

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report

Data as reported by national authorities by 23:00 local time 12th of January 2021

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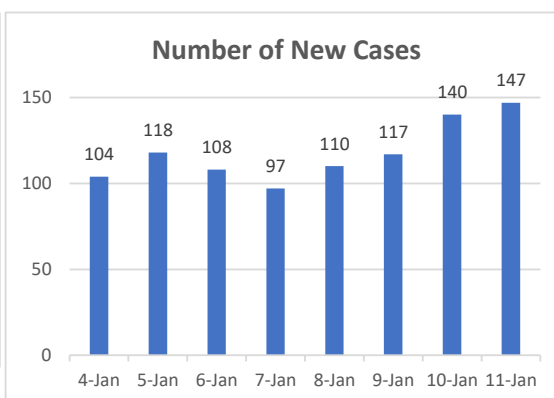
	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Total	89,707,115	1,940,352	5,196,626	125,588
New	566,186	9,371	23,412	371

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	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	364,096	355,857	6,300	1,939	310	11,437,165
New	147	151	5	-	-	50,138

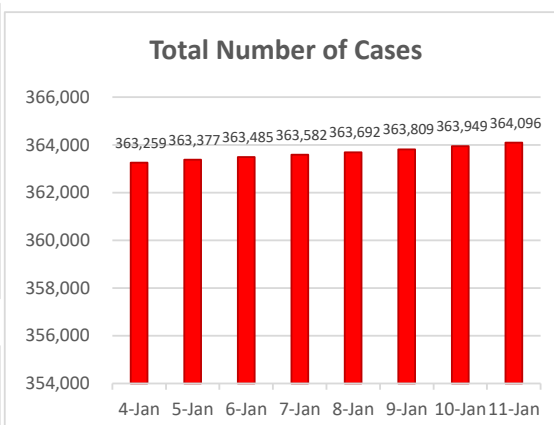
HIGHLIGHTS

- Regions with the highest new infections: Riyadh (48), Eastern (33), Makkah (31), Asir (12), Northern Borders (5), Najran (5), Al Qassim (5), and Tabuk (3).
- The regional laboratory in Al-Baha has conducted 3,834,544 laboratory tests, including 28,667 tests for COVID-19 during the past year 2020.
- 1,654,000 pilgrims performed Umrah and 4,640,000 worshippers performed prayer at the Grand Mosque in Makkah during the period from Oct. 4, 2020 to Jan. 9, 2021.
- National Health information center has developed its own corona interactive map app. that allows users to track all coronavirus cases in the world with statistics and charts.
- 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>

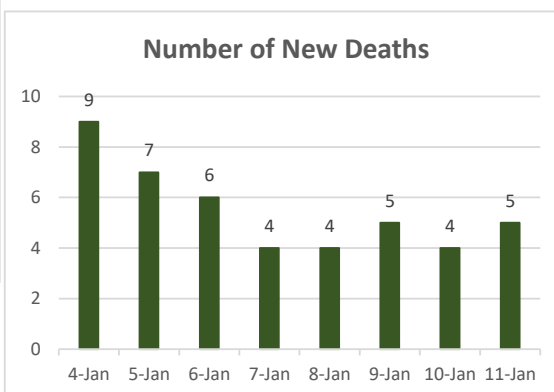


IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

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-compromized 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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