

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 16th of November 2020

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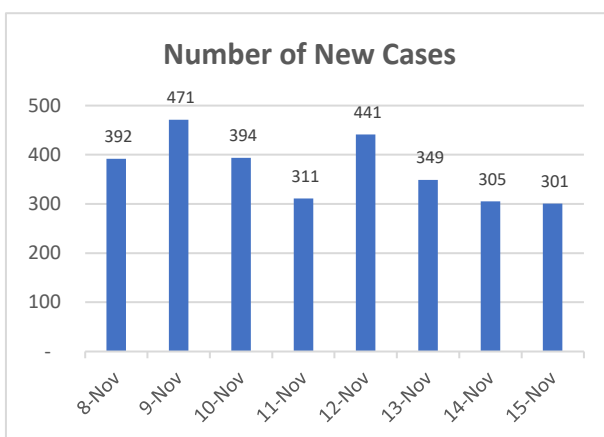
| | Global | | Eastern Mediterranean Region | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | COVID-19 Cases | COVID-19 Deaths | COVID-19 Cases | COVID-19 Deaths |
| Total | 54,301,156 | 1,316,994 | 3,578,397 | 90,908 |
| New | 528,905 | 7,858 | 32,596 | 856 |

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| | Confirmed Cases | Recovered Cases | Deaths | Active Cases | Critical Cases | PCR Tests |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Total | 353,556 | 340,668 | 5,676 | 7,212 | 823 | 8,938,025 |
| New | 301 | 364 | 19 | - | - | 53,147 |

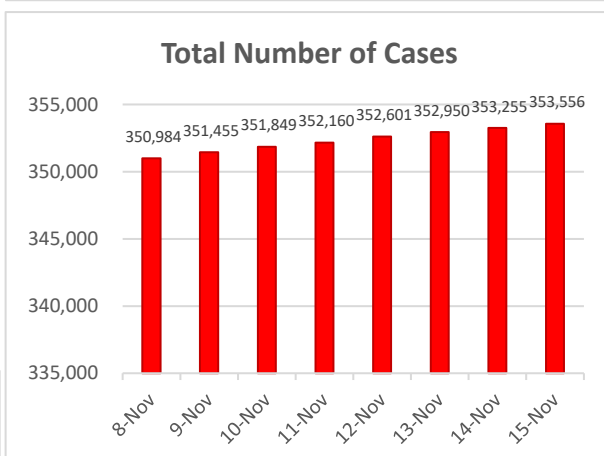
HIGHLIGHTS

- Cities with highest new infections: Riyadh (42), Hail (31), Makkah (23), Yanbu (23), Madinah (15), Khamsi Mushait (15), Jeddah (12) and AlMakwah (8).
- Saudi Aquaculture Society dismisses reports of coronavirus in shrimp imported to China.
- Ministry of Health signs a cooperation agreement with SABIC to promote innovation in the health sector.
- MoH: PCR results are available on average after 14 hours from the time of taking the swab, 95% of the results appear during the same day.
- Saudi Center for Disease Prevention and Control (SCDC) published the updated Coronavirus Disease Guidelines, see link.
- Saudi Center for Disease Prevention and Control (SCDC) Publishes quarantine and isolation guidelines in Arabic, see link.



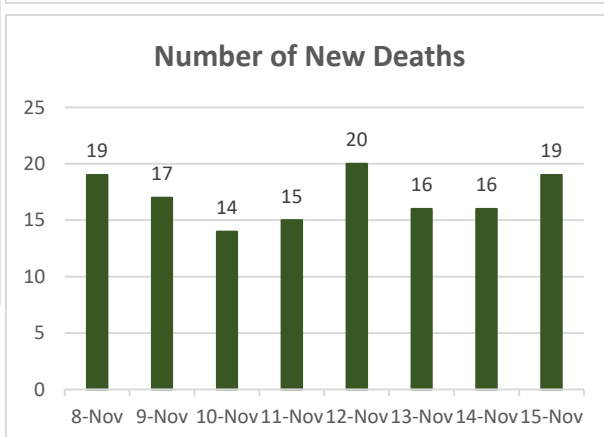
IMPORTANT LINKS

- 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/>
- New Ministry of Health COVID-19 webpage and dashboard: <https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>
- SCDC, updated Coronavirus Disease Guidelines: https://covid19.cdc.gov.sa/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EN_COVID_19_Coronavirus_Disease_Guidelines_v2.0.pdf
- SCDC, quarantine and isolation guidelines: <https://covid19.cdc.gov.sa/ar/professionals-health-workers-ar/guideline-for-quarantine-and-isolation-ar/>



IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Definition of Suspected COVID-19 case (definitions A or B):
A) A person who meets the clinical AND epidemiological criteria: Clinical Criteria:
 • Acute onset of fever AND cough; OR • Acute onset of ANY THREE OR MORE of the following signs or symptoms: Fever, cough, general weakness/fatigue, headache, myalgia, sore throat, coryza, dyspnoea, anorexia/nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, altered mental status. Epidemiological Criteria: • Residing or working in an area with high risk of transmission of virus: closed residential settings, humanitarian settings such as camp and camp-like settings for displaced persons; anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Residing or travel to an area with community transmission anytime within the 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR • Working in any health care setting, including within health facilities or within the community; any time within the 14 days prior of symptom onset.
B) A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI: acute respiratory infection with history of fever or measured fever of $\geq 38\text{ C}^\circ$; and cough; with onset within the last 10 days; and requires hospitalization).



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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