

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 23rd of December 2020

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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	76,858,506	1,711,498	4,731,359	117,060
New	570,357	11,496	22,900	515

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	148,773	144,594	924	3,255	54	1,232,277
New	266	238	1	-	-	3,459

HIGHLIGHTS

- The first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine arrived at Kuwait Airport, the vaccination batches will arrive monthly.
- Minister of Health announced starting of the vaccination campaign against coronavirus on Thursday, December 24 and will continue for a whole year until the majority of Kuwait's population is vaccinated.
- The number of people who made an appointment online to receive the vaccine has reached 73,700,000.
- MoH: The occupancy rate in intensive care decreased between 10 and 12% and in the Covid-19 wards in all hospitals between 8 and 10%.
- WHO provides updated guidance on COVID-19 therapeutics, see link.
- WHO produces guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Planning for COVID-19 vaccines, see link.
- WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO produces a draft landscape of current COVID-19 candidate vaccines.

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/>
- WHO's Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/therapeutics-and-covid-19-living-guideline>
- WHO guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Plan: https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine_deployment-2020.1
- WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19: [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)
- Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines>

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

What is the COVID-19 Infodemic?

An infodemic is an overabundance of information, both online and offline. It includes deliberate attempts to disseminate wrong information to undermine the public health response and advance alternative agendas of groups or individuals. Mis- and disinformation can be harmful to people's physical and mental health; increase stigmatization; threaten precious health gains; and lead to poor observance of public health measures, thus reducing their effectiveness and endangering countries' ability to stop the pandemic.

Misinformation costs lives. Without the appropriate trust and correct information, diagnostic tests go unused, immunization campaigns (or campaigns to promote effective vaccines) will not meet their targets, and the virus will continue to thrive.

Furthermore, disinformation is polarizing public debate on topics related to COVID-19; amplifying hate speech; heightening the risk of conflict, violence and human rights violations; and threatening long-term prospects for advancing democracy, human rights and social cohesion.

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