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

01/06/2020 - UPDATED STATUS FOR GERMANY

<b>Confirmed cases</b>	Deaths	Deaths (%)	Recovered
181,815	8,511	4.7%	ca. 165,900**
(+333*)	(+11*)		

\*Change from previous day; \*\*Estimate

## Summary (as of 01/06/2020, 12:00 AM)

- In total, 181,815 laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and 8,511 deaths due to COVID-19 have been electronically reported to the Robert Koch Institute in Germany.
- The cumulative incidence (cases per 100,000) of COVID-19 is currently highest in Bavaria (359), Baden-Wuerttemberg (314), Hamburg (276) and Saarland (275).
- Most cases (67%) are between 15 and 59 years old. Women (52%) and men (48%) are almost equally affected. Slightly more men (55%) than women (45%) died.
- People aged 70 years or older account for 86% of deaths but only 19% of all cases.
- COVID-19 outbreaks continue to be reported in nursing homes and hospitals.
- Furthermore outbreaks of COVID-19 have been reported in several federal states in institutions for asylum seekers and refugees or in meat processing plants.

<sup>-</sup> Changes since the last report are marked blue in the text-

# **Epidemiological Situation in Germany**

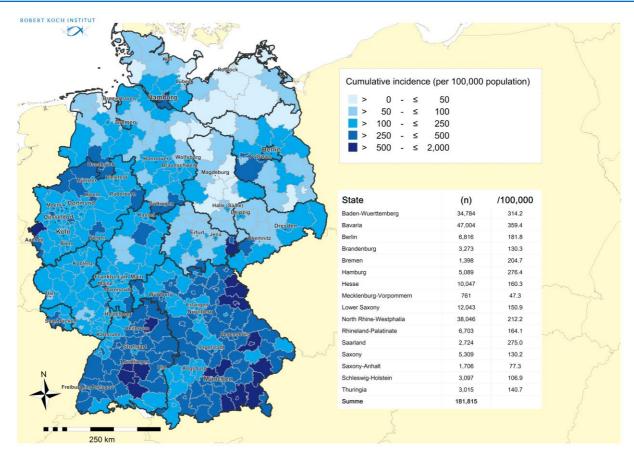
### Geographical distribution of cases

Epidemiological analyses are based on validated cases notified electronically to the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) in line with the Protection Against Infection Law (Data closure: 12:00 AM daily). Since January 2020, a total of 181,815 (+333) laboratory-confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been electronically reported to and validated by the RKI, including 8,511 deaths (see Table 1 and Figure 1). A total of 93 districts reported no cases in the past 7 days. Information on confirmed cases is also available on the RKI website at <a href="https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges">https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges</a> Coronavirus/Fallzahlen.html and <a href="https://corona.rki.de">https://corona.rki.de</a>.

**Table 1:** Number and cumulative incidence (per 100,000 population) of notified laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths for each federal state, Germany (01/06/2020, 12:00 AM).

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	34,784	66	314	282	2,5	1,752	15.8
Bavaria	47,004	87	359	606	4,6	2,451	18.7
Berlin	6,816	16	182	168	4,5	198	5.3
Brandenburg	3,273	2	130	34	1,4	155	6.2
Bremen*	1,398	0	205	87	12,7	42	6.1
Hamburg	5,089	2	276	9	0,5	253	13.7
Hesse	10,047	14	160	269	4,3	480	7.7
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	761	0	47	3	0,2	20	1.2
Lower Saxony	12,043	51	151	415	5,2	593	7.4
North Rhine- Westphalia	38,046	46	212	719	4,0	1,598	8.9
Rhineland-Palatinate	6,703	9	164	106	2,6	230	5.6
Saarland	2,724	0	275	20	2,0	163	16.5
Saxony	5,309	5	130	67	1,6	214	5.2
Saxony-Anhalt	1,706	1	77	12	0,5	55	2.5
Schleswig-Holstein	3,097	3	107	30	1,0	145	5.0
Thuringia	3,015	31	141	142	6,6	162	7.6
Total	181,815	333	219	2,969	3,6	8,511	10.2

<sup>\*</sup> Bremen is currently not transmitting data on weekends or public holidays.



**Figure 1:** Number and cumulative incidence (per 100,000 population) of the 181,815 electronically reported COVID-19 cases in Germany by county and federal state (01/06/2020, 12:00 AM). Please see the COVID-19 dashboard (<a href="https://corona.rki.de/">https://corona.rki.de/</a>) 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.

