



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Daily Situation Report of the Robert Koch Institute

26/06/2020 - UPDATED STATUS FOR GERMANY

Confirmed cases	Deaths	Deaths (%)	Recovered
192,556 (+ 477*)	8,948 (+ 21*)	4.6%	ca. 177,100**

*Change from previous day; **Estimate

COVID-19 cases are notified to the local public health department in the respective districts, in accordance with the German Protection against Infection Act (IfSG). The data are further transmitted through the respective federal state health authority to the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). This situation report presents the uniformly recorded nationwide data on laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases transmitted to RKI.

– Changes since the last report are marked *blue* in the text –

Summary (as of 26/06/2020 12:00 AM)

- The cumulative nationwide incidence over the past 7 days was **3.9** cases per 100,000 inhabitants. A total of **143** districts transmitted zero cases.
- In total, **192,556** laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and **8,948** deaths due to COVID-19 have been electronically reported to the RKI in Germany.
- COVID-19 outbreaks continue to be reported in nursing homes and hospitals.
- Outbreaks of COVID-19 have been reported in several federal states (including in institutions for asylum seekers and refugees, in meat processing plants and logistics companies, among seasonal harvest workers and in connection with religious events and family gatherings).

Epidemiological Situation in Germany

Geographical distribution of cases

Epidemiological analyses are based on validated cases notified electronically to the RKI in line with the Protection Against Infection Law (Data closure: 12:00 AM daily). Since January 2020, a total of **192,556** (+477) laboratory-confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been electronically reported to and validated by the RKI (see Table 1). A total of **143** districts reported no cases in the past 7 days. Information on laboratory-confirmed cases is also available on the RKI website at

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Fallzahlen.html and <https://corona.rki.de>.

Table 1: Number and cumulative incidence (per 100,000 population) of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths for each federal state electronically reported to RKI, Germany (26/06/2020, 12:00 AM). The number of new cases covers positive cases, which have been sent to the local health department at the same day, but also at previous days.

Federal State	Total number of cases	Number of new cases	Cases/ 100,000 pop.	Cases in the last 7 days	7-day incidence per 100,000 pop.	Number of deaths	Number of deaths/ 100,000 pop.
Baden-Wuerttemberg	35,476	30	320	195	1.8	1,830	16.5
Bavaria	48,202	80	369	272	2.1	2,594	19.8
Berlin	8,096	75	216	414	11.0	212	5.7
Brandenburg	3,437	9	137	51	2.0	165	6.6
Bremen	1,658	5	243	32	4.7	49	7.2
Hamburg	5,173	-2	281	25	1.4	259	14.1
Hesse	10,707	41	171	193	3.1	505	8.1
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	797	1	50	5	0.3	20	1.2
Lower Saxony	13,422	44	168	253	3.2	625	7.8
North Rhine-Westphalia	42,150	158	235	1,656	9.2	1,673	9.3
Rhineland-Palatinate	6,951	11	170	54	1.3	235	5.8
Saarland	2,802	1	283	5	0.5	171	17.3
Saxony	5,439	1	133	38	0.9	222	5.4
Saxony-Anhalt	1,862	4	84	44	2.0	58	2.6
Schleswig-Holstein	3,144	4	109	13	0.4	152	5.2
Thuringia	3,240	15	151	27	1.3	178	8.3
Total	192,556	477	232	3,277	3.9	8,948	10.8

