# COVID-19 Analytical Snapshot #1: Tools and Resources

## Understanding the migration & mobility implications of COVID-19

*These COVID-19 Analytical Snapshots are designed to capture the latest information and analysis in a fast-moving environment. Topics will be repeated from time to time as analysis develops.*
*If you have an item to include, please email us at research@iom.int.*

## IOM Crisis Response

IOM's Statement on COVID-19 and Mobility highlights the importance of supporting migrants throughout the ongoing Coronavirus crisis:

> *Within countries that have been hardest hit, migrants are exposed to many of the same vulnerabilities as other citizens, and often to a greater extent.*
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> *Efforts to support all vulnerable groups … should be strongly considered to avoid harmful consequences, minimise hardship, as well as reduce public health risk.*

Drawing upon its experiences from previous emergencies, IOM's COVID-19 Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SRP) aims to support countries which require additional resources, whether financial, technical or operational.

IOM is playing a direct role in:
⇒ Risk communication and community engagement;
⇒ Crisis and cross-border coordination;
⇒ Training government employees;
⇒ Population mobility mapping; and
⇒ Enhanced surveillance, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services.

## Key Daily Updates

World Health Organization Situation Reports
⇒ The Situation Reports give an update of developments in the preceding 24 hours.
⇒ Each report also includes a daily 'Subject in Focus'.

Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)
⇒ OxCGRT records government responses across countries and time in a consistent way.
⇒ They collect publicly available information on 11 indicators of response and use these to create a "Stringency Index".

## WHO Myth Buster

In the face of misinformation and fake news, the WHO has busted a number of COVID-19 myths.

## COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Globally

To understand how COVID-19 affects global mobility, IOM's DTM Global Mobility Restriction Overview maps the various travel disruptions and restrictions in place across the world.

The Points of Entry Baseline Assessment shows the number and type of restrictions imposed at 1,221 points of entry, and reports which population categories have been most affected by these measures.
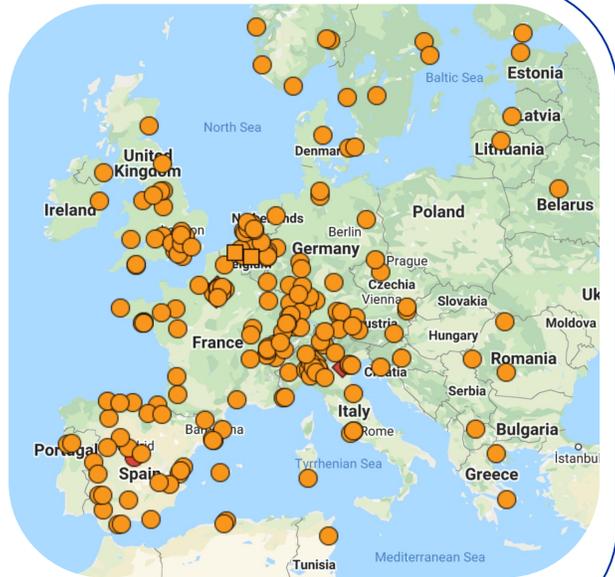
## Tracking COVID-19 cases around the world

A number of online interactive dashboards have been created to allow public health authorities, researchers and the general public to visualize and track the outbreak of COVID-19 as it unfolds.

These dashboards show the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, fatalities and recoveries at the country level, as well as the change in cases over time.

The most cited dashboards include those hosted by John Hopkins University, nCov201s9 and the WHO COVID-19 Situation Dashboard.



BNO News, *nCov2019 Data Map*

## Migration Research Centre Analysis

Several research centers and migration news websites have already begun asking how COVID-19 has, is and will impact migration and mobility:

### COMPAS
⇒ A forum to facilitate brainstorming about what COVID-19 means for our fast-moving world, from cross-border migration and racism to mobile work and the concept of 'home'.

### Migration Policy Institute
⇒ To combat COVID-19, governments have turned to migration management tools. How might these policy changes impact immigration systems in the long term?

### Center for Strategic & International Studies
⇒ Five ways that COVID-19 may impact global migration, long after health systems and the economy have bounced back.

### Info Migrants
⇒ Updates on how migrants around the world are being affected by COVID-19, including the most vulnerable.

### Behind nCov2019

When 17 y-o high school student Avi Schiffmann found it "hard to get clear, concise and accurate information" on COVID-19 cases, he decided to do something about it. Avi created nCov2019, which scrapes data from BNO News, the CDC and the WHO every minute to provide country statistics.

### World Economic Forum's COVID-19 Mapping

The map is a visual representation of how the key issues underpinning COVID-19 — including travel — interact and intersect.

The migration map (curated by IOM) is also being regularly updated to capture COVID19 changes.