

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 21st of November 2020

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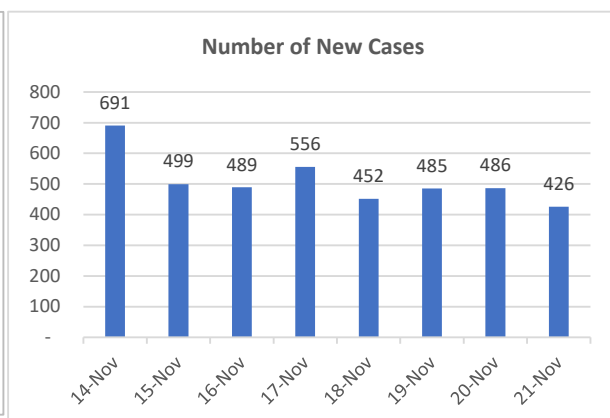
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	57,274,018	1,368,000	3,763,231	95,558
New	1,947,111 in 3 days	34,258 in 3 days	114,179 in 3 days	2,907 in 3 days

State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	139,734	131,560	863	7,311	84	1,047,902
New	1,397 in 3 days	1,721 in 3 days	6 in 3 days	-	-	18,675 in 3 days

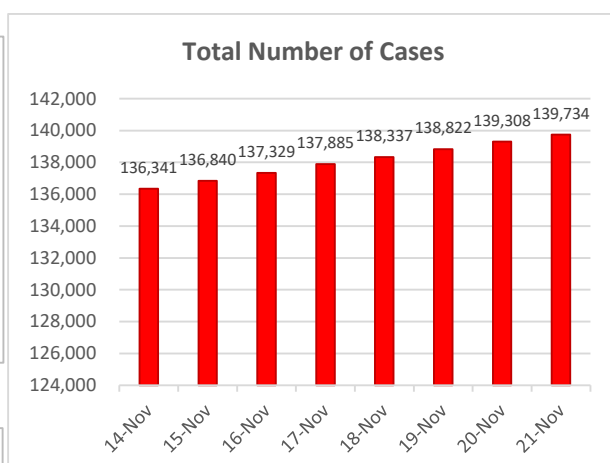
HIGHLIGHTS

- MoH announces that there is no obligation on health care workers to take the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available.
- Lifting the travel ban from the 34 countries is postponed until after the National Assembly elections. The cabinet also discussed the return plans, expecting 80,000 domestic workers to return to Kuwait over 5 months after lifting the ban.
- Ministry of Health to purchase 3,000,000 doses of the Oxford University vaccine when officially approved.
- UN International Organization for Migration (IOM) mission distributed protection kits to more than 4,000 expatriate workers.
- 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>



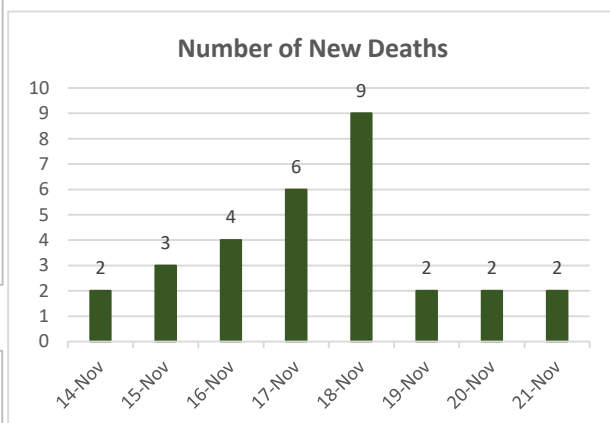
IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Probable COVID-19 case:

- A patient who meets clinical criteria (see **Important Definitions** in situation reports of last week) AND is a contact of a probable or confirmed case, or epidemiologically linked to a cluster with at least one confirmed case.
- A suspect case with chest imaging showing findings suggestive of COVID-19 disease.
- A person with recent onset of anosmia (loss of smell) or ageusia (loss of taste) in the absence of any other identified cause.
- Death, not otherwise explained, in an adult with respiratory distress preceding death AND was a contact of a probable or confirmed case or epidemiologically linked to a cluster with at least one confirmed case.

Confirmed COVID-19 case:

A person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.



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