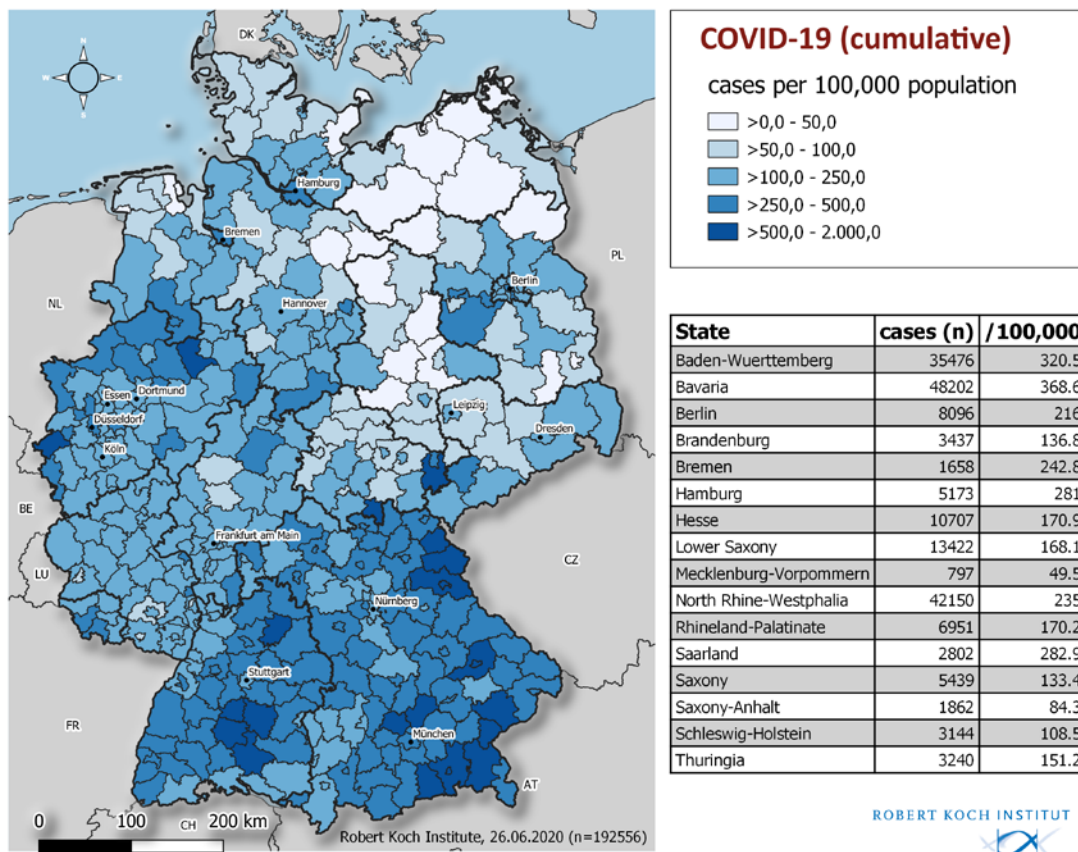


Figure 1: Number and cumulative incidence (per 100,000 population) of the 192,556 electronically reported COVID-19 cases in Germany by county and federal state (26/06/2020, 12:00 AM). Please see the COVID-19 dashboard (<https://corona.rki.de/>) for information on number of COVID-19 cases by county (local health authority).

Distribution of cases over time

The first COVID-19 cases in Germany were notified in January 2020. Figure 2 shows COVID-19 cases transmitted to RKI according to date of illness onset from 01.03.2020 onwards. With regard to all cases reported from 01.03.2020 onwards, the onset of symptoms is unknown in 57,155 cases (30%). When the onset of symptoms is unknown, the date of reporting is provided in Figure 2.

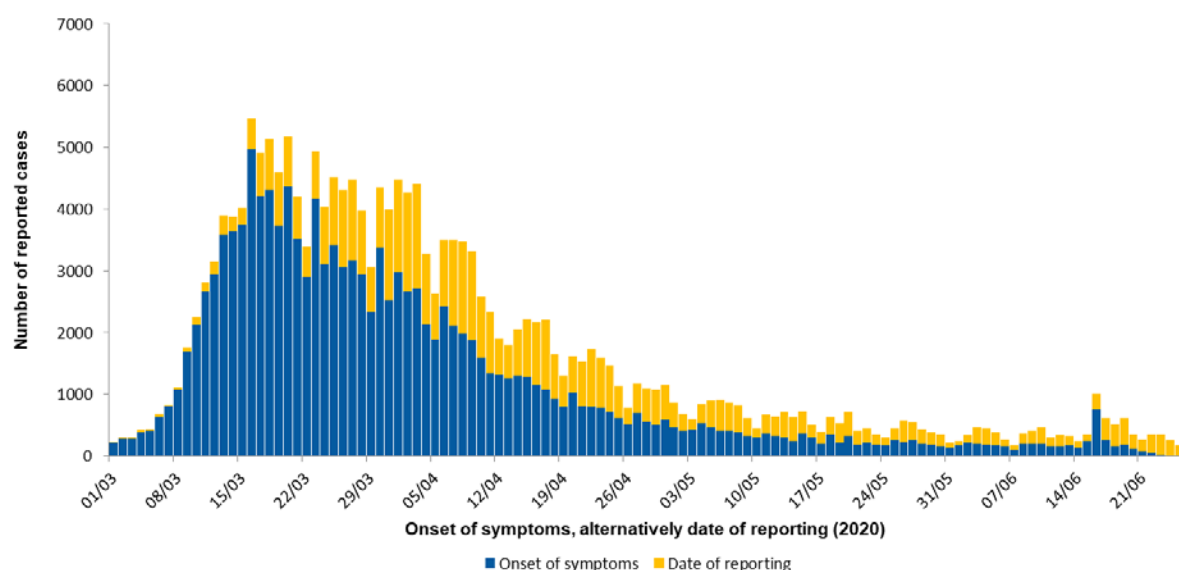


Figure 2: Number of COVID-19 cases in Germany electronically reported to the RKI by date of symptom onset or alternatively by date of reporting from 01/03/2020 (26/06/2020, 12:00 AM).

