

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 15th of November 2020

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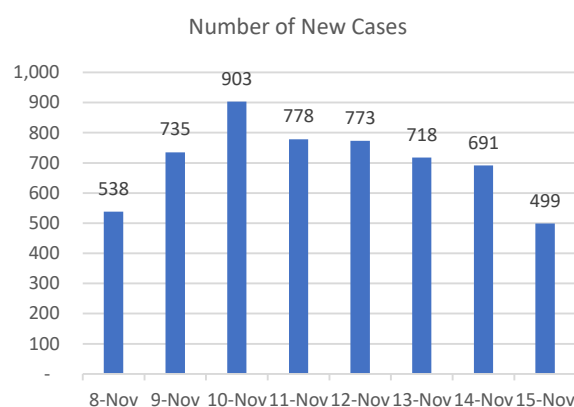
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	53,766,728	1,308,975	3,545,801	90,052
New	594,000	8,212	33,343	800

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	136,840	127,585	838	8,417	109	1,011,566
New	499	683	3	-	-	4,854

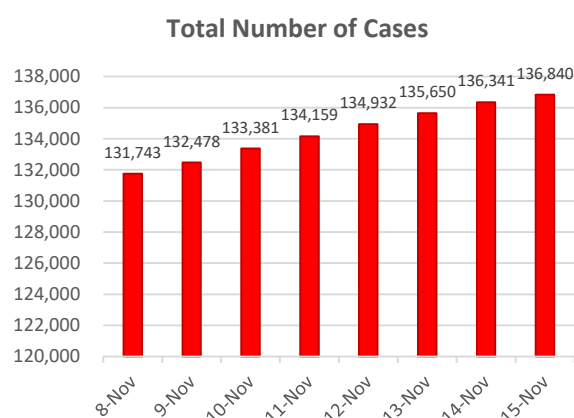
HIGHLIGHTS

- Ministry of Health: we are prepared to provide the facilities to maintain the cold storage requirements of the new Pfizer/Biontech vaccine.
- Kuwaiti citizens planning to travel abroad were advised to purchase health insurance that includes COVID-19 coverage.
- Ministry of Health refuses the proposal of the Ministry of Education of having a paper-based written exam for the first semester of secondary schools.
- 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>



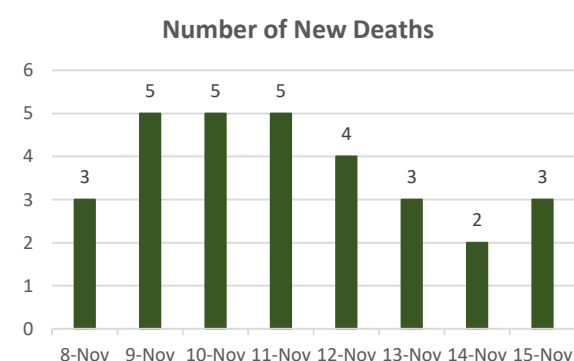
IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Definition of Suspected COVID-19 case (definitions A or B):

A) A person who meets the clinical AND epidemiological criteria: Clinical Criteria: •

Acute onset of fever AND cough; OR • Acute onset of ANY THREE OR MORE of the following signs or symptoms: Fever, cough, general weakness/fatigue, headache, myalgia, sore throat, coryza, dyspnoea, anorexia/nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, altered mental status. AND Epidemiological Criteria: • Residing or working in an area with high risk of transmission of virus: closed residential settings, humanitarian settings such as camp and camp-like settings for displaced persons; anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Residing or travel to an area with community transmission anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Working in any health care setting, including within health facilities or within the community; any time within the 14 days prior of symptom onset.

B) A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI: acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and requires hospitalization).



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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