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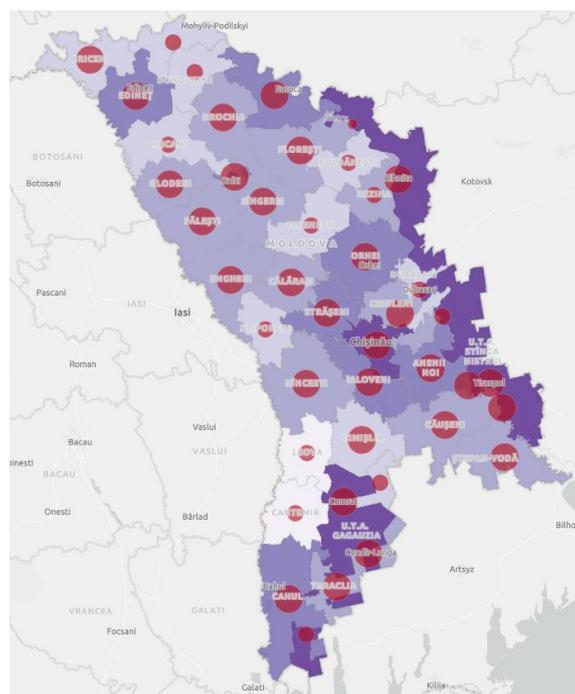
Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 19/11/2020, 18:00 p.m.

The number of new coronavirus cases continued to grow at an accelerated pace over the past week, with a record number of cases - 1,607 and 1,442 - being reported on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, respectively. Overall, 93,961 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic;

The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 1,132, which is over 200 cases more compared to the same figure last week. The percentage of positive tests has averaged 41.4% over the same period.

At the same time, the total number of active cases decreased slightly to 16,340. This is almost 460 cases less compared to last week. The proportion of active cases in the total number of registered cases stands at 17.4%. The number of patients with coronavirus treated in hospitals is 3,185, out of which 253 are in very serious condition;



The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 is 2,705. The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 228 and over the last 14 days is 414, with both of these figures registering an increase over the past week and standing at the highest levels since the beginning of the pandemic;

The number of deaths started to increase again, with a total of 122 deaths being reported over the last seven days. The average number of daily deaths over the same period is 17.43, which is higher than the 14.71 figure registered last week. The total number of deaths now stands at 2,091. The case fatality rate decreased slightly from 2.3% to 2.2% during the same period, and the average age of patients who have died from the disease returned to the previous level of 66.8. 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 75,530. This represents 80.4% of all cases, which is a 2.2 p.p. increase compared to last week;

Weekly figures - in most part - followed the same tendencies established over the last few weeks. The weekly number of new cases registered another 20.3% increase last week, reaching 6,933, which is the highest since the beginning of the pandemic. The contagion rate (R0) increased further from 1.12 to 1.16. The weekly number of recoveries also continued to increase, reaching 8,304. This represents a 34.0% increase compared

to the week prior. After decreasing during the week of 2-8 November to 93 cases, the number of deaths increased again and reached 126 last week, which is the highest number of deaths registered in a week since the pandemic reached the country. This is 33 cases or 35.5% more compared to the week prior.

