London](#)

SRIV: [model by Srivastava, Ajitesh, University of Southern California, Los Angeles](#)

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Summary

Summary of reported daily deaths and cases as of 20220128

Reported daily deaths are on the rise at the Global level and in all WHO regions, but the increase rate so far is small in AFRO and EMRO.

Reported daily cases deaths are on the rise at the Global level and in all WHO regions, except in SAERO and AFRO. Second notches (double tips) show in AMRO (PAHO) and WPRO – AMRO both with and without Canada and United States.

What is this report, and where does it come from?

This report shows the trajectory of daily deaths, infections, bed needs, and ICU bed needs at the global level, estimated by five international and periodically updating COVID-19 epidemic models.

The graphs show the predictions for *when* and *how much* increase/decrease in infections, deaths, and bed needs.

This report summarizes the results of a project named *CovidVisualizedGlobal*, an online tool developed to function as an early warning tool for technical advisers and health decision-makers.

Pre-print Data Note manuscript on Research Square, titled “CovidVisualized: Visualized compilation of international updating models’ estimates of COVID-19 pandemic at global and country levels”, 02 August 2021, PRE-PRINT (Version 1) available at Research Square [<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-768714/v1>] describes the methods and results of CovidVisualized tools: [CovidVisualizedCountry](#) (for Canada), [CovidVisualizedGlobal](#) (for global level), and [covir2](#) (for Iran).

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This report is the **27th** situation report of predictions of five international and periodically updating COVID-19 epidemic models about the future trajectory of the epidemic at the global level. The report is based on the “*CovidVisualizedGlobal*” online tool, that is a GitHub repository for sharing data and codes, available at

<https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedGlobal>

This report is meant to serve as an offline and stand-alone version of the online tool. Situation Reports are available online at

<https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedGlobal/tree/main/situation%20reports>

Objectives of the “*CovidVisualizedGlobal*” tool are to identify international and periodically updated models of the COVID-19 epidemic, compile and visualize their estimation results, and periodically update the compilations.

The ultimate objective is to provide an *early warning system* for technical advisors to the decision-makers. When the predictions of one or more models show an increase in daily cases or infections, hospitalizations, or deaths in the near future, **technical advisors to the national and subnational decision-makers** may consider suggesting augmentation of non-pharmacologic preventive interventions and vaccination. In doing so, the strengths and weaknesses of individual models need to be considered and those of this work. Models’ estimates demonstrate the trajectory of COVID-19 deaths, cases or infections, and hospital-related outcomes in one to three months into the future.

The “CovidVisualized” project includes <https://github.com/pourmalek/covir2> for Iran, <https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedCountry> for Canada and its provinces, and <https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedGlobal> for the global level.

Methods and technical details of this work are available in a pre-print Data Note manuscript on Research Square, titled “CovidVisualized: Visualized compilation of international updating models’ estimates of COVID-19 pandemic at global and country levels”, 02 August 2021, PRE-PRINT (Version 1) available at Research Square [<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-768714/v1>] describes the methods and results of CovidVisualized tools: *CovidVisualizedCountry* (for Canada), *CovidVisualizedGlobal* (for global level), and *covir2* (for Iran).

Strengths and weaknesses of international and periodically updating COVID-19 epidemic models are discussed in [Pourmalek F, Rezaei Hemami M, Janani L, Moradi-Lakeh M. Rapid review of COVID-19 epidemic estimation studies for Iran. BMC Public Health. 2021 Feb 1;21\(1\):257. doi: 10.1186/s12889-021-10183-3. PMID: 33522928.](#)

Stata codes written and used for this whole work can be examined online and/or downloaded and re-run to check, securitize, verify, or flag any mistakes.

<https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedCountry#iii-inner-works-of-this-repository-1>

Five international and periodically updating COVID-19 epidemic models:

DELP, IHME, IMPE, LANL, SRIV; and JOHN (these abbreviations are used in the graphs)

DELP: DELPHI. Differential Equations Lead to Predictions of Hospitalizations and Infections. COVID-19 pandemic model named DELPHI by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. *Reference:* COVID Analytics. DELPHI epidemiological case predictions. Cambridge: Operations Research Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

<https://www.covidanalytics.io/projections> and
<https://github.com/COVIDAnalytics/website/tree/master/data/predicted>

IHME: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. COVID-19 pandemic model by Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle. *Reference:* Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). COVID-19 mortality, infection, testing, hospital resource use, and social distancing projections. Seattle: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), University of Washington. <http://www.healthdata.org/covid/> and <http://www.healthdata.org/covid/data-downloads>

