

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 17th of October 2020

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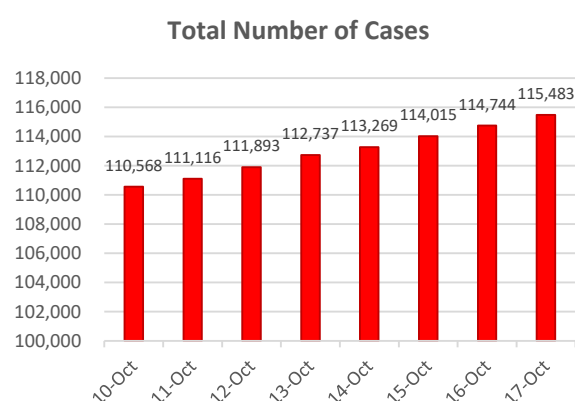
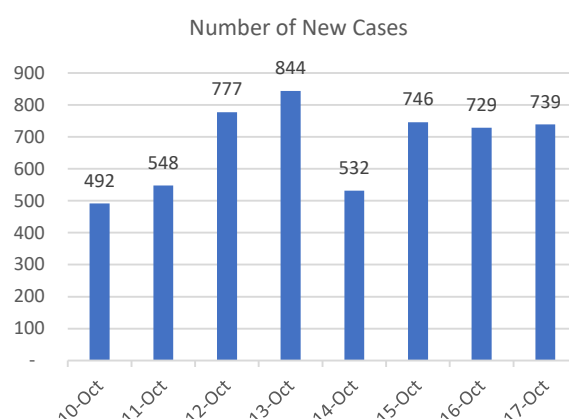
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	39,196,259	1,101,298	2,725,600	69,245
New	1,193,560 in 3 days	18,064 in 3 days	65,150 in 3 days	1,495 in 3 days

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	115,483	107,108	694	7,681	139	823,206
New	2,214 in 3 days	1,872 in 3 days	18 in 3 days	-	-	22,269 in 3 days

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs has allowed 429 Saudi teachers to enter Kuwait according to the schools' need.
- 62 Indian nurses and technicians working for the Ministry of Health were flown back on a special flight and will undergo a shortened quarantine of 7 days.
- Ministry of Health: The winter vaccination campaign for the 2020-2021 season is limited to citizens at the current time.
- Ethiopia becomes a new transit location for expatriates returning to Kuwait.
- 1,000 Filipino workers have been repatriated via free tickets for facing financial, visa or legal situations.
- 60% of hotels are dormant or have been forced to shut down under the current circumstances.
- The Embassy of the Republic of Korea will be temporarily closed from 18 to 20 October for sterilization as one of the Embassy staff tested positive for COVID-19.
- WHO publishes public health considerations while resuming international travel, see link.
- WHO and UNICEF provide advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO Publishes AGE seasonal influenza vaccination recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic interim guidance, see link.



IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MoH update of COVID-19:** <https://corona.e.gov.kw/en/>
- **WHO's COVID-19 weekly situation reports:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- **WHO's COVID-19 dashboard:** <https://covid19.who.int/>
- **Precautions while resuming international travel:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-healthconsiderations-while-resuming-international-travel>
- **WHO and UNICEF: Advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19** <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-children-and-masksrelated-to-covid-19>
- **WHO SAGE seasonal influenza vaccination recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic interim guidance :** https://www.who.int/immunization/policy/position_papers/Interim_SAGE_influenza_vaccination_recommendations.pdf

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