

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report No. 58 - Kuwait

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:59 local time 18 May 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- 841 new cases, bringing total to 15,691. Of the new cases 162 are nationals.
- All new cases are contacts of cases or are under investigation.
- 6 new mortalities, bringing total to 118.
- 11,234 cases remain under treatment, 161 of them are in ICU.
- Recovery of 246 coronavirus cases bringing total to 4,339.
- Kuwait participates in the meetings of the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly with a delegation headed by the Minister of Health.
- Municipality closes 175 shops for violation of mitigation measures.
- Violation of the compulsory use of a protective face mask or any suitable alternative is punishable by jail for a maximum period of 3 months and/or a maximum fine of 5000 Kuwaiti Dinar.
- MoH announces a the mechanism for ending the home quarantine and handing the bracelet to the Ministry of Health.
- WHO: Smokers are more likely to develop severe disease with COVID-19, compared to non-smokers; WHO has published new guidance on "Cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in the context of COVID-19"; WHO provided guidance on school related public health measures (see links below).

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Total (new) cases in last 24 hours

Globally

4,618,821 cases (93,324)

311,847 deaths (4,452)

Eastern Mediterranean Region

338,560 cases (11,992)

9,979 deaths (138)

Kuwait

15,691 confirmed (841)

118 deaths (6)

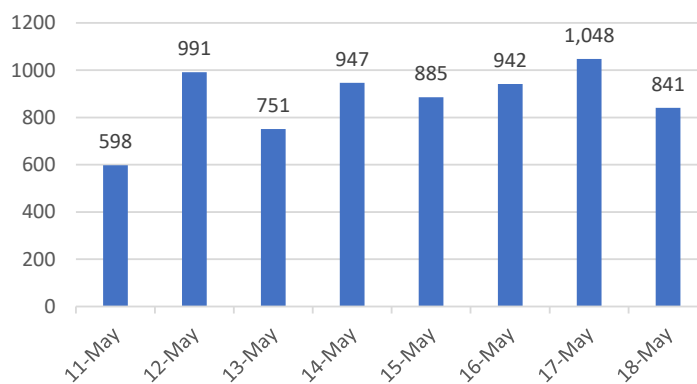
IMPORTANT LINKS

- For updated information on the spread of COVID-19 in Kuwait: <https://corona.e.gov.kw/en/>
- To obtain WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- WHO 14th of April update of the COVID-19 strategy: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/covid-strategy-update-14april2020.pdf?sfvrsn=29da3ba0_19
- Immunization programme in context of COVID-19: <https://iris.paho.org/handle/10665.2/51992>
- WHO's statement on tobacco and COVID-19: <https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/11-052020who-statement-tobacco-use-and-covid-19>
- WHO guidance on cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces: <https://www.who.int/publications-detail/cleaningand-disinfection-of-environmental-surfaces-inthecontext-of-covid-19>
- WHO school related public health measures: <https://www.who.int/publicationsdetail/considerations-for-school-related-public-healthmeasures-in-the-context-of-covid-19>

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Number of New Cases



Total Number of Cases

