

CORONAVIRUS

Panic is surging in Italy while the country faces a massive outbreak of coronavirus. But what is this virus? Coronaviruses are a type of virus. There are many different kinds, and some cause disease. The newly identified type is now called COVID-19 started in China, and now is spreading around the world. Thousands of cases and deaths were recorded so far, turning Italy into the virus epicenter in Europe and the third worst-hit country after China and South Korea. The total cases recorded to date are over 5000 and the deaths over 200. Nevertheless, we can't neglect that this virus is threatening the economic and social situation. For the economic aspect, tourism is already on the decline, and the isolation of Lombardia would pose a serious risk for the whole Italian economy, as Lombardia accounts for 22% of Italian PIL and is regarded as the economic engine of the country.

People are really scared today, but this concern is caused, for the majority of the cases, because there's a lot of disinformation. Many don't know that the common influence that we contract often kills every day more than the COVID-19, but the news continues to talk about the dead, spreading fear among the people. The schools are closed and sports activities are suspended, the spread of the virus is devastating society. Until today education continues through digital platforms, but in my opinion, those cannot replace regular school lessons, because they deny direct contact between teacher and student, moreover, texts are difficult to do, because it's easy for the students to cheat.

People need security, but the numbers of infected people, that are constantly growing, are spreading concern and if this epidemic continues to proceed ,Italy and many other countries will suffer a major impact on all the fields of their social and economical life.

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