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## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 22/10/2020, 18:00 p.m.

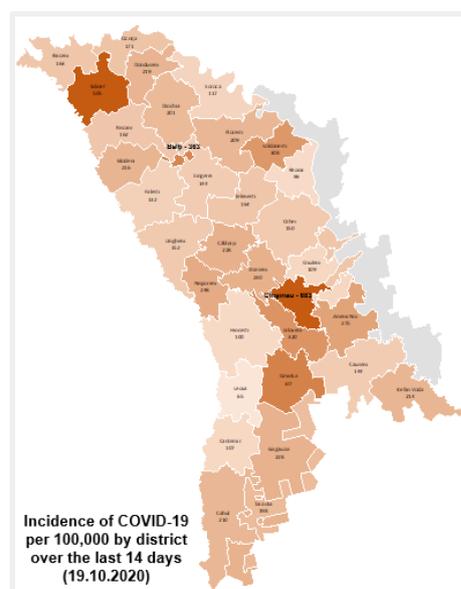
The developments in the evolution of the pandemic from last week become more pronounced during the course of this week, with the growth in cases continuing to slow down further. The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 642, which is nearly 100 cases less compared to the same figure last week. Overall, 69,568 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic. The total number of active cases stands at 17,505, which, in absolute terms, is similar to last week. As a proportion of the total number of registered cases, the number of active cases decreased from 26.9% to 25.2% over a seven-day period;

The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 stands at 2,003, which continues to place Moldova near the top of countries with some of the highest incidence of cases in Europe and in the region. The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 129 and over the last 14 days is 278, with both of these figures registering a decrease over the past week;

The accelerated growth in the number of deaths continued, with a total of 111 deaths being reported over the last seven days. The average number of daily deaths over the same period is 15.86, which is higher than the 15.14 figure registered last week. The total number of deaths reached 1,641. The case fatality rate, at the same time, remained stable at 2.4%. The average age of patients who have died from the disease increased slightly to 66.6. Over 90% of all deaths have been reported in patients 50 years of age and older;

The number of patients who have recovered from the disease now stands at 50,422. This represents 72.5% of all cases, which is 1.8 p.p. increase compared to last week;

Weekly figures reflect some modest to moderate improvements in the situation if the number of confirmed cases, number of recoveries and the contagion rate are considered. The total number of new cases registered last week is 4,899, which represents a 12.1% decrease compared to the previous week. The contagion rate (R0) also decreased from 1.1 to 0.98. This is the first that the contagion rate dropped below 1 since mid-July. The total number of recoveries last week was 3,485, which represents a 2.4% increase compared to the week prior. The gap between new cases and recoveries continued to narrow further, with about 1,400 cases being the difference between the two figures now;



At the same time, the weekly number of deaths and the average number of serious cases paint a more concerning picture. The weekly number of deaths increased to 123 last week, which is 28 more than the previous week or a 29.5% increase. The number of serious cases also increased to 832 during the same period, which is nearly 60 cases more compared to the week prior. The number of serious cases continued to increase further this week, reaching 859 in the last seven days;

