

UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

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(DATA AS AT 11PM, PREVIOUS DAY)

This Sitrep outlines current information on the COVID-19 outbreak in Uzbekistan, and summarizes international partners' support to the nation-

Total Cases: **78,916**

Total Recovered: **77,368**

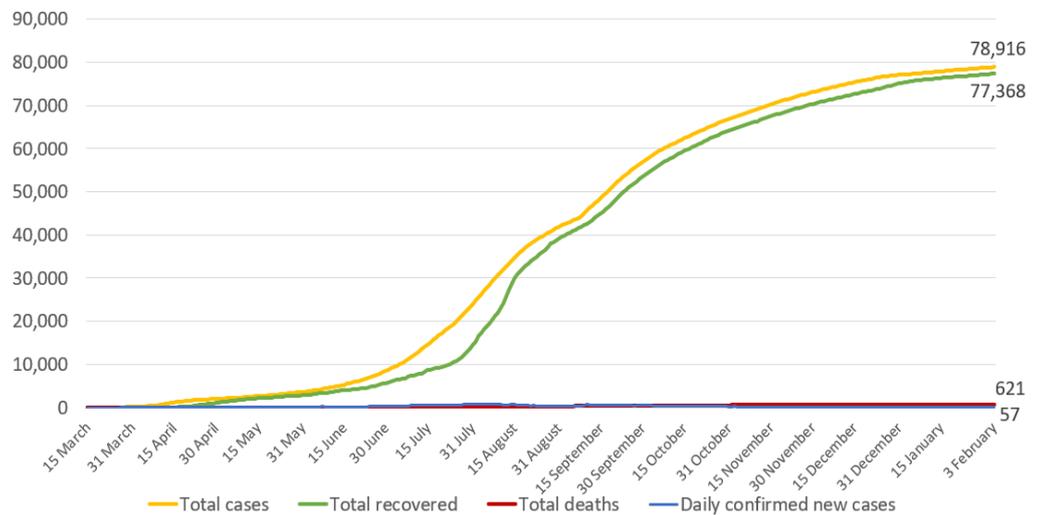
Total Deaths: **621**

Daily new cases: **57**

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National Hotline: 1003 / 103

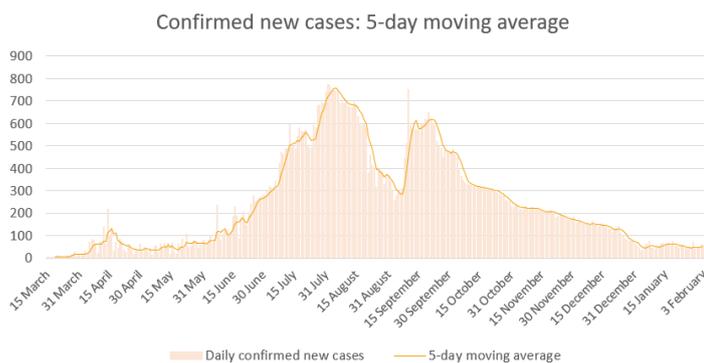
COVID-19 cases in Uzbekistan



HIGHLIGHTS

- Air traffic entry restrictions for eight countries prolonged
- First case of COVID-19 Variant identified in Uzbekistan

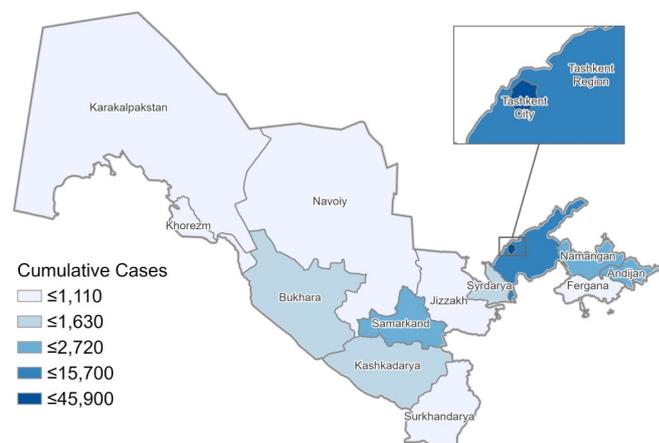
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



This chart shows the daily increase in confirmed new cases, as well as a 5-day moving average which helps smooth out the 'noise' from short-term fluctuations by averaging the data from the last five days reported.

Cumulative cases by regions as of 3 February:

Tashkent City: 45,927 (+27)	Syrdarya: 1297
Tashkent region: 15,670 (+19)	Surkhandarya: 1109
Namangan: 2719	Karakalpakstan: 869
Samarkand: 2547 (+4)	Khorezm: 932
Andijan: 2293 (+2)	Fergana: 875
Kashkadarya: 1630	Jizzakh: 854 (+1)
Bukhara: 1480 (+4)	Navoiy: 714



This map visualizes data as of 3 February 2021.

