

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 16th of December 2020

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17th of December, 2020



	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	72,196,732	1,630,521	4,562,985	113,304
New	585,455	11,463	25,689	551

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	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	360,335	351,192	6,080	3,063	463	10,490,805
New	180	199	11	-	-	46,619

HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (53), Makkah (32), Madinah (24), Eastern (30), Asir (14), Tabuk (6) and Al Jouf (6).
- Minister of Health announced the arrival of the first batch of the coronavirus vaccine on Wednesday 16 December, vaccination should start within 3 days.
- The total number of individuals who have registered via "Sehaty" App to take the COVID19 vaccine reached 150,000 since the launch of the registration.
- 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.
- WHO produces a draft landscape of current COVID-19 candidate vaccines.

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.moh.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](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)
- Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines>

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

What is the COVID-19 Infodemic?

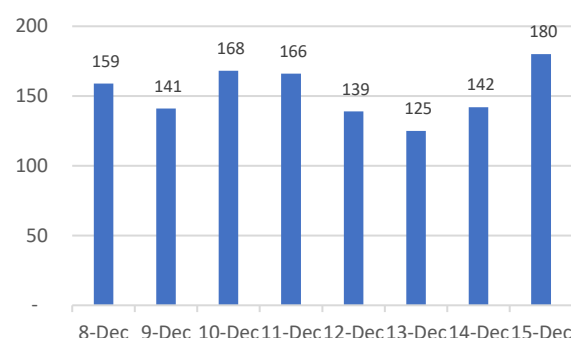
An infodemic is an overabundance of information, both online and offline. It includes deliberate attempts to disseminate wrong information to undermine the public health response and advance alternative agendas of groups or individuals. Mis- and disinformation can be harmful to people's physical and mental health; increase stigmatization; threaten precious health gains; and lead to poor observance of public health measures, thus reducing their effectiveness and endangering countries' ability to stop the pandemic.

Misinformation costs lives. Without the appropriate trust and correct information, diagnostic tests go unused, immunization campaigns (or campaigns to promote effective vaccines) will not meet their targets, and the virus will continue to thrive. Furthermore, disinformation is polarizing public debate on topics related to COVID-19.

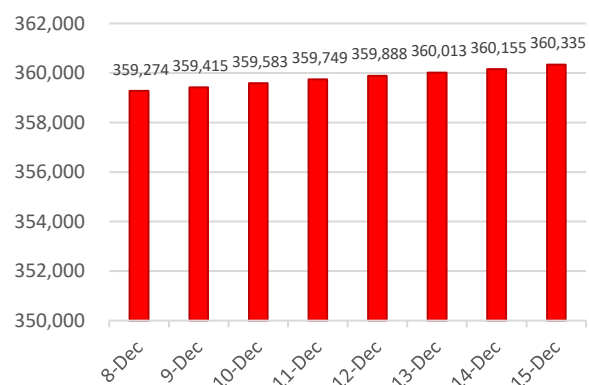
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Number of New Cases



Total Number of Cases



Number of New Deaths

