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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 12/11/2020, 18:00 p.m.

The pandemic continued to accelerate over the past week, with a record number of cases - 1,331 - being reported this Thursday. The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 925, which is over 160 cases more compared to the same figure last week. Overall, 86,038 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic;

At the same time, the total number of active cases decreased to 16,799. This is almost 1,700 cases less compared to last week. The proportion of active cases in the total number of registered cases stands at 19.5%;

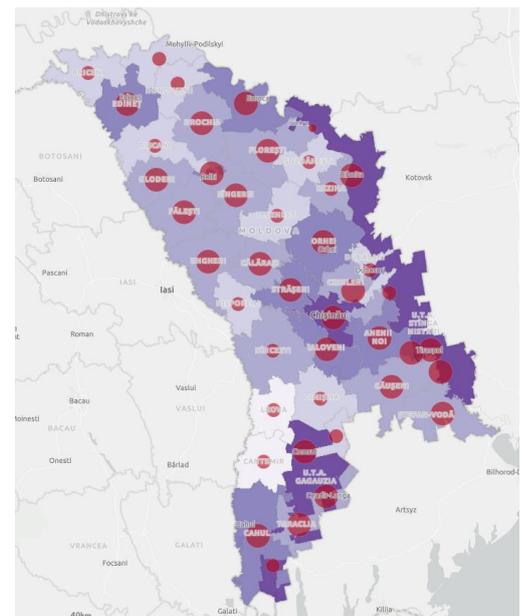
The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 is 2,477. The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 186 and over the last 14 days is 340, with both of these figures registering an increase over the past week and reaching the highest levels since the beginning of the pandemic;

A total of 103 deaths were reported over the last seven days. The average number of daily deaths over the same period is 14.71, which is lower than the 17.00 figure registered last week. The total number of deaths now stands at 1,969. The case fatality rate remained stable at around 2.3%, but the average age of patients who have died from the disease increased slightly to 66.9. Nearly 95% 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 67,270. This represents 78.2% of all cases, which is a 3.8 p.p. increase compared to last week;

Weekly figures show some mixed developments in the evolution of the pandemic situation. The total number of new cases registered last week is 5,764, which is the highest since the beginning of the pandemic and represents a 13.5% increase compared to the previous week. The contagion rate (R0) also increased from 1.07 to 1.12;

At the same time, the weekly number of recoveries registered a considerable increase and outpaced the number of new cases last week. A total of 6,196 recoveries were registered over the course of the week, which represents a 54.1% increase compared to the week prior. The number of deaths decreased to 93 last week, which is 22 cases or 19.1% less compared to the week prior. The average number of serious cases remained



stable at around 800 during the same period. However, the daily number of serious cases started to increase towards the end of last week and stood at nearly 900 at the beginning of this week;

