

World wages war against an unseen enemy

Like an invader, the new coronavirus crept silently into our world, storming almost every corner of the globe in a matter of months, claiming hundreds of thousands of lives. Now, nations are struggling to combat the deadly disease.

HOW INFECTIOUS?

Mers (2012-19)
2,494 cases
858 deaths

Sars (2002-03)
8,098 cases
774 deaths

Covid-19
3,421,226
confirmed cases

Americas
1,418,406

Europe
1,414,055

Asia
537,978

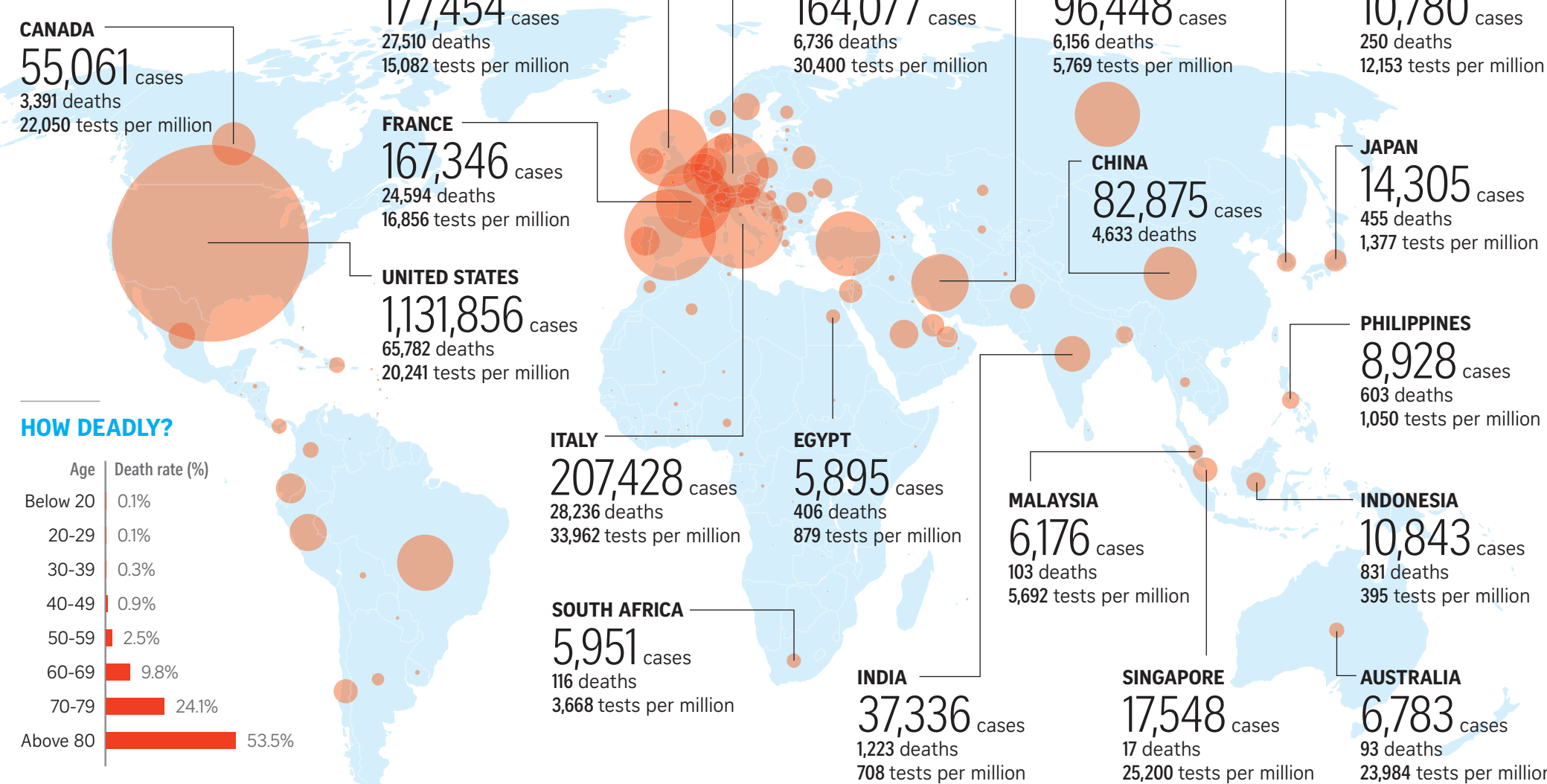
Africa
41,696

Oceania
8,370

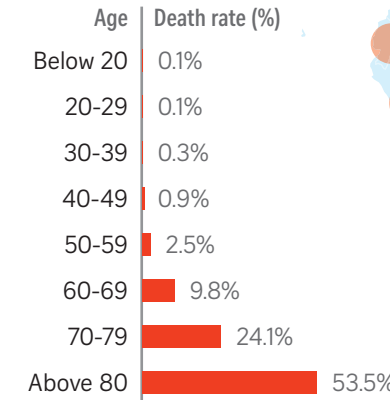
1,093,091
recoveries

240,222
deaths

HOW WIDESPREAD?

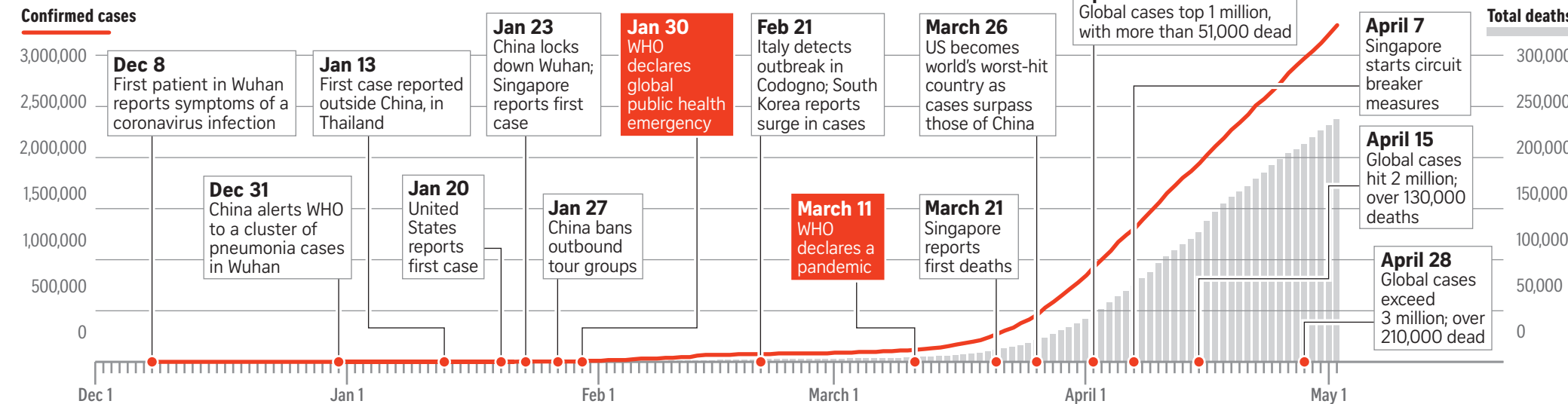


HOW DEADLY?



NOTE: Based on Italy's death toll data as of April 27; the remaining 8.7% are unaccounted for

HOW FAST DID IT SPREAD?

