

Global new cases and deaths



Total cases: 47M

Total deaths: 1.2M

The second wave in Canada



The second wave in the United kingdom (cases)



The second wave in the United kingdom (deaths)



The second wave in Australia (cases)



The second wave in Australia (deaths)



SECOND WAVE DEATHS



	Female	Male	Total
90+	91	65	156
80-89	112	99	211
70-79	27	56	83
60-69	5	14	19
50-59	3	9	12
40-49	0	1	1
30-39	0	2	2
20-29	0	1	1
Total	238	247	485

	Deaths	Last death
Victoria	485	Aug 27
NSW	54	Aug 16
Tas	13	May 1
WA	9	May 3
Qld	4	Apr 5
SA	4	Apr 12
ACT	3	Apr 7

* Two Queenslanders died in NSW

VICTORIA	2000 000 000 20 0p 00 0000			
DEATHS	January to June	July	August	Total
Victoria	20	93	372	485
Rest of Aus	84	0	3	87
CASES				
Victoria	2159	8418	8137	18,714
Rest of Aus	5675	643	269	6587

Coronavirus structure



Structural Protein	Function of Protein
Nucleocapsid Protein (N)	 Bound to RNA genome to make up nucleocapsid
Spike Protein (S)	 Critical for binding of host cell receptors to facilitate entry of host cell
Envelope Protein (E)	 Interacts with M to form viral envelope
Membrane Protein (M)	 Central organiser of CoV assembly Determines shape of viral envelope

It has been noted that some CoVs do not need to have the full ensemble of structural proteins to make virions, highlighting that certain proteins may be dispensable or compensated by the function of non-structural proteins.

Spike protein



Human angiotensin converting enzyme-2 (ACE-2) is the principal receptor for the SARS-CoV-2's Spike protein



Coronaviruses that infect people

- 1. 229E (alpha coronavirus)
- 2. NL63 (alpha coronavirus)
- 3. OC43 (beta coronavirus)
- 4. HKU1 (beta coronavirus)
- 5. MERS-CoV (beta coronavirus), identified 2012
- 6. SARS-CoV (beta coronavirus), identified 2002
- 7. SARS-CoV-2 (beta coronavirus), identified 2019

Symptoms of 20,133 patients admitted to hospital in the UK





AB Docherty et al, BMJ 2020

Comorbidity

Co-morbidities of 20,133 patients admitted to hospital in the UK



AB Docherty et al, BMJ 2020

Yes No Unknown

Proportion of patients with comorbidities (%)

Independent risk factors for death from COVID of patients admitted to hospital



Fig 5 | Multivariable Cox proportional hazards model (age, sex, and major comorbidities), where hazard is death. Patients who were discharged were kept in the risk set (n=15194; No of events=3911)

Infection fatality rates and sero-prevalence in Geneva, May 2020

Age range (years)	Seroprevalence (%)	Infection fatality rate
5-9	4.5	1/62,000
10-19	11.4	1/312,500
20-49	13.2	1/10,800
50-64	10.4	1/714
<u></u> ≥ 65	6.8	1/18
All	10.8	1/156

J. Perez-Saez, Lancet Infect. Dis. 2020

Progression of COVID in a patient



Distribution of Time to Development of Symptoms



Pre-symptomatic versus Asymptomatic

Results: We screened 998 articles and included nine low risk-of-bias studies from six countries that tested 21,035 at-risk people, of which 559 were positive and 83 were asymptomatic. Diagnosis in all studies was confirmed using a RT-qPCR test. The proportion of asymptomatic cases ranged from 4% to 41% Meta-analysis (fixed effect) found that the proportion of asymptomatic cases was 15% (95% CI: 12% - 18%) overall; higher in non-aged care 16% (13% - 19%), and lower in long-term aged care 8% (3% - 18%). Four studies provided direct evidence of forward transmission of the infection by asymptomatic cases but suggested considerably lower rates than symptomatic cases.

Symptomatic *versus* persistent asymptomatic

	<u>Symptomatic</u>	<u>Asymptomtic</u>	
Viral load (PCR) at enrolment	Ct – 31.7	Ct – 32.8	n.s.
Duration of viral Shedding (by PCR)	14 days (IQR:9-22)	19 days (IQR: 15-26)	P= 0.028
Pro-inflammatory cytokines	High	Low	
IgG Levels	84% pos	81% pos (lower titers)	

Q X Long et al, Nat. Med. 2020

Prevalence of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in acute and convalescent phases



Q X Long et al, Nat. Med. 2020

Inflammatory and pro-Inflammatory cytokines elevated in symptomatic patients



Fig. 4 | Comparison of serum cytokine/chemokine concentrations between the asymptomatic and symptomatic groups. Samples from asymptomatic (*n*= 37) and symptomatic (*n*= 37) patients with COVID-19 were collected in the acute phase during hospitalization, and assays were performed to measure the concentrations of 48 cytokines and chemokines. The box plots show the medians (middle line) and first and third quartiles (boxes), and the whiskers show 1.5× the IQR above and below the box. Unpaired, two-sided Mann-Whitney U test *P* values are depicted in the plots, and the significant *P* value cutoff was set at 0.001.

