

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Weekly Update

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	Global		Eastern Mediterranean Region	
	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths	COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Deaths
Current	483,556,595	6,132,461	21,567,096	340,499
Last Week	472,816,657	6,099,380	21,523,010	339,713

Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	750,707	734,041	9,043	7,623	118	41,524,968

Vaccination in Saudi Arabia

Total Doses Administered	Total of 1 st Dose	Total of 2 nd Dose	Total of Booster Doses
62.4 million	26.2 million	24.5 million	11.8 million

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Global update:** During the week of 21 through 27 March 2022, the number of new cases declined with a 14% decrease as compared to the previous week. On the other hand, during the same period, the number of new weekly deaths has increased by 43%, driven by changes in the definition of COVID-19 deaths in countries in the Region of the Americas (Chile and the United States of America) and retrospective adjustments reported from India in the South-East Asia Region. Apart from these two regions, the number of new weekly deaths was declining in the remaining four regions. As of 31 of March 10.7 million new cases and over 33,000 new deaths were reported compared to the previous week.
- **Regional update:** In the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the number of new weekly cases and new weekly deaths continued its decline after the peak reached in early February. Only two countries: Tunisia and Palestine reported an increase in new cases.
- **Saudi Arabia update:** Over the last week, the number of new cases continues to be low, with less than 150 new cases per day, and 1 - 2 deaths per day.
- **COVID-19 variants:** in the last 30 days Omicron continues to be the most dominant variant, accounting for 99.7% of all circulating variants, 0.2% of samples were not assigned, while Delta accounts for less than 0.1%. There is no evidence that the recombinant variants (Delta-Omicron) are associated with increased transmissibility or more severe outcomes.

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>
- **Important WHO publications / sources:**
 - [Tracking SARS-CoV-2 variants \(who.int\)](#)
 - [Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 \(who.int\)](#)
 - [About | View Hub \(view-hub.org\)](#)
 - [Statement on Omicron sublineage BA.2 \(who.int\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 \(openwho.org\)](#)
 - [WHO COVID-19 Case definition](#)
 - [Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) \(who.int\)](#)