

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 17 August 2020

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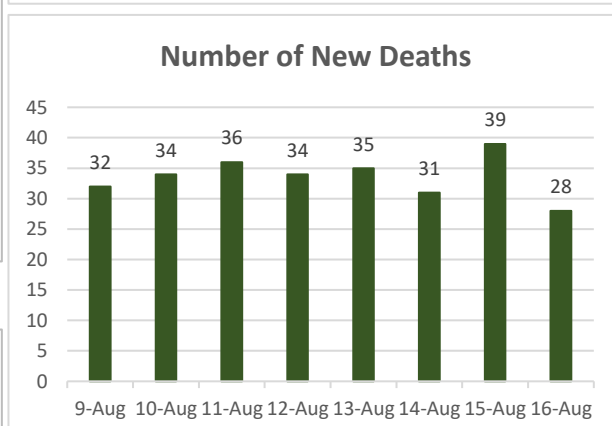
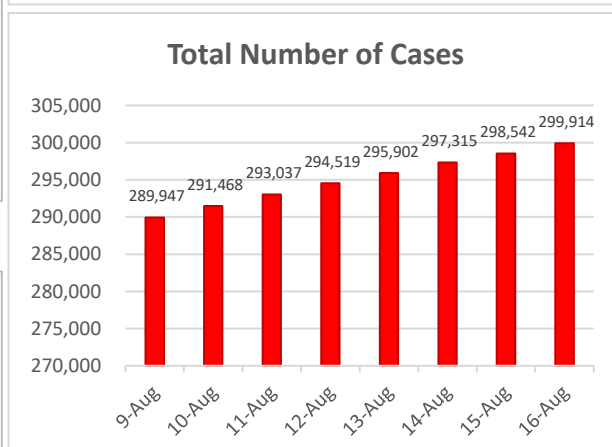
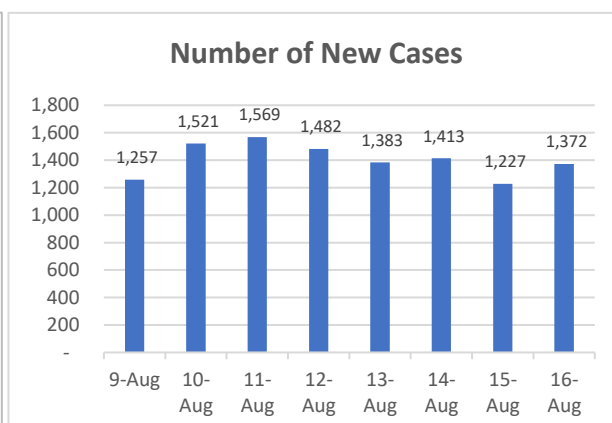
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	21,549,706	767,158	1,737,027	46,067
New	250,285	5,345	13,354	363

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	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	299,914	268,385	3,436	28,093	1,758	4,317,705
New	1,372	1,432	28	-	-	55,613

HIGHLIGHTS

- 46% of the new cases are female and 11% are children.
- Cities with highest new infections were: Hufuf (73), Hail (65), Makkah (64), Tabuk (64), Jazan (63), Madina (53), Abu Arish (52), Riyadh (45), Jeddah (43) and Dammam (42).
- Saudi Arabia's Embassy in the United Kingdom handed over the second batch of the Kingdom's gift to the British government to curb the spread of coronavirus.
- MoH issues an awareness guide for those infected, in close contact, or suspected of being infected with the new Corona virus.
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation has so far been used successfully on 32 patients suffering from acute respiratory problems caused by COVID-19.
- WHO stops producing daily situation reports and produces weekly situation reports instead, country data can still be accessed through the COVID-19 Dashboard, see links below.
- WHO publishes updated guidance on home care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and management of their contacts, see link.
- WHO publishes public health considerations while resuming international travel, see link.



IMPORTANT LINKS

- **MoH COVID-19 updates:** <https://twitter.com/saudimoh>
- **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/>
- **Ministry of Health COVID-19 Dashboard:** <https://covid19.moh.gov.sa/>
- **WHO publishes updated guidance on home care of COVID-19:** [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-\(ncov\)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-for-patients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-(ncov)-infection-presenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts)
- **Precautions while resuming international travel:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-health-considerations-while-resuming-international-travel>

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