The 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic was confirmed to have spread to Montenegro when its first case was confirmed on 17 March 2020,[1][2] making it the last European country to register a case of SARS-CoV-2.[3]

In one week (24 March), 51 cases were reported and after two weeks there was totally 120 cases (31 March). Indexed cases count 18% out of reported, 72% cases were infected due to contact with primary cases, while the origin of infection of the rest 10% cases are not certain. [4] The Government of Montenegro estimates that the country needs EUR 59.2 million private and international relief to address health, social and economical issues of CoVID-19.[5]

As of 5 April 2020, the total number of cases in Montenegro is 223.[6]

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### Background

On 12 January, 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, who had initially come to the attention of the WHO on 31 December 2019. This cluster was initially linked to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market.
Market in Wuhan City. However, some of those first cases with laboratory confirmed results had no link to the market, and the source of the epidemic is unknown. [7][8]

Unlike SARS of 2003, the case fatality ratio for COVID-19 [9][10] has been much lower, but the transmission has been significantly greater, with a significant total death toll. [11][9] COVID-19 typically appears with about seven days of flu-like symptoms followed by some people progressing to symptoms of a viral pneumonia requiring admission to hospital. [9] From 19 March, COVID-19 was no longer classified as a "High consequence infectious disease". [10]

Timeline [ edit ]

March 2020 [ edit ]

On 17 March, Montenegro confirmed its first two cases of COVID-19, two females born in 1948 and 1973, of which one in the capital city Podgorica, the other in Ulcinj. [12] One of the first two cases arrived 12 days earlier from the United States. The other one arrived from Spain and was under medical surveillance. [13]

On 18 March, 6 more cases were confirmed. One of them had no links to the two cases from the day before. [14]

On 19 March, 2 more cases were confirmed, bringing the amount of infected in the country to 10. Later that day, three more cases were confirmed, bringing the amount of infected in the country to 13. [15]

On 20 March, the 14th case was identified in Herceg Novi. [16]

On 21 March, 2 new cases were confirmed. [17]

On 22 March, six new cases were confirmed. [18] One of these cases, a man who traveled several days ago from Serbia, aged 65, died one day after admitting to the hospital, thus becoming the country's first fatal case. [19]

On 23 March, five new cases were confirmed. [20]
On 24 March, 18 new cases were confirmed.[21] As 15 of the new cases were recorded in Tuzi, the government imposed a complete lockdown on Tuzi.[22] Tuzi is the first municipality in Montenegro that was put in a complete lockdown in the pandemic with only essential services allowed to operate.[22]

On 25 March, six new cases were confirmed.[23][24]

On 26 March, 14 new cases were confirmed.[25] Later that day, two more cases were confirmed, while 6,258 people were under medical control.[26]

On 27 March (07:45), one more case was confirmed.[27] Later that day (17:45), five more cases were confirmed, all of them in Andrijevica, while 6,278 people were under medical control.[28] Later that day (21:00), seven more cases were confirmed, 4 in Tuzi and 3 in Bar.[29]

On 28 March, two new cases were confirmed, each in Tivat and Podgorica.[30]

On 29 March, one new case was confirmed.[31]

On 30 March, 6 new cases were confirmed.[32]

On 31 March, 18 new cases were confirmed.[33]

**April 2020**  [ edit ]

On 1 April, 14 new cases were confirmed.[34]

On 2 April, 17 new cases were confirmed.

On 3 April, the first recovery was reported, a 46-year-old man from Bar.'

**Statistics**  [ edit ]

As of 6 April 2020, a total of 1,637 people have been tested in Montenegro for COVID-19 (2,606 tests per million inhabitants).[35]

**Infected per municipality**  [ edit ]

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