Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 04th of January 2021

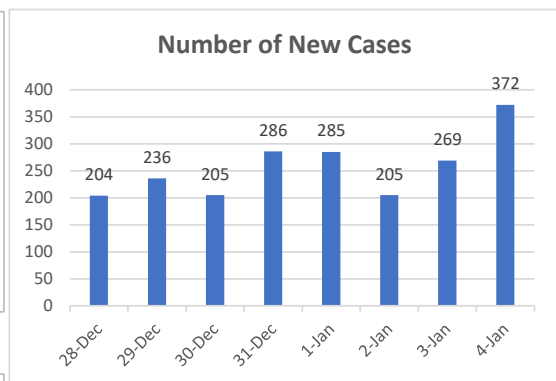## Situation Report No. 210 - State of Kuwait
05th of January, 2021

World Health Organization
WHO Office - Riyadh

	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	**COVID-19 Deaths**	**COVID-19 Cases**	**COVID-19 Deaths**
Total	83,910,386	1,839,660	5,000,203	122,472
New	583,907	7,957	22,351	411

State of Kuwait

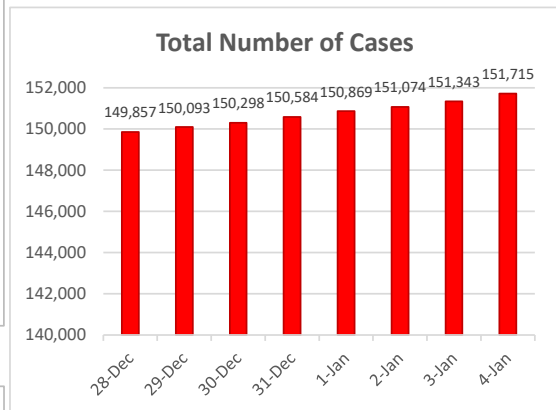|	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	151,715	147,511	938	3,266	51	1,272,017
New	372	240	1	-	-	5,067

HIGHLIGHTS

• All passengers arriving in Kuwait will be subject to a mandated PCR test by the MoH staff on duty at the airport. The departures through Kuwait International Airport will be required to register on the 'Kuwait Mosafer' application.
• Saliva samples instead of nasopharyngeal swabs to detect Coronavirus at Al-Sabah Hospital and Al Razi wards officially.
• The Ministry of Health advises to avoid travel for the time being.
• WHO produces evidence to recommendations: Methods used for assessing health equity and human rights considerations in COVID-19 and aviation, see link.
• WHO publishes guidance on COVID-19 global risk communication and community engagement strategy, see link.
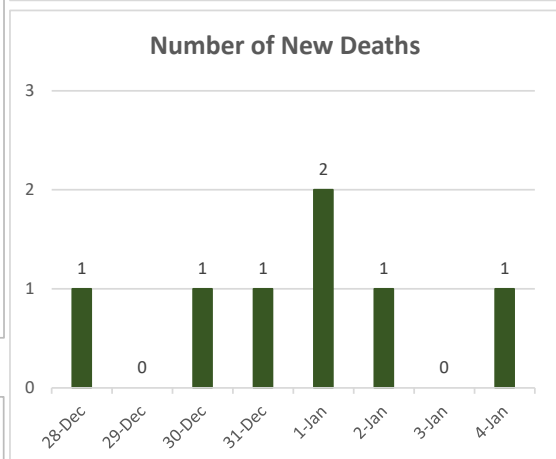• WHO produces a prepared daft by the SAGE on COVID-19 vaccines.

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 Recommendations on methods used for assessing health equity and human rights considerations in COVID-19 and aviation:** https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/evidence-to-recommendations-methods-used-for-assessing-health-equity-and-human-rights-considerations-in-covid-19-and-aviation
• **WHO guidance on COVID-19 Global Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy:** https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/covid-19-global-risk-communication-and-community-engagement-strategy
• **Draft on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 vaccines:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/mrna-vaccines-against-covid-19-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccinebnt162b2

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

WHO issues its first emergency use validation for a COVID-19 vaccine

The World Health Organization listed the Comirnaty COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for emergency use, making the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine the first to receive emergency validation from WHO. This opens the door for countries to expedite their own regulatory approval processes to import and administer the vaccine.
Regulatory experts convened by WHO from around the world and WHO's own teams reviewed the data on the vaccine's safety, efficacy and quality as part of a risk-versus-benefit analysis. Experts from individual national authorities are invited to participate in the review. The review found that the vaccine met the must-have criteria for safety and efficacy set out by WHO, and that the benefits of using the vaccine to address COVID-19 offset potential risks.
The vaccine is also under policy review to formulate vaccine specific policies and recommendations for this product's use in populations.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Number of New Cases

Date	Cases
28-Dec	204
29-Dec	236
30-Dec	205
31-Dec	286
1-Jan	285
2-Jan	205
3-Jan	269
4-Jan	372

Total Number of Cases

Date	Cases
28-Dec	149,857
29-Dec	150,093
30-Dec	150,298
31-Dec	150,584
1-Jan	150,869
2-Jan	151,074
3-Jan	151,343
4-Jan	151,715

Number of New Deaths

Date	Deaths
28-Dec	1
29-Dec	0
30-Dec	1
31-Dec	1
1-Jan	2
2-Jan	1
3-Jan	0
4-Jan	1