**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 51% of the new cases are Saudis, 31% females and 9% children.
- Cities with highest new infections: Riyadh (1,629), Jeddah (477), Makkah (224), Hufuf (200), Dammam (192), Khobar (132), Qatif (116), Madina (100) and Khamis Mushait (95) cases.
- 50,000 people have donated blood since the coronavirus pandemic broke out.
- 50% of cases in intensive care units have chronic diseases which carries higher risk of complications.
- The United Kingdom thanked Saudi Arabia for donating hundreds of thousands of medical gowns.
- WHO updates guidance on the use of face masks, stressing that mask use is only one component of a comprehensive approach to prevent and control COVID-19 (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**

- MoH COVID-19 updates: https://twitter.com/saudimoh
- WHO’s COVID-19 global situation reports: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novelcoronavirus-2019/situation-reports
- WHO clarification regarding transmission of COVID-19 by asymptomatic cases: https://twitter.com/WHOEMRO/status/1270769638922768387

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