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Map of cases of COVID-19 in Montenegro.

<b>Disease</b>	<a href="#">COVID-19</a>
<b>Virus strain</b>	<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2</a>
<b>Location</b>	<a href="#">Montenegro</a>
<a href="#">Index case</a>	<a href="#">Podgorica</a>
<b>Arrival date</b>	17 March 2020 (4 months and 2 days ago)

<b>Confirmed cases</b>	1965 (182 imported)
<b>Active cases</b>	1582 (182 imported)
<b>Recovered</b>	357
<b>Deaths</b>	26
<b>Government website</b>	
<a href="https://www.coronainfocg.me">https://www.coronainfocg.me</a> #CoronainfoCG	

The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) was confirmed to have spread to [Montenegro](#) when its first case was confirmed on 17 March 2020,<sup>[1][2]</sup> making it the last European country to register a case of [SARS-CoV-2](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

As of 18 June 2020, the total number of cases in Montenegro is 337.<sup>[4]</sup>

On 24 May 2020, 68 days after the first case was recorded in Montenegro, it became the first corona-free country in Europe.<sup>[5][6]</sup> Within the first outbreak, indexed cases counted 9% of the total reported, 80% of cases were infected due to contact with primary cases, while the origin of infection of the other 11% of cases was not certain.<sup>[7]</sup> The Government of Montenegro estimated that the country needs EUR 59.2 million private and international relief to address the health, social and economical impact of COVID-19.<sup>[8]</sup>

Montenegro had no active cases from 24 May until 14 June when the first imported case was reported.

**Background**[\[edit\]](#)

On 12 January 2020, the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) confirmed that a [novel coronavirus](#) was the cause of a respiratory illness in a cluster of people in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, which was reported to the WHO on 31 December 2019.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

The [case fatality ratio](#) for COVID-19 has been much lower than [SARS of 2003](#),<sup>[11][12]</sup> but the [transmission](#) has been significantly greater, with a significant total death toll.<sup>[13][11]</sup>

**Timeline**[\[edit\]](#)

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Date		# of cases	# of deaths
2020-06-27		475(+5.8%)	9(=)
2020-06-28		498(+4.8%)	11(+22%)

2020-06-29		526(+5.6%)	12(+9.1%)
2020-06-30		554(+5.3%)	12(=)
2020-07-01		576(+4%)	12(=)
2020-07-02		616(+6.9%)	12(=)
2020-07-03		663(+7.6%)	13(+8.3%)
2020-07-04		720(+8.6%)	13(=)

2020-07-05		781(+8.5%)	14(+7.7%)
2020-07-06		841(+7.7%)	14(=)
2020-07-07		907(+7.8%)	17(+21%)
2020-07-08		960(+5.8%)	17(=)
2020-07-09		1,019(+6.1%)	19(+12%)
2020-07-10		1,019(=)	19(=)

2020-07-11	1,164(+14%)	23(+21%)
<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Coronavirus info Montenegro</a> and <a href="#">Insitute of Public Health</a>		

## March 2020<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

On **17 March**, Montenegro confirmed its first three cases of [COVID-19](#), a woman born in 1973, and a man born in 1963 of which two lived in the [capital city Podgorica](#), the other woman, born in 1948, was from [Ulcinj](#).<sup>[[14](#)]</sup> One of the first three cases had arrived 12 days earlier from the [United States](#), the other two cases had arrived 5 days earlier from [Spain](#) and were under medical surveillance.<sup>[[15](#)]</sup>

On **18 March**, 6 more cases were confirmed, one of whom had no links to the cases confirmed on the day before.<sup>[[16](#)]</sup>

On **19 March**, 2 more cases were confirmed, bringing the number of infected in the country to 10. Later that day, 3 more cases were confirmed, bringing the total to 13.<sup>[[17](#)]</sup>

On **20 March**, the 14th case was identified in [Herceg Novi](#).<sup>[[18](#)]</sup>

On **21 March**, 2 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[[19](#)]</sup>

