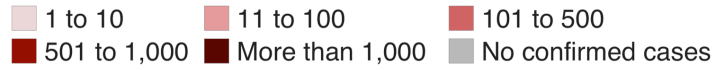
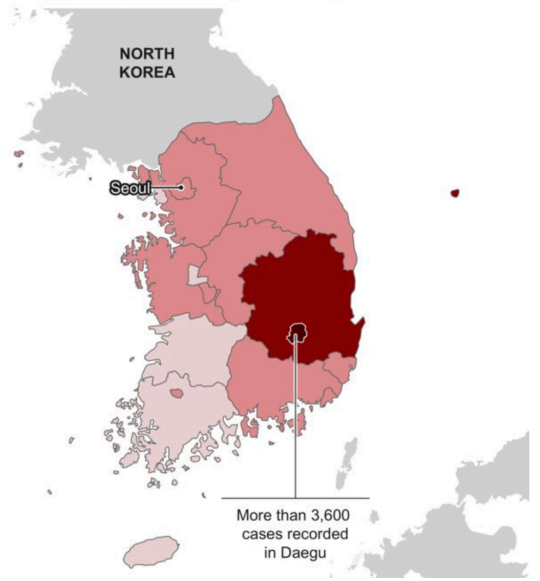


Cases of coronavirus outside China



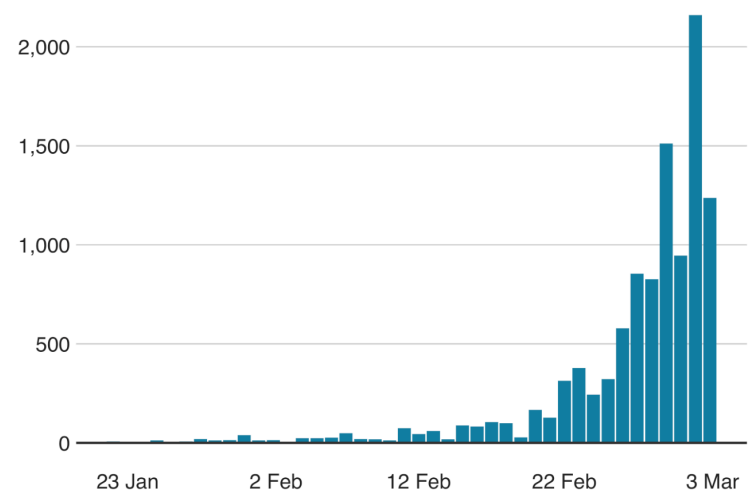
Confirmed cases in South Korea



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Cases outside China ~~have grown~~ ARE growing

Daily confirmed cases of coronavirus outside China



Source: World Health Organization. Updated: 3 Mar 06:00 GMT

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- Switzerland (almost no infected people) has forbidden events > 1000 attendees; events < 1000 are recommended to be postponed and must implement identification of attendees for tracing.
- CERN has cancelled all tours and all meetings > 100 people
- Many institutes and countries now have travel bans or advisories to many countries, including South Korea.
- Many major sporting events, conferences, and entertainment events are being cancelled around the world.
- Plans are being drawn up to close schools; do medical screening via video-conference; impose work-from-home rules, in many countries.

- It is apparent that Covid-19 is much more infectious than SARS or MERS.
- It is already much more widely spread.
- Containment will not succeed, and the policies are now about "spreading out the peak" so that the medical service can handle the situation and the impact on everything will be less severe overall.
- We have not got to the "peak": Things are going to get worse.
- The end-point of this may well require development of a vaccine and that will take at least a year. It is likely that we will not return to normality for a long time.

- ACAT will not be able to confirm a plenary programme in the current environment.
- Many potential attendees are currently not allowed to travel to South Korea.
- Few, if any, potential attendees are likely to commit to attend in the next couple of months (minimum).
- Without an established plenary programme and without reasonable attendance, the workshop will be a financial and technical failure.