

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 17 June 2020

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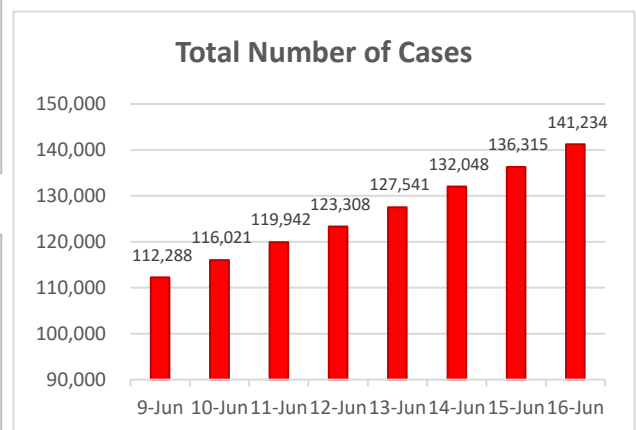
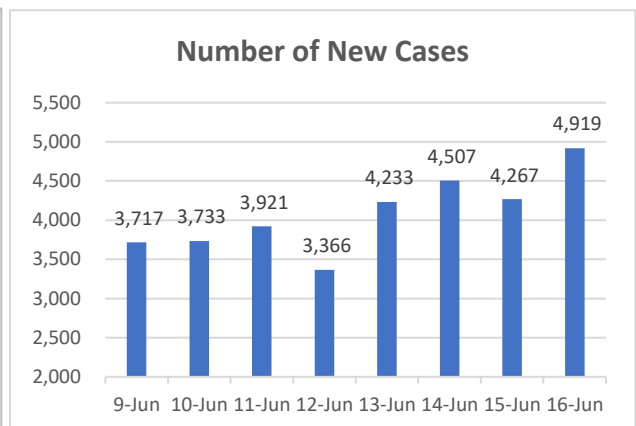
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	8,061,550	440,290	817,458	18,057
New	119,759	5,494	20,699	499

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	141,234	91,662	1,091	48,481	1,859	1,167,766
New	4,919	2,122	39	-	-	23,484

HIGHLIGHTS

- 52% of the new cases are Saudis, 30% females and 9% children.
- Cities with highest new infections: Riyadh (2,371) which is a new record, Makkah (282), Jeddah (279), Hufuf (273), Madina (156), Taif (140), Dammam (137) and Dhahran (123).
- MoH approves dexamethasone for the treatment protocol of COVID-19, based on the results of the UK clinical trial.
- In Jazan, 29 field teams specialized in home healthcare have conducted more than 14,000 home visits, benefiting 22,338 patients since the beginning of the pandemic.
- WHO welcomes initial results on dexamethasone which **reduces mortality only among seriously ill patients** with no benefits observed in patients with milder disease (see link).
- WHO clarifies comments made earlier regarding COVID-19 transmission: transmission is known to occur by symptomatic cases and pre-symptomatic cases (who later develop symptoms). More data is still needed about transmission via asymptomatic cases (who never develop symptoms). 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/novelcoronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- **Ministry of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:** <https://covid19.moh.gov.sa/>
- **WHO welcomes initial results on Dexamethasone:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/16-06-2020-who-welcomes-preliminary-results-about-dexamethasone-use-in-treating-critically-ill-covid-19-patients>
- **WHO clarification regarding transmission of COVID-19 by asymptomatic cases:** <https://twitter.com/WHOEMRO/status/1270769638922768387>

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