IMPE: Imperial. COVID-19 pandemic model by Imperial College, London. *Reference:* MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis (MRC GIDA). Future scenarios of the healthcare burden of COVID-19 in low- or middle-income countries. London: MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis, Imperial College London. <https://mrc-ide.github.io/global-lmic-reports/> and <https://github.com/mrc-ide/global-lmic-reports/tree/master/data>

LANL: Los Alamos National Laboratories. COVID-19 pandemic model by Los Alamos National Laboratories, Los Alamos. *Reference:* Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). COVID-19 cases and deaths forecasts. Los Alamos: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). <https://covid-19.bsvgateway.org/> // // Retired on 20210926.

SRIV: Srivastava, Ajitesh. COVID-19 pandemic model by University of Southern California, Los Angeles. *Reference:* Srivastava, Ajitesh. University of Southern California (USC). COVID-19 forecast. Los Angeles: University of Southern California. <https://scc-usc.github.io/ReCOVER-COVID-19> and https://github.com/scc-usc/ReCOVER-COVID-19/tree/master/results/historical_forecasts

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JOHN: Johns Hopkins. Coronavirus resource center, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. Curation of official reports of countries to World Health Organization. **Ground truth for comparison.** *Reference:* Johns Hopkins University. Coronavirus resource center. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html> and <https://github.com/CSSEGISandData/COVID-19>

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Graphs

Graphs of the most recent models' updates are shown here. These graphs, as well as graphs of previous updates, are available online at <https://github.com/pourmalek/CovidVisualizedGlobal>

Logical order of graphs:

(1) *Outcomes*: Daily deaths, Daily cases or infections, Hospital-related outcomes, Daily deaths estimated to reported ratio, Daily cases or infections estimated to reported cases ratio. Followed by extra outcomes estimated by IHME and added starting from uptake 20210916, i.e., Daily Infection-outcome ratios, Daily mobility, Daily mask use, and (Percent) cumulative vaccinated.

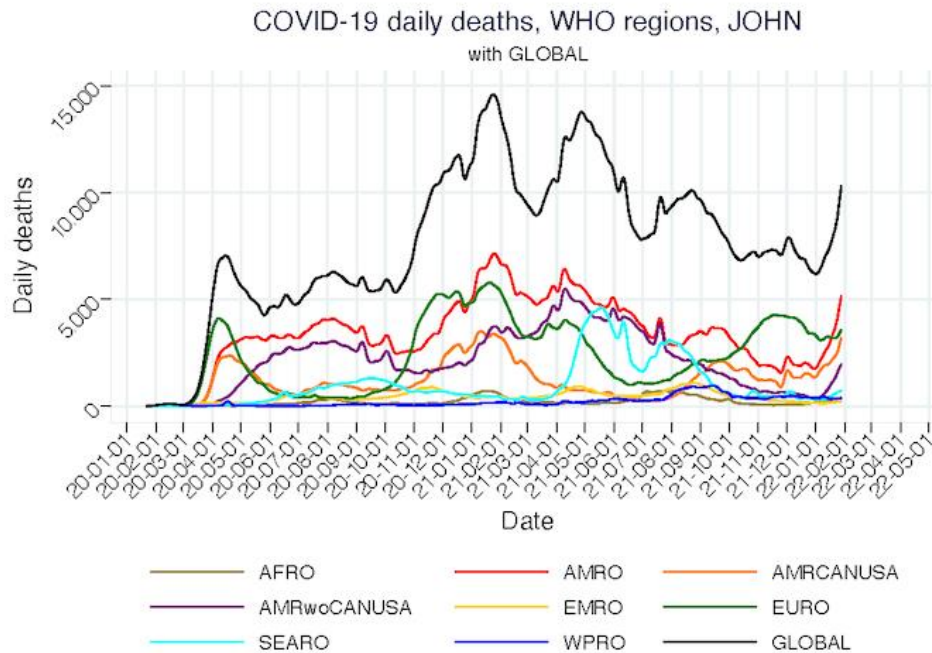
(2) *Calendar time of estimates coverage*: All-time, followed by 2021. To view the whole epidemic trajectory and further focus on the near future.

(3) *Scenarios*: Reference scenarios, followed by alternative scenarios. To examine the main or reference (aka. status quo) scenario and alternative (better and worse) scenarios.

