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Russia's Coronavirus Count Jumps From 147 to 199 in Biggest One-Day Increase

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The number of coronavirus cases has continued to rise in the past week despite officials' claims that the situation is "under control." **Alexander Avilov / Moskva News Agency**

Russia reported 52 new cases of coronavirus on Thursday, bringing the total number of infections to 199 and marking a 35% jump in cases in the past 24 hours.

The news comes as Russia confirmed its first coronavirus-related death, a 79-year-old woman who had pre-existing health conditions. Pathologists said the woman, who tested positive for coronavirus, died from a blood clot.

The new cases are spread across 23 Russian regions, the consumer protection watchdog Rospotrebnadzor said. The watchdog said that there have been zero deaths directly caused by coronavirus.

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The bulk of Russia's coronavirus cases are in Moscow, with 98 people infected there.

Medical experts have questioned whether Russia's official coronavirus numbers — which are much lower than in European countries — reflect reality, but Russian officials deny that they are underreporting the number of cases.

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