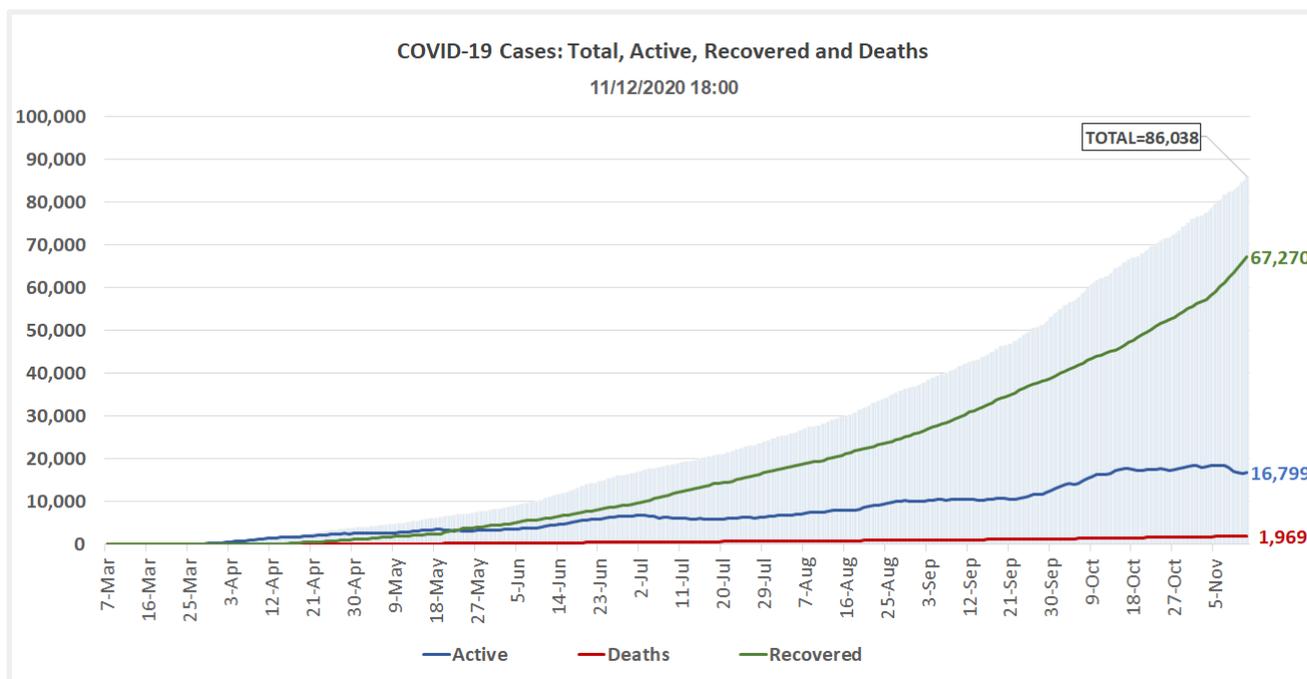
The share of health care workers in the total number of cases is around 10%. Over 8,500 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak;