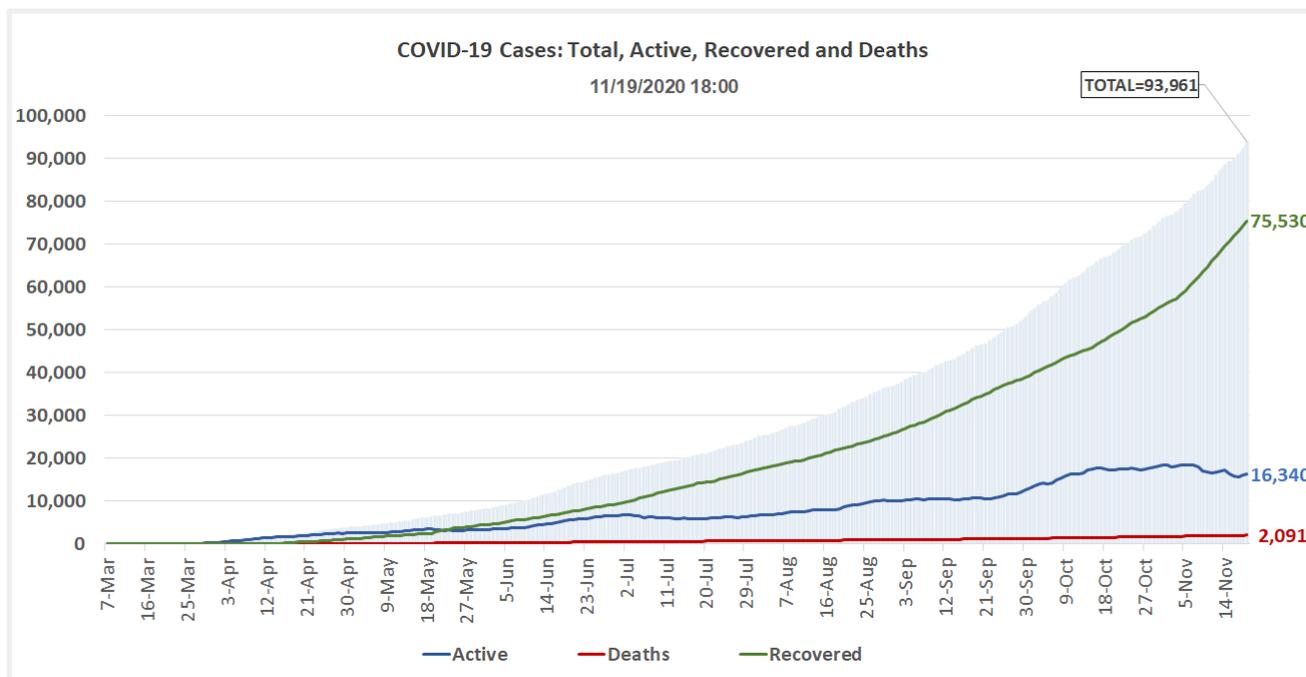
The share of health care workers in the total number of cases remained at around 10%. Over 9,500 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak;