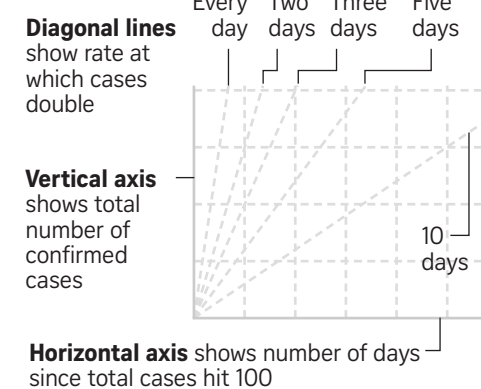


NOTE: Figures as of May 2, 8pm, unless otherwise stated

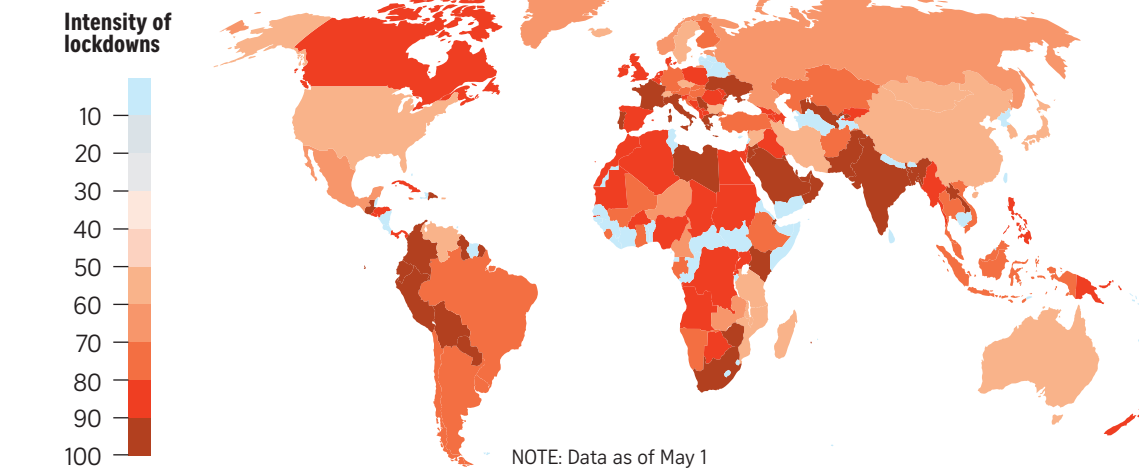
FLATTENING THE CURVE

A key strategy to contain the pandemic is to slow its rate of infection. Governments are doing so through social distancing and enforced shutdowns.

