

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

Weekly Situation Report No. 47 (15 February 2021)



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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 7/14/2021, 18:00 p.m.

The pace of growth in coronavirus cases continued to increase for the third week in a row. The average number of daily cases over a seven-day period now stands at 802, which is 121 cases more compared to the same figure registered during the previous week. Overall, 170,186 cases have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic.

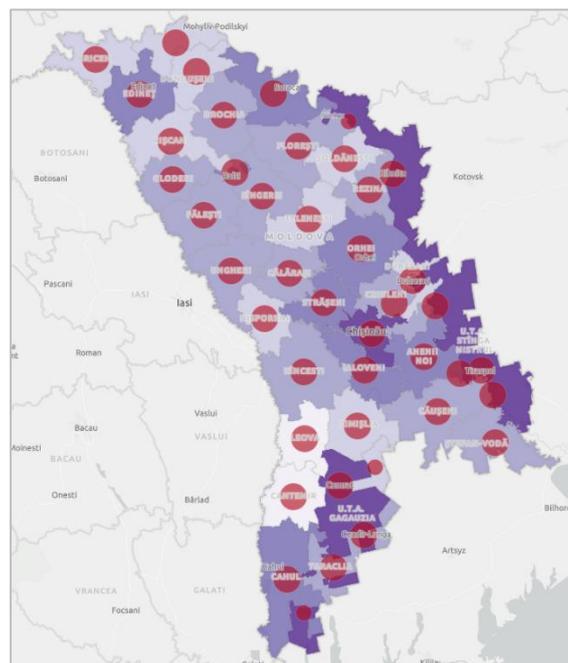
The total number of active cases also increased over the past week, reaching levels last registered at the beginning of January. The number of active cases now stands at 9,108. This is 1,867 cases more compared to the week prior. The number of patients with coronavirus treated in hospitals is 3,146, out of which 282 are in very serious condition.

The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 is 4,899. The crude cumulative incidence of cases over the last seven days is 162 and over the last 14 days is 299. Both of these figures registered an increase compared to the previous week, reflecting the accelerated growth in coronavirus cases mentioned above.

The average number of daily deaths over a seven-day period is somewhat higher than last week and stands at 15.4. At the same time, the case fatality rate is somewhat lower compared to the week prior and stands at 2.1%. The total number of registered deaths reached 3,651. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.2. Nearly 95% of all deaths have been reported in patients 50 years of age and older.

The number of patients who have recovered from the disease is 157,427. This represents 92.5% of all cases and 0.9 p.p. less compared to last week.

Weekly figures reflect similar developments in the evolution of the pandemic as the ones described above. The weekly number of new cases increased by 852 or 17.9% last week compared to the week prior and stands at 5,617. The weekly number of recoveries decreased slightly and remained below the number of new cases, continuing to contribute to the increase in the number of active cases. The weekly number of recoveries now stands at 3,642. The total number of deaths registered last week is 108, which is 2.9% more compared to the previous week. The contagion rate (R0) remained high but registered a slight decrease compared to the previous week. The R0 currently stands at 1.16.

