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UNKT COVID-19 UPDATE  sitrep #37

WHO figures for cases detected in Kosovo1 (as of 8 December 2021)

- Identified: 161,133
- Active: 349
- Recovered: 157,808 (98%)
- Casualties: 2,976

19 - new daily cases (Gender: female 11, male 8)
37 - currently hospitalized, of which:
0 are in intensive care, 10 are on oxygen-therapy and 3,288 patients in homecare

In total, gender distribution
- Total 83,105 (51.6%) Female
- Total 78,028 (48.4%) Male

Total number of available Beds in UCCK clinics: 153
- Occupied public hospital beds: 6
- Free public hospital beds: 147

Global Cases according to WHO
(Data updated globally, 9 December 2021)

- Total COVID-19 cases: 267,184,623
- Total COVID-19 related deaths: 5,277,327

For live update see [LINK]

Number of immunisations by age
as of 10 Dec 2021, 11:45 am

References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)
The reproduction/transmission rate of COVID-19 in Kosovo has remained at factor 0.92, which means that 100 people will transmit the virus to 92 other people. (A rate below 1.0 is required to contain the pandemic.) The Case Reproduction rate is calculated by WHO Regional Office for Europe COVID-19 in a Daily Digest.

COVID-19 vaccines - Since the arrival of the first doses of the vaccine, the total number of vaccines in Kosovo has now reached 2,059,240 doses, funded by institutions and donations. UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health on developing a digitalized system for registering and tracking of COVID-19 vaccine recipients. LINK, LINK, LINK, LINK

COVID-19 containment measures were last modified on 1 December based on the current data on the epidemiological situation and the recommendations of the IPH, balancing the interest of preserving public health and economic interest, taking measures which on the one hand enable increased economic activity and on the other control and prevent distribution of COVID-19. The decision was published on the Ministry of Health website in three languages, follow LINK for the new measures in English. Also see LINK in Albanian and LINK in Serbian.

5-10 December, UN Women in partnership with UNDP supported by the EU in Kosovo under the project “Response to COVID-19 Emergency and Early Recovery Support” in the course of the global campaign “16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence”, aiming to learn more on how to prevent and support the victims of gender-based violence in the Orange Corners LINK, LINK. Also a training has been organised with victims of VAW and women from most marginalized communities are learning how to run a business properly and empower their lives and communities LINK. Furthermore students of the high schools in the municipality of Prizren learned how to recognize the #GBV through art and information dissemination and support the victims of violence through the trainings held by Lulu’s Dance Academy.

30 November, UN-Habitat in cooperation with the Ministry of Local Government Administration, is conducting new research to identify the challenges posed by COVID-19 to inform concrete recommendations for green, socio-economic recovery plans for all 38 municipalities and their businesses. Aiming to find what support does the private sector need now to build back better from the pandemic. LINK

7 December, WHO is continuously sharing the messages translated into Albanian and Serbian languages with partners and media through MoH, IPH and UNKT. On 7 December 2021, the messages related to the Omicron Variant has been shared, with #Omicron & Delta variants spreading, we know what works to control COVID19 spread, and it hasn’t changed: get vaccinated, wear mask, keep at least 1m distance, clean hands, open windows, avoid crowded, closed places and testing, contact tracing, isolation & quarantine: LINK.

2-3 December, WHO received the WHO representative for Europe Region, Dr. Siddhartha Datta (head of the unit for infectious diseases and Immunization Program). The aim of the mission was the provision of support from the WHO and the coordination of activities. During the meetings, was discussed about how the epidemiological situation and the vaccination process against Covid-19 is managing. During the 2-day visit, Dr. Datta met with local and international partners, such as: MoH, IPH, USAID, EU, UNICEF and UNDCO.

Health workers in Kosovo infected by COVID-19: 5,064 cases out of 161,133 have been healthcare workers, out of which 1,678 are physicians, 2,985 nurses and 401 others, making up approximately 3.2% of total COVID-19 infections as of 8 December 2021.

10 December, OHCHR - The government’s decision on COVID-19 measures of 23 October will remain in force until 6 December when its latest COVID-19 decision of 1 December enters into force. The new decision maintains most of prior restrictions on human rights, such as the midnight curfew restricting the freedom of movement; limitations on indoor and outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 30 and 70 people, respectively, restricting the freedom of peaceful assembly, allowing religious ceremonies and rites at 50 per cent capacity restricting the freedom of religion. LINK

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