

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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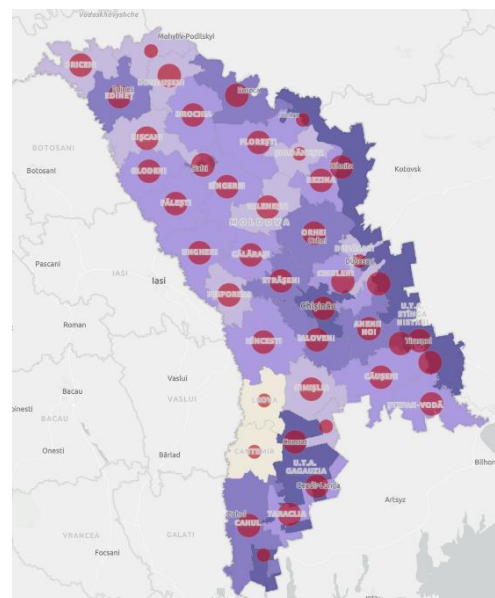
Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 13/12/2020, 18:00 p.m.

The number of new coronavirus cases continued to grow over the past week, with 1,459 cases reported on Saturday (12/12) and on Sunday (13/12). Overall, 126,518 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic;

The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 1,450, which is about 115 cases more compared to the same figure last week. The percentage of positive tests has averaged 40% over the same period;

The total number of active cases increased as well to 15,045. This is over 2,300 cases more compared to last week. The proportion of active cases in the total number of registered cases stands at 11.9%. The number of patients with coronavirus treated in hospitals is 3,786, out of which 290 are in very serious condition;



The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 292 and over the last 14 days is 729, with both of these figures registering an increase over the past week;

The average number of daily deaths over a seven-day period decreased slightly and stands at 21.86. The same number stood at 18.43 the prior week. The total number of deaths reached 2,572. At the same time, the case fatality rate remained stable at 2.0%. The average age of patients who have died from the disease stands at 66.9. Over 93% of all deaths have been reported in patients 50 years of age and older;

The number of patients who have recovered from the disease is 108,901. This represents 86.1% of all cases, which represents a 0.4 p.p. decrease compared to last week;

