

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 16 August 2020

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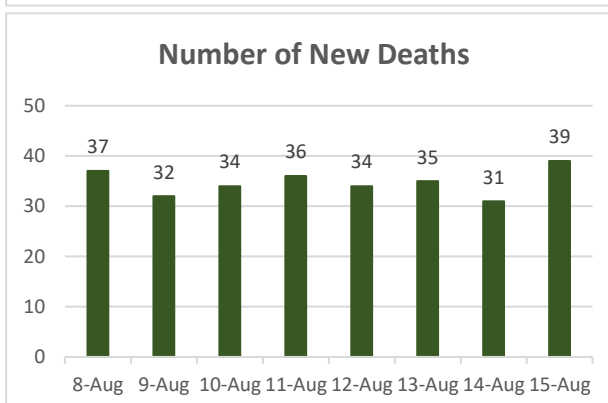
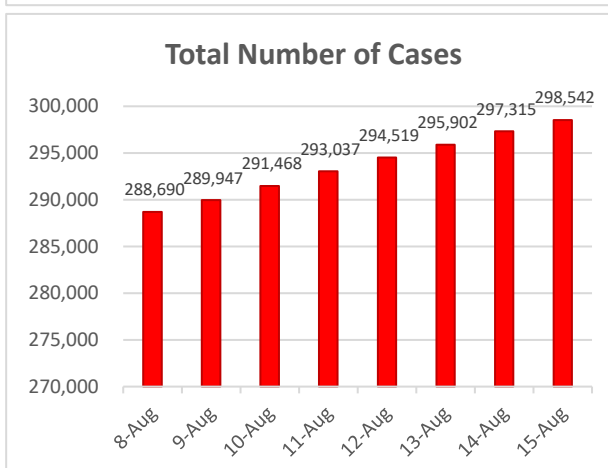
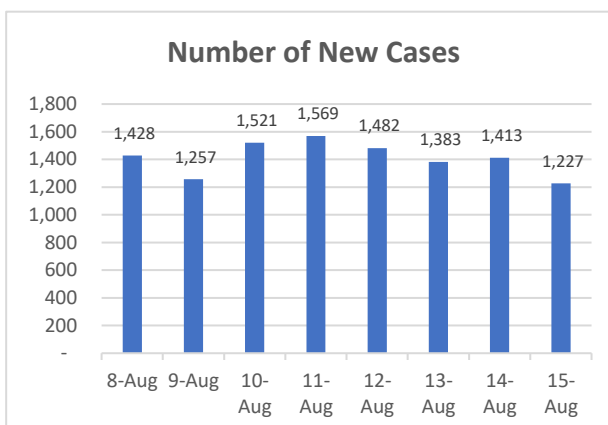
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	21,294,845	761,779	1,723,673	45,704
<b>New</b>	267,291	5,985	13,401	343

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	298,542	266,953	3,408	28,181	1,774	4,262,092
<b>New</b>	1,227	2,466	39	-	-	60,016

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 46% of the new cases are female and 12% are children.
- Cities with highest new infections were: Riyadh (62), Jazan (57), Jeddah (57), Makkah (56), Baish (43), Madina (36), Al Harjah (35), Sabt Al Alayah (35), Abu Arish (35), Hufuf (34), and Yanbu (33).
- More than 114,000 administrative employees in the schools will be back at work on Sunday in preparation for the new school year.
- The virtual school day in Saudi Arabia for intermediate and secondary stages will start at 7:00 a.m., and for elementary stage at 3:00 p.m.
- The Ministry of Education has issued a guide explaining the precautionary measures and the governance of the safe return to university studies to maintain the safety of students and staff.
- MoH: There are still no research or scientific studies linking the blood type and the level of infection strength with COVID-19.
- WHO publishes updated guidance on home care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and management of their contacts, see link.
- WHO publishes public health considerations while resuming international travel, see link.



## IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MoH COVID-19 updates:** <https://twitter.com/saudimoh>
- **WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- **Ministry of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:** <https://covid19.moh.gov.sa/>
- **WHO publishes updated guidance on home care of COVID-19:** [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-\(ncov\)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-(ncov)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts)
- **WHO: Precautions while resuming international travel:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-healthconsiderations-while-resuming-international-travel>

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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