Note: The report is a snapshot and is continuously updated.

Demographic distribution of cases

Of all reported cases, 52% are female and 48% are male. Among all those notified cases, for which data on gender was reported, 4,631 were children under 10 years of age (2.4%), 9,192 children and teenagers aged 10 to 19 years (4.8%), 84,201 persons aged 20 to 49 years (44%), 58,732 persons aged 50 to 69 years (31%), 30,060 persons aged 70 to 89 years (16%) and 5,331 persons aged 90 years and older (2.8%). The age and/or gender is unknown in 409 notified cases. The mean age of cases is 49 years (median age 49 years). The highest incidences are seen in persons aged 90 years and older (Figure 3).

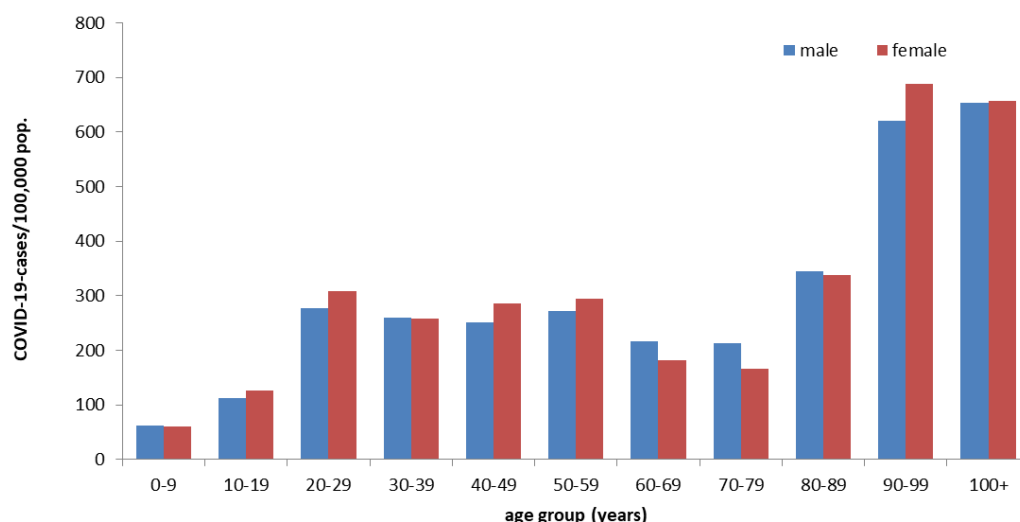


Figure 3: Electronically reported COVID-19 cases/100,000 population in Germany by age group and gender (n=192,141) for cases with information available (26/06/2020,12:00 AM).

Clinical aspects

Information on symptoms is available for 164,745 (86%) of the notified cases. Common symptoms are cough (49%), fever (41%) and rhinorrhoea (21%). Pneumonia was reported in 5,001 cases (3.0%). Since calendar week 17, cases are reported to the RKI as a distinct COVID-19 surveillance category. Since then, ageusia and anosmia can also be entered as symptoms. At least one of these two symptoms was reported in 3,185 of 21,682 cases (15%).

Hospitalisation was reported for 29,081 (17%) of 167,393 COVID-19 cases with information on hospitalisation status.

Approximately 177,100 people have recovered from their COVID-19 infection. Since the exact date of recovery is unknown in most cases, an algorithm was developed to estimate this number.

In total, 8,948 COVID-19-related deaths have been reported in Germany (4.6% of all confirmed cases). Of these, 4,951 (55%) are men and 3,992 (45%) are women (see Table 2), the gender was unknown in five cases). The median age was 82 years. Of all deaths, 7,671 (86%) were in people aged 70 years or older, but only 18% of all cases were in this age group. So far, three deaths among COVID-19 cases under 20 years of age have been reported to the RKI. Pre-existing medical conditions were reported for all three.

