

# COVID-19 MONTHLY UPDATE | DECEMBER 2021

## Highlights

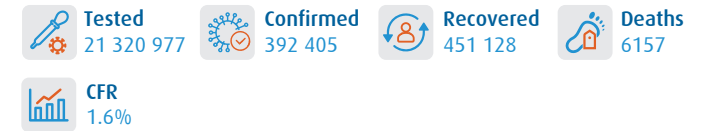
- In December 2021, a total of 392 405 COVID-19 cases were reported from the 22 countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR). There was a 9% decrease in overall reported cases as compared to the previous month when it was 428 079. The highest number of cases was reported from Jordan followed by Islamic Republic of Iran and Lebanon.
- During December 2021, a total of 6157 related deaths were reported from the Region, with Islamic Republic of Iran reporting the highest number of deaths followed by Egypt and Jordan. There was a 36% decrease in reported deaths compared to the previous month when it was 8358.
- 14 of the 22 countries in the Region reported an increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths during the month of December as compared to 6 countries in November.
- Since the start of the pandemic, a total of 17 203 559 confirmed COVID-19 cases including 316 176 related deaths (CFR 1.8%) were reported from the 22 countries.
- 21 countries have reported one or more new variants of concern (VOC) in the Region: Alpha in 21 countries, Beta in 18 countries, Gamma in 6 countries, Delta in 18 countries and Omicron in 15 countries.
- Vaccination continues across the Region. The total number of doses administered so far in the 22 countries is 521 750 451.

## COVID-19 cases and deaths by EMR Countries, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

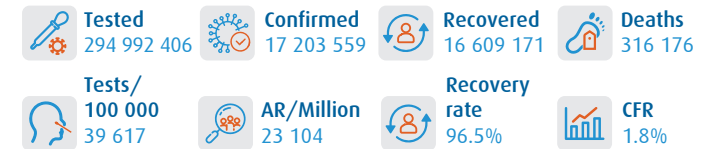
Countries	December		Cumulative figures			Trend*
	New cases	New deaths	Cases	Deaths	CFR%	
Afghanistan	753	47	158 156	7361	4.7	↓
Bahrain	4372	0	282 677	1394	0.5	↑
Djibouti	152	3	13 668	189	1	↑
Egypt	26 997	1278	386 358	21 768	5.6	↓
Islamic Republic of Iran	76 956	1776	6 195 403	131 639	2.1	↓
Iraq	12 568	338	2 093 891	24 163	1.2	↓
Jordan	109 462	1045	1 064 277	12 684	1.2	↑
Kuwait	3773	3	417 723	2468	1	↑
Lebanon	57 274	394	731 288	9136	1.2	↑
Libya	15 524	244	389 650	5722	1	↑
Morocco	13 175	73	965 420	14 851	1.5	↑
Occupied Palestinian territory	9723	131	470 658	4942	1.1	↑
Oman	1054	3	305 710	4116	1.3	↑
Pakistan	10 679	196	1 296 527	28 941	2.2	↓
Qatar	7081	7	251 361	618	0.2	↑
Saudi Arabia	6484	41	557 082	8878	1.6	↑
Somalia	516	6	23 532	1333	6	↓
Sudan	3603	173	46 988	3337	7.1	↑
Syrian Arab Republic	2108	148	50 310	2901	5.8	↓
Tunisia	10 133	200	728 260	25 586	3.5	↑
United Arab Emirates	19 896	17	764 493	2165	0.3	↑
Yemen	122	34	10 127	1984	19.6	↓
<b>Total</b>	<b>392 405</b>	<b>6157</b>	<b>17 203 559</b>	<b>316 176</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>↓</b>

\*trend refers to % changes in the cases compared to previous month

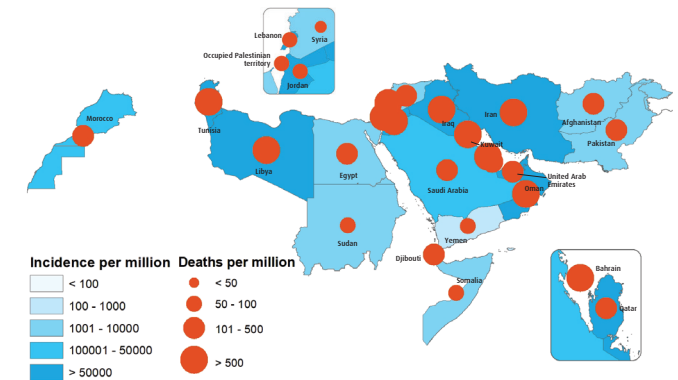
## Key figures, December 2021



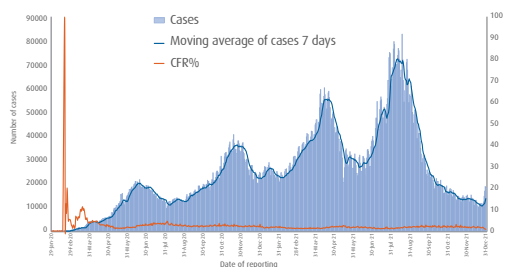
## Cumulative key figures, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021



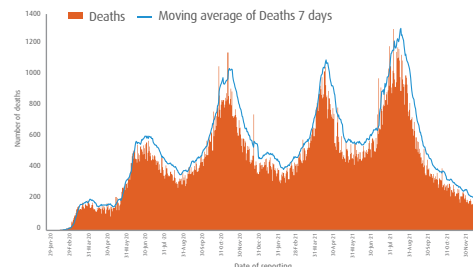
## COVID-19 cases and deaths per million population in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021



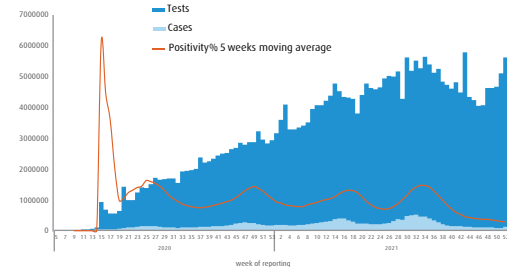
## Distribution of weekly COVID-19 tested in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021



## Distribution of daily deaths in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021



## Distribution of weekly COVID-19 tested in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021



## Distribution of COVID-19 cases by age and gender in EMR, 29 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

