

UZBEKISTAN COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

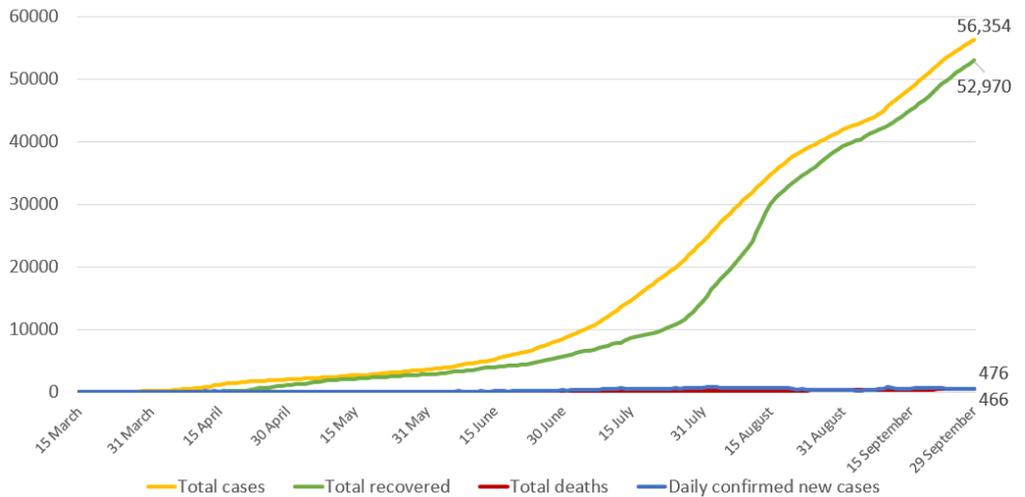
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(DATA AS AT 11PM, PREVIOUS DAY)

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

Total Cases: **56,354**
 Total Recovered: **52,970**
 Daily new cases: **476**
 Total Deaths: **466 (+6)**

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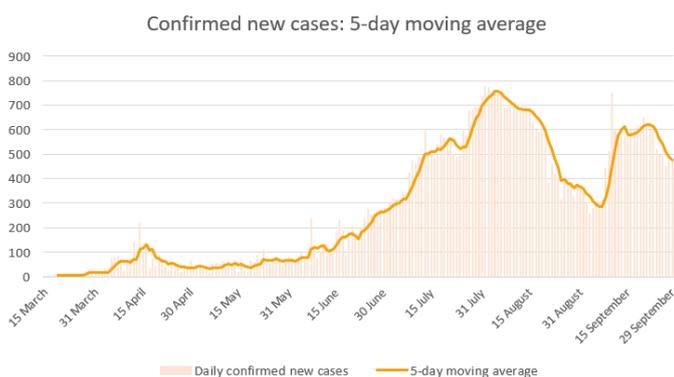
COVID-19 cases in Uzbekistan



HIGHLIGHTS

- Global IPC webinars resume
- UNICEF supports safe reopening of schools

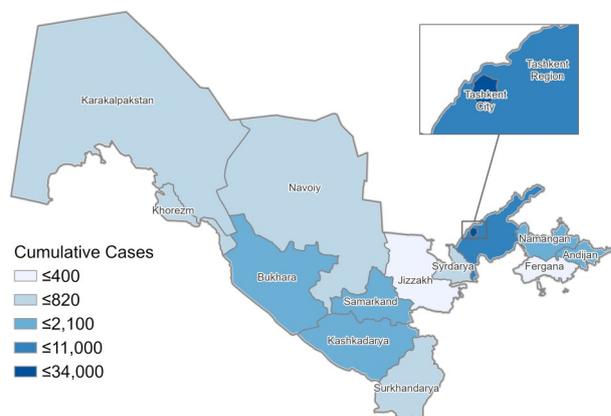
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE



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 29 September:

Tashkent City: 34,128 (+314)	Syrdarya: 822
Tashkent region: 10,594 (+92)	Surkhandarya: 725 (+4)
Samarkand: 2102	Khorezm: 572
Namangan: 1786 (+30)	Navoiy: 546
Andijan: 1548 (+12)	Karakalpakstan: 534 (+10)
Kashkadarya: 1169 (+8)	Fergana: 404 (+6)
Bukhara: 1162	Jizzakh: 262



This map visualizes data as of **29 September 2020**.

