Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 7th of December 2020

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World Health Organization
WHO Office - Riyadh

	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	66,422,058	1,532,418	4,319,467	107,866
New	549,946	8,768	30,871	614

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	358,922	349,168	5,977	3,777	577	10,147,030
New	209	289	12	-	-	40,371

HIGHLIGHTS

• Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (44), Madinah (44), Makkah (37), Eastern (26), Asir (20), Al Qassim (10), Najran (6), and Hail (6).
• Saudi Arabia ranks 1st in the Arab world and 17th globally in COVID-19 research.
• Saudi CDC published a List of 36 public and 32 private centres authorized to conduct PCR test, the results of such centres are accepted at points of entry.
• Saudi Health Center published the guidance of going to leisure resorts.
• WHO provides updated guidance on COVID-19 therapeutics, see link.
• WHO produces guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Planning for COVID-19 vaccines, 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/
- **MoH COVID-19 dashboard:** https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx
- **WHO's COVID-19 Therapeutics:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/therapeutics-and-covid-19-living-guideline
- **WHO guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Plan:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine_deployment-2020.1
- **WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

How will we know if a COVID-19 vaccine is safe?

There are many strict protections in place to help ensure that COVID-19 vaccines will be safe. Like all vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines should go through a rigorous, multistage testing process, including large (phase III) trials that involve tens of thousands of people. These trials are specifically designed to identify any common side effects or other safety concerns.
If clinical trials shows that a vaccine is safe and effective, a series of independent reviews of the efficacy and safety evidence is required, including regulatory review and approval in the country where the vaccine is manufactured, before WHO considers a vaccine for prequalification. Part of this process also involves a review of all the safety evidence by the Global Advisory Committee in Vaccine Safety. An external panel of experts convened by WHO will analyse the results from clinical trials. After a COVID-19 vaccine is introduced, WHO will support monitoring for any safety concerns on an ongoing basis.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Number of New Cases

29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec
232	263	249	230	234	190	187	209

Total Number of Cases

29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec
357,360	357,623	357,872	358,102	358,336	358,526	358,713	358,922

Number of New Deaths

29-Nov	30-Nov	1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec
12	11	12	11	10	14	11	12