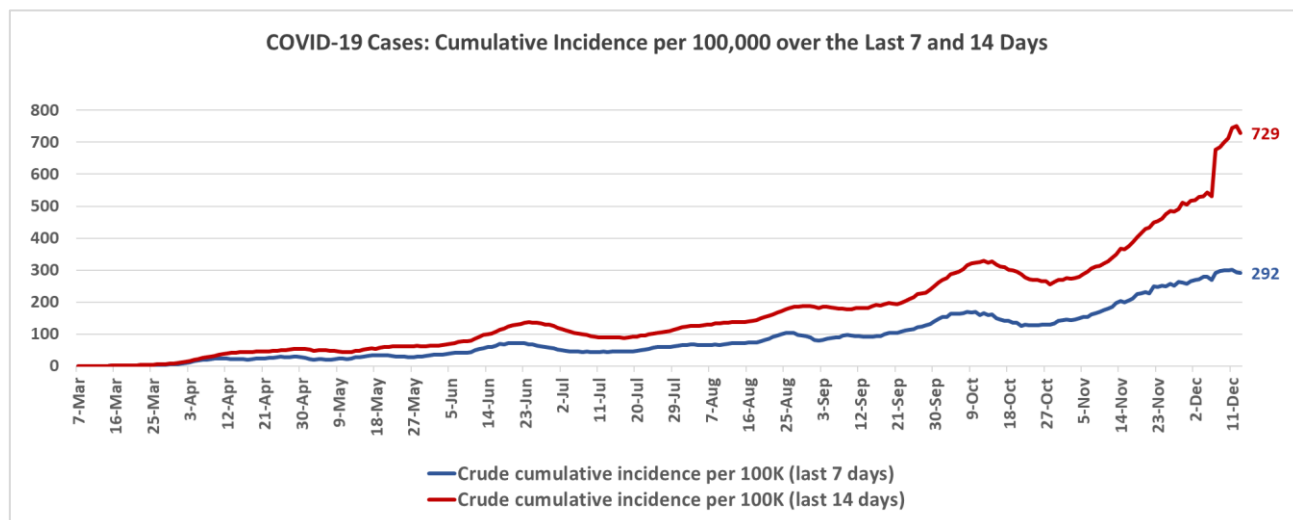
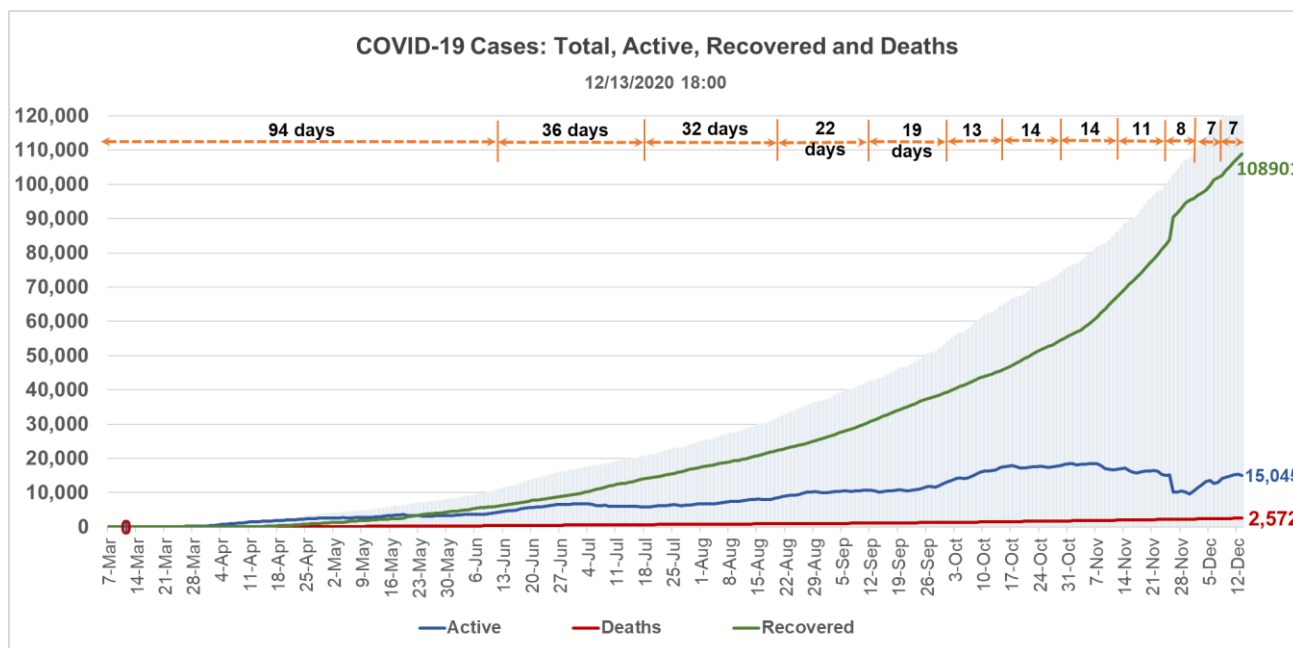
The weekly number of new cases registered an 8.6% increase last week, reaching 10,153. The contagion rate (R0) decreased further from 1.05 to 1.04. The weekly number of recoveries escalated to 7,657. This represents a 15% increase compared to the week prior. The weekly number of deaths increased to 153 last week, which is 18% more compared to the week prior;

