# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2020

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|       | Gl             | obal            | Eastern Mediterranean Region |                 |  |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
|       | COVID-19 Cases | COVID-19 Deaths | COVID-19 Cases               | COVID-19 Deaths |  |
| Total | 29,444,198     | 931,321         | 2,148,615                    | 56,084          |  |
| New   | 252,680        | 4,520           | 16,232                       | 371             |  |

#### Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

|       | <b>Confirmed Cases</b> | Recovered Cases | Deaths | Active Cases | Critical Cases | PCR Tests |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Total | 327,551                | 306,004         | 4,369  | 17,178       | 1,238          | 5,868,149 |
| New   | 621                    | 982             | 31     | -            | -              | 50,194    |

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Cities with highest new infections were: Makkah (88), Jeddah (58), Riyadh (41), Hufuf (37), Dammam (36), Madinah (34), Yanbu (33), and Al Mobarraz (26).
- General Authority of Civil Aviation issues "Passenger Guide" highlighting precautionary measures in domestic and international flights for exceptional categories.
- All passengers returning to Saudi Arabia should remain in home quarantine for three days and undergo another PCR test 48 hours after entering the Kingdom.
- The results of 50% of coronavirus samples were made public within 14 hours while 80 % of the sample results came out within 20 hours
- WHO publishes updated guidance on home care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and management of their contacts, see link.
- WHO and UNICEF provide advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO: Considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19; see link.

### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

- MoH COVID-19 updates: https://twitter.com/saudimoh
- WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports:

 $https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-\\ 2019/situation-reports$ 

- WHO's COVID-19 dashboard: https://covid19.who.int/
- New Ministry of Health COVID-19 webpage and dashboard: https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx
- WHO publishes updated guidance on home care of COVID-19: https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-forpatients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-(ncov)-infectionpresenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts
- WHO and UNICEF: Advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19

 $https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-IPC\_Masks-Children-2020.1$ 

- Considerations for school-related public health measures in the context of COVID-19: https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/considerations-for-school-related-public-health-measures-in-the-context-of-covid-19%20%EF%BB%BF



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