

UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

17 DECEMBER 2020
(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 national response effort.

Total Cases: **75,538**

Total Recovered: **72,810**

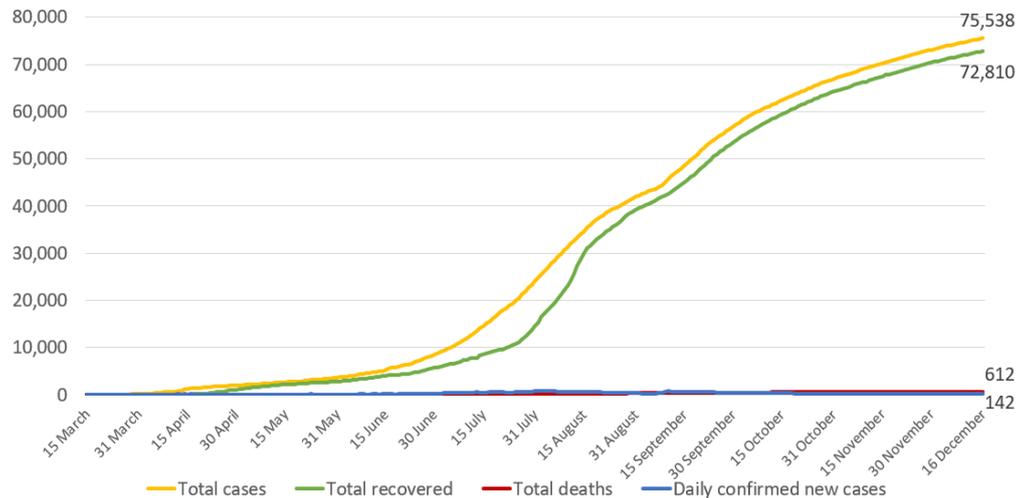
Total Deaths: **612**

Daily new cases: **142**

Global Info: Text "Hi" to +41 79 893 18 92 (WhatsApp) for the latest WHO global updates and statistics.

National Hotline: 1003 / 103

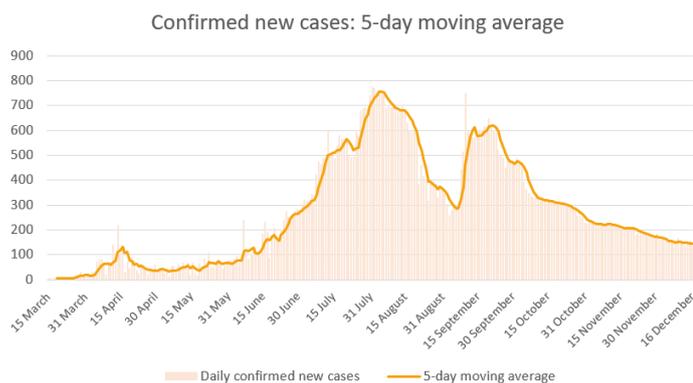
COVID-19 cases in Uzbekistan



HIGHLIGHTS

- New Year's celebrations prohibited for government agencies and schools
- National Immunization Group specifies seven priority groups to receive COVID-19 vaccine

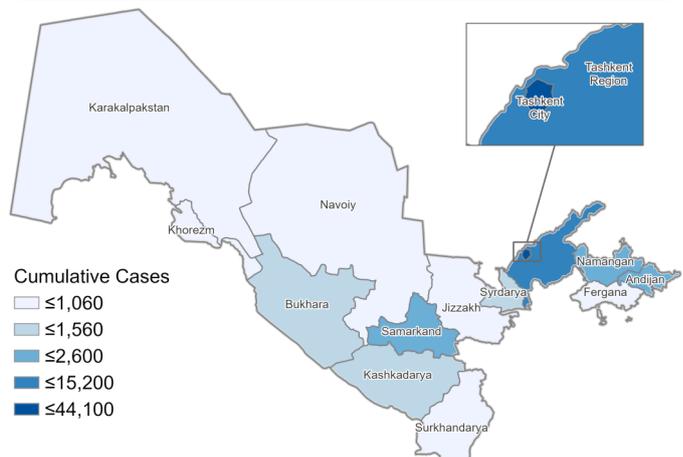
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



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 16 December:

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| Tashkent City: 44,052 (+100) | Syrdarya: 1267 |
| Tashkent region: 15,198 (+25) | Surkhandarya: 1064 |
| Namangan: 2600 | Karakalpakstan: 841 |
| Samarkand: 2445 | Khorezm: 785 (+11) |
| Andijan: 2120 (+3) | Jizzakh: 770 |
| Kashkadarya: 1564 (+3) | Fergana: 731 |
| Bukhara: 1434 | Navoiy: 667 |



This map visualizes data as of 16 December 2020.

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

- 10 December: +166. Tashkent City +128; Tashkent region +27; Bukhara +6; Kashkadarya +3; Jizzakh +2.
- 11 December: +147. Tashkent City +110; Tashkent region +25; Fergana +6; Andijan +4; Jizzakh +2.
- 12 December: +145. Tashkent City +97; Tashkent region +32; Kashkadarya +4; Andijan +3; Khorezm +3; Surkhandarya +3; Karakalpakstan +2; Jizzakh +1.
- 13 December: +138. Tashkent City +104; Tashkent region +24; Kashkadarya +7; Andijan +3.
- 14 December: +147. Tashkent City +89; Tashkent region +26; Fergana +8; Surkhandarya +8; Namangan +5; Bukhara +4; Kashkadarya +4; Andijan +3.
- 15 December: +155. Tashkent City +122; Tashkent region +25; Karakalpakstan +4; Andijan +3; Kashkadarya +1.
- 16 December: +142. Tashkent City +100; Tashkent region +25; Khorezm +11; Andijan +3; Kashkadarya +3.