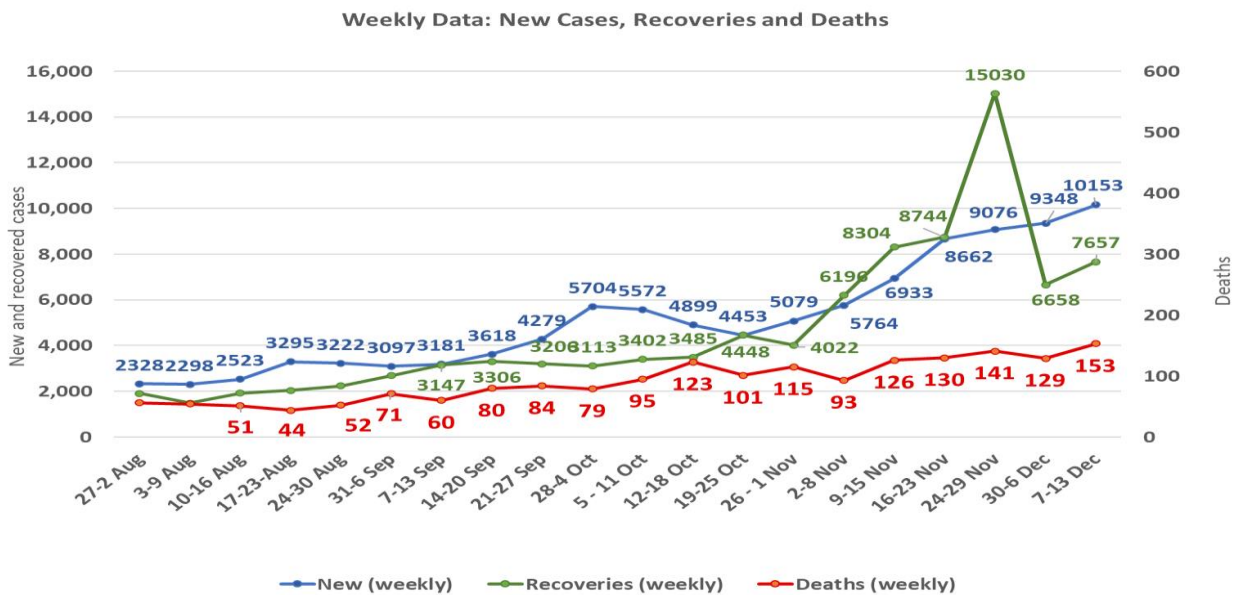
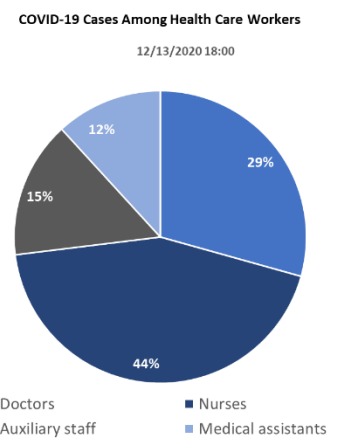
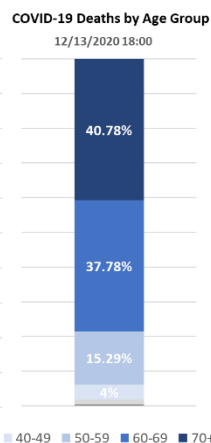
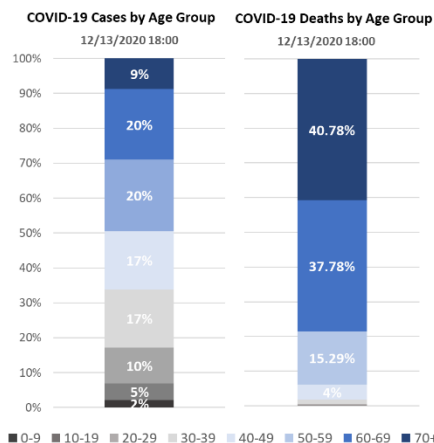
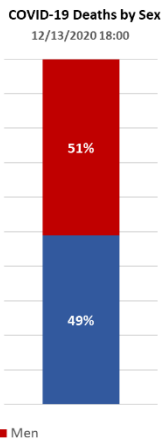
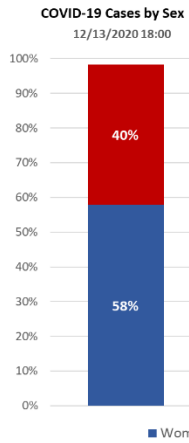
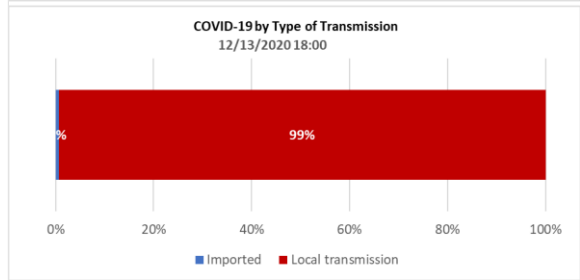
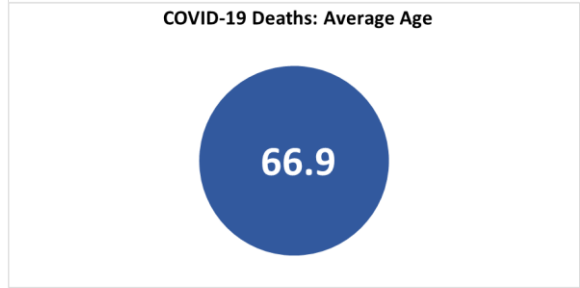
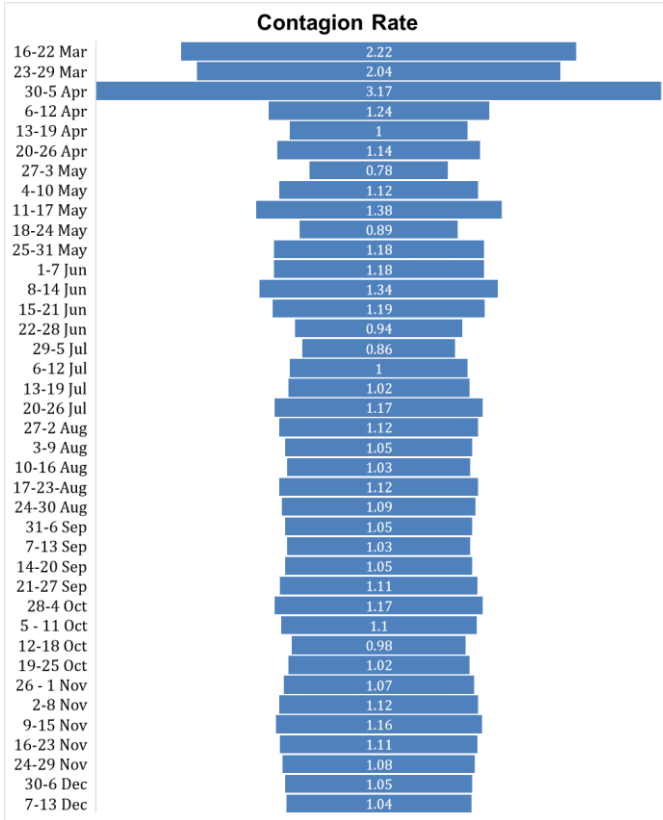
The share of health care workers in the total number of cases remained at around 9%. Over 11,400 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak;

