

Speed and size of response to COVID-19

Indicative international comparisons¹

Measure	Metric	NZL	AUS	CAN	USA	UK	FRA	GER	ITA	ESP	PRC	ROK	JPN	SIN	SWE	DEN	AUT	IND	IRL
Date of first case		28/2	25/1	27/1	20/1	29/1	24/1	27/1	31/1	31/1	17/11	20/1	16/1	23/1	31/1	27/2	26/2	30/1	29/2
First death	Days from 1 st case	31	37	43	41	31	22	43	23	34	5	32	29	51	41	15	22	43	12
Border closed to foreigners	Days from 1 st case	20	56	52	54	-	54	51	47	47	133	-	72	62	48 ²	22	27	44	-
Lockdown in place	Days from 1 st case	26	-	-	-	55	54	61	0	44	- ³	-	-	76	-	16	21	54 ⁴	28
Self-isolation for all returning travellers	Days from 1 st case	17	51	59	-	-	34	49	47	53	-	73	64	56	53	-	25	44	26
Timing of first economic package	Days from 1 st case	19	48	52	68	43	53	55	46	42	79	50	29	56	46	18	20	57	22
Combined size of economic packages⁵	% of GDP	7%	12%	8%	12%	2%	5%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	7%	9%	6%	3%	7%	1%	2%
Are schools closed	Y/N/R (reopened)	R	N ⁶	Y ⁷	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	R	R ⁸	Y	Y	N ⁹	R ¹⁰	Y	Y	Y
Mass gathering limit	Max. no. of people	0	2 ¹¹	-	-	0	2	2	0	0	-	0	-	10	50	10	5	4	0

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Confirmed cases ¹²		1,472	6,721	49,616	988,197	158,348	165,963	158,758	199,414	229,422	83,918	10,752	14,153	14,423	18,926	8,896	15,274	29,451	19,648
Cumulative tests ¹³	per 100,000	2,563 ¹⁴	2,034 ¹⁵	1,882 ¹⁶	1,642 ¹⁷	807 ¹⁸	906 ¹⁹	2,511 ²⁰	2,972 ²¹	2,229 ²²	-	1,168 ²³	1,190 ²⁴	1,39 ²⁵	938 ²⁶	2,688 ²⁷	2,648 ²⁸	48 ²⁹	2,283 ³⁰
Confirmed deaths ³¹		19	83	2,661	54,881	21,092	23,293	6,126	26,977	23,521	4,637	24	385	12	2,274	427	549	939	1,102
	per 100,000 ³²	0.39	0.33	7.18	16.77	31.27	34.17	7.21	44.09	49.63	0.33	0.47	0.29	0.12	21.55	7.28	6.13	0.07	22.40

¹ This chart has been produced by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade using diplomatic and open source reporting. Best efforts have been made to ensure the data is accurate as at Tuesday 28 April 2020.

² Travel from non-EU/ European Economic Area member states ceased on 17 March.

³ Not a meaningful comparison. Restrictions differ by state, province or municipality.

⁴ A nation-wide curfew began on 22 March, followed by a lockdown on 23 March for states and territories with confirmed cases.

⁵ Direct fiscal measures only. Excludes monetary policy stimulus and government-backed loans. Some countries have also not estimated the size of their wage subsidies (UK & Spain), meaning their level of fiscal support is understated.

⁶ Localised - The six States and two Territories are implementing different policies such as bringing forward school holidays, implementing student-free schools or closing schools in some regions.

⁷ Localised - Ten Provinces and three Territories have mandated closures of educational institutions, with varying dates, which in some cases coincide with the term break and therefore not related to COVID-19.

⁸ The 2020 academic year started in early April with 5 weeks delay. Classes are being offered only through distance learning.

⁹ National closure of all upper secondary educational institutions and universities. Primary schools remain open.

¹⁰ Primary schools, kindergartens and nurseries re-opened on 15 April.

¹¹ New restrictions announced on 29 March as part of Australia's Alert Level 3 settings.

¹² Data provided from Johns Hopkins University & Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center, Maps & Trends <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>. There may be some variation depending on the adopted definition of the country providing the data. For example, many countries, e.g. Australia, report COVID-19 cases that are confirmed, whereas New Zealand reports both confirmed and probable cases – a broader category.

¹³ Data provided from Our World in Data website <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/full-list-cumulative-total-tests-per-100-people?year=2020-04-27&time=2020-03-09..&country=FRA+DEU+IRL+SGP+ESP+SWE+NZL>.

¹⁴ Data is from 26 April.

¹⁵ Data is from 27 April.

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