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## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 6/12/2020, 18:00 p.m.

The number of new coronavirus cases continued to grow over the past week, with a record number of cases - 1,728 - being reported on Saturday (5/12), and 808 on Sunday (6/12). Overall, 116,365 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic;

The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 1,335, which is about 40 cases more compared to the same figure last week. The percentage of positive tests has averaged 46% over the same period;

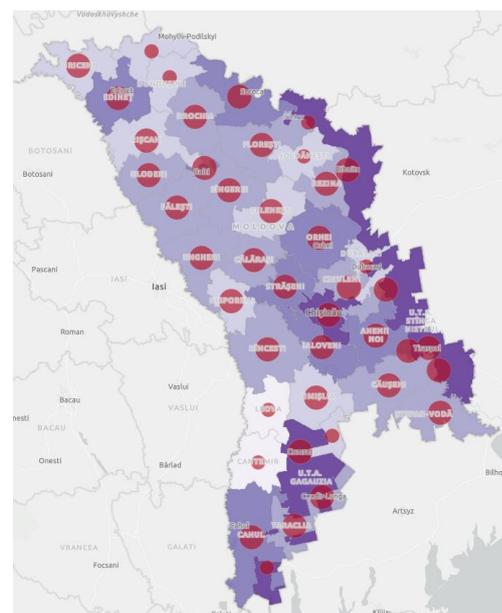
The total number of active cases increased as well to 12,702. This is over 2,500 cases more compared to last week. The proportion of active cases in the total number of registered cases stands at 10.9%. The number of patients with coronavirus treated in hospitals is 3,780, out of which 281 are in very serious condition;

The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 is 3,350. The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 269 and over the last 14 days is 530, with both of these figures registering an increase over the past week;

The average number of daily deaths over a seven-day period decrease slightly and stands at 18.43. The same number stood at 20.14 the week prior. The total number of deaths reached 2,419. At the same time, the case fatality rate remained stable at 2.1%. The average age of patients who have died from the disease stands at 66.8. 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 is 101,244. This represents 87.0% of all cases, which represents a 1.4 p.p. decrease compared to last week;

The weekly number of new cases registered a 3.0% increase last week, reaching 9,348, which is the highest since the beginning of the pandemic. The contagion rate (R0) increased further from 1.08 to 1.05. The weekly number of recoveries dropped to 6,658. This represents a 55.7% decrease compared to the week prior. The sharp decline in the weekly number of recoveries can be explained by the figures reported the week prior. Those figures included the data on recoveries for the Transnistria Region, which had not been reported in full previously. The weekly number of deaths decreased to 129 last week, which is 8.5% less compared to the week prior;



