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Tajikistan Situation Report # 16

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8792(+ 661)*

Confirmed cases of COVID 19

70 (+5)*

Deaths

7581 (+ 646)*

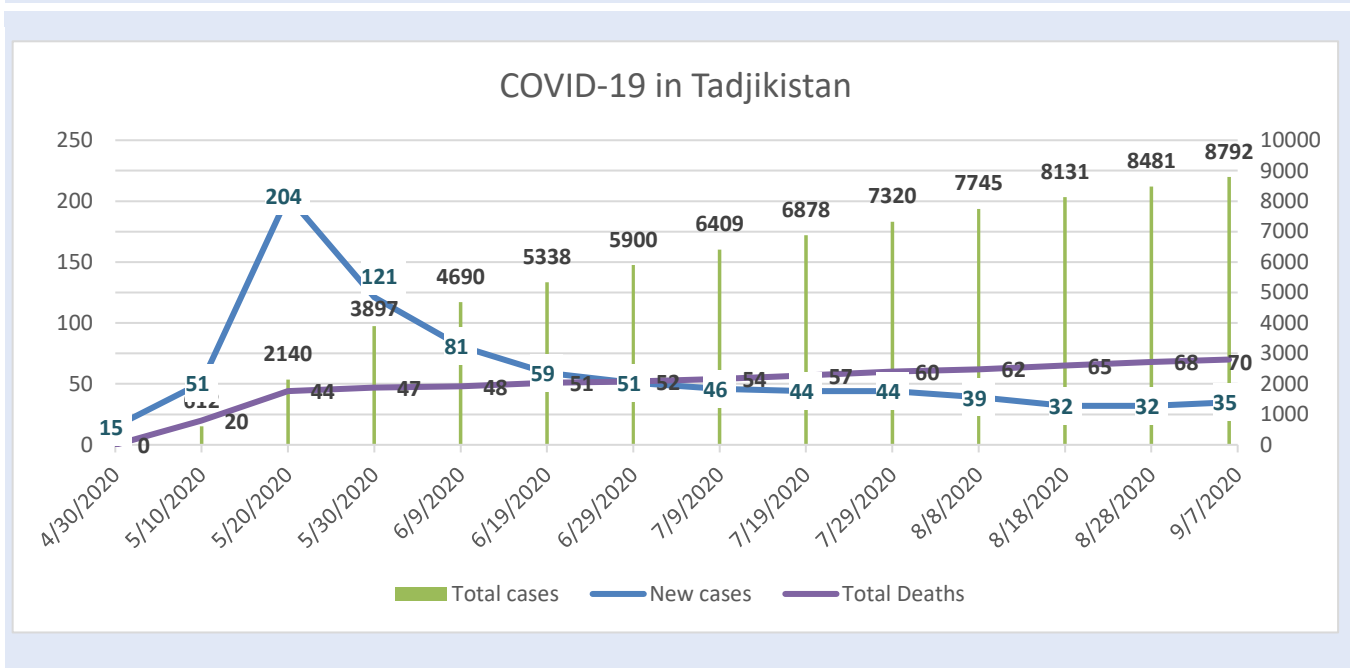
Total recovered from COVID-19

88

Patients are under medical supervision in hospitals

*new cases since August 18, 2020 (Situation Report # 15)

Data as of 6 September 2020 (19:15 local time), Ministry of Health and Social protection of the Population, Tajikistan



Tajikistan situation overview

- As of 6 September 2020, the number of cumulative cases has increased to a total of 8792. During the reporting period, 5 new deaths attributed to COVID-19 were reported, bringing the total number to 70. The Ministry of Health and Social Protection (MoHSP) reports that 7581 (86,2 %) of infected people have recovered. Cases are being reported from all the regions of the country.
- The cumulative incidence rate is 91.7 cases per 100 000 and 7.3 deaths per 1 000 000 population. The 14 days incidence is 8.5 per 100 000 population, a 10% decrease compared to the previous 14 days period (sustained decline). The effective reproduction number R_t is estimated to be 1 (0,8 -1,1).
- Despite the reported decline, in late August 2020, the Khujand Center for Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision warns of the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19 in Khujand, raising serious concern over asymptomatic cases.
- Public health measures in force are limited to a compulsory “mask regime” and social distancing in public places, as well as a ban for mass gatherings. These include bans for mass prayers in mosques and limiting wedding ceremonies to 30-40 people. However, a number of public events have been held in Dushanbe, including celebrations of pumpkin, melon, and watermelon holidays on August 30 and military parade dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the National Guard of Tajikistan on September 3, 2020.
- All educational facilities (pre-schools, schools, Universities, etc.) continue functioning countrywide.
- There are no limitations or restrictions for in-country movement. All the public transport in the largest cities, including the capital of the country is working on full capacity.
- Airports remain closed for regular flights, while railway routes remain open for cargo. Airports serve repatriation charter flights and only Dushanbe International Airport serves regular flights on the route Dubai-Dushanbe-Dubai.

- The border crossing points with neighboring countries remain closed for civilians and open for cargo import/export (although only on points with customs terminals).
- Markets have been fully operational and staple food commodities have been available in all monitored food markets during the reporting period. Murghab and Gharm central markets reported an increase in the supply of fruits, melons, and watermelons, as farmers ensure their remaining harvest is sold before the arrival of cold weather. The latest WFP Tajikistan Weekly Market Situation Update for the week August 24 – 31, 2020 can be found in Annex 1.

Decisions and measures undertaken by the Government

- On September 2, 2020, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on COVID-19 imposed a ban on all the public events dedicated to the celebrations of the Independence Day of Tajikistan (celebrated on September 9) across the country.

Response

- **Healthcare and medical supply** – An overview of assistance provided by International Partners (including bilateral assistance) prepared by the DCC Working Group on Health can be found at: <https://untj.org/dcc/covid-19/>

Needs

- Tajikistan continues facing a shortage in laboratory equipment and consumables. Laboratory Situational Analysis concerning COVID-19 Response in Tajikistan conducted by WHO identified a full list of laboratory needs to improve the existing testing capacities in the country.

Coordination arrangements

- The Inter-Agency Standing Committee on COVID-19 preparedness and response (Standing Committee) chaired by the Prime Minister continues to lead and coordinate the state COVID-19 operation. Similarly, Standing Committees have been established at all administrative levels by local authorities, as well as within all Ministries and Agencies.
- The overall coordination of development partners in Tajikistan on COVID-19 preparedness and response is undertaken by the UN Resident Coordinator with the technical guidance of WHO, in the frame of the COVID-19 Response Group.

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