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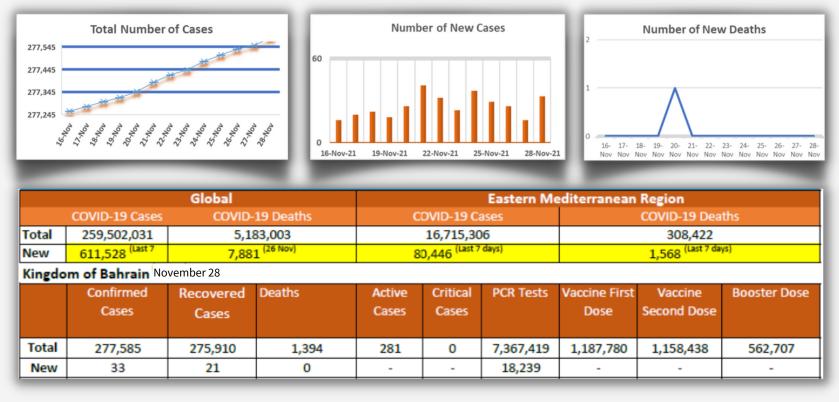


29 November 2021

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report No. #288

Data as reported by national authorities by 24:00 local time 26 November 2021

The alert level is dependent on the rolling average of positive cases in Intensive Care Units. The Green Alert applies when the rolling average of positive cases in ICU is 50 or less for 14 days.



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### The Ministry of Health opens a new drive-through testing centre in the Northern Governorate

The Ministry of Health announced the opening of a new drive-through testing centre in the Northern Governorate in Salman City. Testing appointments at the facility could be booked from Monday, 22 November 2021. The Ministry stated that the new centre has been equipped with the latest medical equipment, which includes lanes to receives vehicles for sample collection. The Ministry reiterated the importance of adhering to all COVID-19 precautionary measures issued by the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

# Dr Al Salman reiterates the importance of receiving a booster shot in light of the newly identified COVID-19 variant: 27 November 2021

The Consultant of Infectious Diseases and Internal Diseases at Salmaniya Medical Complex and Member of the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Dr Jameela Al Salman, emphasized the importance of receiving a booster shot in light of the newly globally identified COVID-19 variant.

Dr Al Salman noted that with the detection of new variant cases throughout the world, it's important to get vaccinated and receive a booster shot to protect one's health.

Dr Al Salman highlighted that the Kingdom's National Vaccination Campaign continues its endeavors to protect public health. Dr Al Salman reiterated the importance of getting vaccinated and receiving a booster shot, especially for the most vulnerable. Dr Al Salman concluded by urging all to adhere to the necessary precautionary measures to safeguard the public health of the Kingdom.

### Eligible individuals can receive their vaccinations across the Kingdom's health centres

The Ministry of Health announced that starting from 29 November 2021, eligible individuals can head directly to health centres across the Kingdom to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, without the need to book an appointment. Health centres will be open from 07:30 to 17:00, with vaccination availability varying between health centres.

#### TRAVEL UPDATES

## The Red List is regularly reviewed and updated based on the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) assessment of international developments.

*26 November 2021:* The Civil Aviation Affairs has reinstated Bahrain's Red List countries in response to recommendations made by the National Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Six countries were added.

27 November 2021: Four additional countries have been added to the Kingdom's Red List.

According to the new update; The Red List include the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Botswana, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Angola and the Republic of Zambia.

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#### WHO BAHRAIN COUNTRY OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

#### His Royal Highness Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain - The World Health Assembly Special Session, Opening Statement 29 November 2021

We were proud to see HRH Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, representing the country's vision and intentions towards building a future to benefit all: "It is our hope that the nations of the world will join forces and heed the lessons of this crisis, in pursuit of a united front that serves the moral imperative of protecting present and future generations from the scourge of pandemics".

#### Video: WHO Bahrain Facebook Link

#### Dr Tasnim Atatrah WR to present Health-Related SDGs during webinar 30 November 2021

Dr Atatrah to share insight into the topic of "Achieving the Health-related SDGs; Together towards an Inclusive, Equitable and Resilient Covid-19 Recovery", during the UOB-UNDP Webinar Series: "Beyond COVID-19? An Opportunity to Build Back Better". The event is open to all.

Please follow this link to join: http://bit.ly/3kiKG1p

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## WHO BAHRAIN COUNTRY OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS

# UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) WHO HQ and WHO EMRO joint NCD mission to Bahrain 9 - 11 November

The mission discussed the progress and challenges of Non-communicable Diseases (NCD). The mission members acknowledged the high political commitment towards addressing NCDs and the progress achieved. Continued efforts in strengthening and scaling up the implementation of cost-effective NCD preventive and clinical interventions are likely to see Bahrain achieve the SDG 3.4.1 target on reduction of NCD premature mortality by 1/3 in 2030.

## WHO Bahrain, EMRO and HQ "Report: Covid-19 Success Story" Mission to Bahrain 4 - 11 November

Field visits were conducted across multiple areas of operation: Testing and Laboratories; Vaccination Centres; Contact Tracing; Continuity of Care; Testing Centres; War Room; and the Hospital and ICU.

## Introductory meeting with ACI and BAC

Dr Atatrah WR met with Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) CEO Mohammed Yousif Al Binfalah and Airports Council International (ACI) Director General - Asia Pacific - Stefano Baronci to discuss the challenges facing the airline industries amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Introductory meeting with Bahrain Society for Training and Development (BSTD)

An introductory meeting was held between WHO Representative Dr Tasnim Atatrah and President of the Bahrain Society for Training and Development (BSTD), Mr Ahmed Attiya. The meeting discussed the upcoming 3rd HRD International Conference, under the patronage of His Excellency Mr Jameel Bin Mohamed Ali Humaidan, Minister of Labour and Social Development, and organized by the Bahrain Society for Training and Development, under the theme, Mental Health at Workplace.

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