

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

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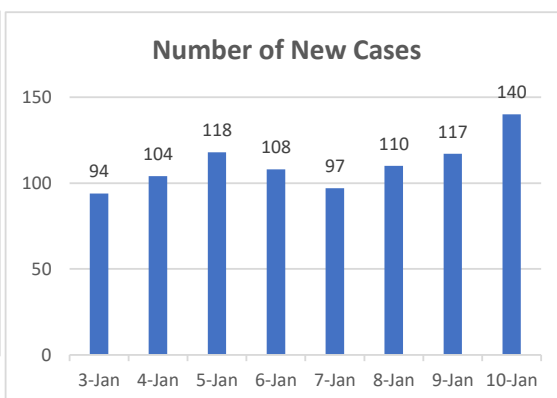
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
<b>Total</b>	89,048,345	1,930,265	5,173,214	125,217
<b>New</b>	660,993	11,061	24,082	381

## Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
<b>Total</b>	363,949	355,706	6,295	1,948	312	11,387,027
<b>New</b>	140	158	4	-	-	42,599

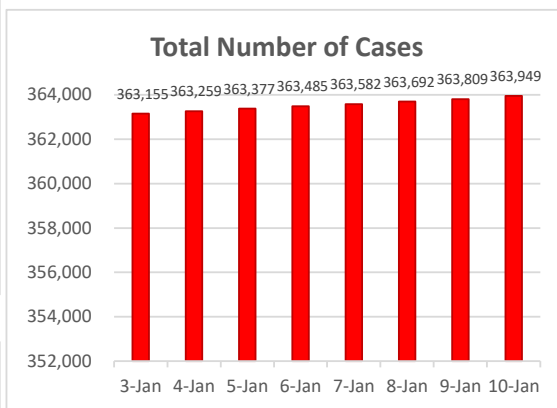
## HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (43), Eastern (30), Makkah (28), Al Qassim (13), Madinah (6), Najran (6), Tabuk (3) and Hail (3).
- 18,746 violations of the precautionary measures against Coronavirus within 1 week.
- More than six million perform Umrah and visit the Two Holy Mosques since the gradual resumption of Umrah.
- MoH launches a clear insight and guidance of all needed information about covid-19 vaccine, see link.
- Unicef publishes a "Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide", see link.
- WHO provides guidance on who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, 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/>
- MoH COVID-19 dashboard: <https://covid19.my.gov.sa/ar/Pages/default.aspx>
- MoH's guidance of all information about covid-19 vaccine: <https://covid19awareness.sa/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/COVID-19VaccineGuidance.pdf>
- Unicef's Vaccine Misinformation Management Field Guide: <https://www.unicef.org/mena/reports/vaccine-misinformation-management-field-guide>
- Who can take the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-can-take-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19--vaccine>

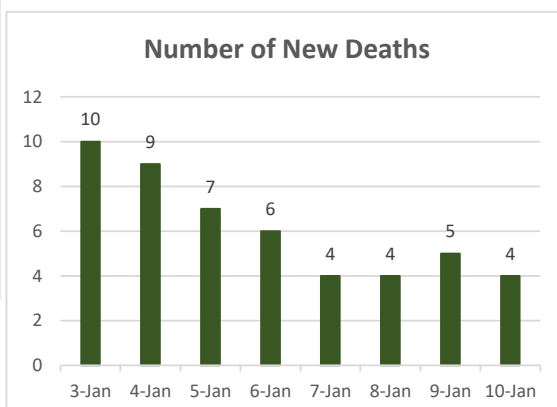


## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

### Who can take the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine?

According to SAGE (WHO's Strategic Group of Experts on Immunization), the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine is safe and effective. Nevertheless, there are specific populations for whom vaccination is not recommended for a variety of reasons. These populations currently include people with a history of severe allergies, (particularly it is contraindicated for People with a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of the vaccine), most pregnant women (except for those with unavoidable high risk of exposure such as health workers), international travellers who are not part of a prioritized group (due to limited supplies of the vaccine at present), and children under 16 (due to lack of data). Further studies are needed for immune-compromised persons.

The priority is to start vaccinating health workers at high risk of exposure, followed by older adults, before immunizing the rest of the population. For more details see the link above.



## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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