

# Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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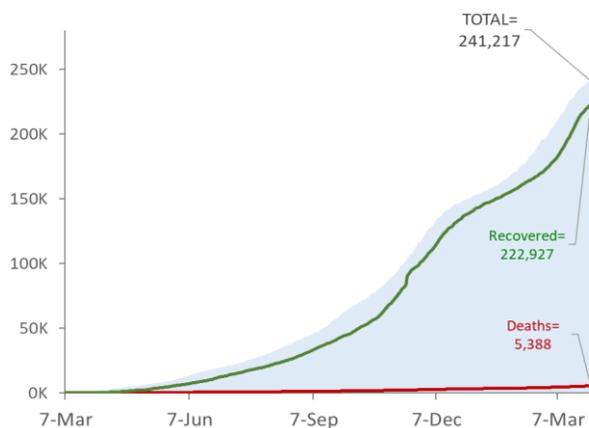


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## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

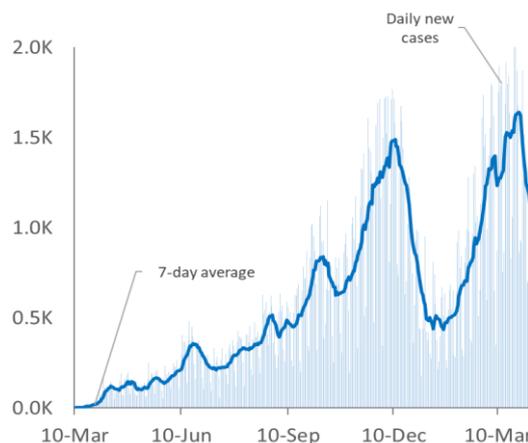
Data as at 11/04/2021, 18:00 p.m.

### Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



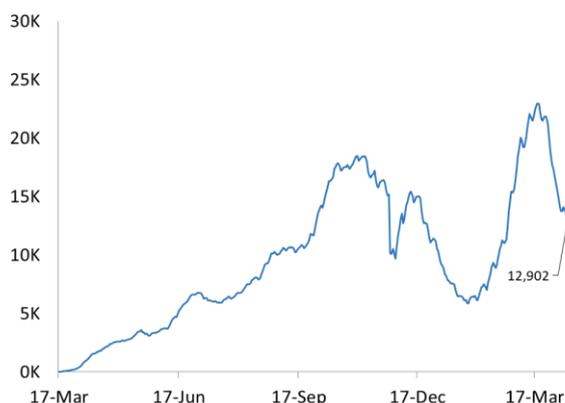
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase, albeit at a slower pace than in the past couple of months, and on April 11, it reached 241,217.

### New Infections



The number of new cases has decreased over the last week and reached a 7-day average of 876 on April 11 compared to 1,377 at the beginning of the month.

### Active Cases



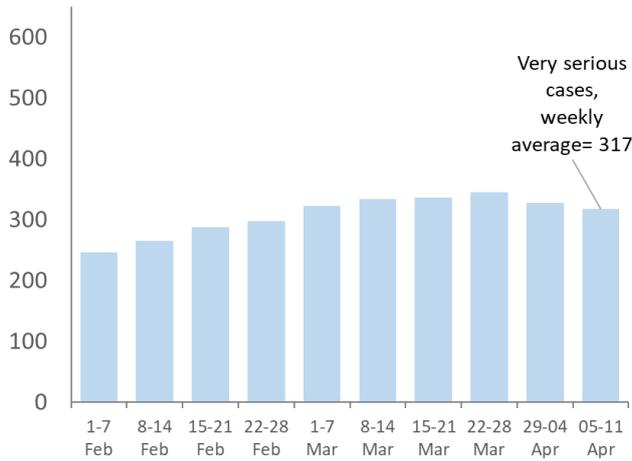
The number of active cases has continued to decrease in the past week. As of April 11, the number of active cases stood at 12,902.

