

Peru president confirms first coronavirus case

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President Martin Vizcarra said Friday Peru has detected its first case of the new coronavirus in a 25-year-old man who had traveled to Europe.

The [president](#) called for calm and said Peru had taken "all the medical measures" to treat the patient, who had been in Spain, France and the Czech Republic and was in a stable condition.

Authorities have prepared isolation areas in five hospitals in the capital Lima in anticipation of the first cases, while setting up health care positions in the city's international airport and several ports.

Latin America was the last region to confirm [coronavirus](#) infections but over the last week seven countries have been affected, the worst being Ecuador, with 13 cases.

While fears over coronavirus have gripped Peruvians, an outbreak of dengue fever in Amazon areas has left 15 people dead this year, according to official figures.

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