HIGHLIGHTS

- 52% of the new cases are Saudis, 30% females and 9% children.
- Cities with highest new infections: Riyadh (2,371) which is a new record, Makkah (282), Jeddah (279), Hufuf (273), Madina (156), Taif (140), Dammam (137) and Dhahran (123).
- MoH approves dexamethasone for the treatment protocol of COVID-19, based on the results of the UK clinical trial.
- In Jazan, 29 field teams specialized in home healthcare have conducted more than 14,000 home visits, benefiting 22,338 patients since the beginning of the pandemic.
- 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).
- 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.

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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