HOW TO READ



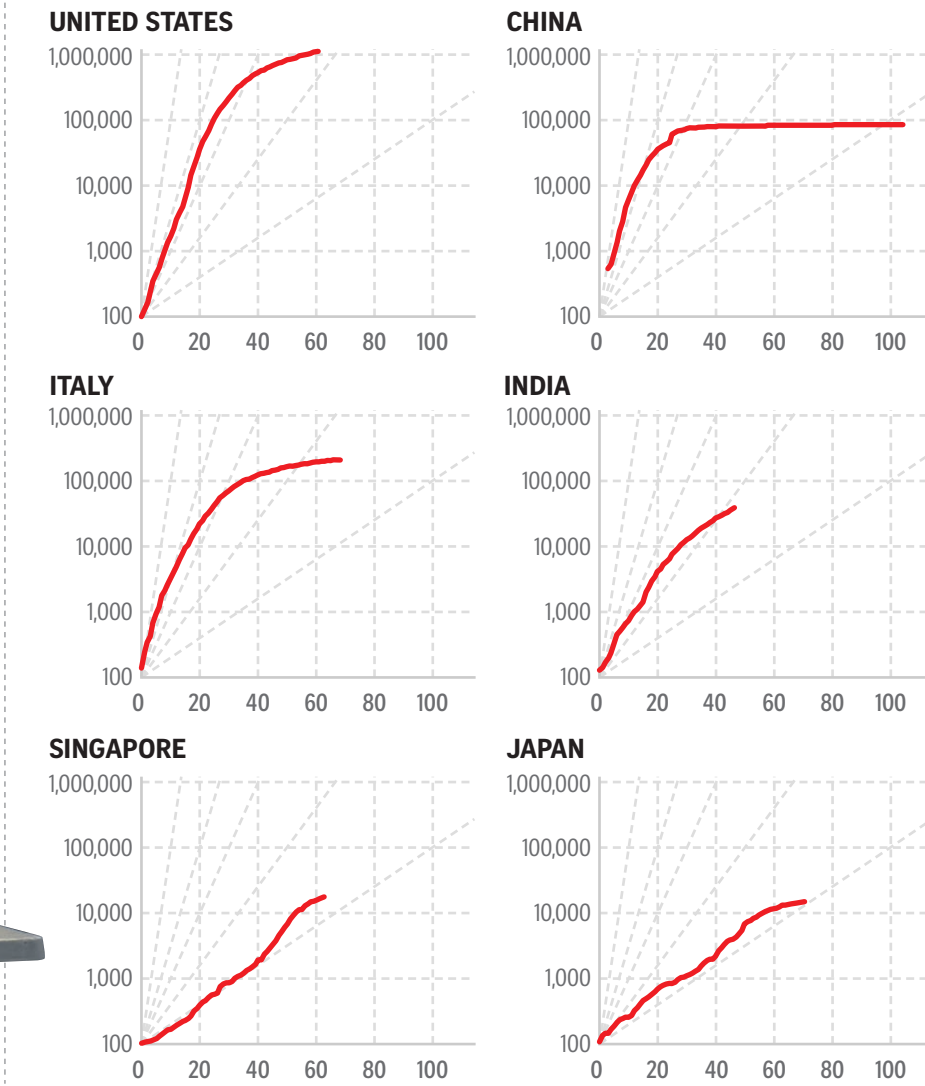
HUNKERING DOWN



FINDING A CURE

Scientists are racing to develop coronavirus treatments and trying to compress the 10 to 15 years it normally takes to make a vaccine, into just 18 months.

Rate of growth of confirmed cases



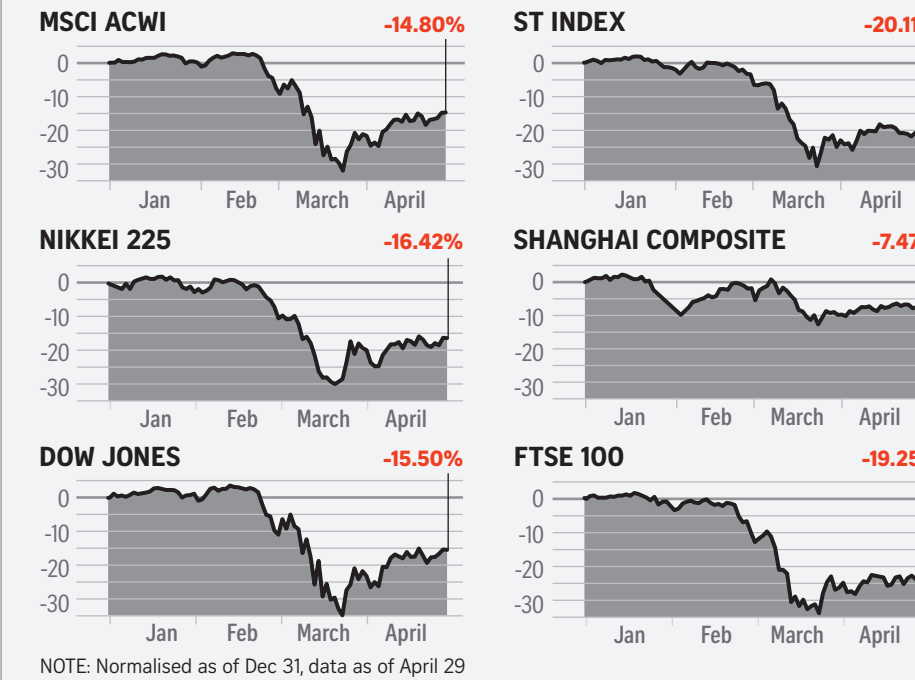
PUMPING CASH

Governments have unleashed unprecedented fiscal and monetary support to hold up their economies floored by the pandemic.



BUOYING MARKETS

Global stock markets plummeted as the pandemic intensified, but investor sentiment improved after governments' generous stimulus packages injected hope.



Treatments in consideration: **197**

Vaccines in development: **111**

Countries involved: **Over 100**