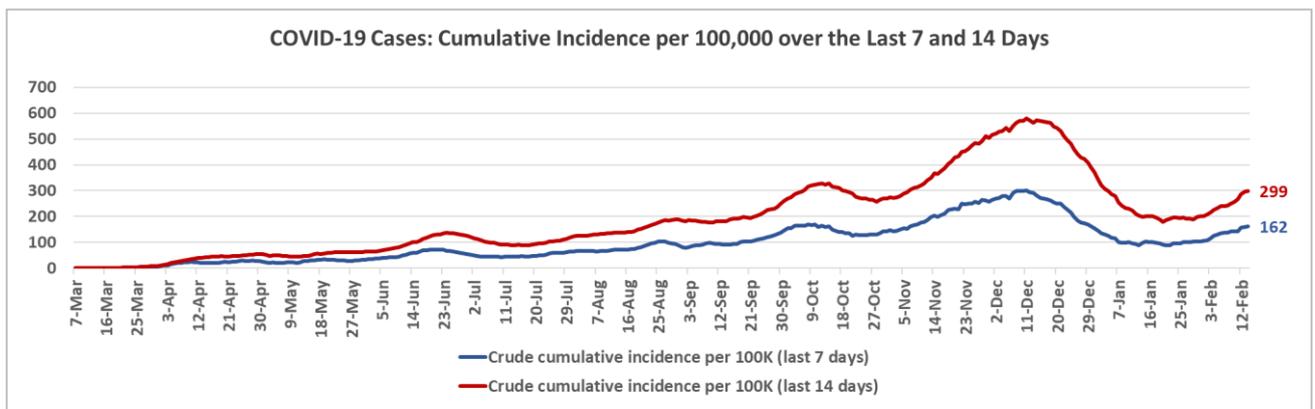
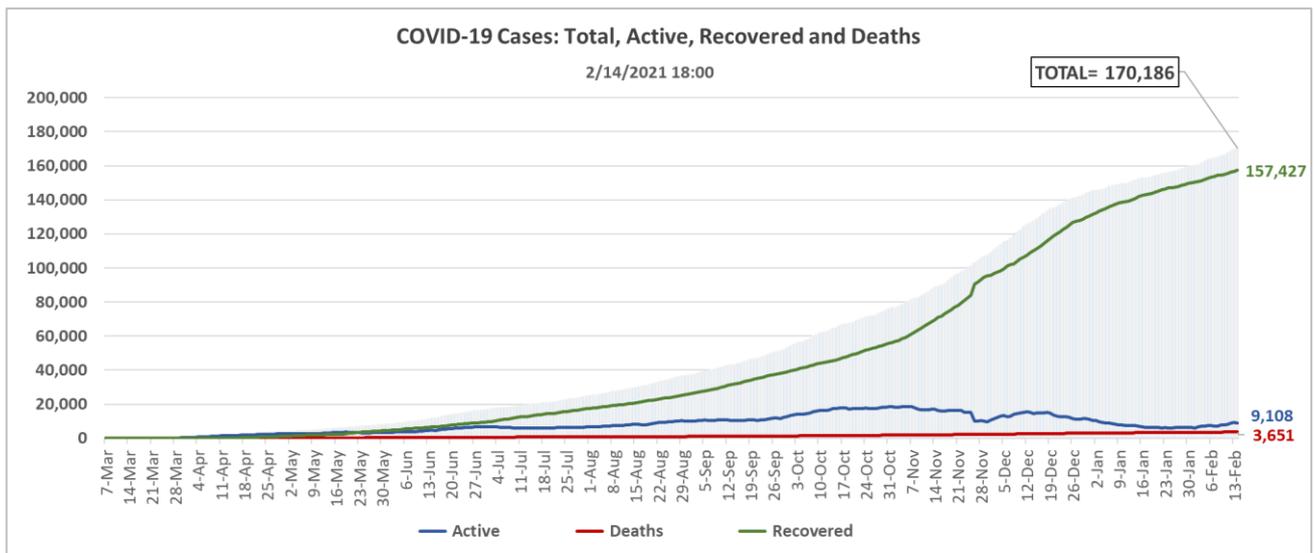