Table 2: Number of notified COVID-19 deaths by age group and gender electronically reported to RKI (Data available for 8,943 of notified deaths; 26/06/2020, 12:00 AM)

Gender	Age group (in years)										
	0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+
Male		2	7	17	50	232	627	1,356	2,093	561	6
Female	1		3	6	22	85	223	659	1,878	1,070	45
Total	1	2	10	23	72	317	850	2,015	3,971	1,631	51

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Occupation, accommodation or care in facilities

In accordance with the Protection Against Infection Law, the RKI receives information on occupation, accommodation or care in a facility relevant for infection control for reported COVID-19 cases

Since information on occupation, accommodation or care in these facilities is missing in 25% of cases, the proportion of cases working, accommodated or cared for in these facilities reported here should be considered minimum values. Among the COVID-19 cases reported from the above mentioned facilities, the proportion of cases that actually acquired their infection in these facilities is unknown.

Table 3: Notified COVID-19-cases according to possible occupation, accommodation or care in facilities relevant for transmission of infectious diseases electronically reported to RKI (191,475* cases, no data available for 48,489 cases; 26/06/2020, 12:00 AM)

Facility according to		Total	Hospitalised	Deaths	Recovered (estimate)
§ 23 IfSG (e.g. hospitals, outpatient clinics and practices, dialysis clinics or outpatient nursing services)	Cared for / accommodated in facility	3,337	2,384	620	2,600
	Occupation in facility	13,773	635	20	13,600
§ 33 IfSG (e.g. day care facilities, kindergartens, facilities for after school care, schools or other educational facilities, children's homes, holiday camps)	Cared for / accommodated in facility*	3,069	66	1	2,700
	Occupation in facility	2,699	137	8	2,600
§ 36 IfSG (e.g. facilities for the care of older, disabled, or other persons in need of care, homeless shelters, community facilities for asylum-seekers, repatriates and refugees as well as other mass accommodation and prisons)	Cared for / accommodated in facility	17,749	4,050	3,523	13,900
	Occupation in facility	9,859	421	46	9,700
§ 42 IfSG (e.g. meat processing plants or kitchens in the catering trade, in inns, restaurants, canteens, cafés, or other establishments with or for communal catering)	Occupation in facility	4,159	189	5	2,700
Neither cared for, accommodated in nor working in a facility		88,341	15,714	3,408	82,900

*for care according to § 33 IfSG only cases under 18 years of age are taken into account, as other information may be assumed to be incorrect.
IfSG: Protection Against Infection Law

So far, **13,773** cases with a SARS-CoV-2 infection have been notified among staff working in medical facilities as defined by Section 23 IfSG. Among the cases reported as working in medical facilities, 73% were female and 27% male. The median age was 41 years, 20 persons died.

The low number of cases among persons who attend or work in facilities providing child care or education (Section 33 IfSG) reflects the low incidence in children observed thus far. The high number of cases among people cared for or working in various care facilities (Section 36 IfSG) is consistent with numerous reported outbreaks, especially in nursing homes. The increase in the number of cases among persons working in the food sector (§42) is largely due to outbreaks in meat processing plants.

Outbreaks

A high 7-day incidence with more than 25 cases per 100,000 inhabitants was observed in **three** districts, primarily due to localised outbreaks: The districts of Guetersloh and the neighbouring district of Warendorf (both North Rhine-Westphalia) and the district of Goettingen (Lower Saxony).

The increase in the 7-day incidence in the district Guetersloh is due to an outbreak in a meat processing plant. The 7-day high incidence in Warendorf and Hamm is linked to the outbreak in Guetersloh. Employees of the meat processing company are residents of neighbouring districts. More than 1,500 employees tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. The affected plant was temporarily closed at short notice and all employees are being quarantined as well as their household members. In addition, all schools and day-care centres in the district of Guetersloh have been closed since 18th of June until the end of the summer holidays (11th of August 2020s), in the district of Warendorf since 25th of June. On June 23, 2020, the state of North Rhine-Westphalia officially activated the second stage of a lockdown for the districts of Guetersloh and Warendorf until June 30, 2020. In the affected region, testing for SARS-CoV-2 is being significantly expanded. Nursing facilities, hospitals, employees in the food retail sector, kiosk staff and residents of central shared accommodation will be tested in Gütersloh and Warendorf. The population can have a test performed free of charge. There have also been and still are outbreaks in meat processing plants in other federal states, some of which have led to production closures.

