

## COVID-19 News Update (16 September 2020)

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| <b>DATA</b>           | <p>Worldwide Confirmed Cases: <b>29 571 333</b><br/>Global deaths: <b>934 986</b></p> <p>Data as at 16 September 2020 (9 30 local time)<br/>Johns Hopkins University live-tracking;</p> <p><a href="http://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6">www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6</a></p>   | <b>Confirmed Cases</b>   | <b>Global Deaths</b>  |
|                       |   | <p>6,605,733 US<br/>5,020,359 India<br/>4,382,263 Brazil<br/>1,069,873 Russia<br/>733,860 Peru<br/>728,590 Colombia<br/>676,487 Mexico<br/>651,521 S. Africa<br/>603,167 Spain<br/>577,338 Argentina</p> | <p>195,915 US<br/>133,119 Brazil<br/>82,066 India<br/>71,678 Mexico<br/>41,753 UK<br/>35,633 Italy<br/>31,007 France<br/>30,812 Peru<br/>30,004 Spain<br/>23,453 Iran</p> |
| <b>AFRICA</b>         | <p>Number of Confirmed Cases: <b>1 360 635</b><br/>Number of Deaths: <b>32 809</b><br/>Number of Recoveries: <b>1 085 422</b></p> <p><a href="https://africacdc.org/covid-19/">https://africacdc.org/covid-19/</a></p>  |  |   |
| <b>UNITED NATIONS</b> | <p><b>Short-sighted and 'stupid mistake' not to support affordable COVID vaccine for all, says Guterres</b></p> <p>The march of COVID-19 which has “put us on our knees”, should be a lesson in humility for world leaders, and a lack of solidarity on the part of some richer nations towards developing countries, means we will all pay a heavy price, the UN chief has told UN News, in an <b>exclusive interview</b> ahead of the new General Assembly session. “We need an affordable vaccine for everybody everywhere, because we will only be safe if everybody’s safe”, warned António Guterres. <b>“To think that we can preserve the rich people, and let the poor people suffer, is a stupid mistake.”</b></p> <p>The UN chief reiterates the imperative of silencing the guns through a global ceasefire so the world can truly unite against the virus; building true solidarity through the “global public good” of a vaccine for all, available to all; and making sure the world keeps global warming below 1.5 ° and achieves carbon neutrality through climate action, by 2050.</p> <p>The pandemic has shown us the enormous fragility of the world. Not only in relation to COVID-19, but also in relation to climate change, to the lawlessness in cyberspace, the risks of nuclear proliferation, to the impacts of inequality in the cohesion of societies. A microscopic virus has put us on our knees. This should lead to a lot of humility in world leaders, and to unity and solidarity in the fight against COVID-19. But we know that there has been no unity. Each country has adopted its own strategy, and we see the results: the virus has progressed everywhere.</p> <p>It is absolutely essential that a vaccine be considered a global public good, a people’s vaccine. And that we won’t have a competition of countries trying to get as many vaccines as possible for themselves, and forgetting about those that have less resources. We need an affordable vaccine for everybody, everywhere, because we will only be safe if everybody’s safe.</p> <p><a href="https://news.un.org/en/interview/2020/09/1072362">https://news.un.org/en/interview/2020/09/1072362</a></p> |  |   |