Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 8th 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	67,210,778	1,540,777	4,348,215	108,518
New	494,744	7,707	28,469	646

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	359,115	349,414	5,989	3,712	573	10,191,631
New	193	246	12	-	-	44,601

HIGHLIGHTS

• Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (53), Makkah (36), Madinah (28), Eastern (21), Al Qassim (12), Asir (11), Tabuk (7) and Northern Borders (6).
• Ministry of Health publishes a directory of home health care services.
• 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

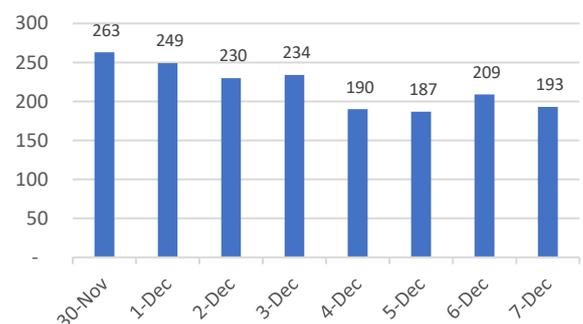**How will we know if a COVID-19 vaccine is safe?**

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 product 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.
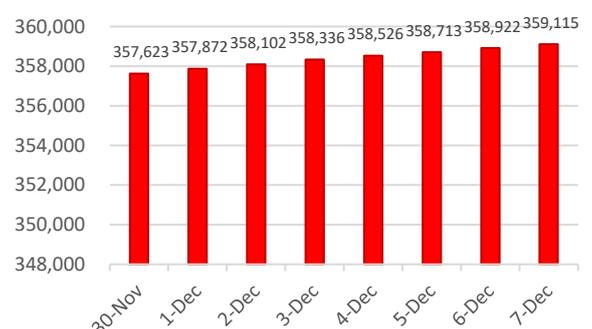
IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Number of New Cases

Date	Value
30-Nov	263
1-Dec	249
2-Dec	230
3-Dec	234
4-Dec	190
5-Dec	187
6-Dec	209
7-Dec	193

Total Number of Cases

Date	Value
30-Nov	357,623
1-Dec	357,872
2-Dec	358,102
3-Dec	358,336
4-Dec	358,526
5-Dec	358,713
6-Dec	358,922
7-Dec	359,115

Number of New Deaths

Date	Value
30-Nov	11
1-Dec	12
2-Dec	11
3-Dec	10
4-Dec	14
5-Dec	11
6-Dec	12
7-Dec	12