

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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COVID-19
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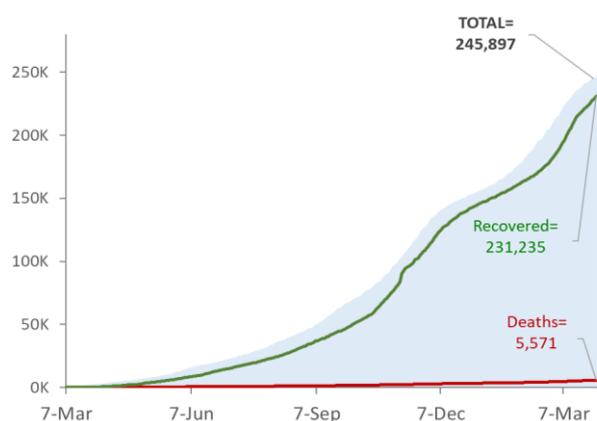


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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

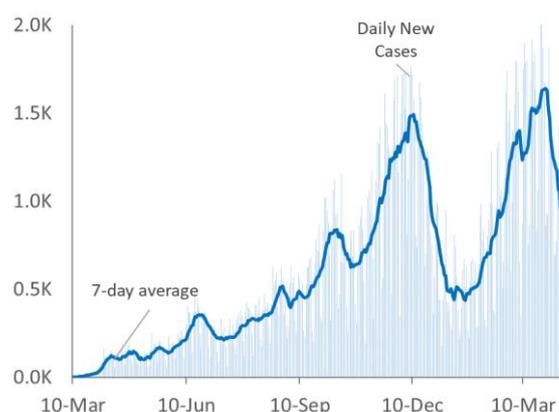
Data as at 18/04/2021, 18:00 p.m.

Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



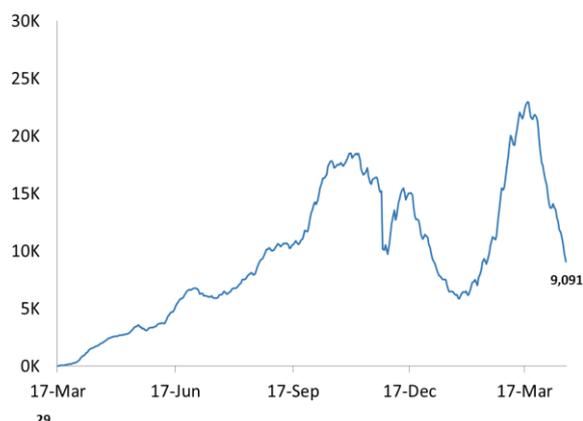
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase, albeit at a slower pace than in the previous two months, and as of April 18, the total number of cases reached 245,897.

New Infections



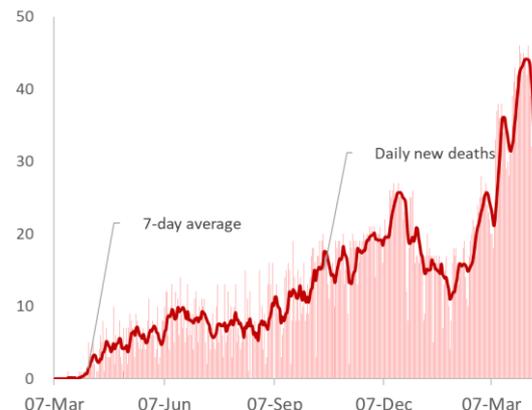
The number of new cases has decreased over the last week and reached a 7-day average of 669 on April 18 compared to 876 for the preceding week.

Active Cases



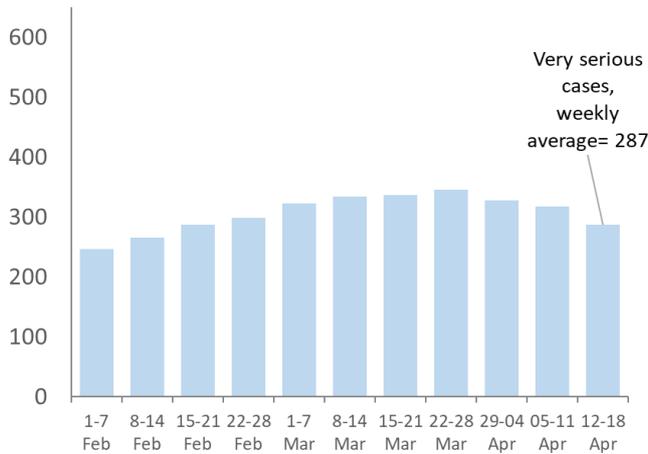
The number of active cases has continued to decrease in the past week. As of April 18, the number of active cases stood at 9,091.