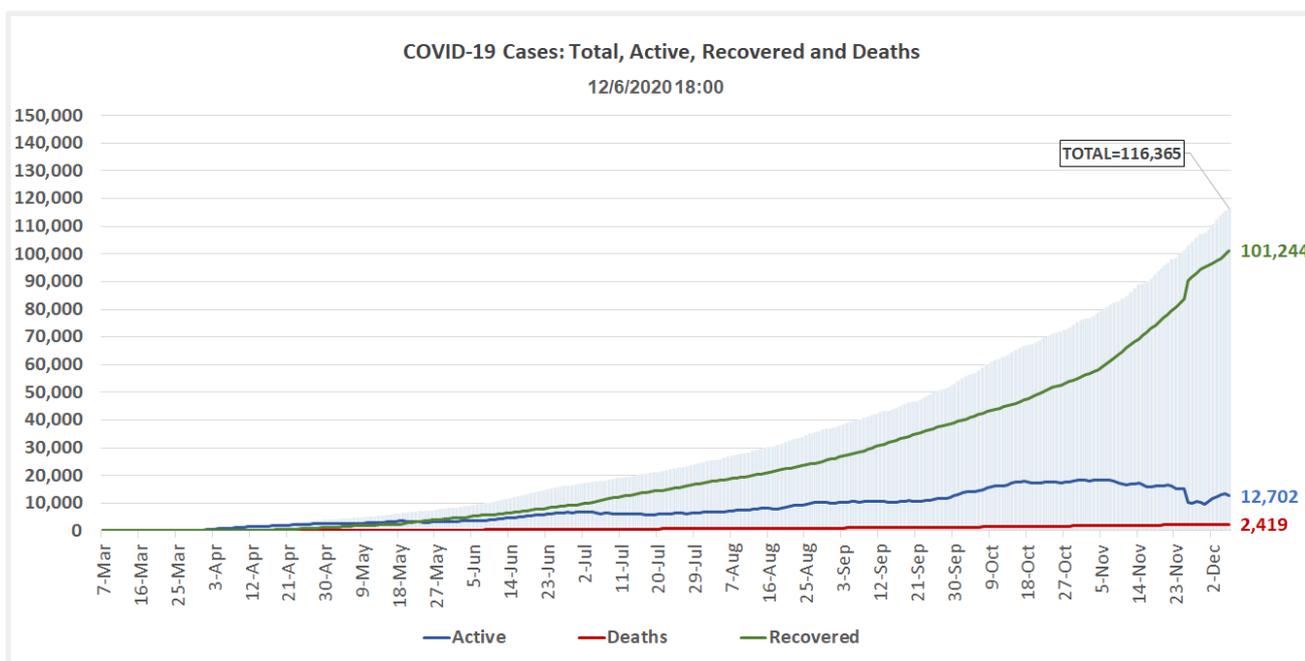
The share of health care workers in the total number of cases remained at around 10%. Over 11,000 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak;