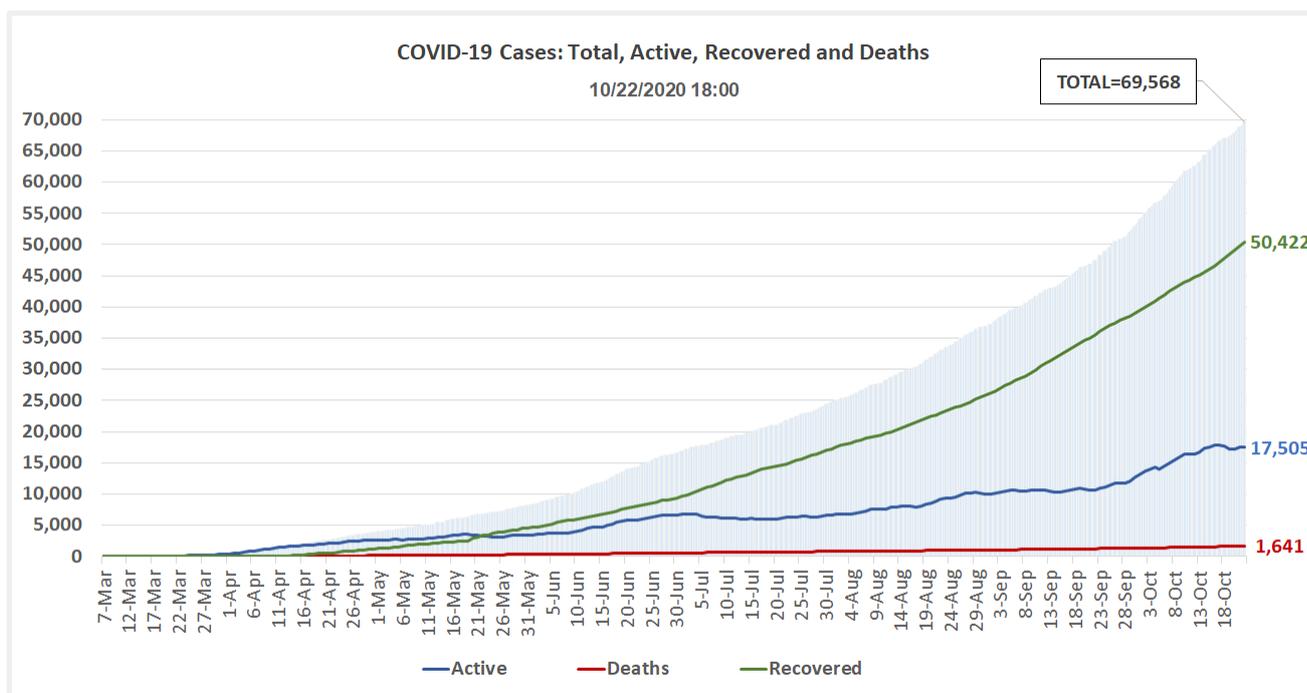
The share of health care workers in the total number of cases decreased slightly to 10.7%. Over 7,400 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak;

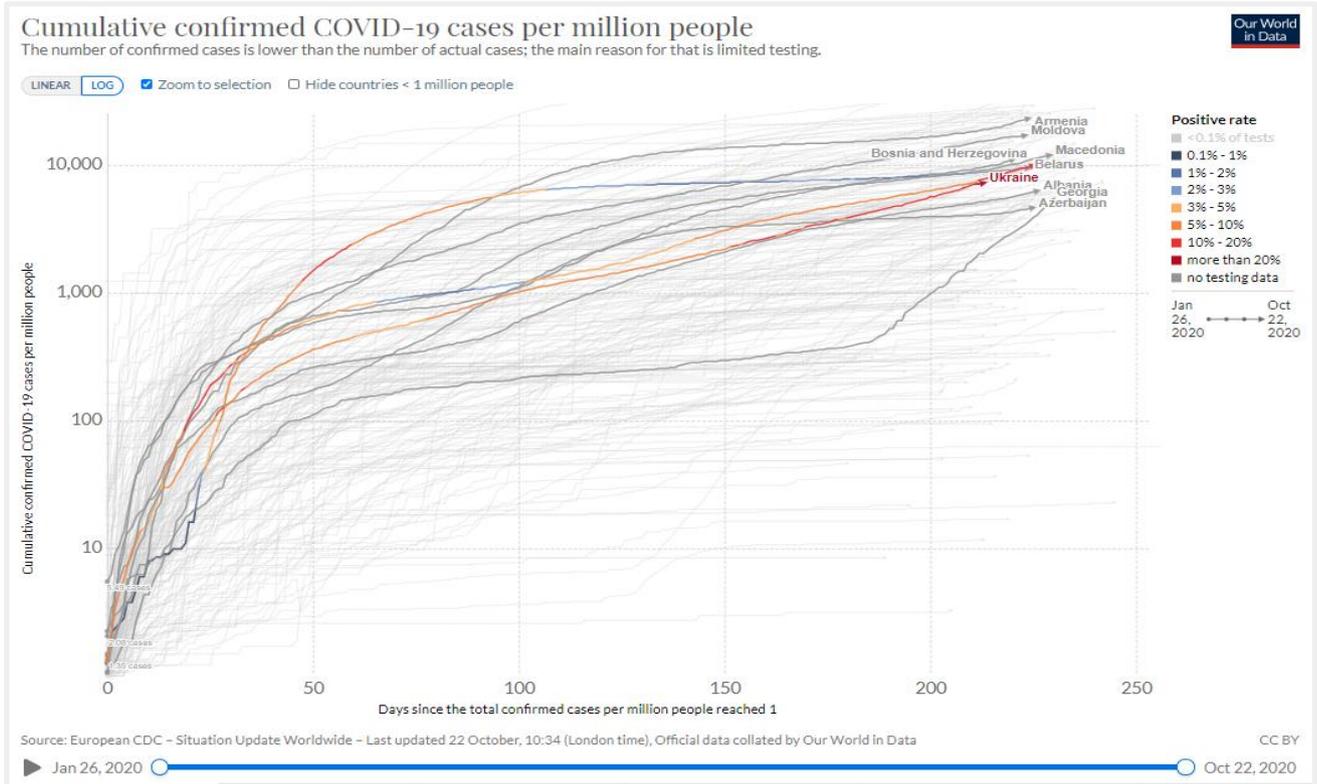
In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 44% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. Similar to last week, Transnistria region, Balti, ATU Gagauzia and Ialoveni follow in the list of most affected areas, accounting for 3-8% of all cases each. All other areas have 2% or less of the total number of cases each. If the size of the population is considered, with over 4,500 cases per 100,000, Chisinau remains the most affected area in the country. The capital city is followed by Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Basarabeasca and Taraclia, which have surpassed the 2,000-cases mark per 100,000, and ATU Gagauzia, Straseni, Anenii Noi, Soroca and Cahul, which have surpassed the 1,500-case mark per 100,000;