A large COVID-19 outbreak occurred in the district of Goettingen, in the context of highly crowded housing conditions. All inhabitants of one large apartment complex have been quarantined until 25th of June, control- and support measures are being carried out along with extensive testing. Additionally, an outbreak in a refugee facility is reported, affecting more than 20 people.

Decreasing 7-day incidence is reported from the city of Magdeburg, Saxony (an outbreak that led to closing of several schools), in Neukoelln, a district of Berlin, (an outbreak is linked to members of a religious community with more than one hundred cases; an entire block of flats has been quarantined) and Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg, another district of Berlin (47 cases in a block of flats so far).

Estimation of the reproduction number (R)

The presented case numbers do not fully reflect the temporal progression of incident COVID-19-cases, since the time intervals between actual onset of illness and diagnosis, reporting, as well as data transmission to the RKI vary greatly. Therefore, a nowcasting approach is applied to model the true temporal progression of COVID-19 cases according to illness onset. Figure 4 shows the result of this analysis.

The reproduction number, R , is defined as the mean number of people infected by one infected person. R can only be estimated based on statistical analyses such as nowcasting and not directly extracted from the notification system.

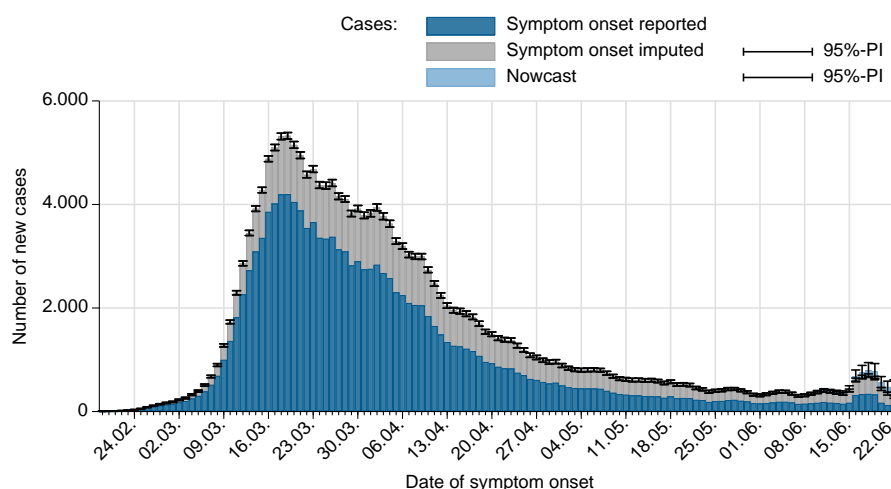


Figure 4: Number of notified COVID-19 cases with known date of illness onset (dark blue), estimated date of illness onset for cases without reported date of onset (grey) and estimated number of not yet notified cases according to illness onset electronically reported to RKI (light blue) (as of 26/06/2020, 12 AM, taking into account cases up to 22/06/2020).

The sensitive R-value reported can be estimated by using a 4-day moving average of the number of new cases estimated by nowcasting. This 4-day value reflects the infection situation about one to two weeks ago. This value reacts sensitively to short-term changes in case numbers, such as those caused by individual outbreaks. This can lead to relatively large fluctuations, especially if the total number of new cases is small. The current estimate of the 4-day R-value is **0.57** (95%-prediction interval: **0.48 – 0.70**) and is based on electronically notified cases as of 26/06/2020, 12:00 AM.

Similarly, the 7-day R-value is estimated by using a moving 7-day average of the nowcasting curve. This compensates for fluctuations more effectively, as this value represents a slightly later course of infection of about one to a little over two weeks ago. The 7-day R-value is estimated at **1.02** (95% prediction interval: **0.95 – 1.10**) and is based on electronically notified cases as of 26/06/2020, 12:00 AM. In light of the still low daily case numbers, both R-values should be interpreted with caution and in their course over several days.

The estimated reproduction numbers (R-value and 7-day R-value) have decreased to a value of 1 or below. The strongly increased values in the past few days are related to local accumulations, which are described in the section "Outbreaks", with the outbreak in North Rhine-Westphalia playing a particularly important role. The dynamics of the various outbreak events are also influenced in part by serial tests carried out in the scope of the detected outbreaks, which can promptly lead to the detection of further infected persons. For this reason, the reproduction figures may continue to fluctuate strongly. Since the case numbers in Germany are at a low level overall, these local outbreaks have a relatively strong influence on the value of the reproduction number.

