Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 9th 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	67,780,361	1,551,214	4,378,210	109,229
New	546,703	10,132	29,658	705

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	359,274	349,624	6,002	3,648	550	10,233,590
New	159	210	13	-	-	41,959

HIGHLIGHTS

• Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (65), Makkah (24), Madinah (22), Eastern (21), Asir (10), Tabuk (7), Al Qassim (4), and Northern Borders (2).
• All business class seats are now available on day and night trains after the restrictions imposed on them have been removed with the commitment to wear the masks at all stages of travel on trains.
• 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.
• WHO updated guidance on mask use 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 MoH COVID-19 webpage and 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

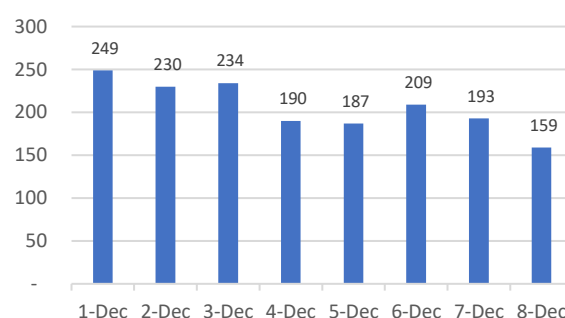**How will we know if a COVID-19 vaccine is safe?**

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.
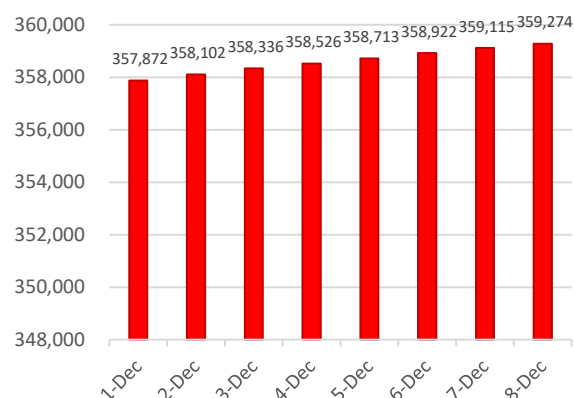
IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Number of New Cases

1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec
249	230	234	190	187	209	193	159

Total Number of Cases

1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec
357,872	358,102	358,336	358,526	358,713	358,922	359,115	359,274

Number of New Deaths

1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec
12	11	10	14	11	12	12	13