

Senegal confirms two new coronavirus patients, both Europeans

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The first coronavirus case on the African continent was in Egypt, where there are now two cases.

Three cases have also been identified in Algeria.

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Two new infections of coronavirus were detected in Senegal on Wednesday, bringing to four the number of people infected in the sub-Saharan nation, health officials said.

One of the new patients was a 68-year-old woman, a French resident who had arrived in Senegal on February 29. Her 80-year-old husband tested positive for the COVID-19 virus on Tuesday, the health ministry said in a statement.

Wednesday's second confirmed case was that of a 33-year-old man who arrived in Dakar from London on February 24.

The first virus case in Senegal, discovered on Monday, marked just the second infection in sub-Saharan Africa.

Experts have expressed concern over the continent's vulnerability to outbreaks of contagious diseases.

The first sub-Saharan case was recorded last week in Nigeria, where an Italian national returned with the virus from his home country

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