In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 42% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. With 12% of all confirmed cases, the Transnistria region follows in the list of most affected areas. Balti, ATU Gagauzia, Ialoveni and Edinet continue to account for 3-4% of all cases each. All other areas have 2% or less of the total number of cases each. If the size of the population is considered, with nearly 7,500 cases per 100,000, Chisinau remains the most affected area in the country. The capital city is followed by Balti and Edinet, which have surpassed the 4,000 cases per 100,000 and Ialoveni, which has surpassed the 3,000-case mark per 100,000;

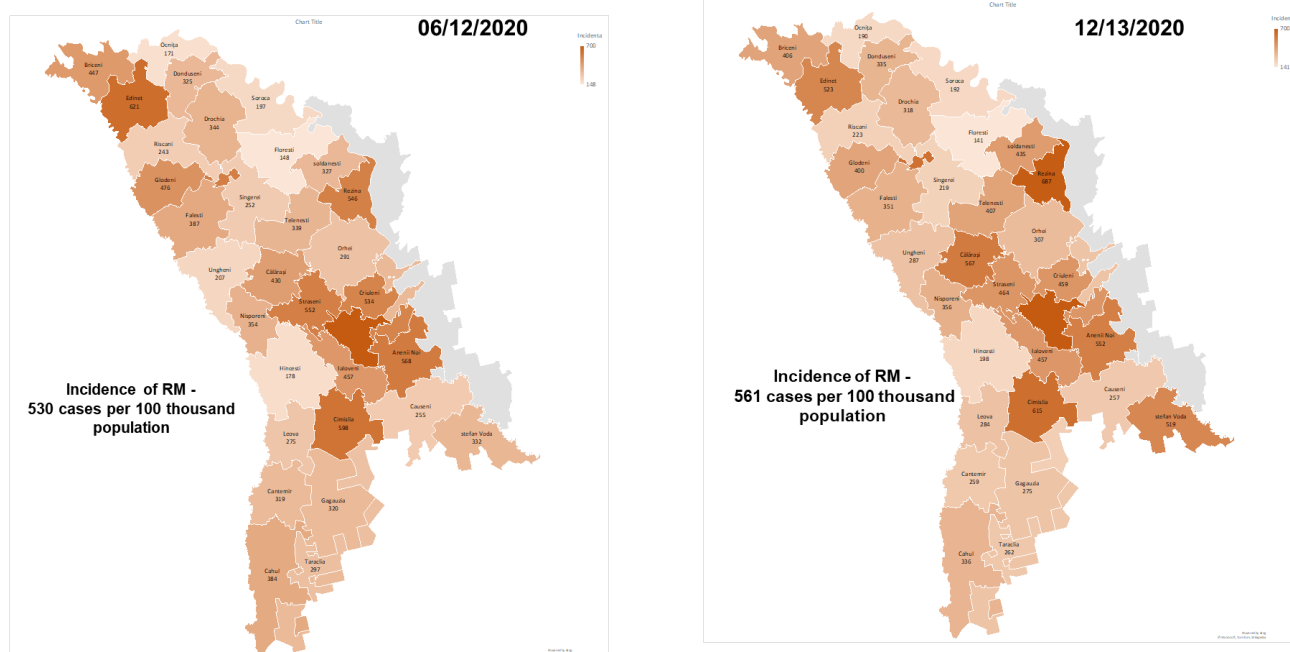
More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 58% vs. 40%. However, the percentage of men who have died from the disease is slightly higher than that of women, 51% vs. 49%. Furthermore, the case fatality rate among men continues to be higher than among women, 2.6% vs. 1.7%;

