

Russia's New Coronavirus Cases Surpass 16K in New Record

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Russia [confirmed](#) 16,319 new Covid-19 cases Tuesday, bringing its official number of cases to 1,431,635 and breaking its record for new infections.

This is at least the fourth record one-day increase in Russia in the past seven days. For the first time since the start of the pandemic, Russia confirmed more than 100,000 Covid-19 cases within a single week from Oct. 12-18.

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Russia's coronavirus information center reported 269 new Covid-19 fatalities Tuesday, bringing the official death toll to 24,635.

The surge in new infections comes as authorities continue to rule out a return to strict restrictions to slow the spread of the virus. Authorities introduced unpopular lockdown

measures in spring, when Russia saw fewer than 10,000 daily Covid-19 cases on average.

Moscow, the epicenter of Russia's coronavirus outbreak, confirmed 4,999 new cases and 1,245 hospitalizations.

Senior Russian healthcare professionals [say](#) they expect the country's number of daily Covid-19 infections to peak at 20,000 before stabilizing within the next two weeks.

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