

# Turkey reports 34 new deaths and 1,035 COVID-19 cases

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A woman watches the men wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus and respecting social distance, in popular Tunali Hilmi Street, in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Turkish children under 14 were allowed to go out between 12:00-15:00 local time for the third time. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

Turkey's health minister said Wednesday that the country recorded 34 coronavirus-related deaths since the day before, bringing the country's COVID-19 death toll to 4,431.

Fahrettin Koca also tweeted that Turkey confirmed 1,035 new virus cases in the past 24 hours. The [total number](#) of confirmed cases in Turkey now stands at 159,797, although more than 121,500 of those involve people since reported as recovered.

A Johns Hopkins University tally ranks Turkey ninth worldwide for number of virus cases, although experts believe the rate of infections globally could be much higher than reported. Turkey's daily average of new confirmed cases has hovered around 1,000 this week.

The Turkish government has begun easing some of the restrictions it imposed to control infections, including permitting the reopening of shopping malls and hairdressers. Intercity trains are scheduled to resume partial service Thursday, and mosques will allow congregations for two daytime prayers starting Friday.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is expected to announce new measures Thursday.

The [health minister](#) said more freedom will require following recommended strategies to prevent exposure, such as wearing masks and [social distancing](#).



People wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus, walk in popular Tunali Hilmi Street, in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, May 27, 2020. Turkish children under 14 were allowed to go out between 12:00-15:00 local time for the third time. AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)



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