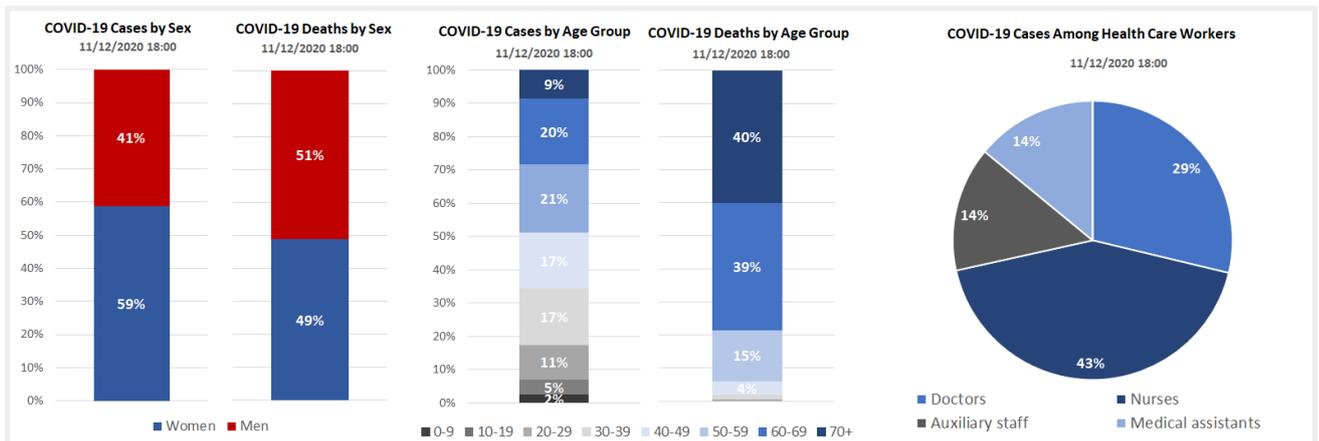
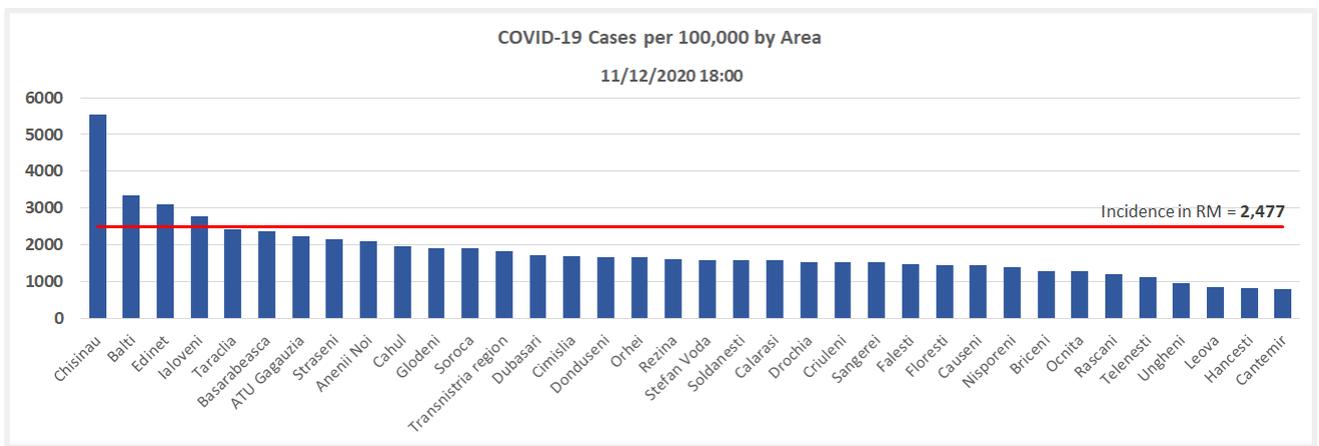
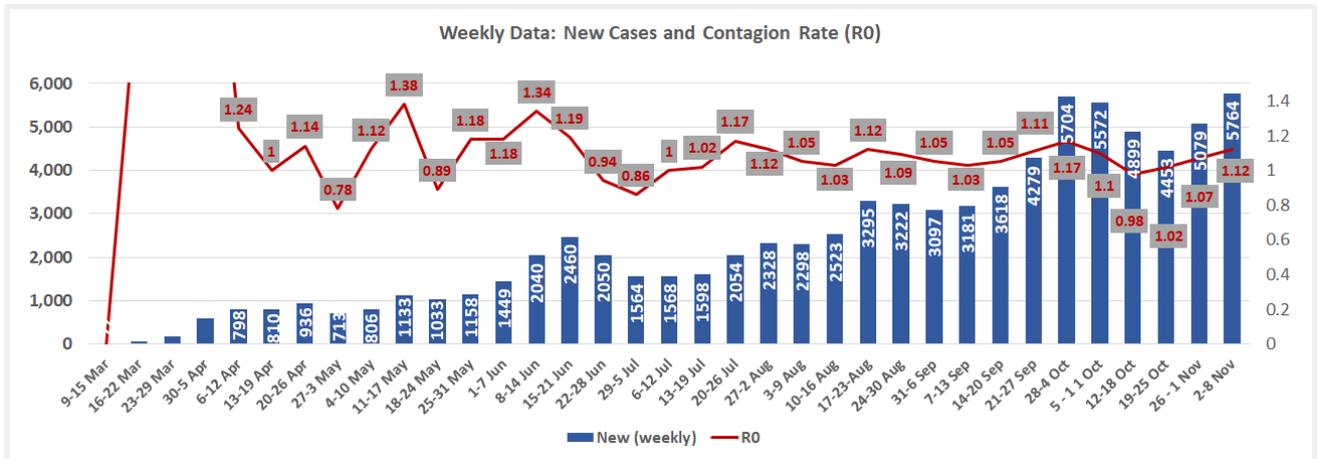
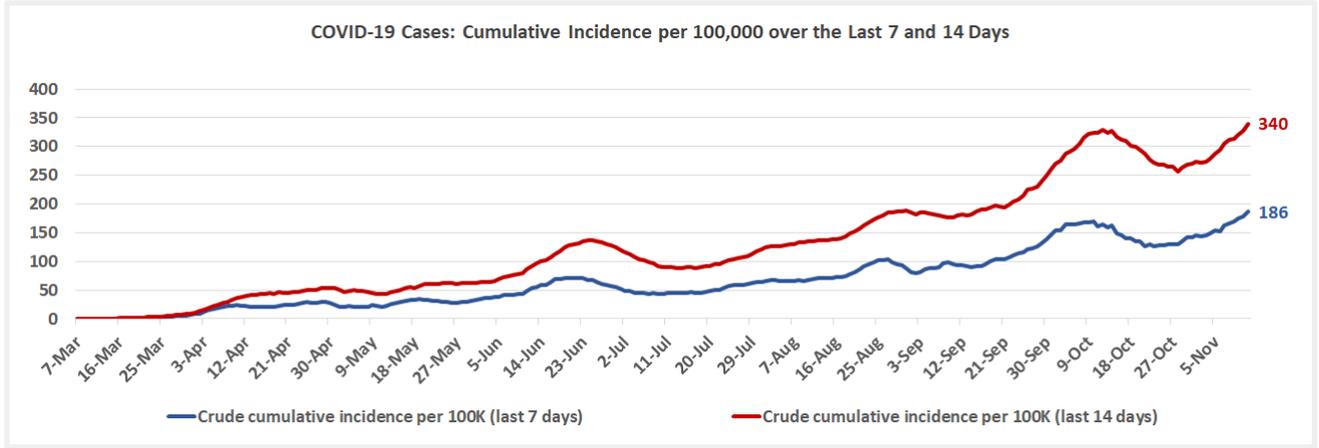
In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 43% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. Transnistria region, Balti, ATU Gagauzia, Ialoveni and Edinet continue to follow in the list of most affected areas, accounting for 3-10% of all cases 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 5,550 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 3,000 cases per 100,000 and Ialoveni, Taraclia, Basarabeasca, ATU Gagauzia, Straseni and Anenii Noi, which have surpassed the 2,000-cases mark per 100,000;

