

# Coronavirus briefing

## Mixed information on Trump's diagnosis

### The epidemic

- **Coronavirus cases across the globe have passed 35 million.** The five countries with the highest recorded infections are the US, India, Brazil, Russia, and Colombia.
- **The decrease in new cases continues in India,** where testing has also decreased, however.
- New cases continue to **trend upwards in Russia.**
- **In the US, both cases and hospitalization are increasing,** but at a slow pace.
- **Coronavirus cases continue to surge in many European countries.**
- **In Sweden,** the trend continues to be concerning in Stockholm and Dalarna regions.
- Daily cases in Denmark seems to have peaked, but the drop can be at least partly explained by a decrease in testing.
- Cases continue to be stable in Norway, but the climb continues in Finland. **Cases in Finland are now at similar per capita levels as in Norway.**
- Cases continue to climb in all the Baltic countries.
- **Hospitalisations due to coronavirus have remained relatively low in Nordic countries.**

### Policy

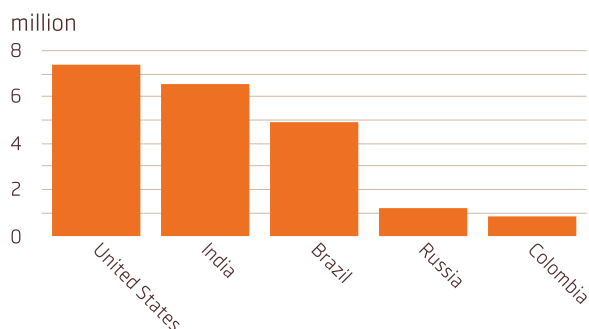
- The White House's medical team said that **Trump**, who has been hospitalised after testing positive for the coronavirus, **has continued to improve and he could be discharged as early as Monday.** While there have also been suggestions that the president **has a severe case of Covid-19.**
- New lockdowns are possible in nine New York neighbourhoods.
- **In England, a leak reveals possible harsher restrictions** including the closure of pubs and a ban on all social contact outside of household groups.
- In Paris, all bars will be closed starting from Tuesday.
- **Moscow** is considering tougher lockdown to curb spread.
- **In Sweden, the ban on visiting rest homes ended last week.** The ban remained in force in Dalarna.
- In Finland, the government decided on new restrictions to restaurants and bars.

### Economic effects

- **Weaker Swedish Retail Sales in August,** mainly driven by lower sales of durable goods, [read more here.](#)
- **EA CPI** was negative in September at -0.3%. **Core CPI** lower than ever recorded at 0.2%.

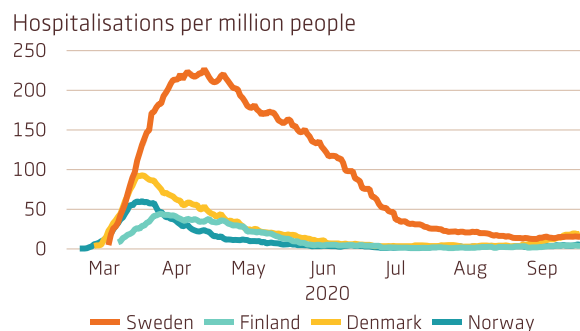
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### Countries with the highest recorded numbers of Covid-19



Sources: ECDC, Swedbank Research & Macrobond

### Nordics: Frequency of people hospitalised due to Covid-19



Sources: National authorities, Swedbank Research & Macrobond

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