New Deaths



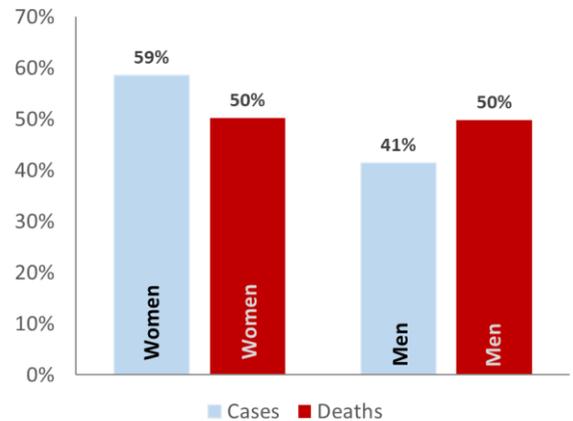
The 7-day average for the number of deaths decreased in the last week and now stands at 26, which is 10 less compared to the same figure the week prior. The total number of deaths in the country is 5,571.

Very Serious Cases



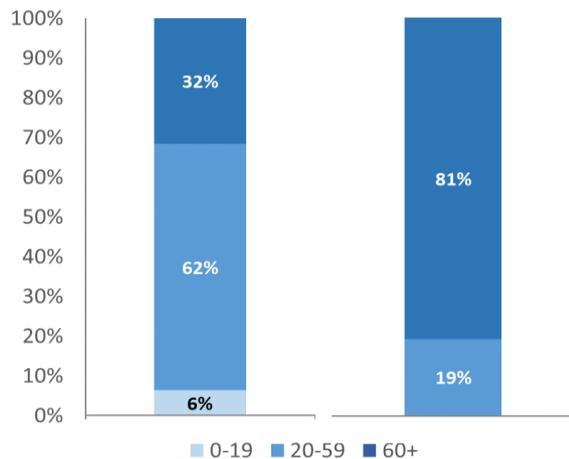
The average number of very serious cases has decreased and currently stands at 287. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 as of April 18 was 2,780, out of which 263 were in a very serious condition.

Cases and Deaths by Sex



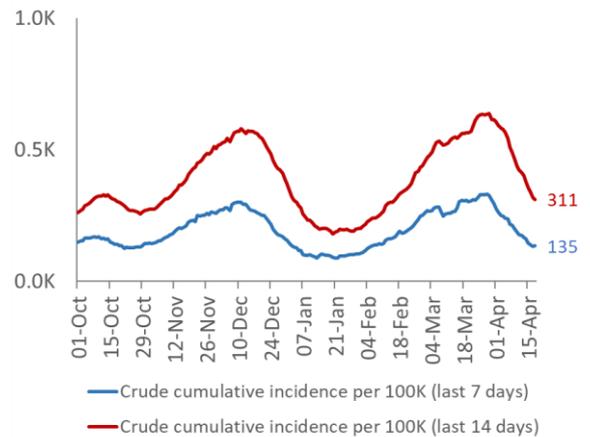
Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. However, the proportion of all deaths between the two groups are approximately equal (50% each).

COVID-19 Cases/Death by Age Group



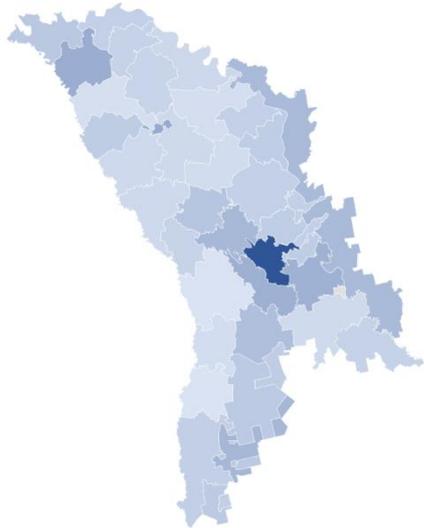
Even though infections among people aged 60 and over account for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths have been registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.6.

