

Turkey reports lowest daily COVID-19 death in over a month

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People wearing face masks for protection against the coronavirus, walk just hours before the start of a two-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus, in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, May 8, 2020. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

Turkey on Friday reported 48 new deaths from COVID-19 in the past 24

hours—the lowest number of daily fatalities in more than a month. The country's total death toll now stands at 3,689.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca also announced 1,848 more confirmed cases, bringing the total [number](#) of infections to 135,569.

At least 86,396 COVID-19 patients have recovered, according to figures the minister posted on Twitter.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry announced [new guidelines](#) for taxis, according to which both drivers and passengers will be required to wear masks and the maximum number of passengers will be limited to three.

The guidelines came as Turkey prepares to ease some restrictions aimed at curbing the virus spread, and reopen malls, beauty salons, hairdressers and barber shops on Monday.

Turkey has the ninth-highest number of number confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the world, according to Johns Hopkins University, but experts believe the tally around the world is higher than reported.



An official wearing a face mask for protection against the coronavirus, change a person's Turkish liras with US dollar at a currency exchange office, in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, May 8, 2020. Turkey's currency has dropped to an all-time low against the dollar as the country struggles with the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The Turkish lira fell to 7.26 against the dollar on Thursday, surpassing the previous record low of 7.24 reached during a currency crisis in August 2018.(AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)



People sit in a public garden just hours before the start of a two-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus, in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, May 8, 2020. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)



People walk in the popular Tunali Hilmi Street just hours before the start of a two-day curfew declared by the government in an attempt to control the spread of coronavirus, in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, May 8, 2020. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)

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