On **22 March**, 6 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[[20](#)]</sup> One of these cases, a 65 year-old man who had traveled several days before from [Serbia](#), died one day after hospital admission, becoming the

country's first fatal case.<sup>[21]</sup>

On **23 March**, 5 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[22]</sup>

On **24 March**, 18 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[23]</sup> As 15 of the new cases were recorded in [Tuzi](#), the government imposed a complete lockdown on Tuzi,<sup>[24]</sup> making Tuzi the first municipality in Montenegro to be put into complete lockdown during the pandemic with only essential services being allowed to operate.<sup>[24]</sup>

On **25 March**, 6 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[25][26]</sup>

On **26 March**, 14 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[27]</sup> Later that day, two more cases were confirmed, while 6,258 people were under medical supervision.<sup>[28]</sup>

On **27 March** (07:45), one more case was confirmed.<sup>[29]</sup> Later that day (17:45), five more cases were confirmed, all of them in [Andrijevica](#), while 6,278 people were under medical supervision.<sup>[30]</sup> Later that day (21:00), 7 more cases were confirmed, 4 in [Tuzi](#) and 3 in [Bar](#).<sup>[31]</sup>

On **28 March**, 2 new cases were confirmed, one in [Tivat](#) and one in [Podgorica](#).<sup>[32]</sup>

On **29 March**, one new case was confirmed.<sup>[33]</sup>

On **30 March**, 6 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[34]</sup>

On **31 March**, 18 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[35]</sup>

**April 2020**<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

On **1 April**, 14 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[36]</sup>

On **2 April**, 17 new cases were confirmed.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

On **3 April**, the first recovery was reported, a 46-year-old man from Bar.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

## May 2020<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

On **24 May**, 68 days after the first case was recorded, Montenegro became the first corona-free country in Europe.<sup>[[37](#)]</sup>

## June 2020<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

On **14 June**, the first new case in the country was reported since **4 May**. However, this is also the first reported imported case, as a person from Bosnia and Herzegovina, who is presently in self-isolation, was tested positive.

On **15 June**, another imported case was reported in the country - this one also from Bosnia and Herzegovina and is currently located in Budva. As of 15 June, there are two active cases in Montenegro.

## Statistics<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

As of **16 July**, a total of **28,219** tests have been performed in Montenegro for COVID-19 (**44,792** tests per million inhabitants).<sup>[[38](#)]</sup>

Of the 26 deaths, 20 were caused by COVID-19 and 6 were caused by either complications from COVID-19 or from other diseases. All deceased people have been male, with an average age of 70.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>



The 1965 confirmed cases had an average age of 41, 56% of them were male and 44% of them female.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

The most recent case was discovered on 4 May 2020.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

As of 24 May 2020, Montenegro had no active cases, until 14 June 2020.<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

Since 14 June 2020 to 30 June 2020, of the 224 new cases, 176 were imported cases and 3 deaths.

### Infected per municipality<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

In 4 municipalities ([Plužine](#), [Šavnik](#), [Kolašin](#), [Mojkovac](#)) there were no confirmed cases, and in the other 20 there were a total of confirmed cases located as follows:

Municipality	Cases	Deaths	Recoveries
<a href="#">Podgorica</a>	797	5	173
<a href="#">Rožaje</a>	233	7	3
<a href="#">Tuzi</a>	39	0	38
<a href="#">Nikšić</a>	120	1	35
<a href="#">Bar</a>	84	2	22
<a href="#">Ulcinj</a>	42	2	22
<a href="#">Berane</a>	96	2	14
<a href="#">Bijelo Polje</a>	165	2	7
<a href="#">Budva</a>	73	0	9

<a href="#">Herceg Novi</a>	36	1	5
<a href="#">Plav</a>	8	2	6
<a href="#">Andrijevica</a>	8	0	7
<a href="#">Cetinje</a>	63	0	5
<a href="#">Pljevlja</a>	59	0	0
<a href="#">Danilovgrad</a>	12	0	3
<a href="#">Tivat</a>	38	0	3
<a href="#">Gusinje</a>	21	1	3
<a href="#">Kotor</a>	57	0	2
<a href="#">Petnjica</a>	12	1	0
<a href="#">Zabljak</a>	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>357</b>
<i>As of 16 July 2020</i> <sup>[39]</sup>			

