

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 09th of January 2021

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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	87,589,206	1,906,606	5,124,000	124,486
New	2,498,194 in 3 days	45,601 in 3 days	79,353 in 3 days	1,157 in 3 days

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	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	363,692	355,382	6,286	2,024	308	11,316,104
New	315 in 3 days	483 in 3 days	14 in 3 days	-	-	101,999 in 3 days

HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections over the past 3 days: Riyadh (143), Makkah (75), Eastern (42), Madinah (21), Northern Borders (11), Tabuk (7) and Asir (6).
- King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Saudi Citizens to be allowed to travel abroad freely starting March 31, 2021.
- Minister of Health receives his 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and announces the release of the "Health Passport" via "Tawakkalna" app. after taking the 2 doses.
- Saudi Arabia reports 10 cases of the coronavirus mutation discovered in the UK.
- MoH launches a clear insight and guidance of all needed information about covid-19 vaccine, see link.
- WHO Published guidance on COVID-19 Global Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy, see link.
- WHO produces a prepared draft by the SAGE on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 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.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>
- MoH's guidance of all information about covid-19 vaccine: <https://covid19awareness.sa/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID-19VaccineGuidance.pdf>
- WHO guidance on COVID-19 Global Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/covid-19-global-risk-communication-and-communityengagement-strategy>
- Draft on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/mrna-vaccines-against-covid-19-pfizer-biontech-covid19-vaccinebnt162b2>

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

WHO issues its first emergency use validation for a COVID-19 vaccine

The World Health Organization listed the Comirnaty COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for emergency use, making the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine the first to receive emergency validation from WHO. This opens the door for countries to expedite their own regulatory approval processes to import and administer the vaccine. Regulatory experts convened by WHO from around the world and WHO's own teams reviewed the data on the vaccine's safety, efficacy and quality as part of a risk-versus-benefit analysis. Experts from individual national authorities are invited to participate in the review. The review found that the vaccine met the must-have criteria for safety and efficacy set out by WHO, and that the benefits of using the vaccine to address COVID-19 offset potential risks. The vaccine is also under policy review to formulate vaccine specific policies and recommendations for this product's use in populations.

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