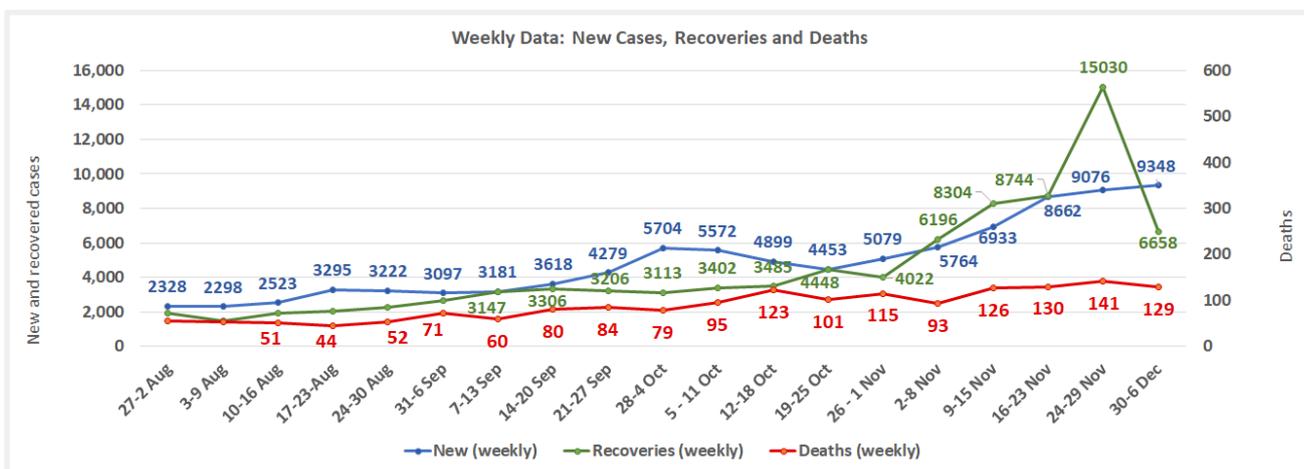
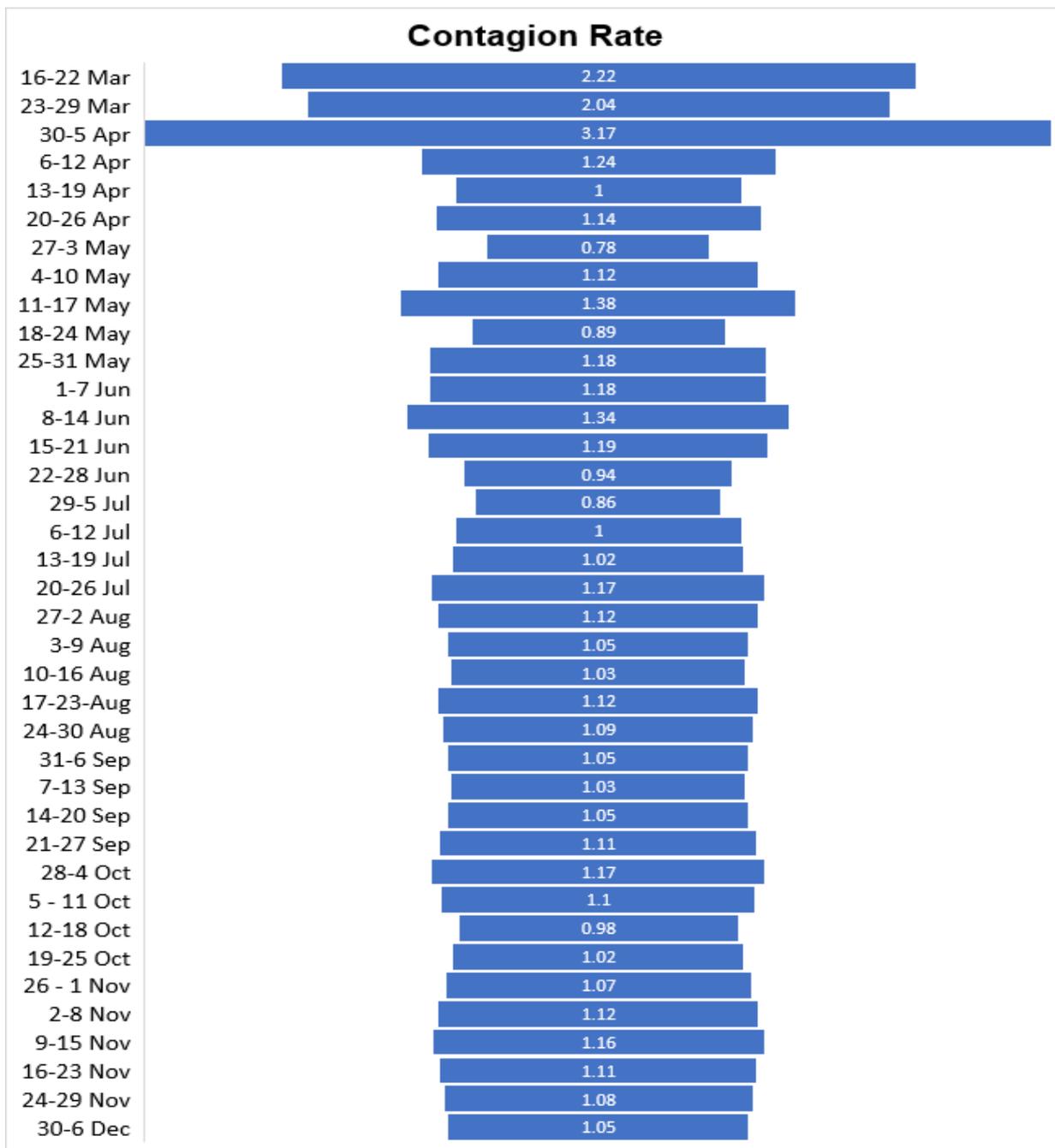
In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 42% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. With 11% of all confirmed cases, the Transnistria Region follows in the list of most affected areas. Balti, ATU Gagauzia, Ialoveni and Edinet continue 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;

