

# Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

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:

**disease**  
coronavirus disease  
**(COVID-19)**  
**virus**  
severe acute respiratory syndrome  
coronavirus 2  
**(SARS-CoV-2)**

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

**3,595,662**  
confirmed cases

**247,652**  
deaths

Europe  
1,626,037

Americas  
1,542,829

Eastern Mediterranean  
229,198

Western Pacific  
156,184

South East Asia  
81,808

Africa  
35,470

USA

UK  
165,125

Canada  
50,363

1,003,974

Spain  
212,917

Iran  
93,657

China  
84,373

Italy  
203,591

France  
127,066

Brazil  
71,886

Germany  
159,119

Russia  
106,049

Turkey  
117,589

Highest Confirmed Cases by Country  
As of 5.6.2020

**2020 Pandemic**