



# Europe tightens virus curbs as leaders brace for long fight

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Europe is tightening restrictions to regain control of resurgent coronavirus infections, with Paris closing bars and new curbs likely on the way in Italy and Ireland.

The continent is struggling to control the latest outbreak as opposition to limits on movement mounts and leaders resist the stringent lockdowns that hammered economies in the second quarter. Instead, the approach is on a shifting array of measures, which risks being similarly disruptive.

"Authorities have an extremely difficult job at the moment," Martin Hirsch, head of Paris hospitals, said on France Info. "If we go too far we are accused of killing freedom or the economy, and if we don't go far enough, it's homicide."

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo on Monday will announce new restric-



**PARIS:** Parisians watch a performance of Gaelle Choisine's choreography "Temple of Love-Affirmation," at the Museum of Modern Art Paris, part of Nuit Blanche culture festival, an annual evening festival of culture and art on Saturday, Oct. 3, in France. With Paris closing bars and new curbs, Europe is tightening restrictions to regain control of resurgent coronavirus infections. *Kiran Ridley/Getty Images/Tribune News Service*

tions to contain the spread after a surge in cases in the capital and its suburbs.

Authorities are planning to entirely

shut down bars and impose tighter distancing rules on restaurants as the region is declared on maximum alert, according to Agence France Presse. In Marseille, however, restaurants will be permitted to reopen after a week of closure.

France's virus cases increased the most in Europe over the past two months and monthly virus-related deaths tripled in September. The country reported a record number of laboratory-confirmed new cases on Saturday.

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel will chair a special cabinet meeting on the pandemic response in Berlin. Finance Minister Olaf Scholz said "it will take time" to return to pre-coronavirus levels of activity, even if more effective therapies and a vaccine are made available.

"We will be dealing with this 'new normality' and with the virus into next year," Scholz said in an interview with ARD public television late Sunday. "It's not gone, and it's a great danger for everyone around the world"

## Report: Hundreds of thousands of people shackled for mental health issues globally

**ABUJA (Reuters)** - Hundreds of thousands of men, women and children with mental health conditions are living chained up in roughly 60 countries, Human Rights Watch said on Tuesday.

Without mental health support or awareness, families or institutions often shackle people against their will, leaving them eating, sleeping, urinating and defecating in one small space, the rights watchdog said in a report.

In the run-up to World Mental Health Day on Oct. 10, Human Rights Watch's report documents through almost 800 interviews how people with psychosocial disabilities in countries like China, Nigeria and Mexico can live shackled for years - chained to trees, locked in cages, imprisoned in animal sheds.

"We have found the practice of shackling across religions, social strata, economic classes, cultures and ethnic groups - it's a practice that is found around the world," said Kriti Sharma, senior disability rights researcher at Human Rights Watch, in an interview.

The belief in many countries "is that people with mental health conditions are bewitched, or possessed or have sinned, and as a result, they have a condition," she said.

China's foreign ministry and Mexico's health ministry did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. A Nigerian health ministry spokesman said the ministry had not seen the report and declined to comment.

## Death toll rises as Azeris, Armenians say civilian areas under fire

**YEREVAN/BAKU (Reuters)** - Azerbaijan and Armenia accused each other on Monday of attacking civilian areas and said the death toll was rising from the deadliest fighting in the South Caucasus region for more than 25 years.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg added his voice to calls for an immediate end to the clashes over Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountain enclave that belongs to Azerbaijan under international law but is populated and governed by ethnic Armenians.

But prospects for a ceasefire appeared remote after fighting intensified at the weekend, with hundreds killed in clashes involving artillery, tanks and fighter planes since Sept. 27.

Azerbaijan said Azeri cities outside Nagorno-Karabakh had been struck, taking the fighting closer to territory from which pipelines carry Azeri gas and oil to Europe.

## England lost 16K new coronavirus cases, blames computer glitch

**LONDON (The Washington Post)** - An epic fail of a simple computer program "lost" nearly 16,000 new coronavirus cases in England for more than a week, British public

health officials said.

Everyone who tested positive was informed. But the cases were left out of the daily totals between Sept. 25 and Friday and ignored by contact tracers during that time. Given the average number of in-person contacts, that means as many as 50,000 people may have been exposed without being called about it.

By Monday morning, only half of the 16,000 who tested positive had gotten a contact tracing call. The other half "should be contacted as soon as possible," said Health Secretary Matt Hancock, who was exonerated in the House of Commons by lawmakers.

## Nobel Prize in medicine awarded for discovery of hepatitis C

(The Washington Post) - The Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine

was awarded Monday to researchers from the United States and Britain whose discoveries helped save millions of lives from the ravages of blood-borne hepatitis, a major global health problem that causes cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Harvey Alter, then a clinical scientist at a National Institutes of Health blood bank, showed that the chronic form of hepatitis disease, known as hepatitis C, was blood-borne and probably caused by a virus.

Years later, British-born virologist Michael Houghton - then working for the pharmaceutical company Chiron - found a way to clone the virus and to identify antibodies created against it by the immune system; this led to the development of ways to screen and eliminate the virus from the blood supply. Through genetic analysis, then Washington University in St. Louis researcher Charles Rice characterized the machinery of the virus and set scientists on a path to finding a cure.

### NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority ("GHURA") will hold its Regular Meeting of the GHURA Board of Commissioners on Friday, October 9, 2020 at 12:00 PM. This Board Meeting is open to the public via teleconference.

If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Audrey Aguon at 475-1378 by Wednesday, October 7, 2020 for more information.

For special accommodations, contact Katherine Taitano at 475-1322 or TTY 475-3701.

### AGANA HEIGHTS ATHLETES ORGANIZATION

DECEMBER 2017	
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 47,412.00
Baseball/Softball	\$ 13,175.00
Basketball	\$ 1,500.00
Other	\$ 2,750.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 64,837.00</b>
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 24,104.21
Softball/Baseball/Basketball	\$ 13,444.48
Donations	\$ 700.00
Operations/Supplies	\$ 9,117.30
Events	\$ 10,791.77
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 58,217.76</b>
DECEMBER 2018	
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 52,847.00
Baseball/Softball/Basketball	\$ 19,732.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 72,579.00</b>
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 25,164.06
Softball/Baseball/Basketball	\$ 23,432.71
Donations	\$ 4,650.00
Operations/Supplies	\$ 8,549.47
Events	\$ 10,435.99
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 72,232.23</b>
DECEMBER 2019	
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 53,691.13
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 53,691.13</b>
Afterschool/Summer Program	\$ 32,068.50
Softball/Baseball/Basketball	\$ 9,789.50
Donations	\$ 997.50
Operations/Supplies	\$ 4,621.30
Events	\$ 5,699.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 53,175.80</b>