

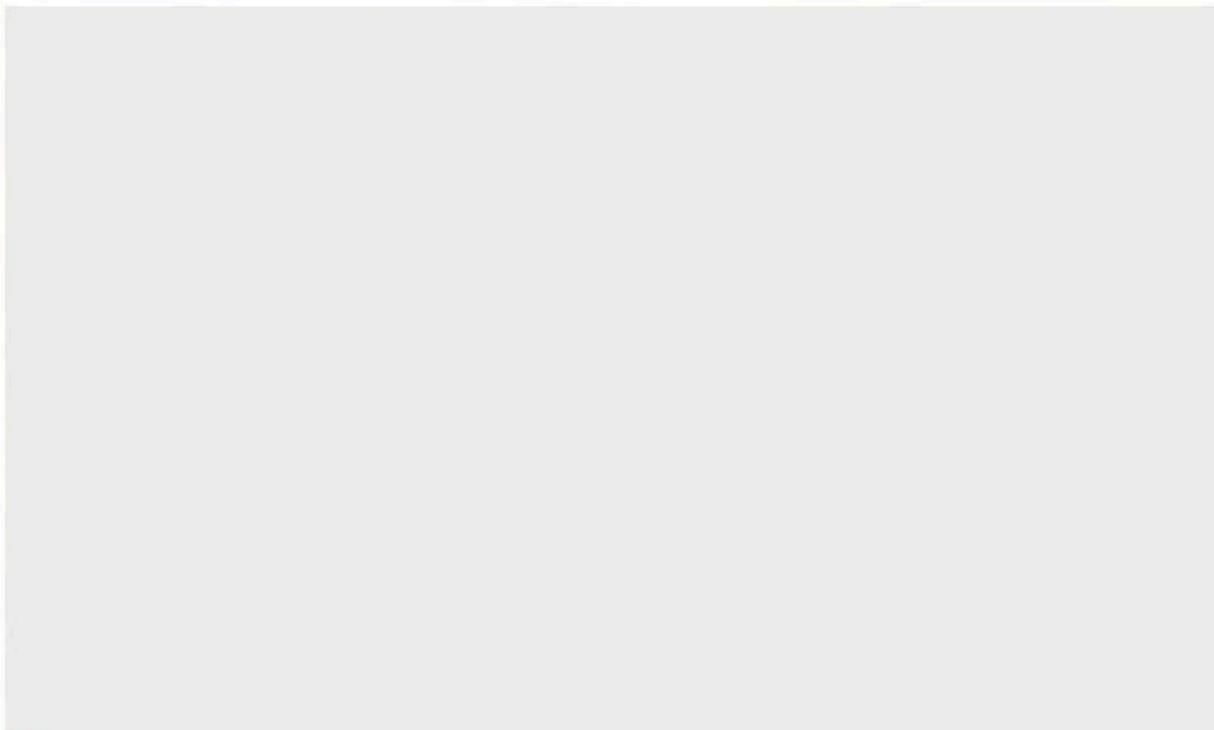
SCREEN

20.03.2020 647 × 836 INKUBATIONSZEIT DES CORONAVIRUS

Scientists say mass tests in Italian town have halted Covid-19 there

A study in Vò, which saw Italy's first death, points to the danger of asymptomatic carriers

- [Coronavirus - latest updates](#)
- [See all our coronavirus coverage](#)



▲ Volunteers line up to undergo testing in Vò, Italy, where the country's first coronavirus death occurred.
Photograph: Andrea Casalis/AP

The small town of Vò, in northern [Italy](#), where [the first coronavirus death](#) occurred in the country, has become a case study that demonstrates how scientists might neutralise the spread of Covid-19.

A scientific study, rolled out by the University of Padua, with the help of the Veneto Region and the Red Cross, consisted of testing all 3,300 inhabitants of the town, including asymptomatic people. The goal was to study the natural history of the virus, the transmission dynamics and the categories at risk.

CC-BY-NC Science Surf accessed 22.02.2026 