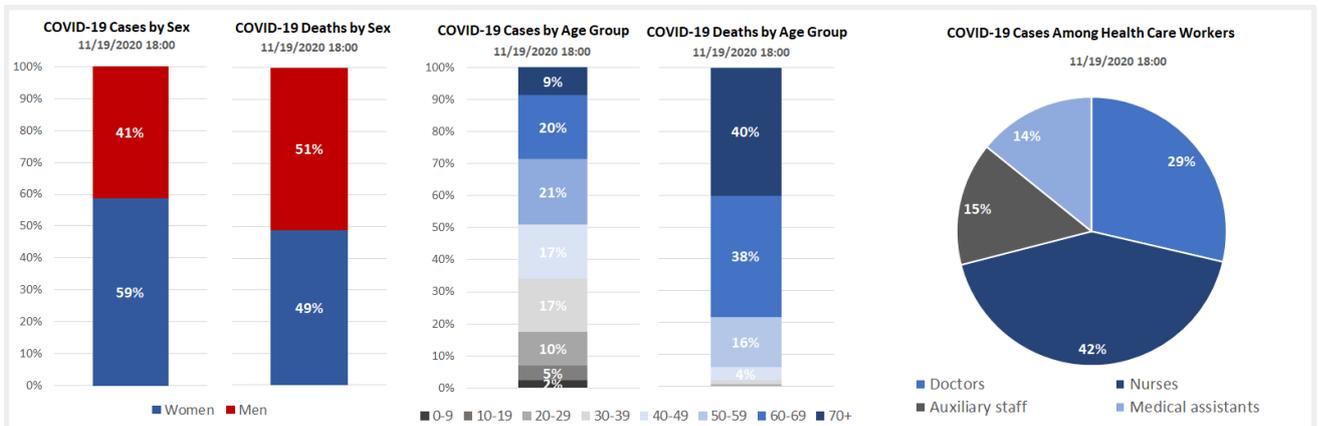
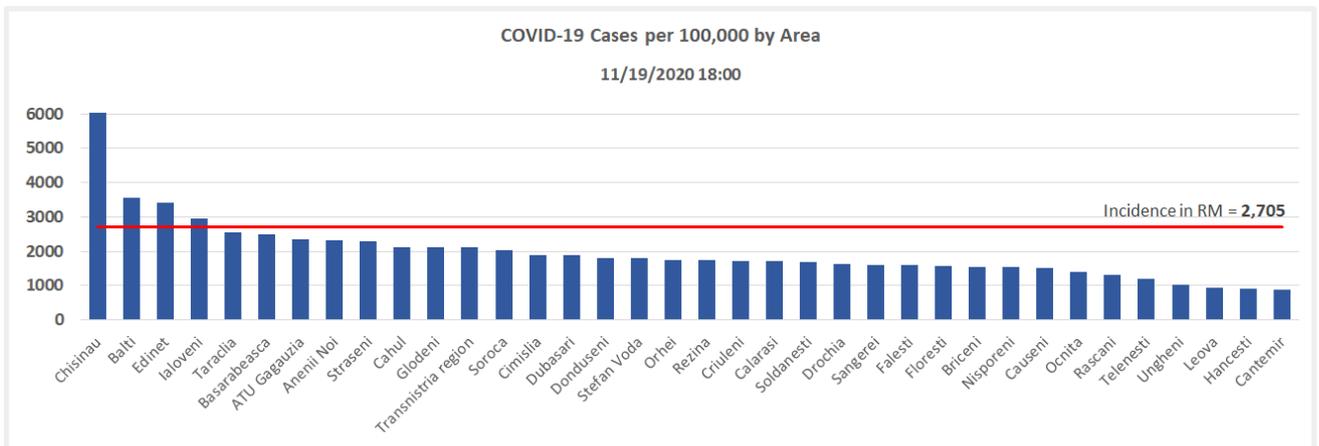
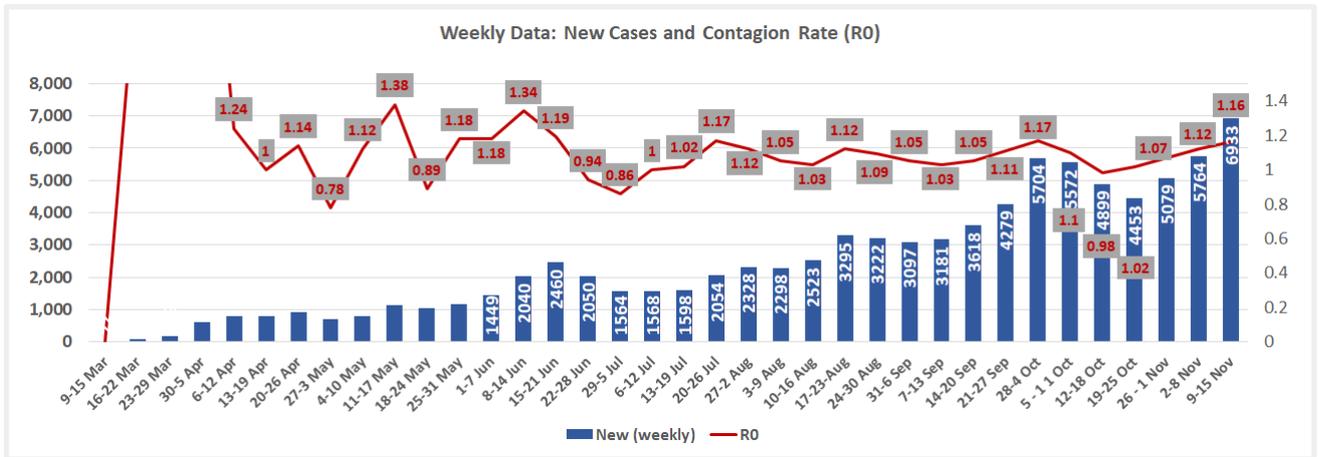
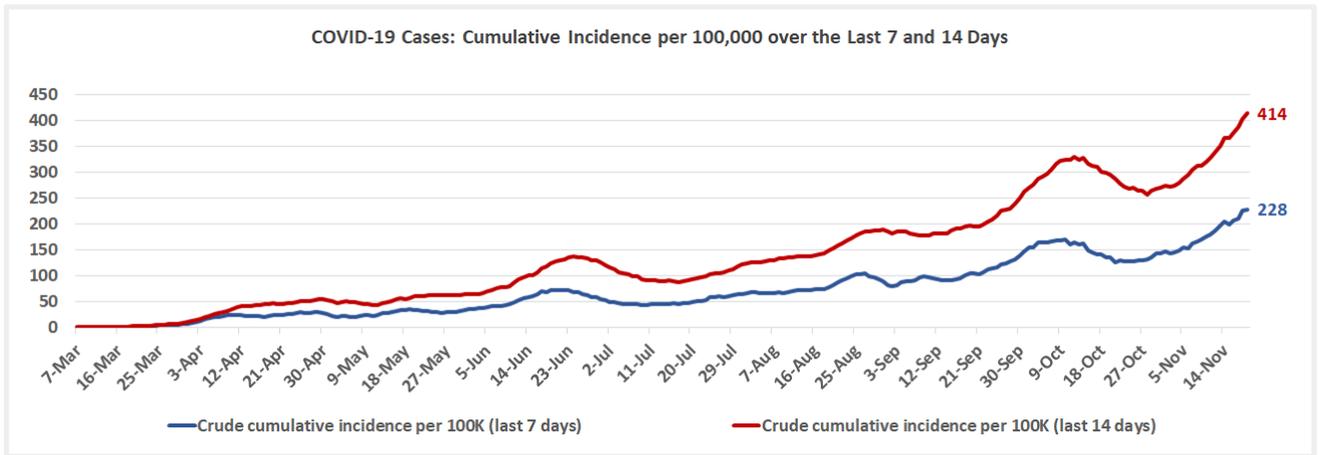
In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 43% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. The Transnistria region follows in the list of most affected areas. The share of cases registered in this region in the total number of cases doubled over the past three months, reaching the current level of 11%. 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 6,026 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, Anenii Noi, Strasenii, Cahul, Glodeni, Transnistria region and Soroca, which have all surpassed the 2,000-case mark per 100,000;

