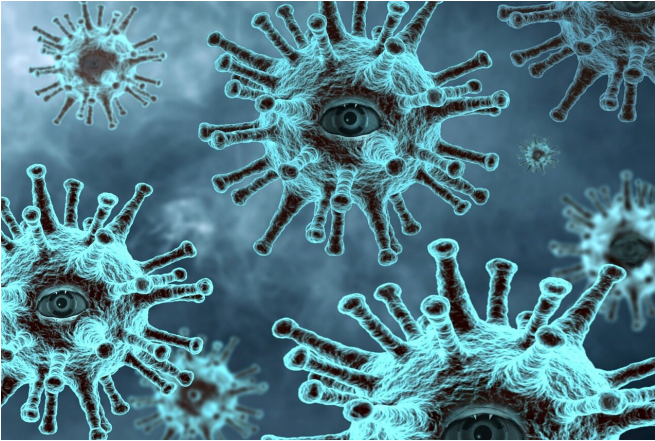


Germany virus death toll passes 10,000: health institute

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Chancellor Angela Merkel last weekend asked the country to reduce their [social contact](#) and stay home as much as possible.

"What winter will be, what our Christmas will be, will be decided in the days and weeks to come," she had warned.

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Germany has suffered more than 10,000 COVID-19 deaths since the start of the pandemic, according to official data published Saturday.

A total of 10,003 deaths have been recorded by the Robert Koch Institute, a federal government agency, with 418,005 infections recorded nationwide.

Of those, 14,714 were diagnosed in the last 24 hours—a daily record.

Robert Koch Institute president Lothar Wieler said Germany was facing a "very serious" situation and asked the population to adhere to social distancing measures.

Germany was spared during the first wave of [coronavirus](#) infections that hit Europe in spring but is now suffering a sharp increase in cases along with the rest of the continent.

Authorities have tightened measures against the pandemic including the adoption of a public assembly ban.

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