The contagion rate is also uneven across the country, with certain districts registering higher rates than others. Cimislia, Stefan Voda, Criuleni, Causeni and Orhei, for example, had the highest contagion rates in the country, which ranged between 1.3 to 1.5 at the beginning of the week. The contagion rate in Chisinau was 1.1;

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, 2.8% vs. 1.9%;

Real time figures and graphs can be accessed in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has more than 2.15 million views to date.





Overview & Announcements

- **Epi situation update in education system**

According to the [latest updated data](#) from the Ministry of Education, on November 9, 6 educational institutions in the country operate remotely due to quarantine measures as is the case of 153 classes. The number of students tested positive with COVID-19 is 227 (up from 203 last week), and 4386 (last week- 3967) students were placed in self-isolation. 300 (last week - 283) teachers have been positively confirmed with the new Coronavirus and 234 are in isolation. Of the non-teaching and auxiliary staff, 73 (64) people were infected with the new virus, and another 89 (71) are in self-isolation.

- **COVID-19 procurements**

IOM provided a batch of 16,750 masks to the Border Police procured from the funds of the COVID-19 UN Trust Fund;

UNODC and UNAIDS provided a batch of 1,500 protective gowns to the National Prison Administration of the Republic of Moldova, Penitentiary Hospital No.16, Pruncul. The donation was made from the UBRAF fund (United Budget Results and Accountability Framework) of UNAIDS and UNODC Moldova;

The Embassy of Czechia provided a batch of PPEs to several hospitals for patients with mental disabilities from Moldova in the amount of approx. 33,000 USD.

- **New partnership to support women**

On November 5, UN Women concluded a partnership agreement with the Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development (ODIMM), a public non-profit institution established under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure. This partnership aims to contribute to the implementation of the national strategic plan on COVID-19 recovery and empower women, especially those who are the most affected by the pandemic crisis, providing chances for income security, decent work and economic autonomy. The project will also look to tackle pre-existing barriers to business faced by women which are now compounded by COVID-19 and its knock-on effects – inaccessibility to financial services, lack of a mentoring and network platform, and competing gendered priorities amongst others. The initiative is being implemented with generous support from the Government of Japan.

- **Inflation updates**

Annual inflation rate for October 2020 continued its downward trend reaching 1.56% being the lowest in the last 12 months. However, the prices for food and services increased by 3.95% and 0.59% accordingly, while prices for non-food goods went down by 0.37%.

In October, the NBM has adjusted its monetary policy, namely decreased the base rate applied to the main short-term monetary operations from 2.75% to 2.65%, while also there was a decline in the annual interest rates for overnight credits from 5.25% to 5.15% and for overnight deposits from 0.25% to 0.15%. These actions are meant to support internal demand and to stimulate lending to the economy.

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

- No additional restrictions were introduced since the last Decision - [No. 34 from 13 October](#) of the National Extraordinary Commission in Public Health;
- The [List of States](#) in the red zone, from which the incoming passengers into Moldova need to observe the 14 days quarantine has been updated by the Extraordinary National Commission for Public Health on November 9.