### New Deaths



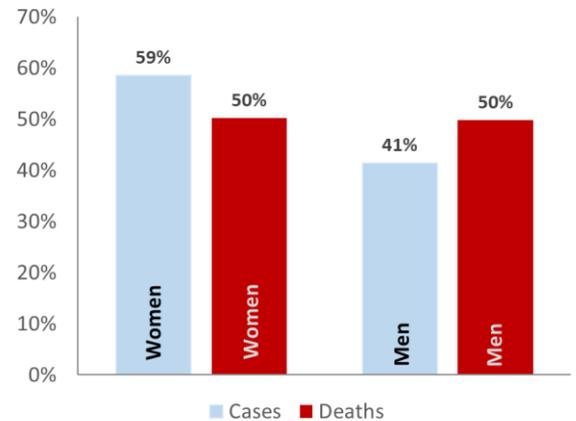
The 7-day average for the number of deaths decreased in the last week and now stands at 36, which is 8 less compared to the same figure the week prior. The total number of deaths in the country is 5,388.

### Very Serious Cases



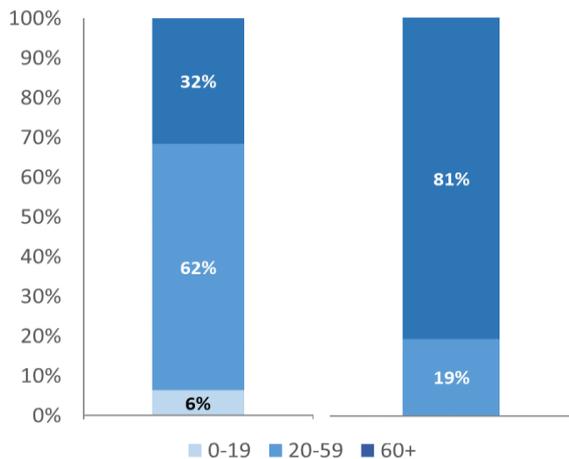
The average number of very serious cases decreased slightly and currently stands at 317. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 as of April 11 is 3,475, out of which 307 were in a very serious condition.

### Cases and Deaths by Sex



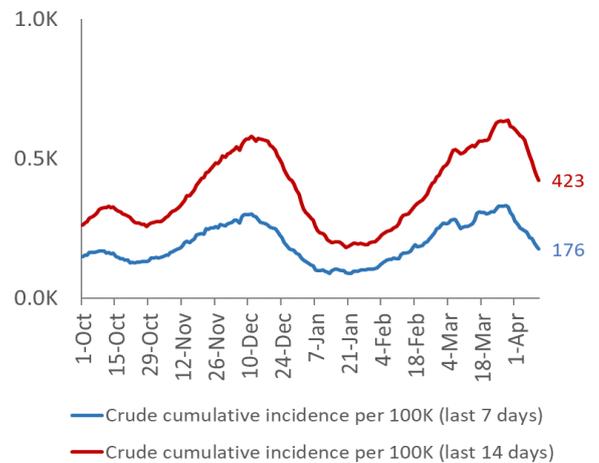
Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. However, the proportion of all deaths between the two groups are approximately equal (50% each).

### COVID-19 Cases/Death by Age Group



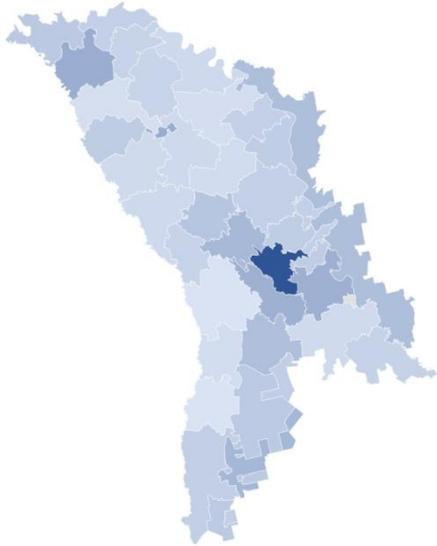
Even though infections among people aged 60 and over account for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths have been registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.5.