Sample calculations as well as an excel sheet presenting both R-values with daily updates can be found under www.rki.de/covid-19-nowcasting. A detailed methodological explanation of the more stable 7day R-value is also available there. More general information and sample calculations for both R-values can also be found in our FAQs (<http://www.rki.de/covid-19-faq>).

A detailed description of the methodology is available at https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/EpidBull/Archiv/2020/17/Art_02.html (Epid. Bull. 17 | 2020 from 23/04/2020)

DIVI intensive care register

A registry of the German Interdisciplinary Association for Intensive and Emergency Medicine (DIVI), the RKI and the German Hospital Federation (DKG) was established to document intensive care capacity as well as the number of COVID-19 cases treated in participating hospitals (<https://www.intensivregister.de/#/intensivregister>). The DIVI intensive care register documents the number of available intensive care beds in the reporting hospitals on a daily basis. Since 16/04/2020, all hospitals with intensive care beds are required to report.

As of 26/06/2020, a total of **1,275** hospitals or departments reported to the DIVI registry. Overall, **32,441** intensive care beds were registered, of which **21,220** (65%) are occupied, and **11,221** beds (35%) are currently available. The number of COVID-19 cases treated in participating hospitals is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: COVID-19 patients requiring intensive care (ICU) recorded in the DIVI register (26/06/2020 06/2020, 12:15 AM).

	Number of patients	Percentage	Change to previous day*
Currently in ICU	364		4
- of these: mechanically ventilated	198	54%	2
Discharged from ICU	14,640		102
- of these: deaths	3,707	25%	1

*The interpretation of these numbers must take into account the slightly changing number of reporting hospitals (with large differences in their number of beds) from day to day. This can explain the observed decrease in the cumulative number of discharged patients and deaths on some days compared to the previous day.

Mortality Monitoring

A total of 24 European countries provide the European EuroMOMO project (European monitoring of excess mortality for public health action) with official mortality statistics on a weekly basis which allows the detection and measuring of excess deaths related to e.g. seasonal influenza and pandemics (<https://www.euromomo.eu/>). In Germany, two regional systems that allow the transmission of data, have been established so far (since 2007 in Berlin and Hesse). The establishment of a nationwide monitoring system is planned from 2021 onwards.

All-cause mortality for the countries in the EuroMOMO network are approaching normal levels, following a period of a substantial excess mortality coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic. A few countries are still seeing some excess mortality. Excess mortality was observed primarily in the age group of over-65s, but also in the age group of 15-64s.

Weekly mortality statistics are also recorded on the website of the Federal Statistical Office, albeit with a certain time lag (currently 31/05/2020). A special evaluation on excess mortality is updated every two weeks: <https://www.destatis.de/DE/Themen/Querschnitt/Corona/Gesellschaft/bevoelkerung-sterbefaelle.html> (in German). Looking at the development by months, in March 2020 there is no noticeable increase in the number of deaths compared to March of the previous year. In April, however, the mortality figures were significantly above the average of previous years; since the beginning of May, the mortality figures have been back to around the average.

Risk Assessment by the RKI

General assessment

At the global and the national level, the situation is very dynamic and must be taken seriously. The number of newly reported cases is currently decreasing. The RKI currently assesses the risk to the health of the German population overall as **high** and as **very high** for risk groups. This assessment may change at short notice based on new insights.

Infection risk

The risk of infection depends heavily on the regional spread, living conditions and also on individual behaviour.

Disease severity

In most cases, the disease is mild. The probability of progression towards serious disease increases with increasing age and underlying illnesses.

Burden on health system

The burden on the health care system depends on the geographical distribution of cases, health care capacity and initiation of containment measures (isolation, quarantine, physical distancing etc.). The burden is currently low in many regions, but may be high in some locations.

Measures taken by Germany

- Corona-Warn-App
https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/WarnApp/Warn_App.html
- Regulations for persons entering Germany in connection with the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (15.06.2020) https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/BMG_Merkblatt_Reisende_Tab.html
- Information on additional regulations at the regional level regarding control measures such as physical distancing or quarantine regulations for persons entering from other countries can be accessed here: <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/corona-bundeslaender-1745198> (in German)
- (Non-medical) face masks must be worn on public transport and in shops in all federal states.
- Data on current disease activity can be found in the daily situation reports and on the RKI dashboard:
<https://corona.rki.de/>
- A distance of 1.5 metres to other individuals must be maintained in public spaces:
<https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/besprechung-der-bundestkanzlerin-mit-den-regierungschefinnen-und-regierungschefs-der-laender-1733248> (in German)