

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 18 August 2020

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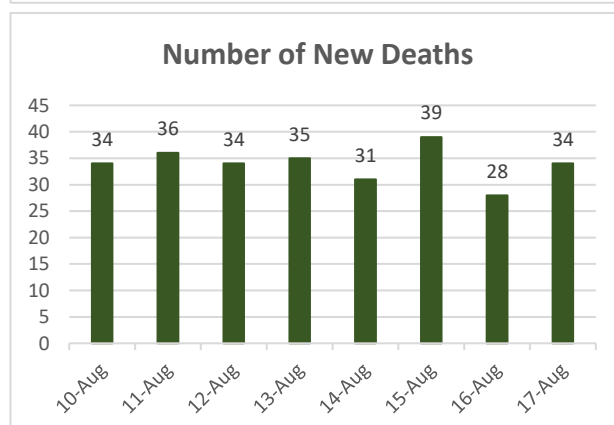
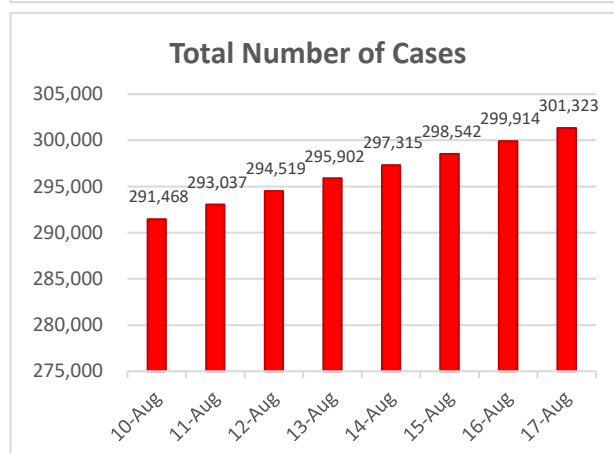
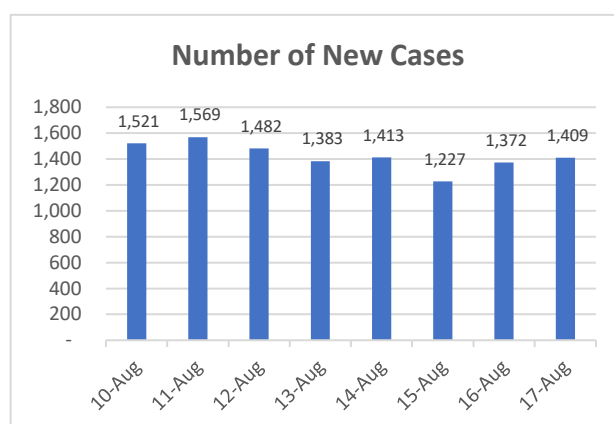
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	21,756,357	771,635	1,748,877	46,446
<b>New</b>	206,440	4,473	11,850	379

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	301,323	272,911	3,470	24,942	1,716	4,378,417
<b>New</b>	1,409	4,526	34	-	-	60,712

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 45% of the new cases are female and 11% are children.
- Cities with highest new infections were: Hail (81), Riyadh (64), Hufuf (62), Jazan (60), Makkah (55), Madina (52), Buraidah (51), Abha (49) and Jeddah (49).
- Jeddah Municipality have ordered the closure of 190 stores, including 59 workshops, for violating COVID-19 health protocols.
- King Faisal Specialist Hospital uses artificial intelligence tools to counter the Coronavirus.
- Saudi Arabia will host an "emergency meeting of heads of food regulatory authorities" today, which will be held within the programme of international conferences on the side-lines of the Kingdom's presidency of G20 in light of the challenges of the Corona pandemic.
- Recovery Rate of COVID-19 reaches 90.6%.
- 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 global 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-forpatients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-\(ncov\)-infectionpresenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/home-care-forpatients-with-suspected-novel-coronavirus-(ncov)-infectionpresenting-with-mild-symptoms-and-management-of-contacts)
- **Precautions while resuming international travel:** <https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-healthconsiderations-while-resuming-international-travel>

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