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A pandemic of the [novel coronavirus](#) has now killed more than 866,000 people worldwide.

Over 26.2 million people [across the globe](#) have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by [the new respiratory virus](#), according to [data compiled by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University](#). The criteria for diagnosis -- through clinical means or a lab test -- has varied from country-to-country. Still, the actual numbers are believed to be much higher due to testing shortages, many unreported cases and suspicions that some national governments are hiding or downplaying the scope of their outbreaks.

Since the first cases were detected in [China](#) in December, the virus has rapidly spread to every continent except Antarctica.

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