Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report
Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 17 June 2020

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Of the new cases 317 (55.1%) are nationals.
- New infections by health area: Al Ahmadi (144), Al Jahra (139), Al Farwaniyah (128), Hawally (96) and Capital Area (68).
- 65 tons of medical equipment and devices imported from China.
- MOI starts Immigration, Traffic and Residency Affairs departments at 30% capacity.
- Red Crescent distributes food parcels to residents in Sabah Al-Salem.
- WHO stops the hydroxychloroquine arm of the solidarity study as results show that it doesn't reduce mortality in hospitalized patients.
- WHO welcomes initial results on dexamethasone which reduces mortality only among seriously ill patients with no benefits observed in patients with milder disease (see link below).
- WHO clarifies comments made earlier regarding COVID-19 transmission: transmission is known to occur by symptomatic cases and pre-symptomatic cases (who later develop symptoms). More data is still needed about transmission via asymptomatic cases (who never develop symptoms). See link below.

IMPORTANT LINKS

- WHO clarification regarding transmission of COVID-19 by asymptomatic cases: https://twitter.com/WHOEMRO/status/1270769638922768387

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