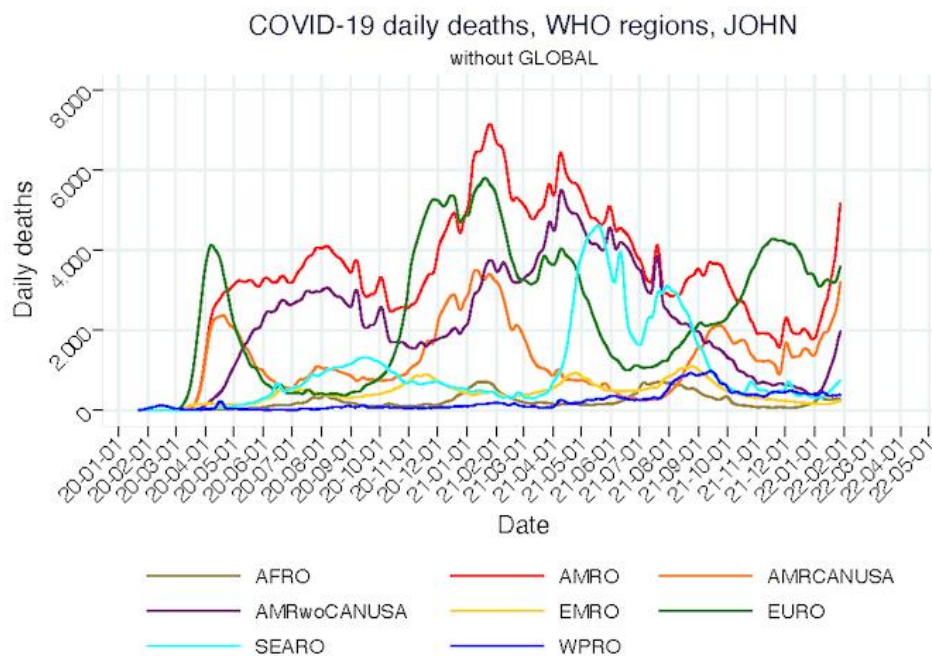
(4) *Five models*: Different models *within* each graph (for which model estimates update release dates are maximally synchronized), plus official reports of the country to WHO (curated by Johns Hopkins University) as the under-reported benchmark for trends. To examine how heterogeneity in methods used by different models results in heterogeneous results for the same outcome (same time-place-person aggregated units)

Selected graphs - Regions together

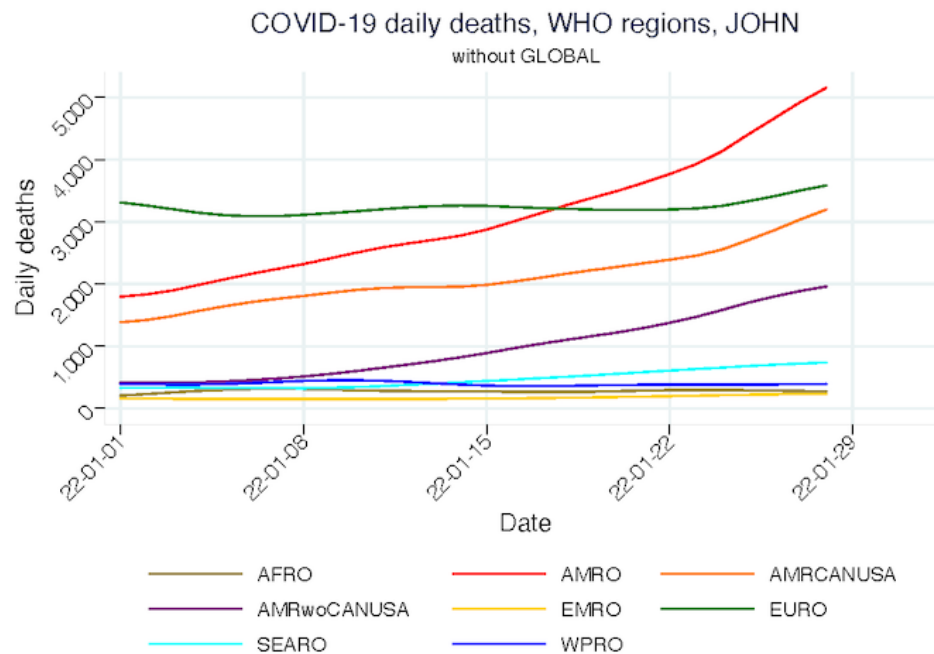
(0a) Regions together [Daily deaths, with GLOBAL, all time, JOHN](#)