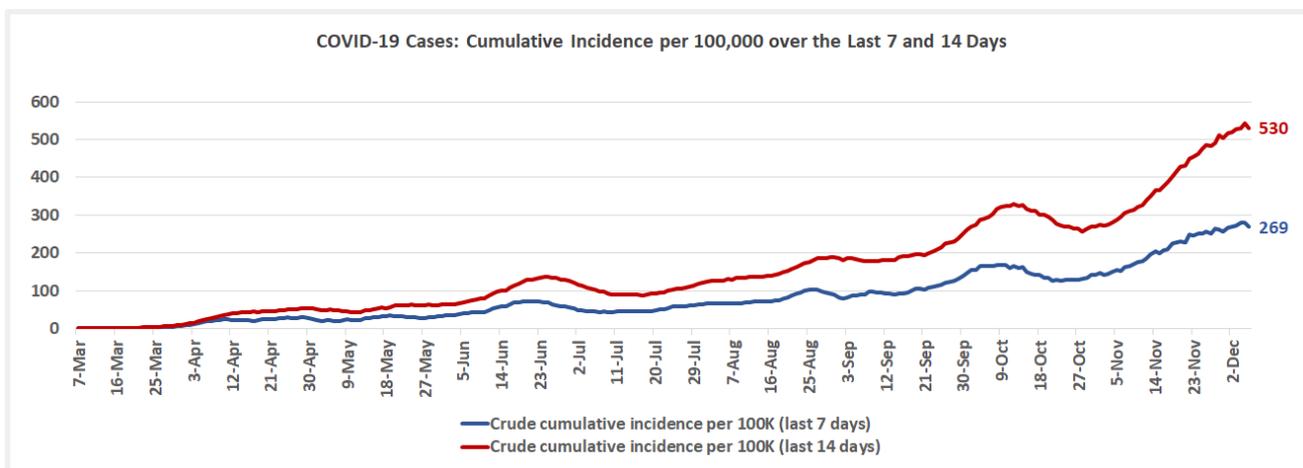
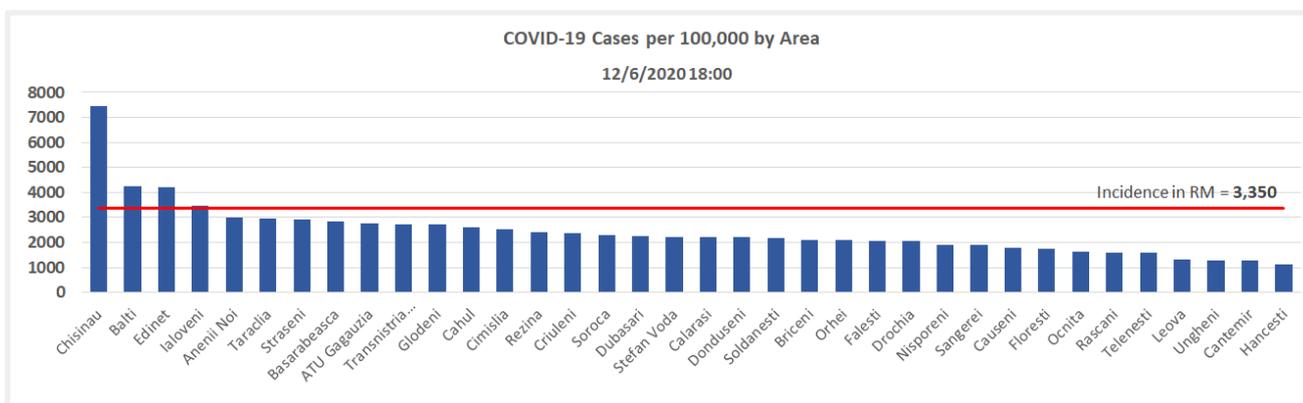
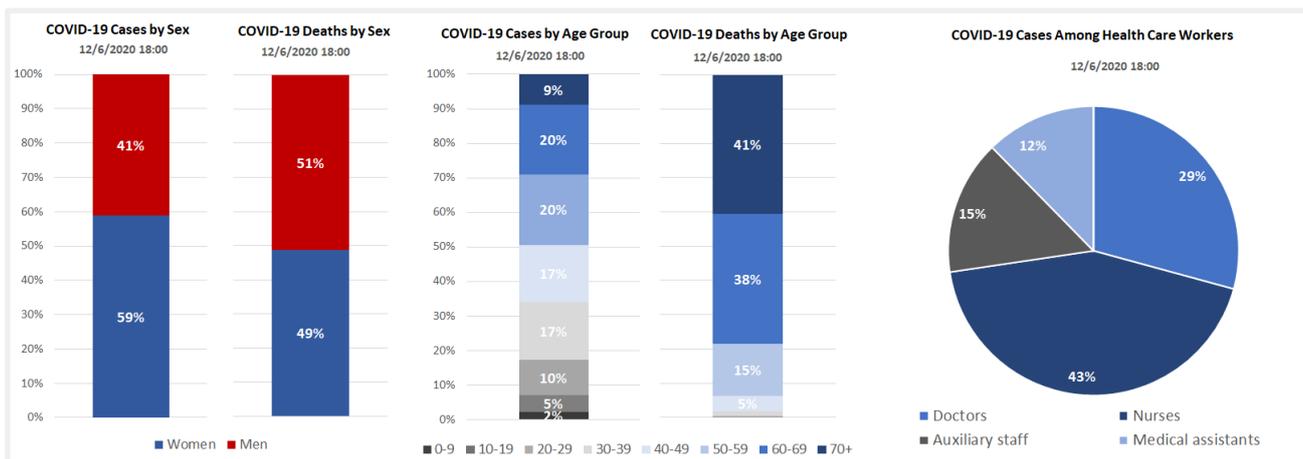
The contagion rate continues to be uneven across the country, with certain districts registering higher rates than others. Stefan Voda, Calarasi and Nisporeni, for example, have the highest contagion rates in the country, which range between 1.3 to 1.4. The contagion rate in Chisinau is 1.1;

