

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	512,607,587	6,243,038	21,707,292	342,343
Last Week	508,827,830	6,227,291	21,694,430	342,167

Saudi Arabia

	Confirmed Cases	Recovered Cases	Deaths	Active Cases	Critical Cases	PCR Tests
Total	754,464	742,127	9,094	3,243	50	41,930,549

Vaccination in Saudi Arabia

Total Doses Administered	Total of 1 st Dose	Total of 2 nd Dose	Total of Booster Doses
64.4 million	26.4 million	24.8 million	13.2 million

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Global update:** The number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. During the past week, 3.8 million new cases and around 15,700 new deaths were reported, these represent a decrease of 20.4% and 31.9% respectively, as compared to the previous week.
- **Regional update:** In the Eastern Mediterranean Region, new weekly cases have continued to decline after reaching a peak in early February 2022. During the past week, around 12,900 new weekly cases and 176 new deaths were reported, these represent a decrease of 20.4% and 16.6% respectively, as compared to the previous week. Djibouti reported an increase in new cases. The highest numbers of new cases were reported from Iran, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.
- **Saudi Arabia update:**
 - The "Jeddah Season" started on Monday 2nd of May and will last for 2 months.
 - The Grand Holy Mosque received around 19 million visitors during the month of Ramadan.
- **COVID-19 variants:** Omicron is the dominant variant circulating globally accounting for almost all specimens collected in the last 30 days. The number of countries reporting Omicron sublineages BA.4, BA.5 and BA.2.12.1 are rising, however, so far there is no evidence of increased hospital admissions or increased severity of the newly spreading sublineages.

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):** <https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>
 - **Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 (who.int)** <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/considerations-in-adjusting-public-health-and-social-measures-in-the-context-of-covid-19-interim-guidance>
 - **About | View Hub (view-hub.org):** <https://view-hub.org/>
 - **Statement on Omicron sublineage BA.2 (who.int):** <https://www.who.int/news/item/22-02-2022-statement-on-omicron-sublineage-ba.2>
 - **COVID-19 (openwho.org):** <https://openwho.org/channels/covid-19>
 - **WHO COVID-19 Case definition:** https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-2019-nCoV-Surveillance_Case_Definition-2020.2