QX Long *et al, Nat. Med,* 2020

Immunity to coronaviruses

Immunity to common cold coronaviruses is very short-lived

Antibody levels drop quickly and people lose immunity within 1 year

Duration of antibody response to SARS-CoV



Time after symptom onset

Induction of NAbs to SARS-CoV2 from day of onset of symptoms



F. Wu *et al, MedRxiv* 2020

Range of Nab titers in 175 patients at discharge



F. Wu et al, MedRxiv 2020



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SARS-CoV-2 infection protects against rechallenge in rhesus macaques

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Herd immunity

Term	Symbolic Expression	Definition
Basic reproduction number	R ₀	Number of secondary cases generated by a typical infectious individual when the rest of the population is susceptible (ie, at the start of a novel outbreak)
Critical vaccination level	V _C	Proportion of the population that must be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity threshold, assuming that vaccination takes place at random

Herd immunity



Vc = 1 - 1/Ro = 'herd immunity threshold'

Some Ro values

Seasonal influenza A	~2
Hepatitis C	2
Ebola	2
1918/19 pandemic flu.	~3
HIV	4
SARS	4
Mumps	10
Measles	18

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High Contagiousness and Rapid Spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2

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Abstract

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 is the causative agent of the 2019 novel coronavirus disease pandemic. Initial estimates of the early dynamics of the outbreak in Wuhan, China, suggested a doubling time of the number of infected persons of 6-7 days and a basic reproductive number (R_0) of 2.2-2.7. We collected extensive individual case reports across China and estimated key epidemiologic parameters, including the incubation period. We then designed 2 mathematical modeling approaches to infer the outbreak dynamics in Wuhan by using high-resolution domestic travel and infection data. Results show that the doubling time early in the epidemic in Wuhan was 2.3-3.3 days. Assuming a serial interval of 6-9 days, we calculated a median R_0 value of 5.7 (95% CI 3.8-8.9). We further show that active surveillance, contact tracing, quarantine, and early strong social distancing efforts are needed to stop transmission of the virus.

Keywords: 2019 novel coronavirus disease; COVID-19; China; SARS-CoV-2; Wuhan; modeling; respiratory infections; severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; transmission potential; viruses; zoonoses.

Ro directly affects the required vaccine coverage for elimination



Critical vaccination level of $1 - 1/R_0$ changes if vaccine efficacy (E) is <100%

Treatment options

• Passive immunity, anti-viral drugs (Remdesevir) EARLY

• Dexamethasone LATE

Progression of COVID in a patient

Viral infe growth ir mild infla	ction and n URT then Immation	Resolution (80%) or progression to lung tissue (20%)	Tissue damage and severe inflammation	Organ failure +/-death, ~5%	
Clinical symptoms					
PCR+					
Neutralizing antil	bodies				
Days 0	5	10	20-3	5 30-	·60

Passive vaccination

The convalescent plasma option for COVID-19 treatment



Research

JAMA | Original Investigation

Effect of Convalescent Plasma Therapy on Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With Severe and Life-threatening COVID-19 A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 2. Time to Clinical Improvement in Patients With COVID-19



Passive Vaccination (Monoclonal antibody)

A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled,GSK3196165study evaluating the efficacy and safety of(Otilimab),otilimab IV in patients with severe pulmonarymonoclonalCOVID-19 related diseaseantibody

GlaxoSmith Kline

Also, Eli Lilly and Regeneron are developing MAbs for clinical trial.

Vaccines

47 in clinical trial

8 Phase III trials mRNA (Moderna)

mRNA (Biontech/Pfizer/FosunPharma

Adenovirus 5 ('Ad5'), vectored (CanSinoBio)

Chimp Adenovirus vectored (ChAdOx1) (AstraZeneca, University of Oxford)

Whole virus inactivated (Sinopharm) – 2 separate trials

Whole virus inactivated (Sinovac)

BCG (Murdoch Children's Research Institute)

Potential vaccine problems

- 1. Lack of functional antibodies
- 2. Non-persisting antibody responses
- 3. Lack of immunological memory
- 4. Antibody-dependent enhancement

Antibody Dependent Enhancement (ADE) of coronavirus infections

Non-neutralizing antibodies are produced and enhance viral entry into target cells via $Fc\gamma$ receptors, seen in:

- dengue virus,
- human immunodeficiency virus,
- influenza virus,
- other alpha and flaviviruses,
- SARS-CoV,
- Ebola virus

*Can be prevented by masking non-neutralizing epitopes, or immunofocusing

Designing a vaccine focused on neutralizing epitopes

Convalescent Plasma patient details

- 34 samples, collected in April and May 2020
- Age range: 21-78 years
- 55% male
- ~1/4 hospitalized
- All symptomatic
- None treated with anti-virals, one treated with HCQ
- Samples taken 22-44 days post recovery

Antibodies in COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma recognize RBD



Correlation between neutralization titre and Spike protein RBD



Sequence of Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) of SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein

NITNLCPFGE VFNATRFASV YAWNRKRISN CVADYSVLYN SASFSTFKCY GVSPTKLNDL CFTNVYADSF VIRGDEVRQI APGQTGKIAD YNYKLPDDFT GCVIAWNSNN LDSKVGGNYN YLYRLFRKSN LKPFERDIST EIYQAGSTPC NGVEGFNCYF PLQSYGFQPT NGVGYQPYRV VVLSFELLHA PATV

Inhibition of convalescent plasma antibodies binding to RBD by specific peptides



Peptide-specific serum IgG after second boost*



* Biotinylated peptides were immobilized on streptavidin-coated ELISA plates

Recognition of recRBD by peptide-DT conjugates*



*Sera were taken 7 days after the third immunization

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