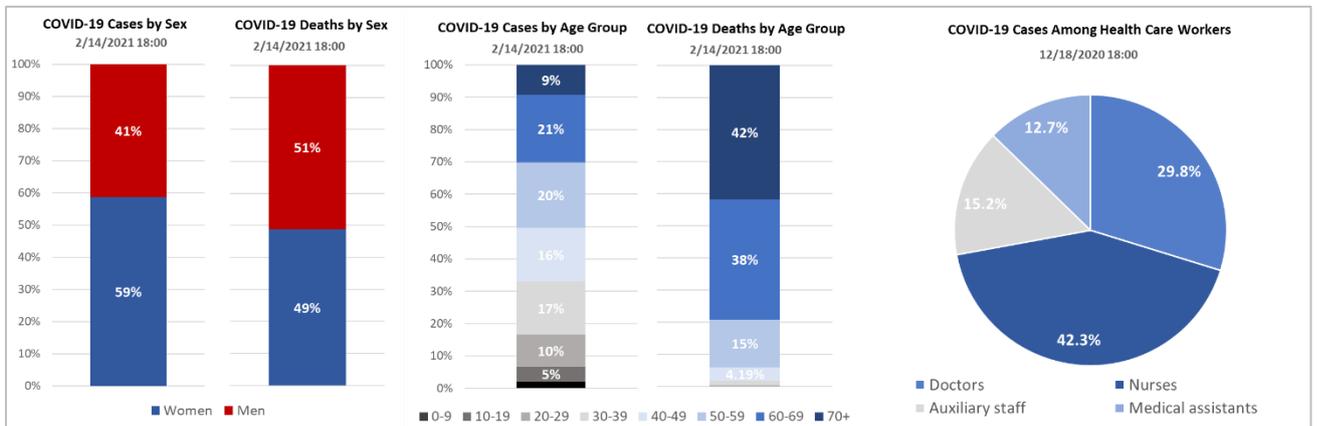
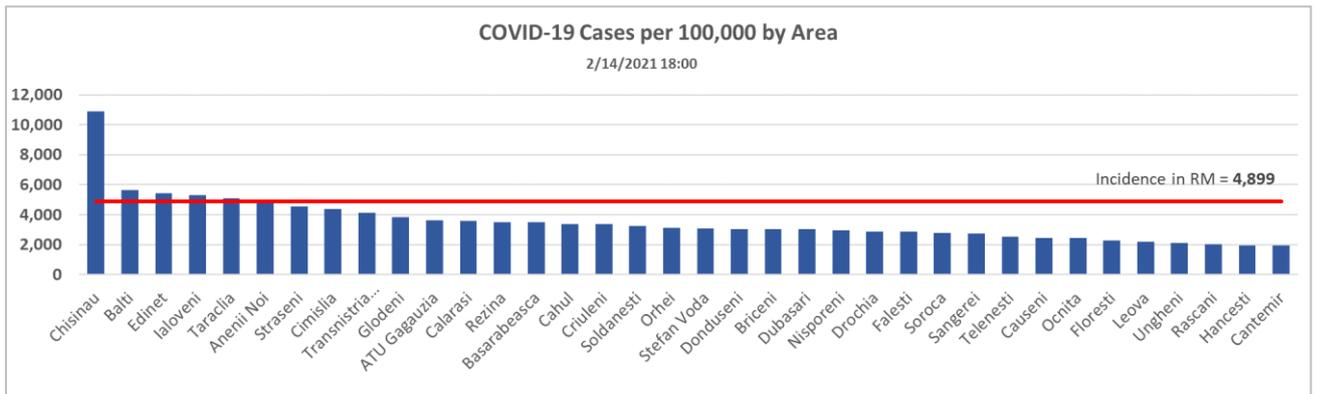
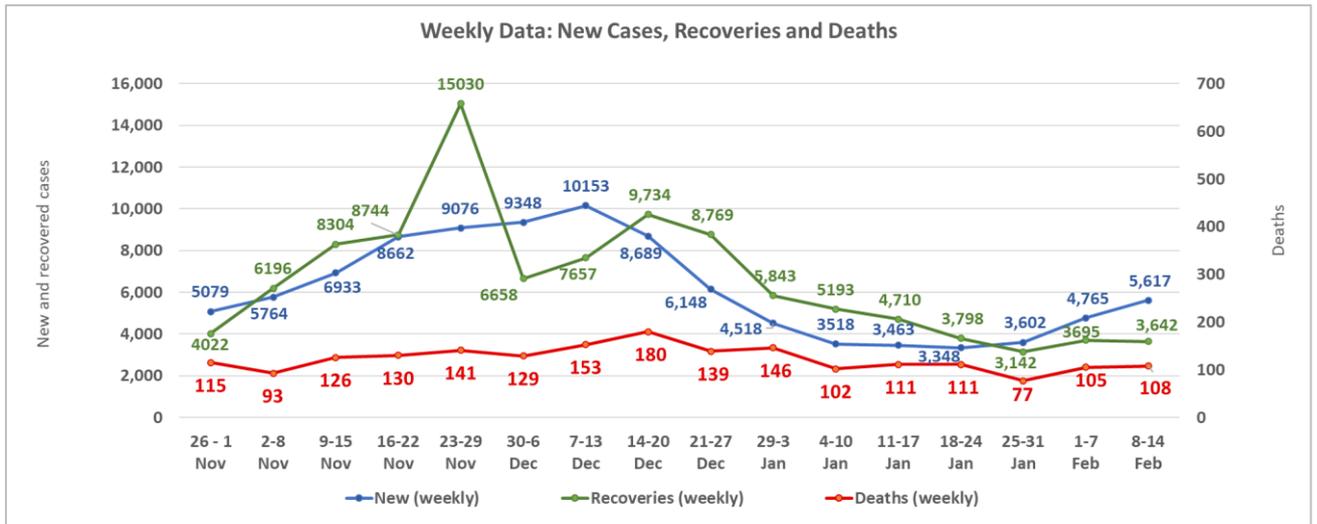
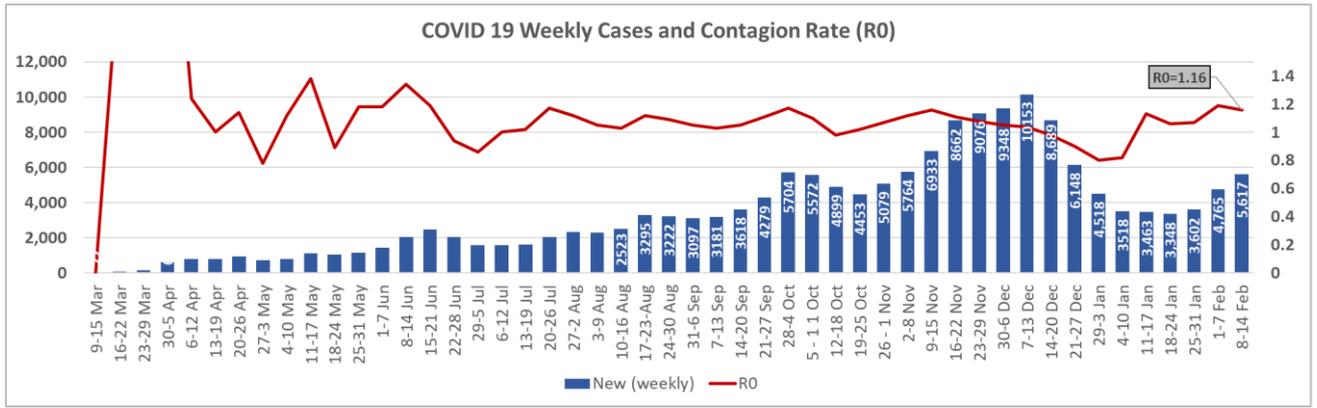
In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with 42% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area in the country if the number of cases is considered. With 12% of all confirmed cases, the Transnistria region follows in the list of most affected areas. Balti, Ialoveni and ATU Gagauzia account for 3% of all cases each. All other areas have 2% or less of the total number of cases each. If the size of the population is considered, with almost 11,000 cases per 100,000, Chisinau remains the most affected area in the country. The capital city is followed by Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni and Taraclia, which have all surpassed the 5,000-case mark per 100,000.

