

Second Russian Doctor Falls From Hospital Window Amid Coronavirus

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Natalia Lebedeva, the chief EMS officer at a cosmonaut training center outside Moscow, plunged to her death Friday. **Alexander Ryumin / TASS**

A second Russian doctor has fallen from a hospital building in a week as the country's health system continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, with authorities [ruling](#) her death a tragic accident.

Natalia Lebedeva, the chief EMS officer at a cosmonaut training center outside Moscow, plunged to her death Friday from the window of a hospital room where she was placed with Covid-19 symptoms earlier last week.

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“Natalia Lebedeva tragically died in an accident on April 24,” the Federal Micro-Biological Agency (FMBA), her employer, said in a statement Monday.

The FMBA said it was investigating Lebedeva's death jointly with Russia's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes.

Unconfirmed reports citing her colleagues [suggested](#) that Lebedeva may have taken her own life after facing accusations of allowing a Covid-19 outbreak to spread among the cosmonaut training center's medical staff. Lebedeva reportedly contracted Covid-19 from Star City colleagues she had helped hospitalize.

News of Lebedeva's death comes days after the chief doctor of a repurposed coronavirus hospital in Siberia [fell](#) from the hospital's fifth-floor window following talks with health officials. Yelena Nepomnyashchaya, who allegedly opposed admitting Covid-19 patients due to protective equipment shortages and a lack of training among staff, was said to be in critical condition.

Lebedeva's name appears alongside 71 other Russian and Belarussian doctors who have died from coronavirus-related complications in an unofficial list [compiled](#) by their colleagues mistrustful of official figures.

Russia's space chief [said](#) 111 space industry workers have been infected with Covid-19 as of Monday, three of whom have died.

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