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Epidemiological update (cont'd)

- Of the 476 new cases confirmed on 29 September, **314 were detected in Tashkent City, 92 in Tashkent region, 30 in Namangan, 12 in Andijan, 10 in Karakalpakstan, eight in Kashkadarya, six in Fergana and four in Surkhandarya** (MoH on coronavirus.uz).
- Of the 477 new cases confirmed on 28 September, **309 were detected in Tashkent City, 91 in Tashkent region, 35 in Namangan, 16 in Bukhara, 13 in Andijan, nine in Kashkadarya and four in Navoiy** (MoH on coronavirus.uz).

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- As of 29 September, 2,918 patients are being treated in medical institutions, of whom **587 are in serious condition and 261 are in critical condition** ([podrobno.uz](#)).
- **Health worker incentives/rewards to be paid monthly based on a workload of at least eight hours for each 30 day period.** The recent Cabinet of Ministers resolution complements an earlier decree on incentive payments and approves a list of medical and sanitary jobs that will receive a monthly special incentive payment. For example, employees who have worked 240 hours receive between five and 25 million soums ([gazeta.uz](#)).
- **National movement Yuksalish weighs in on recent controversy around official COVID-19 statistics.** The movement called for the publication of detailed reports, as well as for the release of the full list of members of the headquarters for the fight against COVID-19 ([podrobno.uz](#)).

HEALTH RESPONSE

Health Capacity-Building

- From 30 September to 2 October, **WHO Regional Office and Country Office** organized a three-day training for regional and district-level **lab specialists on QMS and samples transportation**. Two groups of 12 people each participate in the training.
- Project ECHO of the University of New Mexico, together with the CDC and **WHO**, relaunched its **global webinar series on Infection prevention and control (IPC)**, held in multiple languages including Russian. The topic of the

next webinar, to be held on 1 October, is **'IPC Considerations in Outpatient Settings during COVID-19'**. National IPC experts, faculty of medical institutes and staff of private clinics have been invited to join the webinar.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Socio-Economic Mitigation

- **UNDP's Start-up Challenge for fostering entrepreneurship has received 905 applications** from across Uzbekistan. This is the highest number of applications since the launch of these annual challenges in 2015. UNDP is now selecting the 20 best ideas and will hold **coaching and mentoring sessions** with the semi-finalists to develop their skills and help prepare their projects for mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 in Uzbekistan.
- **UNDP's Business Clinic**, a joint initiative with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has hosted **specialized webinars for small business owners on working in the post-COVID-19 period. 115 owners of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises took part** in the webinars over the past two weeks, while the program's Telegram channel subscription has grown by 34%.

Other response efforts

- In the context of the re-opening of preschools, the State Inspectorate for the Supervision of Education Quality (SISEQ) with **UNICEF** support, collected data on Water and Sanitation (WASH) in preschools and prepared a **'Flash Statistics' to help regional departments support preschools with basic WASH facilities**.
- **UNICEF** supported the SISEQ to prepare specific **guidelines for parents to support children during the period of blended and distance learning**. Information, education and communication materials based on these guidelines are also being prepared.
- The **UNICEF-supported Guidelines on Schools Re-Opening** are now being printed for distribution in schools. This includes **education continuity and learning**, as well as a part on **WASH requirements** aimed at strengthening capacities of schools and teachers to sustain well-being and safe operations.

- With support from **UNICEF**, the Republican Education Centre is developing **draft health education standards**. The standards define **the essential skills and knowledge that all students need in order to become 'health literate'** and serve as a guidance for developing health education curricula. The latter will be drawn up by experts from the Ministry of Education with technical support from UNICEF.