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, 2.6% 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.







## Overview & Announcements

- Education system epi situation

According to the Ministry of Education information on the epidemiological situation in the education system, as of November 27, there were 489 positive cases of COVID-19 infections among students/pupils and 13615 were placed in self-isolation, 550 infections among teaching staff, with 583 people being placed in self-isolation. More detailed information with infection numbers can be accessed [here](#).

- **WHO assessment of COVID-19 preparedness and response actions**

Between 1-5 December, WHO experts in cooperation with its local partners (MoHLSP, several COVID-19 hospitals) [conducted an assessment of the actions](#) on COVID-19 management and response, according to 9 pillars of the preparedness and response plan (Country COVID-19 Intra-Action Review (IAR) in Moldova. The assessment looked at the coordination, communication, patient monitoring actions, points of entry actions and other aspects of the pandemic management. The assessment is part of a project support financially by the EU.

- **2021 State Budget approved**

The drafts for fiscal policy for 2021, social insurance budget, mandatory health insurance budget and the state budget 2021 were approved by the Parliament in the first reading during plenary meeting on December 3, 2020.

- **Release of new statistical data**

The National Bank of Moldova released a statistical yearbook on the [International Accounts of the Republic of Moldova](#) 2019. The National Bureau of Statistics also released a statistical update on the [Socio-economic situation of Chisinau Municipality](#) during the period of January-September 2020, disseminated the annual statistical report on the [energy balance for 2020](#) and issued an [analytical note on the persons with disabilities](#) in 2019.

- **Volume of exports decreases in Q3**

The Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure released an [information note](#) on the external trade for Q3 2020 with key findings suggesting that volume of exports decreased by 19.3%, while its value increased by 9.1% whereas volume of imported products grew by 1.9% while value decreased by 3.6%. This suggests that exports became more expensive than imports and hence the financing of exports with imports improved.

- **Development Partners meeting**

The next **Development Partners meeting on the COVID-19 situation** will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 13:00 – 14:30. Link to the online meeting [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**

- The National Extraordinary Commission in Public Health held its meeting on December 4, chaired by PM Chicu and issued the [Decision #36](#) on the epi situation in the country. The Decision has not substantial changes from the [Decision #35](#) from 27 November. Among others, it modifies one article to formulate more clearly some of the restrictions imposed to restaurants and public catering;
- [Rules and restrictions regarding](#) the entry into the Republic of Moldova during the pandemic were updated by the National Extraordinary Commission in Public Health through a decision from November 30. The decision also updates the Red zone and list of countries from which the incoming passengers into Moldova need to observe the 14 days quarantine.