

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 24:00 local time 13 October 2021

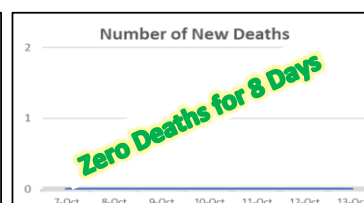
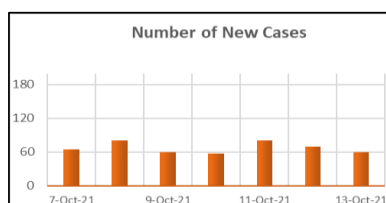
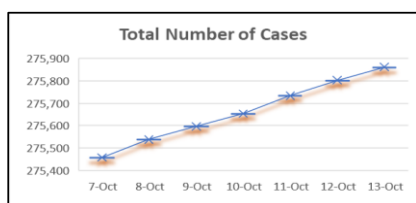
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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	238,521,855	4,863,818	16,031,234	294,840
<b>New</b>	364,373 <sup>(13 Oct)</sup>	5,707 <sup>(13 Oct)</sup>	21,315 <sup>(13 Oct)</sup>	381 <sup>(13 Oct)</sup>

## Kingdom of Bahrain <sup>(13 Oct)</sup>

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests	Vaccine First Dose	Vaccine Second Dose	Booster Dose
<b>Total</b>	275,862	273,851	1,390	621	4	6,640,843	1,169,744	1,131,303	383,218
<b>New</b>	59	64	0	-	-	14,907	-	-	-



### Green level (lowest alert level)

Based on the average percentage of cases to tests, in addition to the level of occupancy in intensive care units. The Green Level is adopted when the rolling average percentage of positive cases out of tests carried out is below 2% for 14 days.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Bahrain tops Arab region, ranks second globally in COVID Recovery Index

Bahrain is the world's second-best country on the latest edition of Nikkei's COVID-19 Recovery Index for September, as the Kingdom continues to rise in the rankings, marking great improvements and consolidating its achievements in confronting the pandemic and returning to a normal way of life. The index assesses 121 countries and regions in terms of COVID recovery by calculating a score between 0 and 90 based on nine factors divided into three categories: infection management, vaccine rollouts, and mobility. Bahrain scored 72%, only one point behind Malta, the top scorer, ahead of the United Arab Emirates (71%) and Saudi Arabia (70.5%).

#### iGA receives COVID19 Innovation Award for "BeAware" Bahrain App at Smart Cities Summit 2021

The Information and eGovernment Authority (iGA) was presented with the COVID-19 Innovation Award at Smart Cities Summit 2021 for its "BeAware" Bahrain app, which played a crucial role in helping the Kingdom combat the pandemic. The award was received by iGA Chief Executive, Mohammed Ali AlQaed. The event, now in its fifth year, started on the 10th of October under the patronage of H.E. the Minister of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Eng. Essam bin Abdullah Khalaf. The two-day event, held at the Gulf Convention Centre, saw the participation of 250 representatives of public and private sector entities and international organizations, most notably from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat).

#### Bahrain 'is open to adopting Covid pill'

Bahrain will not hesitate to adopt the first-ever oral anti-viral medication for Covid-19, once its efficiency is proven. National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (Covid-19) senior member and Salmaniya Medical Complex Infectious and Internal Diseases consultant Dr Jameela Al Salman was referring to Molnupiravir, a medicine that is referred to as a 'huge advance' in the treatment of Covid-19.

#### Senior medic dismisses claims about booster dose complications

A senior medic dispelled claims that a Covid-19 booster dose could cause complications if taken along with a flu shot. With the annual seasonal flu posing a threat in the next few months, healthcare facilities are gearing up to administer flu vaccines to children and adults. However, concerns have been raised on social media over twin vaccine safety, with people claiming that Covid-19 booster shots could intervene and complicate flu infections.

### **Don't 'let your guard down' call to public**

Medics have warned the public not to 'get carried away by a false sense of security' as Covid-19 infections drop in Bahrain. Although the numbers bode well for the country's overall pandemic situation, the public cannot afford to let their guard down yet, they said. Citizens and residents have also been urged to register for booster shots of the Covid-19 vaccine, with national studies proving the efficacy of the dose.

### **Quarantine not required for Green Shield holders who are contacts of active COVID-19 cases**

Update announced to testing and quarantine procedures for traced contacts of active COVID-19 cases effective Friday, 15 October 2021. For Non-Green Shield holders: Individuals who do not hold a Green Shield must quarantine for seven days, with mandatory PCR tests to be taken at the beginning of the quarantine period and on the seventh day after contact to end their quarantine.

For Vaccinated or recovered individuals holding a Green Shield, Vaccinated or recovered individuals with a Green Shield who have come into contact with an active COVID-19 case are no longer required to quarantine. However, they must take a PCR test on the first and seventh days after contact.

The above measures do not apply to contacts of active COVID-19 cases who were traced before 15 October.

### **Booster shot status updates on 'BeAware' App**

The vaccination status changes on the BeAware application from Green to Yellow for those eligible to take the booster shot. The green shield will return once booster shot has been taken.

### **Booster shot protocols for recovered patients**

12 months from date of infection, administered in accordance with the specified protocol regarding the type of vaccination received before having Covid-19.

### **Booster shot protocols for those who received two doses of the vaccine**

Sinopharm - Those aged 18-39 eligible to receive Sinopharm or Pfizer-BioNTech 3 months after the second dose. Those aged 40+ (or under and suffering from obesity, immunodeficiencies or chronic diseases), 1 month after the second dose.

Pfizer-BioNTech - Those aged 18+ eligible 6 months after the second dose (Pfizer-BioNTech).

Covishield-AstraZeneca - Those aged 18+ eligible 6 months after the second dose (Pfizer-BioNTech or Covishield-AstraZeneca).

Sputnik V - Those aged 18+ eligible 6 months after the second dose (Pfizer-BioNTech or Sputnik V).

## **TRAVEL UPDATES**

### **Vaccinated Bahrainis can enter Germany starting October 10**

Bahraini citizens vaccinated with the approved Covid-19 vaccines can enter Germany starting October 10, Bahrain's embassy to Germany has announced. Travelers must hold valid visas for all normally permitted purposes, including tourism, and undergo a PCR test 48 hours prior to travel. The decision follows the adoption of a recommendation by the Council of the European Union to ease restrictions on travelers from Bahrain, as a result of the efforts of the concerned government agencies and their keenness to share the results achieved by the Kingdom in addressing Covid-19 with various countries of the world. UN Resident Coordinator Mohamed El Zarkani, in a [tweet](#) said the move "is yet another testament to the excellent effort of the government of Bahrain in handling the Covid-19 pandemic".

### **Red List countries updated, effective Sunday 10 October 2021**

In line with the directives issued by the Government Executive Committee in response to the recommendations made by the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Bahrain's Red List countries has been updated. Effective Sunday, 10 October 2021:

- The removal of the following 11 countries from the Kingdom's Red List countries: The Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Republic of Malawi, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of Georgia, and the Republic of Ecuador.

- The addition of Romania to the Kingdom's Red List countries.

Based on the update, the current Red List countries include: the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Republic of Tunisia, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Slovenia, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of the Philippines, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Iraq, the Federation of Malaysia, the Socialist

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