

# In Photos: Russia's New Coronavirus Reality

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Russia saw a surge in coronavirus infections this week, with Wednesday and Thursday marking Russia's largest one-day increases in new cases. On Thursday, health officials confirmed 136 new infected patients in Moscow alone. With the pandemic showing little sign that it will slow down in Russia, the virus is becoming part of everyday life for Russians. Face masks have become a near-ubiquitous fashion accessory and the streets are becoming increasingly empty. Here is a look at Russia's new reality amid the coronavirus pandemic:



Workers of the Armed Forces' chemical, biological and radiological defense regiment take part in a virus outbreak response exercise. **Olga Smolskaya / TASS**

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