

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 12th of January 2021

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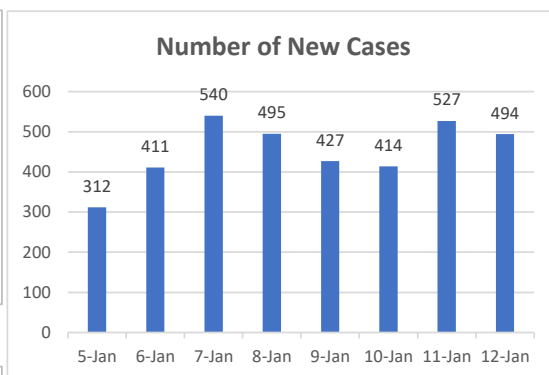
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	89,707,115	1,940,352	5,196,626	125,588
New	566,186	9,371	23,412	371

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	155,335	149,575	946	4,814	47	1,347,854
New	494	202	1	-	-	10,340

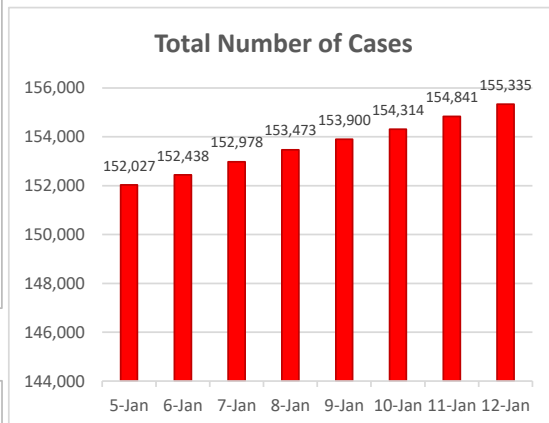
HIGHLIGHTS

- The recruitment of new domestic workers would be permitted from January 17 and the airlines will be responsible for the cost of conducting PCR tests, the first is on arrival and the second during the quarantine period.
- 12,000 citizens and residents of the total population have been vaccinated.
- The Ministry of Health has designated a link on its website to register for receiving the vaccine, see link.
- WHO produces evidence to recommendations: Methods used for assessing health equity and human rights considerations in COVID-19 and aviation, see link.
- Unicef publishes the "Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide", see link.
- WHO provides guidance on who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, see link.



IMPORTANT LINKS

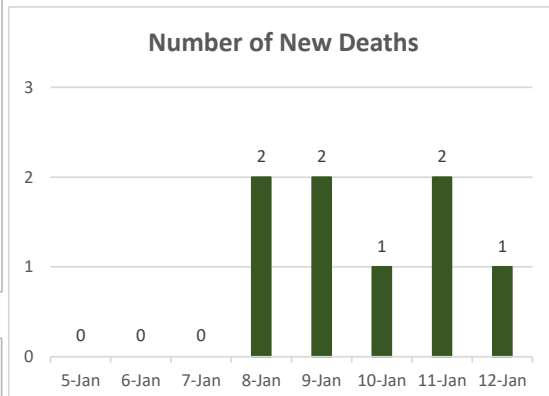
- MoH update of COVID-19: <https://corona.e.gov.kw/en/>
- MoH's link to register for the vaccine: https://cov19vaccine.moh.gov.kw/SPCMS/CVD_19_Vaccine_RegistrationAr.aspx
- WHO's COVID-19 weekly situation reports: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- WHO's COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int/>
- WHO Recommendations on methods used for assessing health equity and human rights considerations in COVID-19 and aviation: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/evidence-to-recommendations-methods-used-for-assessing-health-equity-and-human-rights-considerations-in-covid-19-and-aviation>
- Unicef's Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide: <https://www.unicef.org/mena/reports/vaccine-misinformation-management-field-guide>
- Who can take the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-can-take-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine>



IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine?

According to SAGE (WHO's Strategic Group of Experts on Immunization), the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is safe and effective. Nevertheless, there are specific populations for whom vaccination is not recommended for a variety of reasons. These populations currently include people with a history of severe allergies, (particularly it is contraindicated for People with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine), most pregnant women (except for those with unavoidable high risk of exposure such as health workers), international travellers who are not part of a prioritized group (due to limited supplies of the vaccine at present), and children under 16 (due to lack of data). Further studies are needed for immune-compromized persons. The priority is to start vaccinating health workers at high risk of exposure, followed by older adults, before immunizing the rest of the population. For more details see the link above.



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