Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 05th of January 2021

Situation Report No. 212 - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
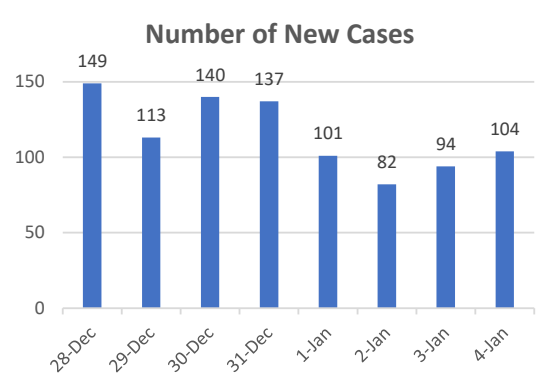### 06th of January, 2021

World Health Organization
WHO Office - Riyadh

	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	**COVID-19 Deaths**	**COVID-19 Cases**	**COVID-19 Deaths**
Total	84,474,195	1,848,704	5,020,842	122,896
New	541,811	8,696	20,639	424

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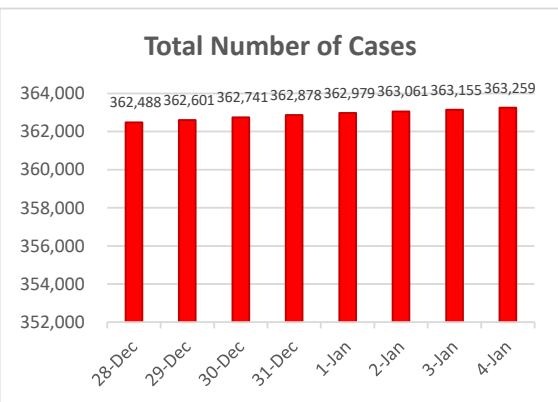|	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	363,259	354,755	6,265	2,239	364	11,174,310
New	104	146	9	-	-	39,433

HIGHLIGHTS

• Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (47), Makkah (24), Eastern (13), Madinah (4), Nothren Borders (4), Asir (3), Najran (2), and Tabuk (2).
• Minister of Hajj and Umrah: It is advisable for those who wish to perform Umrah to receive coronavirus vaccine.
• 15,766 is the total violations of the precautionary measures taken in the Kingdom within 1 week in which Riyadh has 5,056 violations.
• Saudi CDC launched the interim guidelines for the use of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, see link.
• WHO Published guidance on COVID-19 Global Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy, see link.
• WHO produces a prepared daft by the SAGE on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 vaccines.
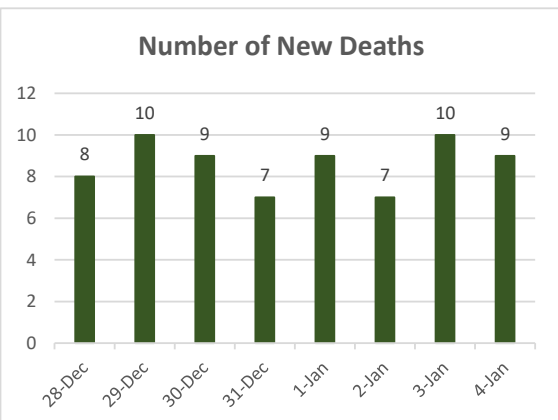
IMPORTANT LINKS

- **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
- **WHO's COVID-19 dashboard**: https://covid19.who.int/
- **MoH COVID-19 dashboard:** https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx
- **SCDC's Interim guidelines for the use of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine:**
https://covid19.cdc.gov.sa/professionals-health-workers/interim-guidelines-for-the-use-of-sarscov-2-vaccine/
- **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-communityengagement-strategy
- **Draft on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 vaccines:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/mrna-vaccines-against-covid-19-pfizer-biontech-covid19-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	Value
28-Dec	149
29-Dec	113
30-Dec	140
31-Dec	137
1-Jan	101
2-Jan	82
3-Jan	94
4-Jan	104

Total Number of Cases

Date	Value
28-Dec	362,488
29-Dec	362,601
30-Dec	362,741
31-Dec	362,878
1-Jan	362,979
2-Jan	363,061
3-Jan	363,155
4-Jan	363,259

Number of New Deaths

Date	Value
28-Dec	8
29-Dec	10
30-Dec	9
31-Dec	7
1-Jan	9
2-Jan	7
3-Jan	10
4-Jan	9