

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)



World Health Organization

WHO Office - Riyadh

Situation Report No. 59 - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:59 local time 18 May 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2,593 new cases in one day, bringing total to 57,345. Of the new cases, 44% are Saudis, 25% are females, and 11% children.
- 3,026 new recoveries, bringing total to 28,748.
- 8 new mortalities bringing total to 320. Mortalities were non-Saudis in Makkah, Jeddah, Madinah, Dammam and Buraidah; age range 27 - 64.
- There are 28,277 active cases, 237 of them in critical condition.
- Distribution of new cases: Riyadh (642), Makkah (510), Jeddah (305), Madinah (245), Dammam (174), Hofuf (147); in addition to cases in 46 other localities.
- Saudi Arabia participates in the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly with a delegation headed by the Minister of Health.
- A Saudi nursing staff died of COVID-19.
- MoH conducts approximately 602,000 coronavirus tests.
- Over 80% of supply and grocery stores have switched to using cashless electronic payments amid measures to stem the spread of the COVID-19.
- Uber has announced the launch of "Uber Medics" which provides health care workers with discounted trips during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- WHO: Smokers are more likely to develop severe disease with COVID-19, compared to non-smokers; WHO has published new guidance on "Cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in the context of COVID-19"; WHO provided guidance on school related public health measures (see link below).

IMPORTANT LINKS

- **Daily MoH COVID-19 updates on Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/saudimoh>
- **WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- **Ministry of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:** <https://covid19.moh.gov.sa/>
- **WHO statement on tobacco and COVID-19:** <https://www.who.int/newsroom/detail/1105-2020-who-statement-tobacco-use-and-covid-19>
- **WHO guidance on Cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces:** <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/cleaning-and-disinfection-of-environmentalsurfaces-inthe-context-of-covid-19>
- **WHO school related public health measures:** <https://www.who.int/publicationsdetail/considerations-for-school-related-public-health-measures-in-the-context-ofcovid-19>

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Total (new) cases in last 24 hours

Globally

4,618,821 cases (93,324)
311,847 deaths (4,452)

Eastern Mediterranean Region

338,560 cases (11,992)
9,979 deaths (138)

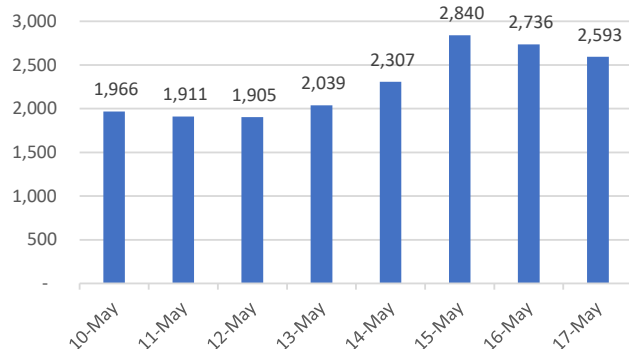
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57,345 confirmed (2,593)
320 deaths (8)

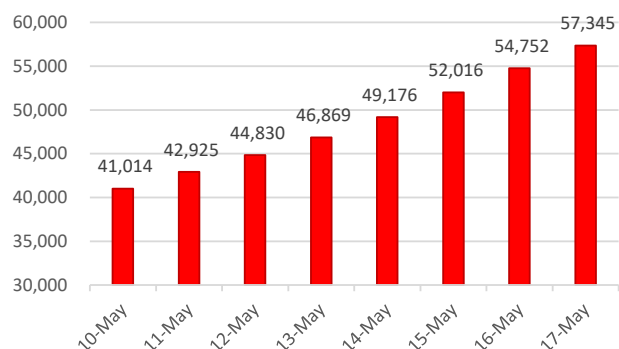
DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CASES

#	City	Total	Active
1	Makkah	11,776	4,686
2	Riyadh	10,818	5,000
3	Jeddah	9,590	5,118
4	Al-Madinah	7,847	3,340
5	Dammam	3,846	2,283
6	Hofuf	2,537	938
7	Jubail	2,009	1,318
8	Taif	1,343	1,014
9	Khobar	1,289	938
10	Baish	698	171
11	Al-Qatif	575	318
12	Tabuk	518	261
12	Diriyah	391	330
13	Buraidah	337	212
14	Yanbu	330	210
15	Dahran	294	207

Number of New Cases



Total Number of Cases



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