

# Turkey coronavirus cases surge past 100,000

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The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Turkey surged to 101,790 on Thursday, the Turkish health minister said.

The country registered 115 COVID-19 deaths and 3,116 new cases in the past 24 hours, Fahrettin Koca said on his official Twitter account.

With the latest figures, Turkey's fatalities have reached 2,491.

A four-day lockdown began in 31 Turkish cities including Ankara and Istanbul on Thursday, and will last until midnight Sunday, in a bid to curb the spread of the virus.

The government has already taken a series of measures including shutting schools and universities, banning [mass gatherings](#) and closing [public spaces](#) such as restaurants.

The Turkish Medical Association, which represents 80 percent of doctors in Turkey, said on Wednesday nearly 3,500 health workers had been infected while 24 had died.

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