### Cumulative Incidence per 100,000 over the Last 7 and 14 days



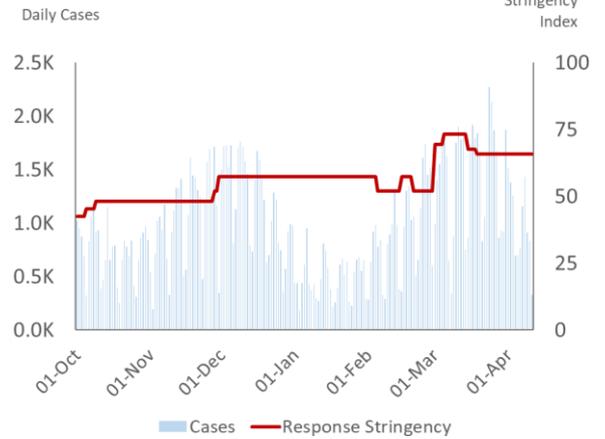
As of April 11, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 and 14 days was 176 and 423. Both of these numbers registered a substantial decrease over the past week. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stands at 6,944 per 100,000.

### Cases per 100,000 by District



Chisinau is the most affected area with more than 15,600 cases per 100,000 population. Ten other areas including Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Straseni, the Transnistria region, Cimislia, Calarasi, and Briceni have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.

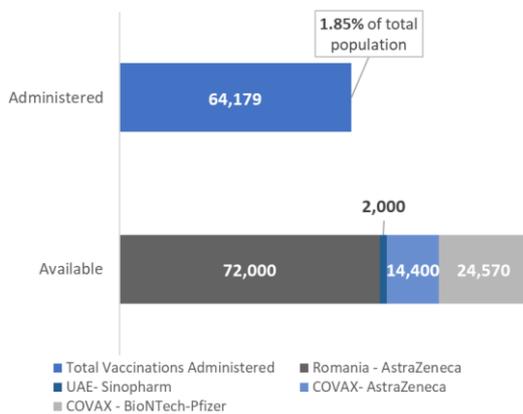
### Response Stringency and Daily Cases



Source: Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker

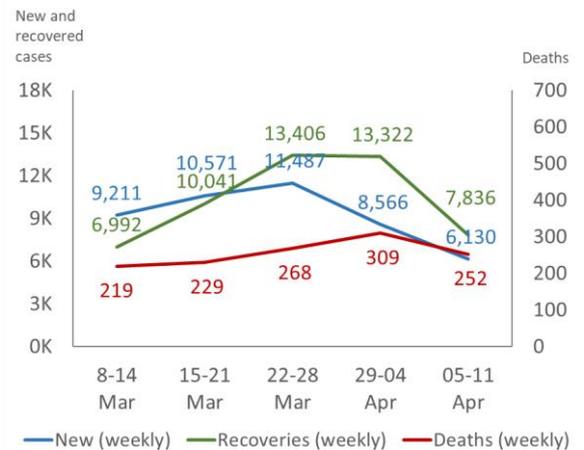
The stringency of the public health response to the epidemic has not changed in the past week. Oxford’s Stringency Index reflects the rigor of lockdown measures, including school and business closures, and restrictions on gatherings and free movement.

### Administered and Available Vaccines



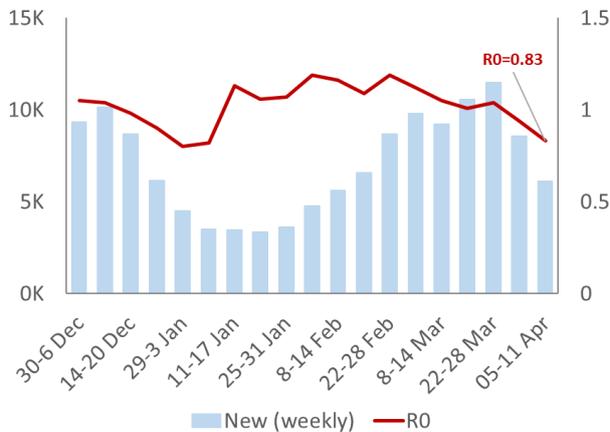
As of April 11, a total of 64,179 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. Overall, 1.85% of the country’s population has received at least one vaccine dose. Nearly 49,000 vaccine doses remain currently available for use.

### Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



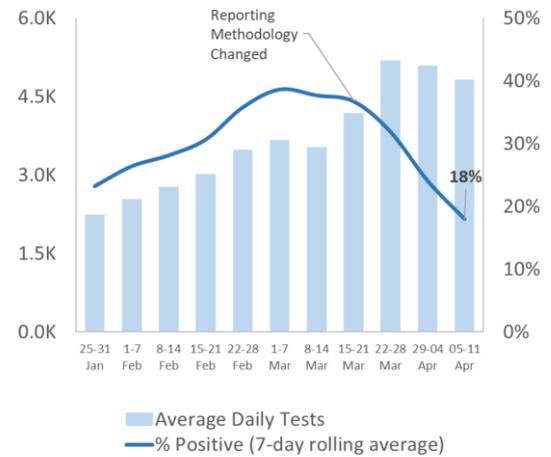
The number of weekly cases decreased substantially over the past week and stood at 6,130 on April 11. This represents a 29% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of deaths and recoveries paralleled the overall decrease in cases.

### COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate decreased for the second week in a row. As of April 11, the contagion rate stands at 0.83. The rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rate being registered in Hincesti (0.68) and the highest in Cimislia (1.17). The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 0.78.

### Average Daily Tests and Positivity Rate



The percentage of positive cases has continued to decrease over the past week. This decrease has also coincided with a change of the reporting methodology on Mar 19. Starting then, reporting has no longer disaggregated tests on whether they were primary or subsequent.

## Overview & Announcements

- **Education system epi update**

The Ministry of education released a summary on the [epi situation](#) in education sector. Thus, as of April 7, - 407 (32.92%) general education institutions operate exclusively online, - 419 (33.79%) institutions operate with a program with physical participation of primary school students (50% of the total number of graduate students), - 146 (11.77%) institutions with physical presence of primary school students and students from graduating classes, - 268 (21.61%) institutions work with the physical presence of students in educational institutions, in strict compliance with public health rules on the prevention and spread of COVID-19.

The number of students tested positive with COVID-19 is 214 (0.06%), and 2312 (0.69%) students were placed in self-isolation. 254 (0.94%) teachers were positively confirmed with the new Coronavirus and 135 (0.50%) are in isolation. Of the non-teaching and auxiliary staff, 126 (0.62%) people were infected with the new virus, and another 74 (0.36%) are in self-isolation.

- **Equipment donation from WHO and SDC**

SDC and WHO [donated](#) a batch of tablet PCs and two mobile decontamination showers to the National Commission for Public Health that will be used by its mobile teams to conduct epidemiological surveys and research in territories. The equipment is worth \$ 56,8 thousand.

- **Vaccination campaign phase extended**

The government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) [announced](#) the initial phase of the vaccination campaign was extended on March 31 to include some categories of persons originally included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Vaccination Plan. Thus, besides the medical staff, the authorities will vaccinate persons over 60yo, persons with comorbidities and those whose comorbidities represent a high risk for health in case of COVID-19 infection. The selection of additional persons for vaccination will be done by the family doctors.

- **Transnistria to launch general public immunization campaign**

The authorities from Transnistrian region [announced](#) they are starting the COVID-19 vaccination campaign for the general public, i.e. all citizens over 18yo willing to take the vaccine. At the current stage they are offering AstraZeneca vaccine, then they will be offering the Russian vaccines.

- **Post-VNR Policy Dialogues organized**

First Post- VNR (Voluntary National Review) Policy Dialogues on Inequalities was [held on April 6<sup>th</sup>](#). More than 100 people from different organizations attended the event to identify solutions to reduce inequalities related to health, education and income in Moldova. Next event will focus on Digitalization and Inclusion. Partners interested to participate can contact Irina Guban @irina.guban@un.org

## Update on restrictions\*

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- The National Commission for Emergency Situations at its [meeting from April 8<sup>th</sup>](#), adopted a series of revisions of previously adopted restrictions. In this way, spending time in parks, forests etc. is allowed in groups of up to 3 persons, excluding families. The Commission also approved a series of social support measure, i.e. extended the list of compensated medicines, additional support for most vulnerable, an additional jobless allowance of 1052 lei.
- Ukraine has changed some of the [border crossing regulations](#). Now the travelers to Ukraine under 12yo do not have to have a negative PCR test. The rest of incoming persons need to buy a health insurance certificate from Ukraine and have negative PCR test taken 72 hours before entry.