The contagion rate is also uneven across the country, with certain districts registering higher rates than others. Rascani and Hancesti, for example, had the highest contagion rate in the country - 1.2 - at the beginning of the week. The contagion rate in Chisinau was 0.9;

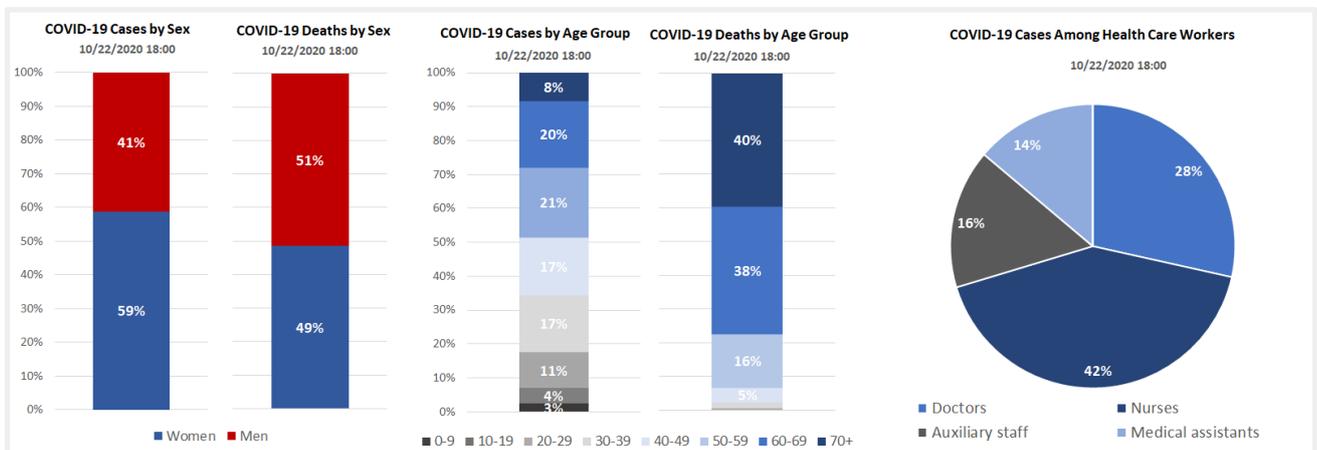
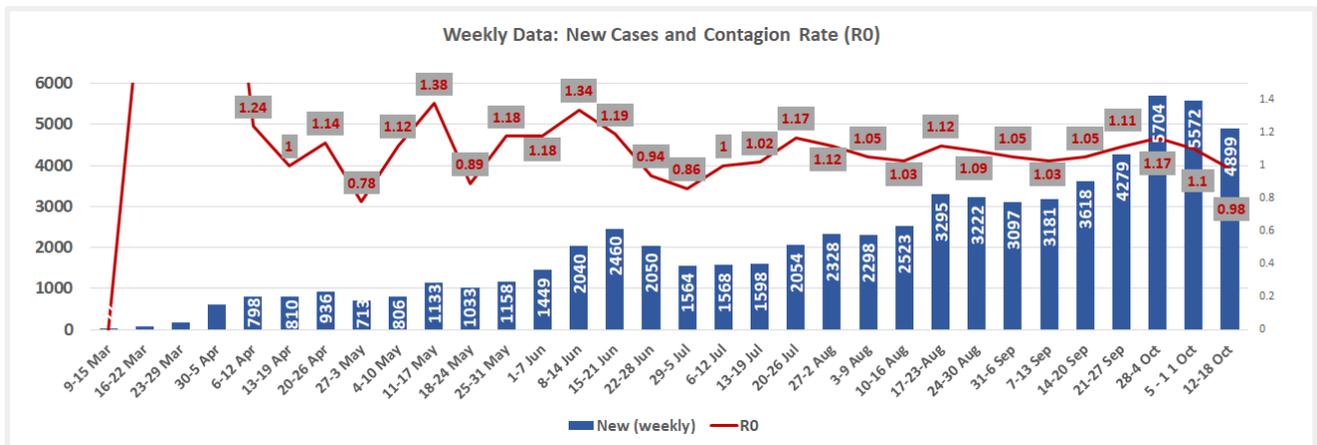
More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 59% vs. 41%. However, the percentage of men who have died from the disease is slightly higher than that of women, 51% vs. 49%. Furthermore, the case fatality rate among men continues to be higher than among women, 2.9% vs. 1.9%;