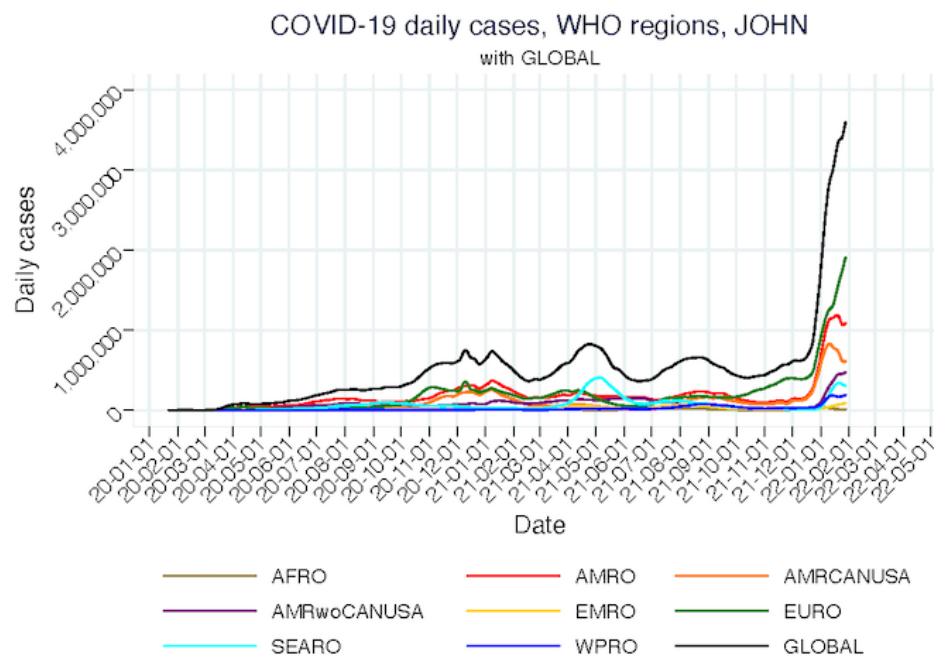
(0b) Regions together [Daily deaths, without GLOBAL, all time, JOHN](#)



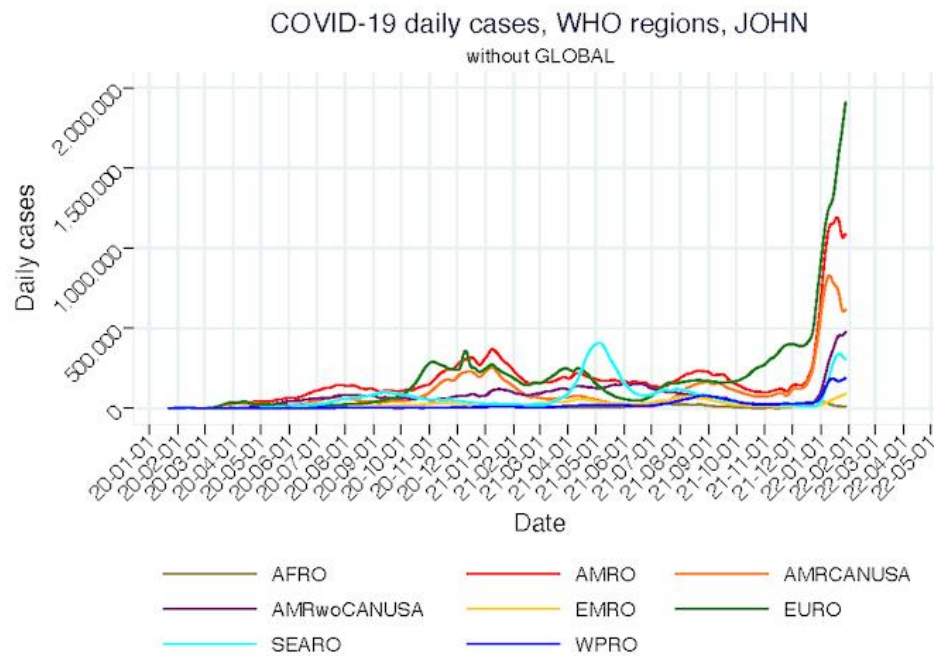
(0c) Regions together [Daily deaths, without GLOBAL, 2022, JOHN](#)



(00a) Regions together [Daily cases, with GLOBAL, all time, JOHN](#)



(00b) Regions together [Daily cases, without GLOBAL, 2021 on, JOHN](#)



(00c) Regions together [Daily cases, without GLOBAL, recent, JOHN](#)

