

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 16th of November 2020

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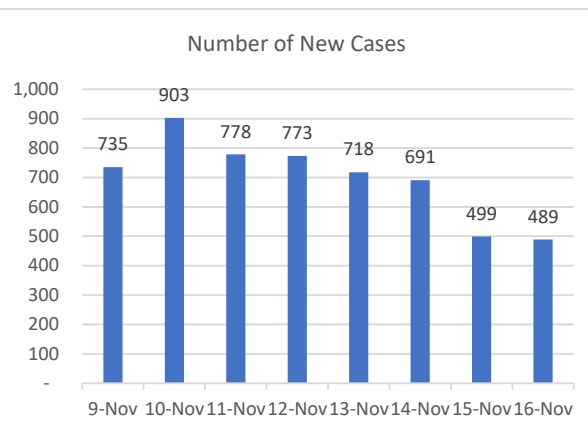
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	54,301,156	1,316,994	3,578,397	90,908
New	528,905	7,858	32,596	856

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	137,329	128,414	842	8,073	115	1,016,638
New	489	829	4	-	-	5,072

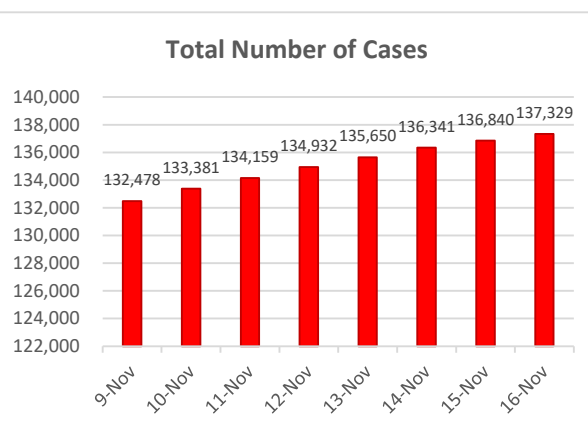
HIGHLIGHTS

- Ministry of Interior announced the possibility of students returning to schools at the beginning of the second semester.
- Canadian embassy temporarily closed from 15 to 21 November as a COVID-19 precautionary measure.
- Ministry of Health issues regulations for private hospitals allowing them to conduct day surgeries that require general anaesthesia with strict precautions.
 - 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 prevention, identification and management of health worker infection in the context of COVID-19, 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-health-considerations-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/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-IPC_Masks-Children-2020.1
- WHO publishes prevention, identification and management of health worker infection in the context of COVID-19: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/10665-336265>

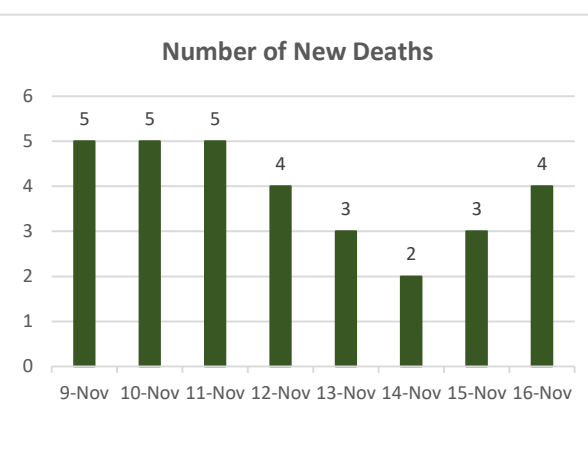


IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Definition of Suspected COVID-19 case (definitions A or B):

A) A person who meets the clinical AND epidemiological criteria: Clinical Criteria: • Acute onset of fever AND cough; OR • Acute onset of ANY THREE OR MORE of the following signs or symptoms: Fever, cough, general weakness/fatigue, headache, myalgia, sore throat, coryza, dyspnoea, anorexia/nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, altered mental status. AND Epidemiological Criteria: • Residing or working in an area with high risk of transmission of virus: closed residential settings, humanitarian settings such as camp and camp-like settings for displaced persons; anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Residing or travel to an area with community transmission anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Working in any health care setting, including within health facilities or within the community; any time within the 14 days prior of symptom onset.

B) A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI: acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of ≥ 38 C°; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and requires hospitalization).



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