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

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 16 December, **2,116 patients are being treated** in medical institutions, of whom **171 are in serious condition and 33 are in critical condition** (MoH on coronavirus.uz and via Public Relations Dept).
- **Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan to conduct joint research on COVID-19.** The presidents of the two countries reached this agreement in a discussion on 11 December (gazeta.uz).
- **Special Republican Commission on the Fight against COVID-19 on New Year's celebrations.** The Commission has prohibited government agencies from holding corporate festivities and advises citizens to celebrate in small circles. Events held in catering facilities such as restaurants are restricted to 30 people (gazeta.uz).
- **Ministry of Education and Science prohibits New Year's events at schools.** In the context of COVID-19, any activities to celebrate the new Year with the participation of schoolchildren are strictly prohibited (gazeta.uz).

HEALTH RESPONSE

Health Capacity-Building

- A **training package for the National Clinical Training Program on treatment of patients in critical conditions** due to COVID-19 developed based on WHO recommendations will be **launched in January 2021**. The programme highlights the importance of Infection Prevention and Control for health care practitioners, sets new standards of care, and emphasizes the importance of pandemic preparedness and ethics during the pandemic.
- On 18 December, the **WHO** Regional office organizes a virtual workshop for Central Asian countries to present the latest **updates on WHO recommendations, tools and guidelines related to COVID-19 preparedness and response at Points of Entry (PoE)**. A panel will address the main actions needed to **strengthen preparedness and response**.

Health Procurement & Supply Chain

- With funding from the Government of Japan, **UNDP** delivered **six ICU ventilators** to the Ministry of Health. The equipment will provide vital care to COVID-19 patients in **Karakalpakstan**.
- With funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, **UNDP** procured **100 oxygen concentrators** which were handed over to the Ministry of Health.

Vaccine Development, Preparation and Roll-out

- On 10 December, national experts and members of the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG) participated in a **webinar** conducted by **WHO** Regional Office and the Robert Koch Institute. The webinar focused on the approaches NITAGs can use to **develop (interim) recommendations for the COVID-19 vaccination**.
- NITAG has made **recommendations for the priority use of vaccines against COVID-19 in Uzbekistan**, based on the roadmap developed by the global Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization. Taking into account that during the first and second stage of supply through

the Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) facility, countries will receive COVID-19 vaccines for up to 20% of the population, priority will be given to the following groups:

- **Health workers at high risk of being exposed to COVID-19** who work in specialized medical institutions related to COVID-19.
- **People above 65 years old.**
- People with **chronic conditions** or co-morbidities which put them at **significantly higher risk of severe disease** or death;
- **All remaining health care workers;**
- Social and **essential services** workers;
- People **above 55 years old with co-morbidities;**
- Employees of **childcare institutions.**

Health Other

- The first **National Influenza Surveillance Bulletin** is [available](#) for health care professionals on the website of the Ministry of Health. The bulletin follows recommendations of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response Network.
- Supported by the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives, UNDP supplied and installed **seven sets of Hydrolysis Units (700 l/day)** and **eight sets of Reverse Osmosis Systems (500l/hour)** for isolated rural communities in **northern Karakalpakstan**. This will facilitate access to clean water and the production of sodium hypochlorite (a highly effective and safe disinfectant).
- UNICEF is working with the Tashkent Pediatric Medical Institute to create a **package of online trainings on contemporary issues in Mother and Child Health**. Once endorsed by national authorities, **all healthcare workers across the country will be able to access the training free of charge** via the learning management system of the Medical Institute.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Protection and Key Populations

- UNFPA interventions, within the project '**Support to Early Recovery and Inclusive Service Delivery for Vulnerable Groups Heavily Affected by COVID-19**', funded by the COVID-19 UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund, have yielded the following results:
 - From 27 October to 15 December, the **national**

hotline for GBV received over 6,000 calls, of which 4,800 were women and girls (including 806 cases related to family conflicts, violence, or harassment in the work place).

- As of 10 December, **121 women and children are placed in rehabilitation shelters** nationwide and receive food and hygiene items.
- Data published on the 'No To Violence' Telegram channel, launched by UNFPA and the Gender Commission of the Senate, indicates that between 1 October and 20 November, **3,317 protection orders were issued nationwide**, with the highest shares falling on Samarkand, Tashkent, and Kashkadarya regions.
- On 10 December, UNFPA represented the Uzbekistan Gender Theme Group at the **WHO Central Asia Hub webinar on COVID-19 and Violence Against Women (VaW)**. UNFPA highlighted joint actions taken at the country-level for addressing VaW.
- On 14 December, the Senate of Uzbekistan, the Gender Commission, UNDP and UNFPA organized the first **Women Parliamentarian Forum**, focusing on encouraging female parliamentarians to work together to strengthen their political impact and on the **impact of COVID-19 on the lives of women** in the country.

Socio-Economic Mitigation

- With funding from the Government of Japan, UNDP's **Business Clinic** (a joint initiative with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry) has provided **over 2,800 hotline consultations**, presented over **50 online webinars** and provided over **300 infographics**, to strengthen governmental support for SMEs in the post-COVID period.
- Within the framework of the UNDP Initiatives 'Integrated Business Support' and 'Small Business Support', **48 small businesses** and individual initiatives in **eight regions** of Uzbekistan were selected and now **receive technical assistance** (e.g. sewing machines, IT equipment, tools and trainings) in order to expand employment and income opportunities for over **150 vulnerable people**, including women and youth.