

**Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**  
**Situation Report No. #290**

Data as reported by national authorities by 24:00 local time 22 December 2021

**As a precautionary measure, The National Medical Taskforce moved Bahrain into the Yellow Alert Level from 19 December 2021 to 31 January 2022.**

The alert level is usually dependent on the rolling average of positive cases in Intensive Care Units. The Yellow Alert applies when the rolling average of positive cases in intensive care units is 51 - 100 cases for 7 days.

**KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN - YELLOW ALERT SAFETY MEASURES**

Source: Ministry of Health - Bahrain | Facebook

**BAHRAIN DAILY COVID REPORT - 22 DECEMBER 2021**

Source: Ministry of Health - Bahrain | Instagram

**GLOBAL STATISTICS**

As of 7:05pm CET, 22 December 2021

**Globally**, there have been 275,233,892 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5,364,996 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 20 December 2021, a total of 8,387,658,165 vaccine doses have been administered.

**Regionally**, (Eastern Mediterranean Region, EMRO), there have been 17,049,032 confirmed cases, including 314,247 deaths. In the last seven days, 76,292 cases have been registered, with 1,295 deaths.

Source: WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard | WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard With Vaccination Data

**Nationally**, (Kingdom of Bahrain), there are currently 809 active cases, including 1 receiving treatment, and zero classed as critical. The country has recorded a total of 1,394 deaths, and 276,627 recoveries. A total of 1,197,788 individuals have received the first dose of the vaccine, with 1,171,969 receiving the second, and 778,772 having received the booster dose.

**BAHRAIN COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS**

**Bahrain will move to the Yellow Alert Level, as a precautionary measure, from 19 December 2021 to 31 January 2022**

Following the Government Executive Committee's approval, the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) announced the precautionary adoption of the Yellow Alert Level starting from Sunday 19 December 2021, until Monday 31 January 2022.

The Taskforce highlighted that this step is precautionary, the decision has been taken in line with the Kingdom of Bahrain's approach of prioritising public health through proactive planning and in accordance with international best practice.

The Taskforce noted that this decision remains subject to review, and upon further information becoming available on the Omicron variant, from internationally recognised medical research. The Taskforce stressed the need for everyone to adhere to the Yellow Alert Level procedures previously announced, making clear the importance of continuing to adhere to all precautionary measures, issued by the relevant authorities, to preserve public health.

**Booster shot procedures**

The Taskforce urged qualifying individuals to attend directly at health centres for their booster shots, without the need to make an appointment. The Taskforce noted the importance of receiving booster shots on time, to support national efforts and protect the health of citizens and residents. The Taskforce concluded by adding that eligible individuals who have already received their booster shot can follow the procedures of the Green Alert Level, this is an approach being taken by other countries.



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**BAHRAIN COVID-19 HIGHLIGHTS**

**HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa receives a Pfizer-BioNtech booster shot**

As Bahrain continues its widespread media campaign to encourage vaccine and booster shot uptake, HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa was pictured receiving his booster dose, as encouragement for citizens to follow.

**Bahrain ranked first globally in the Nikkei Covid-19 Recovery Index for November**

Following the drop in active cases, the increase in vaccination rollout, and the continued adherence to health precautionary measures. Bahrain's top performance among 122 countries demonstrates its progressive role in spearheading Covid-19 mitigation efforts. The global ranking also follows Bahrain exceeding three million vaccination doses (first, second and booster), according to statistics from the Kingdom's Health Ministry. The index ranks 122 countries across three categories: infection management, vaccine rollouts and social mobility at the end of each month.

**TRAVEL UPDATES**

Entry procedures for the Kingdom of Bahrain via Bahrain International Airport were updated starting from Sunday, December 19, 2021 as a precautionary measure in the light of the global spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

The update of the entry procedures to the Kingdom of Bahrain replaces the Red List system, with mandatory enforcement of a certified PCR test certificate to be presented before boarding the flight, and taken 48 hours before departure, for all passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain aged 6 years and above.

Arrival procedures will continue to include mandatory PCR tests on the 5th and 10th day of arrival, for all travellers arriving to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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**WHO BAHRAIN COUNTRY OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS**

**Dr Tasnim Atatrah, WHO Representative, represents WHO in Virtual Forum marking International Day for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Dr Tasnim Atatrah was proud to represent WHO in a Virtual Forum, marking the International Day for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in cooperation with United Nations Bahrain, and under the patronage of H.E. Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan Minister of Labor and Social Development, Chairman of the Higher Committee for the Care of Persons with Disabilities.

The forum brought together "Experts in The Field of Persons with Disabilities", to Discuss Implementation of the National Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2022-2026.

Dr Atatrah contributed with insight into the WHO global and regional overviews, focusing on key recommendations to advance the Leadership and Participation of persons with disabilities, toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.

**Bahrain National Day 2021 - Celebrating 50 years of independence**

The WHO Country Office in Bahrain shared warm congratulations with the community in the Kingdom of Bahrain, on the occasion of National Day 2021.

**5th Equal Opportunities Conference on Women In Development**

Dr Tasnim Atatrah was invited to present specialist WHO insight into the impact Covid-19 has had on women. The presentation took place during the 5th Equal Opportunities Conference on Women In Development, subtitled "Partnership, Fairness and Competitiveness". The conference was hosted by Ahlia University, Bahrain, under the Patronage of H.E. Mrs Fawzia Bint Abdulla Zainal, Speaker of the Council of Representatives.

Dr Atatrah shared Global and Regional overviews, surrounding the impact of Covid-19 on women's health, and provided key recommendation and strategies to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on women.

**WHO European Conference on Tackling Noncommunicable Diseases through Digital Solutions**

Dr Tasnim Atatrah, WHO Representative, was invited to participate in the "WHO European Conference on Tackling Noncommunicable Diseases through Digital Solutions".

"I was honored to facilitate the session on "Global developments", as part of the larger conference. It was a really interesting session, that provided a lightening presentation from distinguished speakers and provided a platform for reflecting on global development in the area of digital solutions, ethics and outstanding systems to manage NCDs".

For more information and broadcasts of the sessions, please visit the website: <https://ncd.digital/>