The contagion rate continues to be uneven across the country, with certain districts registering higher rates than others. Stefan Voda, Anenii Noi, Criuleni, Soldanesti, Rezina, Falesti and Calarasi, for example, had the highest contagion rates in the country, which ranged between 1.4 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. 1.8%;

Real time figures and graphs can be accessed in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has more than 2.17 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 17, 8 (6 last week) educational institutions in the country operate remotely due to quarantine measures as in the case of 153 classes. 288 students were tested positive with COVID-19 (up from 227 last week), and 3610 (last week- 4386) students were placed in self-isolation. 357 (last week - 300) teachers have been positively confirmed with the new Coronavirus and 264 (234) are in isolation. Of the non-teaching and auxiliary staff, 85(73) people were infected with the new virus, and another 98 (89) are in self-isolation.

- **Grant from Japan for medical equipment**

[Japan will provide a grant](#) to the Government of Moldova in the amount of 800,000 EURO for purchasing of medical equipment, medical products and services, including for their maintenance.

- **Ministry of Health to increase testing up to 7000 tests/day- WB project**

Within the World Bank project "Emergency Response to COVID-19 in the Republic of Moldova", the [Government will purchase another 300,000 PCR tests](#). At the same time, the laboratories will be equipped with consumables, reagents and devices thus increasing the diagnosis capacity up to 7000 COVID-19 tests per day.

- **Moldova Business Week 2020**

During November 18-19, 2020, the GoM with support from donors community organized the annual [Moldova Business Week forum](#) aimed at featuring the investment opportunities in Moldova, presentation of various conditions and public policies for attracting investments, also including in the fast changing business environment affected by Covid-19. The Forum was attended by more than 1200 participants from 70 countries in online and offline formats with several high-profile guest speakers, ambassadors etc.

- **Government Programme Progress Report**

The Cabinet released on November 13 the [Annual Progress Report](#) on the Government Programme 2020-2023. The report is structured in 16 chapters covering all sectors from Justice, to Internal Affairs, Health, Economy, Civil Society Cooperation etc. A special emphasis is put on the effects of the pandemic on the work of the Government and the stringent need to divert resources to health sector from other priorities.

- **WHO: lockdowns could be avoided if 95% of people wore masks**

In a recent [news briefing](#), Dr. Hans Kluge, Director of WHO Europe, stressed that lockdowns should be a "last resort," and urged the public to follow guidance to help to prevent deaths. He said that if 95% of people wore masks, instead of the current 60%, "lockdowns would not be needed" -- although he added that mask use was not a "panacea" and needed to be combined with other anti-pandemic measures.

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.