## Government Measures<sup>[edit]</sup>

### Country-Specific Information:<sup>[40][41]</sup>

The Government of Montenegro announced an initial round of precautionary measures on March 13 designed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Subsequent measures have also been introduced. People found to be in violation of the regulations can be fined and/or arrested, and sentenced to up to a year in prison. Some of the measures include:

- Masks are required to be worn in all enclosed public spaces (e.g.

shops, banks, etc.)

- Extension of the validity of expired permanent and temporary residence permits and tourist visas until 1 July. For information about extending a tourist visa, contact the Ministry of Internal Affairs office at 020-245-663 between 07:00 and 15:00 on workdays for more information

- Clothing stores, book stores, hair salons, fitness centers, shops, craft workshops, dental offices, driving schools, rent-a-car agencies, museums, and galleries, are reopened with obligatory social distancing and mask measures.

- Beaches are open. An area of 16 m<sup>2</sup> will be delineated for each set of two deck chairs and one sunshade. The same rule applies to those who wish to use their own beach towels to lay on the beach. Deck chairs and other equipment will be disinfected on a daily basis.

- Individual sporting activities are allowed in public spaces, with obligatory social distancing measures. Group sporting activities are also allowed with up to 200 spectators who must still maintain social distancing measures.

- Internal maritime transport is reinstated for people and goods, with appropriate prevention measures, including the wearing of masks. Recreational maritime transport is also allowed.

- Religious rites are allowed under certain strict conditions, including:

- A maximum of one person per 10m<sup>2</sup>, inside the religious edifice;

- People must maintain a minimum of two meters distance between themselves;

- The maximum number of people allowed inside must be posted at the entrance;
- Everyone except for the religious leader giving rites must wear masks; and
- Hand disinfectant must be provided at each entrance and exit, and should be used by all who enter
- The maximum number of individuals gathering in people's homes is 20 persons
- All schools and universities remain closed.

Daycare centers are permitted to reopen under conditions.

Public gatherings (including weddings and funerals) are allowed outdoors and indoors, with the attendance of no more than 200 people, who are obliged to respect a physical distance of at least two meters and other recommendations, in accordance with corresponding instructions of Public Health Institute of Montenegro.

Cinemas and theaters are reopened.

[Montenegro Airlines](#) has announced that commercial flights will resume with limited destinations on or about 15 June.

- The movement of goods into Montenegro, as well as in transit to other countries, remains unhindered, but subject to special sanitary health controls.
- Limiting the number of customers in relation to the size of a retail outlet. Only one customer at a time is allowed in a retail space less than ten square meters. In a retail outlet larger than ten square meters, regardless of surface, there can be no more than 50

customers at one time.

- Obligation of commercial establishments to post a notice at their entrance indicating the maximum number of persons allowed inside at the same time and to implement these measures by providing the space and marking a distance of at least two meters between persons waiting to enter or checkout.
- Limiting the number of customers who can be in a market (i.e. farmer's/green market) to 100.
- Validity of expired driver's licenses is automatically extended if the driver possesses a valid insurance policy and proof of valid vehicle technical inspection until 1 July.
- Employers are encouraged to allow staff to continue teleworking when possible and to allow flexible scheduling for parents of children under 11 years old.
- Obligation of commercial establishments to ensure the implementation of health protection measures for their employees, as prescribed by the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro.
- Enforcing epidemiological measures for people performing construction, including social distance between employees and other measures of occupational health and safety.
- Suspension of the 2 euro fee for official birth certificates.

### **Montenegro Entry and Exit Requirements:**

Land Borders with Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and Albania are opened. No testing required for crossing into Montenegro, 14-day quarantine is required for visitors entering from countries with >25 confirmed cases on 100,000 population.

## See also<sup>[[edit](#)]</sup>

- [COVID-19 pandemic by country and territory](#)
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