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Epidemiological update (cont'd): New cases by region

- 28 January: +46. **Tashkent City +20; Tashkent region +12; Khorezm +5; Fergana +3; Jizzakh +3; Samarkand +2; Andijan +1.**
- 29 January: +70. **Tashkent City +39; Tashkent region +9; Samarkand +5; Jizzakh +4; Khorezm +4; Fergana +3; Namangan +3; Navoiy +2; Andijan +1.**
- 30 January: +39. **Tashkent City +18; Tashkent region +12; Surkhandarya +5; Samarkand +4.**
- 31 January: +44. **Tashkent City +21; Tashkent region +11; Khorezm +4; Namangan +3; Jizzakh +2; Andijan +1; Navoiy +1; Syrdarya +1.**
- 1 February: +46. **Tashkent City +17; Khorezm +12; Tashkent region +10; Jizzakh +3; Namangan +2; Navoiy +1; Samarkand +1.**
- 2 February: +58. **Tashkent City +20; Fergana +12; Khorezm +12; Tashkent region +9; Bukhara +3; Jizzakh +2.**
- 3 February: +57. **Tashkent City +27; Tashkent region +19; Bukhara +4; Samarkand +4; Andijan +2; Jizzakh +1.**

(MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 3 February, **927 patients are being treated** in medical institutions, of whom **153 are in serious condition and 29 are in critical condition** (MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).
- **Air traffic entry restrictions prolonged.** The Special Republican Commission has extended the restrictions on international flights between Uzbekistan and the UK, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Australia, the Netherlands and South Africa until 1 March (gazeta.uz).
- **New variant of COVID-19 detected in Uzbekistan.** On 23 January, the new variant was identified in a person returning on a flight from Dubai. The person was hospitalized and their family is in home quarantine (gazeta.uz).

HEALTH RESPONSE

Health Capacity-Building

- On 3 February, **WHO** Regional Office and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) organized an online **meeting of the Laboratory Network**. Experts shared their findings on **sequencing** of SARS-CoV-2, a field evaluation of a **rapid antigen tests**, and on first experiences with **saliva testing**.
- **WHO** continues to prepare for the Joint **External Evaluation of the International Health Regulations Self-Assessment**. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 5 February.
- From 26 to 28 January, **WHO** and the Ministry of Health (MoH) jointly organized a **training course on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) in the context of COVID-19** for general health care staff in **Fergana** region. Over **100 participants** joined the training.

Vaccine

- The **COVAX Interim Distribution Forecast** as of 3 February foresees a delivery of **2,600,000 AstraZeneca vaccine doses** for Uzbekistan and will be arriving as early as late February.
- To meet the **cold chain needs** of future vaccines delivered to Uzbekistan, **UNICEF** is supporting the Government to procure **refrigerators, vaccine carriers, vaccine cold boxes and voltage regulators** for district-level facilities of the Sanitary and Epidemiological Service. UNICEF will also support the purchase of **generators** for district-level warehouses.

Other health response

- A **WHO news release** on the **WHO SCORE Global Report** highlights the **urgent need for better data to strengthen pandemic response and improve health outcomes**. The accompanying **technical package** is the first global assessment of the status and capacity of health information systems in 133 countries, covering 87% of the global population. It **identifies gaps and provides guidance** for investment in areas that have the greatest impact on health data.
- **UNICEF**, in partnership with the Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute and the Tashkent Medical Academy,

created an **online training on contemporary issues in Mother and Child Health**. The online courses were endorsed in December 2020 and added to the **Learning Management System** of the Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute. A strong emphasis was put on developing staff's **digital skills and facilitating their education in a virtual environment**.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- **WHO** handed over **260,000 copies of COVID-19 risk communication materials** to the Service for Sanitary and Epidemiological Welfare and to the Tashkent Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education for further **dissemination to the regions**. The posters, available in Uzbek and Russian, were developed by WHO and the MoH and target the **general population, school administrations, teachers and parents**.
- **UNICEF** represented the UN in the **first meeting of the technical working group on Public Communication and Demand Generation**. The working group focuses on communication regarding COVID-19 vaccination.
- **UNICEF** has submitted the **Practical Manual on Crisis Communication for media-spokespersons** of the MoH to national partners for their review.
- **UNICEF** disseminated **animated posters** on social media, which emphasize the **importance and safety of vaccines**.

Socio-Economic Mitigation

- With funding from the Japanese Government, **UNDP** developed over **500 video lessons on 22 professional professions** (for example, welding, cooking, electrical installation, plumbing, heating, cosmetology, fashion, etc.), with **sign language translation**. The lessons were **integrated into the vocational education and training system** of the Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations.