

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 06<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

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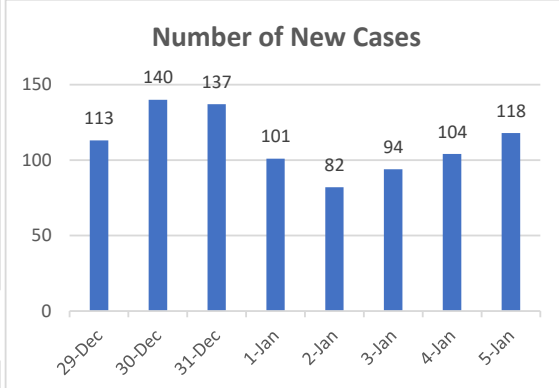
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	85,091,012	1,861,005	5,044,647	123,329
<b>New</b>	585,557	11,632	23,805	433

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	363,377	354,899	6,272	2,206	351	11,214,105
<b>New</b>	118	144	7	-	-	39,795

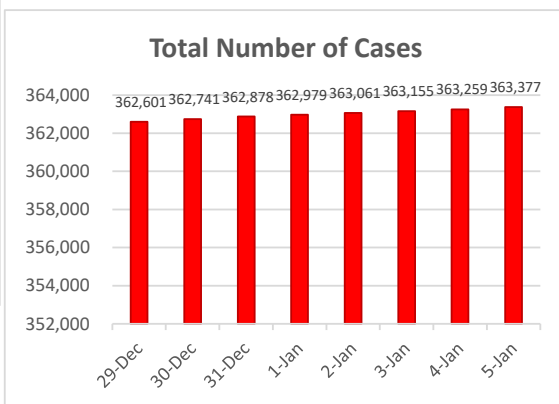
## HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (43), Makkah (38), Eastern (14), Asir (7), Madinah (4), Northern Borders (3), Jazan (3) and Tabuk (2).
- More than 100,000 persons have already received the COVID-19 vaccine in the Kingdom.
- MoH launches a clear insight and guidance of all needed information about covid-19 vaccine, see link.
- WHO Published guidance on COVID-19 Global Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy, see link.
- WHO produces a prepared draft by the SAGE on Immunization Working Group on COVID-19 vaccines.



## IMPORTANT LINKS

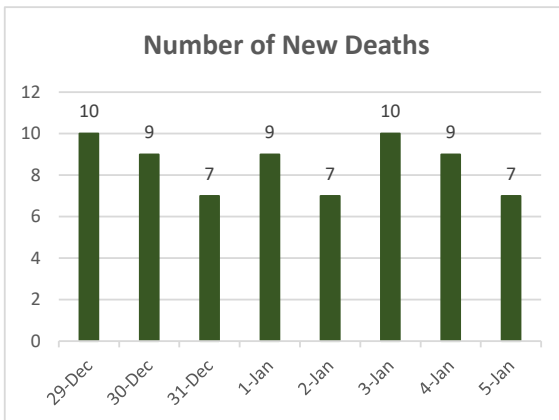
- MoH COVID-19 updates: <https://twitter.com/saudimoh>
- WHO's COVID-19 global situation reports: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
- WHO's COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.who.int/>
- MoH COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>
- MoH's guidance of all information about covid-19 vaccine: <https://covid19awareness.sa/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID-19VaccineGuidance.pdf>
- 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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