Real time figures and graphs can be accessed in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has nearly 2.2 million views to date.





COVID-19 Incidence per 100 thousand population, according to administrative territories in the last 14 days, compared to the previous period



Source: MoHLSP

Overview & Announcements

- **Education system epi situation**

According latest data from the [Ministry of Education information](#) on the epidemiological situation in the education system, as of December 7, there were 27 institutions activating on-line, 520 (last week-489) positive cases of COVID-19 infections among students/pupils and 13017 were placed in self-isolation, 624 (550) infections among teaching staff, with 575 people being placed in self-isolation.

- **Moldova submitted its request to COVAX platform for the COVID-19 vaccine**

On December 7, the Republic of Moldova through the MoHLSP with support from WHO and UNICEF presented its request to the [COVAX Platform](#) in order to ensure the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine. The request describes the optimal conditions for organization of the immunization services, priority target groups, logistical steps and other details. More details on COVAX and the immunization plans [here](#).

- **Assessment of long-term impact of COVID-19 pandemic from gender equality perspective**

UN Women, in partnership with Center Partnership for Development, undertook the second Gender Assessment, based on the findings of the previous one and assessed more in depth the impact of pandemic on care work, job market and financial impact of lockdown on population from gender equality perspective. The survey was carried out and data collected at end of November beginning of December with the report on the findings to be developed by beginning of January 2021.

- **Training workshops on the serological surveillance study for COVID-19**

Two training workshops on the serological surveillance study for COVID-19, viral hepatitis B and C were conducted for more than 312 medical workers on December 2 and 4, 2020 with WHO technical support. The WHO Moldova provided support to the MoHLSP in developing the study protocol with eligibility criteria; estimating the sample and administrative territories from which samples will be taken for laboratory investigations, finalizing and initiating the serological surveillance study for COVID-19 and viral hepatitis B and C. The surveillance included 79 public and private medical institutions from 32 administrative territories, 6,000 people from the different age groups will participate in the screening. The samples will be sent to the laboratories of the designated National Public Health Agency.

- **Updates on economic policy and inflation rates**

- According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the annual inflation continued its downward trend in November 2020 reaching 0.93%. This was a result of reduction in the prices for non-food items (-0.22%) and prices for services rendered to population, while the food prices on contrary grew on average by 2.72% (annually). Further details [here](#);
- The National Bank of Moldova did not revisit the annual base rate for key monetary policy operations leaving at the level of 2.65%. Further details are provided [here](#).
- The NBS released data regarding gross monthly wage that reached an average of 7,991.3 MDL in September 2020. Two thirds of the employees had wages below the average monthly salary, while almost every second employee had a salary below 6,000 MDL and every fifth employees had a salary higher than 10,000 MDL. Noteworthy that the salaries grew unevenly which was reflected in the decline in number of employees with lowest wages (with 3.3 p.ps), while there was almost twice (with 5.4 p.ps) increase in the number of persons that have salaries higher than 10,000 MDL. Traditionally, the lowest wages are in HORECA, administrative & support services and agriculture, fishery and forestry (between 4,000 and 6,000 MDL). The highest salaries are in ICT, finance and insurance and public administration, defense and social insurance (over 10,000 MDL). Further details are provided [here](#).
- The MoEI developed a draft regulatory framework for the establishment of a Fund to support the digital innovations and technological start-ups. The draft GoM decision could be accessed [here](#).

Update on Restrictions*

***these are subject to changes and amendment and should be viewed as an overview and not as a definitive source for decision making**

- Through the [Decision #37](#) from 11 December, the National Extraordinary Commission in Public Health decreed all schools (primary, gymnasium and lyceum) to conduct the classes on-line starting with December 21- one week before Christmas vacation (December 24 - January 10). The Decision also suspends all extra-curricular activities starting with December 14;
- The Rules and restrictions for traveling to Moldova are stipulated in the MFA issuance of November 30, [details here](#).