Real time figures and graphs can be accessed [here](#) in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has more than 2.1 million views to date.





Source: Our World in Data, <https://ourworldindata.org> \*Some differences may exist between the data included in the charts above and the data mentioned in the rest of this section because of the difference in the population number used in the calculations.



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## Overview & Announcements

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- **Epi situation update in education system**

According to the latest [updated data](#) from the Ministry of Education, as of October 19, the number of students tested positive with COVID-19 is 276 and 6091 students were placed in self-isolation. 372 teachers have been positively confirmed with the new Coronavirus and 351 are in isolation. Of the non-teaching and auxiliary staff, 69 people were infected with the new virus, and another 64 are in self-isolation. The data also show that out of the 1240 general public and private educational institutions, 11 institutions operate remotely due to quarantine as in the case of 294 classes.

- **UNFPA presentation of two impact studies on youth**

UNFPA completed two surveys on the impact of COVID-19 on the (1) *youth psycho-emotional wellbeing* and (2) *youth participation*. The surveys were conducted in partnership with the Partnership for Development Center (CPD) and RC office. The findings will be presented live on the UNFPA FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/unfpaMoldova/>, as follows: **21 October 2020, 12.00 pm** – The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on psycho-emotional wellbeing of young people; **27 October 2020, 14.00 pm** – The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth participation and civic engagement.

- **The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on SMEs**

The socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on SMEs in the Republic of Moldova and support measures for this sector were addressed in a [video conference](#) organized by UNDP Moldova in partnership with the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, with the participation of over 90 by representatives of government institutions, advisory platforms, business and banking associations, but also of development partners.

- **UN 75th Anniversary - photo exhibition - Happy UN Day!**

On the eve of the 75th anniversary of the UN, the United Nations in Moldova [launched a photo exhibition](#) in the public park of Stephen the Great. All are invited to visit it and find out interesting things about the UN and its agencies. Happy UN Day!

- **Human Rights Awareness Raising Campaign**

On 22 October the UN launched the Human Rights Awareness Raising Campaign “Recover better together: Human Rights for All”, which will conclude on the Human Rights Day on December 10. For the launch the Resident Coordinator released a [video message as well as a press release](#). The campaign seeks to raise public awareness on the human rights of each individual, as well as on the interdependence and indivisibility of the universal human rights. This will be done by reflecting on the human rights situation including in the context of COVID-19 through the voices of people belonging to marginalized groups and others particularly affected by the pandemic, through posters, comics and video testimonials.

- **State of the Country Report 2020**

Expert Grup Think-Tank presented this week the 8th, annual edition of its [State of the Country Report 2020](#). Among the key conclusions, the report highlights that the pandemic amplified the underlying vulnerabilities of Moldovan economy, governance and society. The authors also mention the Covid-19 crisis revealed the chronic deficit of public trust in government, which worsened amid the social and economic repercussions of the pandemic, in parallel with an inefficient and inadequate anti-crisis response from the Executive.

## Update on Restrictions\*

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

No additional restrictions were introduced since the last Decision - [No. 34 from 13 October](#) of the National Extraordinary Commission in Public Health;

As of October 15, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration updated the [Rules and restrictions regarding the entry into the Republic of Moldova during the pandemic](#). It makes reference to the [list of countries the incoming passengers from which need to observe the 14-day quarantine](#), also exceptions for family members etc.