

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 8th of November 2020

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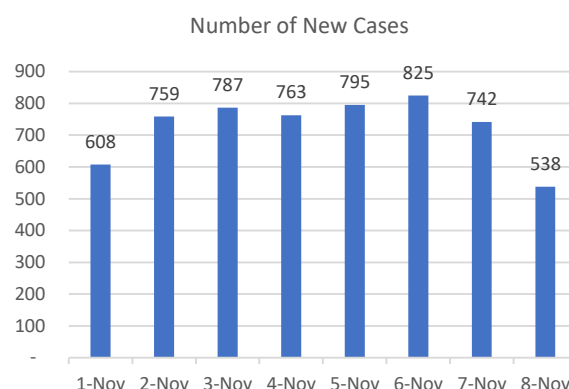
| | Global | | Eastern Mediterranean Region | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | COVID-19 Cases | COVID-19 Deaths | COVID-19 Cases | COVID-19 Deaths |
| Total | 49,578,590 | 1,245,717 | 3,307,199 | 83,972 |
| New | 441,696 | 6,037 | 32,271 | 879 |

State of Kuwait

| | Confirmed Cases | Recovered Cases | Deaths | Active Cases | Critical Cases | PCR Tests |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Total | 131,743 | 122,576 | 811 | 8,356 | 121 | 965,830 |
| New | 538 | 687 | 3 | - | - | 5,105 |

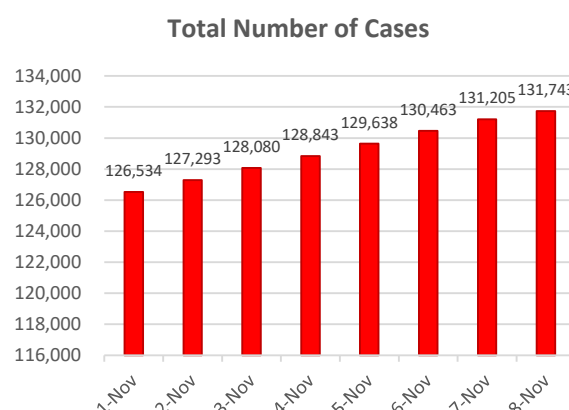
HIGHLIGHTS

- Due to seasonal weather fluctuations, MoH launched an awareness infographic with recommendations for asthmatic patients.
- Government worrisome of a hike in COVID-19 cases related to parliament elections particularly on election day and after the announcement of election results due to gatherings and dinner events held for the winners.
- No change in current travel regulations which will continue until 31 January 2021.
- A survey found that 54% of Kuwaitis avoid going to health facilities for general health needs as a result of COVID-19.
- WHO publishes public health considerations while resuming international travel, see link.
- WHO and UNICEF provide advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO publishes prevention, identification and management of health worker infection in the context of COVID-19, see link.



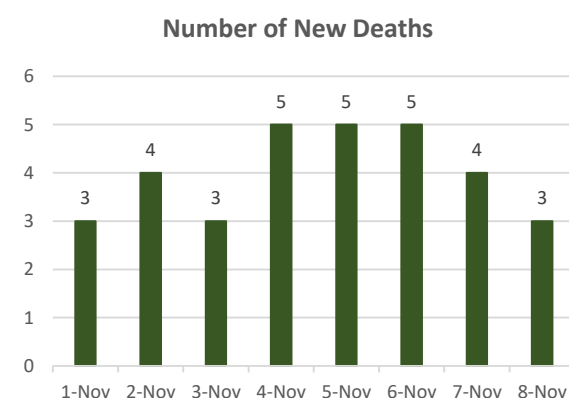
IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MoH update of COVID-19:** <https://corona.e.gov.kw/en/>
- **WHO's COVID-19 weekly situation reports:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- **WHO's COVID-19 dashboard:** <https://covid19.who.int/>
- **Precautions while resuming international travel:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-health-considerations-while-resuming-international-travel>
- **WHO and UNICEF: Advice on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19:** https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-IPC_Masks-Children-2020.1
- **WHO publishes prevention, identification and management of health worker infection in the context of COVID-19:** <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/10665-336265>



IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Definition of a Contact: A contact is a person who has experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case: **1.** face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 metre and for at least 15 minutes; **2.** direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case; **3.** direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using recommended personal protective equipment; OR **4.** other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.



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