

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2020

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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	54,771,888	1,324,249	3,611,671	91,794
<b>New</b>	456,751	6,871	32,853	827

## State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	137,885	129,041	848	7,996	105	1,023,159
<b>New</b>	556	627	6	-	-	6,521

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A meeting will be held in the coming days to decide the date for the return of direct flights from banned countries, which is expected to be gradual.
- Ministry of Education is preparing plans for the return of regular school attendance which should be part of moving to the 5th phase of normalization.
- 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](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  $\geq 38$  C°; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and requires hospitalization).

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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