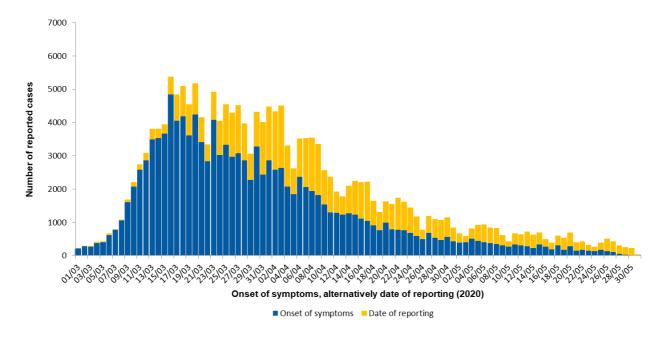
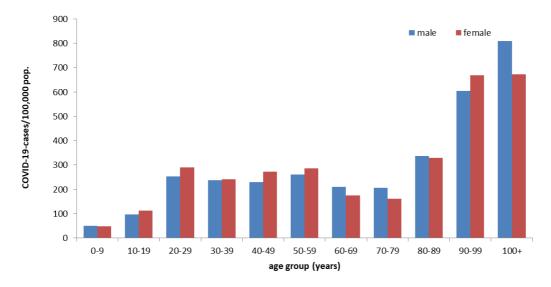


Figure 2: Number of electronically reported COVID-19 cases in Germany by date of symptom onset and by date of reporting from 01/03/2020. For 55,718 cases the onset of symptoms is unknown and the date of reporting is provided in the figure (01/06/2020, 12:00 AM).

#### **Demographic distribution of cases**

Of all reported cases, 52% are female and 48% are male. Among notified cases, 3,720 were children under 10 years of age (2.0%), 8,107 children and teenagers aged 10 to 19 years (4.5%), 78,671 persons aged 20 to 49 years (43%), 56,729 persons aged 50 to 69 years (31%), 29,271 persons aged 70 to 89 years (16%) and 5,204 persons aged 90 years and older (2.9%). The age is unknown in 113 notified cases, sex is unknown in 329 cases. The mean age of cases is 49 years (median age 50 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=181,384) for cases with information available (01/06/2020, 12:00 AM).

#### Clinical aspects

Information on symptoms is available for 153,835 (85%) of the notified cases. Common symptoms are cough (49%), fever (41%) and rhinorrhoea (21%). Pneumonia was reported in 4,612 cases (3.0%). Since calendar week 17, cases are reported to the RKI as a distinct COVID-19 surveillance category. Since then, loss of smell and taste can also be entered as symptoms. At least one of these two symptoms was reported in 2,212 of 13,849 cases (15%).

Hospitalisation was reported for 27,451 (18%) of 154,609 COVID-19 cases with information on hospitalisation status.

Approximately 165,900 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 the number of recovered cases.

**Table 2:** Number of notified COVID-19 deaths by age group and gender (Data available for 8,506 of notified deaths; 01/06/2020, 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	6	14	49	218	591	1,287	2,003	540	5
Female	1		3	6	18	72	211	618	1,808	1,009	45
Total	1	2	9	20	67	290	802	1,905	3,811	1,549	50

In total, 8,511 COVID-19-related deaths have been reported in Germany (4.7% of all confirmed cases). Of these, 4,715 (55%) are men and 3,791 (45%) are women (see Table 2; gender was unknown in five cases). The mean age was 81 years (median age 82 years).

Of all deaths, 7,318 (86%) were in people aged 70 years or older, but only 19% 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.

## Occupation, accommodation or care in facilities

In accordance with the Protection Against Infection Law (IfSG), the RKI receives information on occupation, accommodation or care in a facility relevant for infection control for reported COVID-19 cases (Table 3).

Since information on care/attendance, accommodation and occupation in these facilities is missing in 28% of cases, the proportion of cases cared for, accommodated or working in these facilities shown here should be considered minimums values. Among the COVID-19 cases reported as being cared for/attending, accommodated in or working in all of the above mentioned facilities, the proportion of cases that actually acquired their infection in these settings is unknown.

Table 3: Notified COVID-19-cases according to possible occupation, accommodation or care in facilities relevant for transmission of infectious diseases (181,842\* cases, no data available for 51,015 cases; 01/06/2020, 12:00 AM)

Facility according to		Total	Hospitalised	Deaths	Recovered (estimate)
§ 23 IfSG (e.g. hospitals, outpatient clinics and practices, dialysis clinics or	Cared for / accommodated in facility	2,982	2,095	559	2,200
outpatient nursing services)	Occupation in facility	12,865	587	20	12,500
§ 33 IfSG (e.g. day care facilities, kindergartens, facilities for after school care, schools or other	Cared for / accommodated in facility*	2,242	58	1	2,100
educational facilities, children's homes, holiday camps)	Occupation in facility	2,484	120	7	2,400
§ 36 IfSG (e.g. facilities for the care of older, disabled, or other persons in need of care, homeless shelters, community facilities for asylumseekers, repatriates and refugees as well as other mass accommodation and prisons)	Cared for / accommodated in facility	16,454	3,707	3,244	12,100
	Occupation in facility	9,292	392	48	8,900
§ 42 IfSG (e.g. kitchens in the catering trade, in inns, restaurants, canteens, cafés, or other establishments with or for communal catering)	Occupation in facility	2,423	156	51**	2,100
Neither cared for, accommodated in nor working in a facility		81,085	14,656	3,218	75,800

<sup>\*</sup>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

Until now, 12,865 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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> incorrect high case number due to technical data transmission problems

#### **Outbreaks**

A high 7-day incidence rates was observed in two cities or districts which is mainly due to localised outbreaks: in Sonneberg (Thuringia) and Coburg (Bavaria).

