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# Russia Confirms 54 New Coronavirus Cases, Reaching 253

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Russia confirmed 54 new coronavirus infections on Friday, bringing the country's official number of cases up to 253 and marking the largest one-day increase since recording began.

Russia's officially reported numbers — which are still far below those in European countries — have sparked suspicion, with experts warning that its testing capacity is hampered by bureaucracy and officials warning that the real number of cases is likely much higher.

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Thirty-three of the new cases are in Moscow and four are in St. Petersburg.

Russia has registered just one coronavirus-related death so far. Worldwide, the virus has killed more than 10,000 people.

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