

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 13th of January 2021

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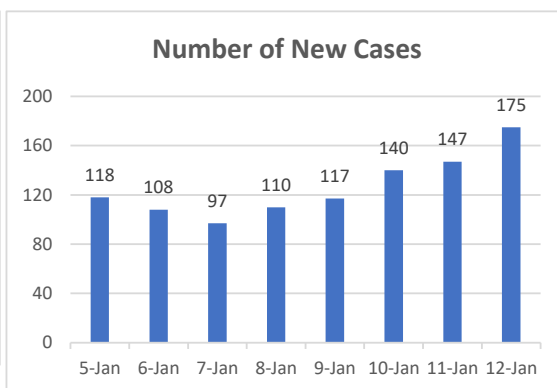
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	90,335,008	1,954,336	5,222,466	126,042
New	593,409	12,295	25,840	454

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	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	364,271	356,013	6,304	1,954	307	11,486,075
New	175	156	4	-	-	48,910

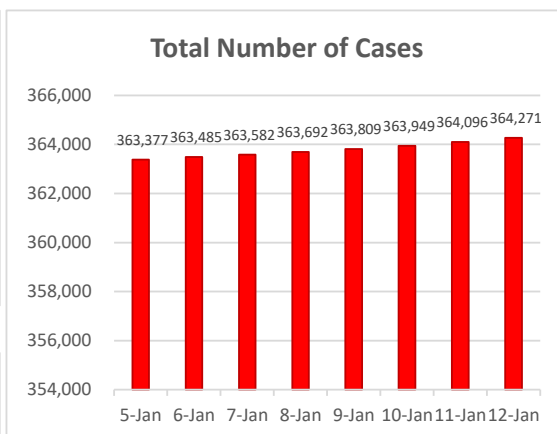
HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Eastern (45), Riyadh (43), Makkah (43), Madinah (9), Asir (8), Najran (6), Al Qassim (5) and Tabuk (4).
- Saudi Arabia warns citizens against traveling to 12 countries where the coronavirus is not under control without permission; the countries are Libya, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Armenia, Somalia, Congo, Venezuela, and Belarus.
- Ministry of Education: Distance learning for all stages of public education to continue until week 10 of the second academic term.
- Gulf Health Council published the gulf guideline for the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 guide, the second version (1.1).
- MoH launches a clear insight and guidance of all needed information about covid-19 vaccine, see link.
- Unicef publishes a "Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide", see link.
- WHO provides guidance on who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, 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>
- 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>
- Unicef's Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide: <https://www.unicef.org/mena/reports/vaccine-misinformation-management-field-guide>
- Who can take the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-can-take-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19--vaccine>

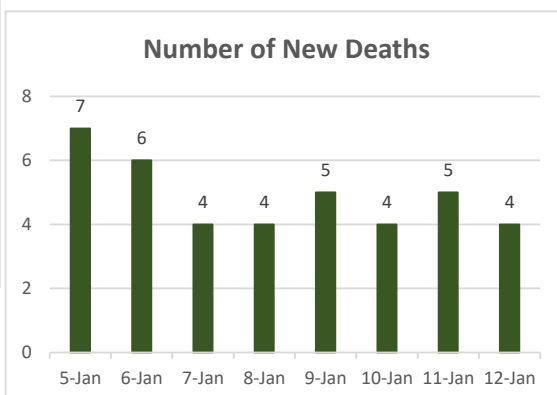


IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine?

According to SAGE (WHO's Strategic Group of Experts on Immunization), the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is safe and effective. Nevertheless, there are specific populations for whom vaccination is not recommended for a variety of reasons. These populations currently include people with a history of severe allergies, (particularly it is contraindicated for People with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine), most pregnant women (except for those with unavoidable high risk of exposure such as health workers), international travellers who are not part of a prioritized group (due to limited supplies of the vaccine at present), and children under 16 (due to lack of data). Further studies are needed for immune-compromised persons.

The priority is to start vaccinating health workers at high risk of exposure, followed by older adults, before immunizing the rest of the population. For more details see the link above.



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