The contagion rate is also uneven across districts. The rate ranges between 0.79 and 1.35. Drochia has the lowest contagion rate in the country, which stands at 0.79. Cahul, Ocnita, and Rezina have the highest rates in the country, which range between 1.3 and 1.35. The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 1.15.

More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 59% vs. 41%. However, the percentage of men who have died from the disease continues to be slightly higher than that of women, 51% vs. 49%. The case fatality rate among men also continues to be higher than among women, 2.7% vs. 1.8%.

Real time figures and graphs can be accessed in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has nearly 2.3 million views to date.





Overview & Announcements

- **UN Moldova launched a dedicated website for its Social-Economic Response and Recovery Plan**

The website- <https://covid19response.un.md/> highlights the Response and Recovery Five Pillars, that includes key priorities and interventions with a specific dedicated compartment for [Projects & Actions](#) that need support to be implemented. As well, the webpage includes sections on impact of COVID-19, financing, and monitoring. Here you can find all assessments and thematic policy briefs developed by UN agencies. The website offers the possibility to quickly browse through the projects listed under the Plan, see what initiatives are being already funded and implemented, as well as more details on projects that require funding.

- **Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection anti-COVID-19 vaccination update**

The MoHLSP launched a dedicated [webpage on its website in form of Q&As on anti-COVID-19 vaccination](#). The page is divided in expand-down sections on various questions related to vaccination, i.e. what the target groups are, vaccination phases, how prioritization is made, what persons should not do a vaccination and so on.

The MoHLSP has developed and approved with the support of WHO and UNICEF Moldova a Communication Strategy on anti-COVID19 vaccination and a related Plan of Actions. The Strategy includes four phases of communication with clearly defined target groups as per the National Anti-COVID19 Immunization Plan.

A [simulation exercise](#) of receiving the anti-COVID19 vaccine was performed. The video footage presented to the mass-media showed the entire path of the vaccine from arriving at the airport to delivering them to the NAPH where they are to be kept in refrigerators from where they will be sent to Vaccination Centers.

- **Education system epi situation update**

According to the [Ministry of Education information](#) on the epidemiological situation in the education system, as of February 12th, there were 9 (3 last week) institution activating only on-line and 279 (153) classes being in self-isolation. There were 282 (214) positive cases of COVID-19 infections among students/pupils and 5411 (3183) were placed in self-isolation, 272 (230) infections among teaching staff, with 232 (178) people being placed in self-isolation. From non-didactical staff with positive tests are 82 (63) persons with 81 (49) in self-isolation.

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 Extraordinary Commission in Public Health issued its next [Decision - No. 44 on February 9th](#), dedicated to the establishment and operationalization of the **National Committee on coordination of activities on anti-COVID19 immunization**. The Decision institutes the structure and functions of the Committee, its working arrangements, immediate tasks and other related aspects of its work;
- The MoHLSP updated [the List of countries with Red zone classification](#), that is in effect as of February 15, 2021. The travelers into Moldova from the Red zone countries need to self-isolate for a 14-days period.