

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2020

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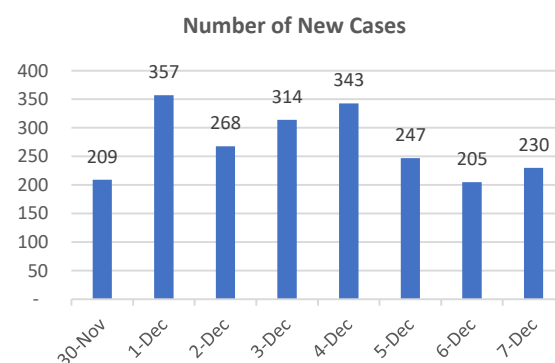
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	66,422,058	1,532,418	4,319,467	107,866
<b>New</b>	549,946	8,768	30,871	614

## State of Kuwait

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	144,599	140,341	897	3,361	84	1,146,420
<b>New</b>	230	306	6	-	-	4,626

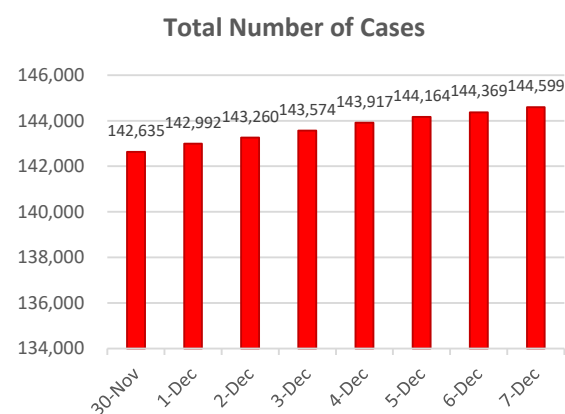
## HIGHLIGHTS

- The online platform to register for the safe return of domestic workers started December 7th, the first flight carrying domestic workers from India is expected on the 14th of December.
- MoH reiterates that the nationals and high risk groups will be prioritized for COVID-19 vaccine, and that expatriates will receive the vaccine for free.
- WHO provides updated guidance on COVID-19 therapeutics, see link.
- WHO produces guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Planning for COVID-19 vaccines, see link.
- WHO updated guidance on mask use 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/>
- **WHO's Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline:** <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/therapeutics-and-covid-19-living-guideline>
- **WHO guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Plan:** [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine\\_deployment-2020.1](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine_deployment-2020.1)
- **WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19:** [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)

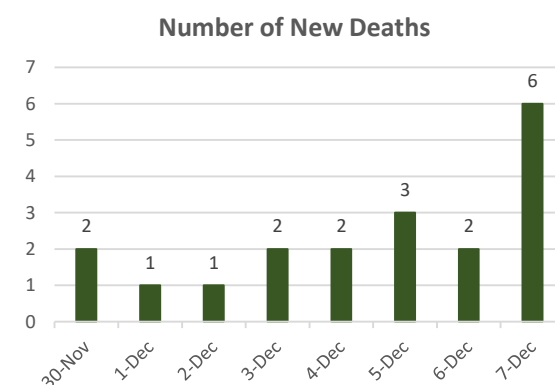


## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

### How will we know if a COVID-19 vaccine is safe?

There are many strict protections in place to help ensure that COVID-19 vaccines will be safe. Like all vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines should go through a rigorous, multi-stage testing process, including large (phase III) trials that involve tens of thousands of people. These trials are specifically designed to identify any common side effects or other safety concerns.

If clinical trials shows that a vaccine is safe and effective, a series of independent reviews of the efficacy and safety evidence is required, including regulatory review and approval in the country where the vaccine is manufactured, before WHO considers a vaccine product for prequalification. Part of this process also involves a review of all the safety evidence by the Global Advisory Committee in Vaccine Safety. An external panel of experts convened by WHO will analyse the results from clinical trials. After a COVID-19 vaccine is introduced, WHO will support monitoring for any safety concerns on an ongoing basis.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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