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



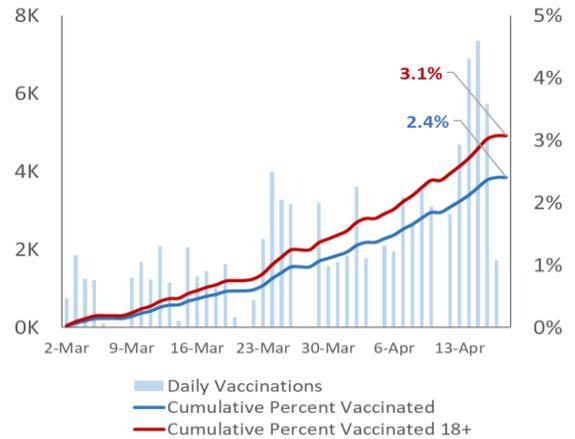
As of April 18, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 and 14 were 135 and 311. Both numbers registered a substantial decrease over the past week. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stands at 7,078 per 100,000.

Cases per 100,000 by District



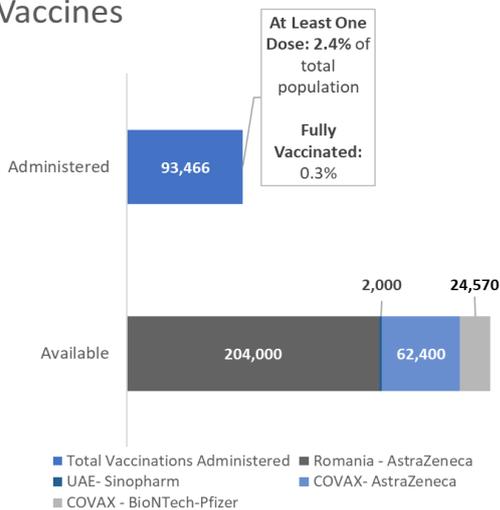
Chisinau is the most affected area with nearly 15,800 cases per 100,000 population. Eleven other areas—Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Straseni, the Transnistria region, Cimislia, Calarasi, Briceni, and ATU Gagauzia—have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.

Daily Vaccinations and Percentage Vaccinated



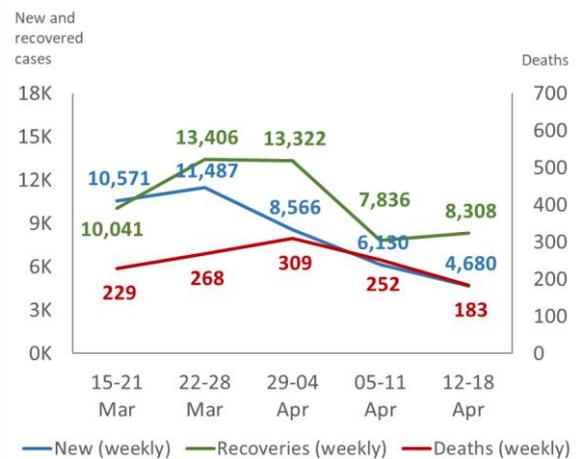
The number of vaccinations administered increased significantly over the past week. Overall, an estimated 2.4% of the country's population or 3.1% of the population 18+ received at least one vaccine dose.

Administered and Available Vaccines



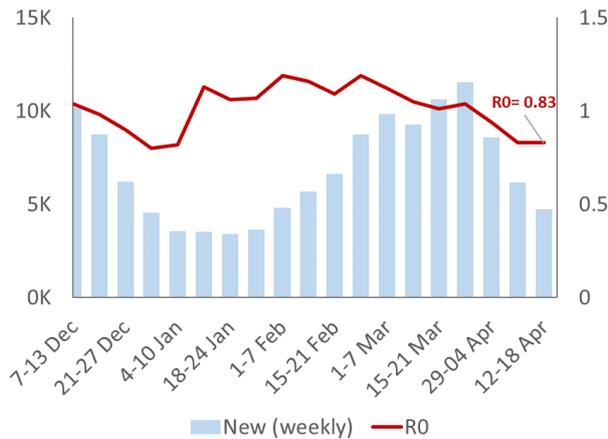
As of April 18, a total of 93,466 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. The number of people vaccinated with two doses reached 9,825, which represents 0.3% of the population. Nearly 199,000 vaccine doses remain currently available for use.

Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



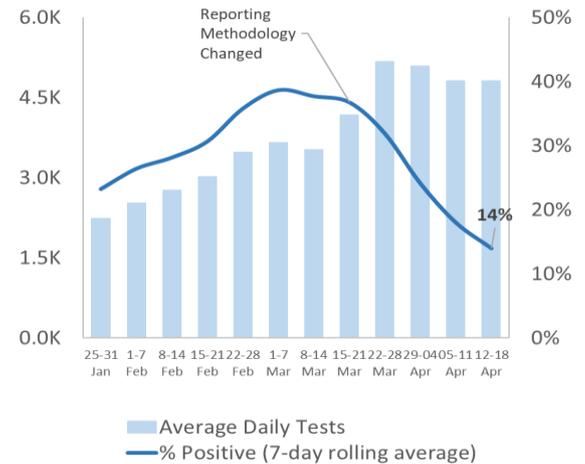
The number of weekly cases further decreased over the past week and stood at 4,680 on April 18. This represents a 24% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of deaths paralleled the overall decrease in cases, while the number of recoveries rose by 6%.

COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate remained unchanged in the last week. As of April 18, the contagion rate stands at 0.83. The rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rate being registered in Anenii Noi (0.60) and the highest in Hincesti (1.14). 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 and as of April it stands at 14%. 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

- **Vaccination campaign updates**

- The government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) informs that on April 17th, the country received 180,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines (48,000 through the [COVAX platform with UN support](#) and 132,000 as a [donation](#) from Romania).
- The National Committee on COVID-19 Immunization Coordination [approved](#) on April 15th the quantity of 2.07 million doses of vaccines to be procured through the cost-sharing mechanism of the COVAX platform.

- **More free beds in Chisinau hospitals**

Chisinau public authorities [announced](#) there are now about 500 free beds in hospitals due to a reduction in the number of infections, and this after the closure of the COVID-19 sections in some hospitals. The authorities also announced that if the trend remains the same, the plan is to close more COVID-19 sections and resume these facilities to their original purposes.

- **Education system epi update**

As of [April 16th](#), in primary, secondary and high school institutions, the number of students who tested positive with COVID-19 is 154 (0.05%), and 1,231 (0.37%) students were placed in self-isolation. 171 (0.64%) teachers were positively confirmed with the new Coronavirus and 35 (0.38%) are in self-isolation. Of the non-teaching

and auxiliary staff, 88 (0.43%) people were infected with the new virus, and another 54 (0.26%) are in self-isolation.

Chisinau Municipality also [announced](#) that starting with April 19th, the classes - 1, 4, 5, 9 and 12 will resume school attendance in person.

- **Equipment donation from Germany and WHO**

Germany and WHO [announced](#) a donation of 300 oxygen concentrators of a total value of \$ 252 thousand. The equipment will be also distributed to several medical institutions from the Transnistria region.

- **President Sandu joined global leaders at the COVAX “One World Protected” event**

The [event](#) was to take stock of progress in global efforts to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. President Sandu requested the facility to extend the access to free vaccines beyond the initial 20% and to support the country to negotiate for preferential pricing for additional vaccines.

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 Commission for Emergency Situations issued the [Decision No. 3 from 15 April 2021](#). The deed introduces a series of changes related to the prosecution and other legal/judicial processes, i.e. cancelation of some actions related to forced execution of court acts during the emergency situation, VAT waiver for Sputnik-V vaccines import and others.
- Border crossing [procedure](#) for in-coming persons into the Republic of Moldova remains unchanged since April 1st. There are two options in this regard, 1) presentation of the negative PCR test taken within 72 hours, or, if test not available 2) the passengers must fill-in the epidemiological fiche and sign on personal responsibility the obligation to respect a 14-day self-isolation period. As an exception from these requirements are listed several categories of persons, i.e. children up to 5yo, bus and truck drivers, travelers for health and humanitarian reasons, students, cross-border workers, transit travelers, vaccinated persons, holders of diplomatic and service passports.