

(Covid-19): 2020 Pandemic

World Health Organization (WHO) announced “COVID-19” as the name of this new disease on 11 February 2020.

In COVID-19, ‘CO’ stands for ‘corona,’ ‘VI’ for ‘virus,’ and ‘D’ for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as “2019 novel coronavirus” or “2019-nCoV”. There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses.

Official names have been announced for the virus responsible for COVID-19 (previously known as “2019 novel coronavirus”) and the disease it causes. The official names are:

severe acute respiratory syndrome

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

Deaths over time
238,730

Confirmed cases over time
3,256,205



(SARS-CoV-2)

South-East Asia
44,592

Africa
20,316

Western Pacific
151,444



Eastern Mediterranean
206,004

Americas
1,384,641

Europe
1,518,895