# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

**Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 14th of December 2020**

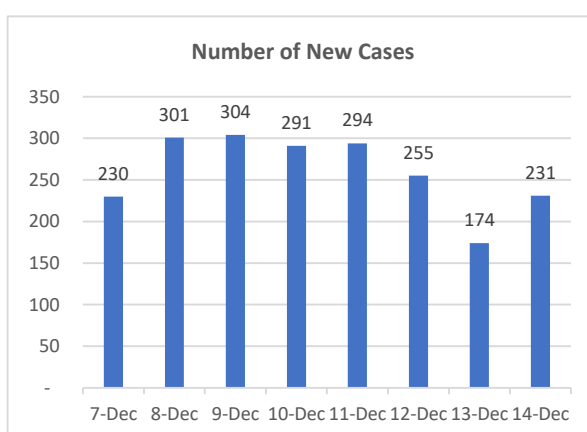## Situation Report No. 198 - State of Kuwait
### 15th of December, 2020

**World Health Organization**
**WHO Office - Riyadh**

| Global | | Eastern Mediterranean Region | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **COVID-19 Cases** | **COVID-19 Deaths** | **COVID-19 Cases** | **COVID-19 Deaths** |
| Total | 71,051,805 | 1,608,648 | 4,515,045 | 112,212 |
| New | 574,969 | 8,726 | 24,290 | 577 |

## State of Kuwait

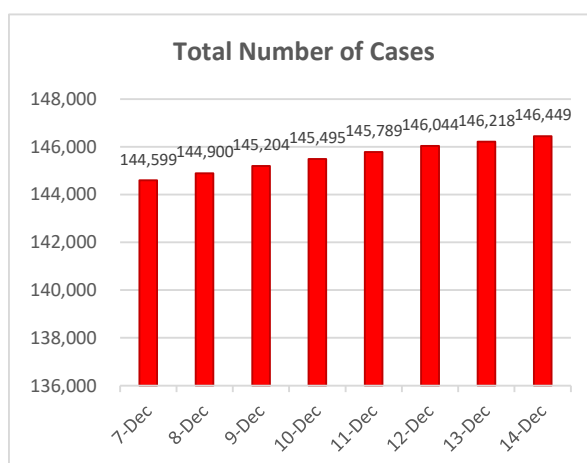| | Confirmed Cases | Recovered Cases | Deaths | Active Cases | Critical Cases | PCR Tests |
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| **Total** | 146,449 | 142,357 | 912 | 3,180 | 57 | 1,185,625 |
| **New** | 231 | 263 | 1 | - | - | 4,963 |

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The 1st batch of the Pfizer BioNtech vaccine will be received by the end of the year.
- The Red Crescent distributes winter clothes to 1500 cleaning workers in Kuwait.
- "Shlonak" application wins a Kuwaiti award for informatics.
- Employees of the private medical sector will be allowed on direct or transit flights if they have a valid residency and their names are listed with Civil Aviation Authority.
- WHO provides updated guidance on COVID-19 therapeutics, see link.
- WHO produces guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Planning for COVID-19 vaccines, see link.
- WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19, see link.
- WHO produces a draft landscape of current COVID-19 candidate vaccines.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MoH update of COVID-19:** https://corona.e.gov.kw/en/
- **WHO's COVID-19 weekly situation reports:**
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports
- **WHO's COVID-19 dashboard:** https://covid19.who.int/
- **WHO's Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/therapeutics-and-covid-19-living-guideline
- **WHO guide on developing a national deployment and vaccination Plan:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Vaccine_deployment-2020.1
- **WHO updated guidance on mask use in the context of COVID-19:**
https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak
- **Draft landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines:**
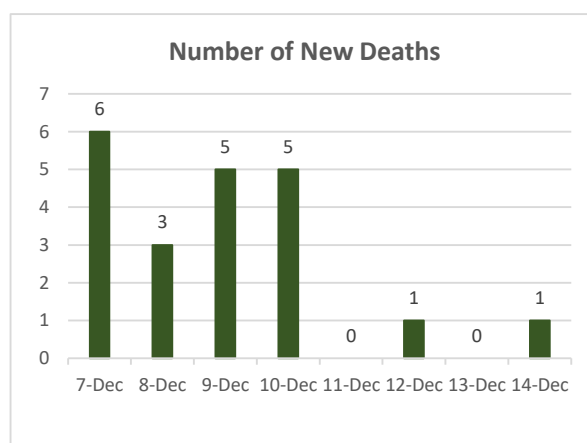https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines

## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

**What is the COVID-19 Infodemic?**

An infodemic is an overabundance of information, both online and offline. It includes deliberate attempts to disseminate wrong information to undermine the public health response and advance alternative agendas of groups or individuals. Mis- and disinformation can be harmful to people's physical and mental health; increase stigmatization; threaten precious health gains; and lead to poor observance of public health measures, thus reducing their effectiveness and endangering countries' ability to stop the pandemic.

Misinformation costs lives. Without the appropriate trust and correct information, diagnostic tests go unused, immunization campaigns (or campaigns to promote effective vaccines) will not meet their targets, and the virus will continue to thrive.

Furthermore, disinformation is polarizing public debate on topics related to COVID-19; amplifying hate speech; heightening the risk of conflict, violence and human rights violations; and threatening long-terms prospects for advancing democracy, human rights and social cohesion.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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**Number of New Cases**



**Total Number of Cases**



**Number of New Deaths**