In the district Sonneberg, an outbreak occurred in a nursing home for the elderly in which several residents and employees were infected with SARS-Cov-2. There was also one case each among employees of an outpatient nursing service and a kindergarten. In Coburg outbreaks in long-term-carefacilities were reported.

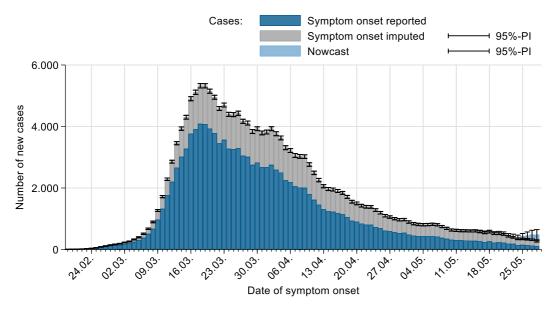
The 7-day incidence in the city of Regensburg has again fallen below 25 per 100,000 inhabitants. The measures taken by the health authorities in response to an outbreak in an accommodation for asylum seekers seem to be effective.

A Covid-19 outbreak occurred in the district of Göttingen, probably due to transmissions at private family celebrations. Until 31/05/2020, 36 persons tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. In total, more than 300 contact persons have been identified and contacted so far.

Outbreaks continue to occur in meat-processing plants in several federal states, some of which have led to production closures.

## 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 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.



**Figure 4:** Display of cases with known onset of the disease (dark blue), estimated onset of the disease for cases where the onset of the disease has not beed reported (grey) and estimated course of already symptomatic cases (light blue) (as of 01/06/2020 12 AM, taking into account cases up to 28/05/2020).

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

The R-value reported to date reflects the trend in the number of incident cases with a high degree of sensitivity. This value is thus sensitive to short-term changes in the number of cases - such as those caused by individual outbreaks - which can lead to relatively large fluctuations, especially if the total number of new cases is relatively low. In addition to this sensitive R-value, the RKI therefore now provides a second, more stable 7-day R-value, which is based on data from a longer time period and is

therefore less subject to short-term fluctuations. Thus, it reflects trends more reliably, but is based on infections that occurred on average earlier than those on which the more sensitive R-value is based.

Both R-values are estimated on the basis of nowcasting. The nowcasting predicts the number of cases with illness onset up to the date of 4 days ago, as no reliable prediction can be made about the number of new cases in the last 3 days.

The sensitive R-value reported so far can be estimated using a moving 4-day average of the number of incidenct cases as estimated by nowcasting. It compares the 4-day mean of incident cases on one day with the corresponding mean 4 days before. Thus, taking into account that infection occurs four to six days before the onset of symptoms, the daily sensitive R-value represents the course of infection approximately one to two weeks ago. As mentioned, this value is sentitive to short-term changes, e.g. due to local outbreaks, especially, if the number of new cases is relatively low. The current estimate is R=1.20 (95% prediction interval: 0.97-1.45) and is based on electronically notified cases as of 01/06/2020, 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. The 7-day R-value then compares the 7-day average of the new cases on one day with the 7-day average four days earlier. The 7-day R thus 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 0.95 (95% predictation interval: 0.85 - 1.06) and is based on electronically notified cases as of 01/06/2020, 12:00 AM.

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

A detailed description of the methodology is available at <a href="https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/EpidBull/Archiv/2020/17/Art\_02.html">https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/EpidBull/Archiv/2020/17/Art\_02.html</a> (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 01/06/2020, a total of 1,240 hospitals or departments reported to the DIVI registry.

Overall, 31.569 intensive care beds were registered, of which 19,316 (61%) are occupied, and 12,253 beds (39%) 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 (01/06/2020, 9:15 AM).

	Number of patients	Percentage	Change to previous day	
Currently in ICU	677		-25	
- of these: mechanically ventilated	385	57%	-25	
Discharged from ICU	13,433		-143	
- of these: deaths	3,512	26%	-50	

## 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 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

- For persons entering Germany from EU countries, Schengen-associated countries or the UK the federal and state governments recommend quarantine if the country of origin has a high COVID-19 incidence (>50 cases/100,000 inhabitants in the past 7 days).
   <a href="https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges">https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges</a> Coronavirus/Quarantaene Einreisen Deutschl and.html (in German)
- Information on additional regulations at the regional level regarding physical distancing can be found here: <a href="https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/corona-bundeslaender-1745198">https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/corona-bundeslaender-1745198</a> (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 indivduals must be maintained in public spaces:

  <a href="https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/besprechung-der-bundeskanzlerin-mit-den-regierungschefinnen-und-regierungschefs-der-laender-1733248">https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/besprechung-der-bundeskanzlerin-mit-den-regierungschefinnen-und-regierungschefs-der-laender-1733248</a> (in German)