

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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COVID-19
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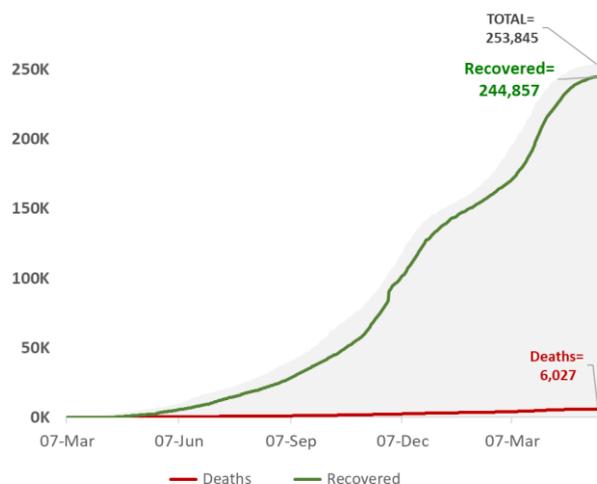


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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

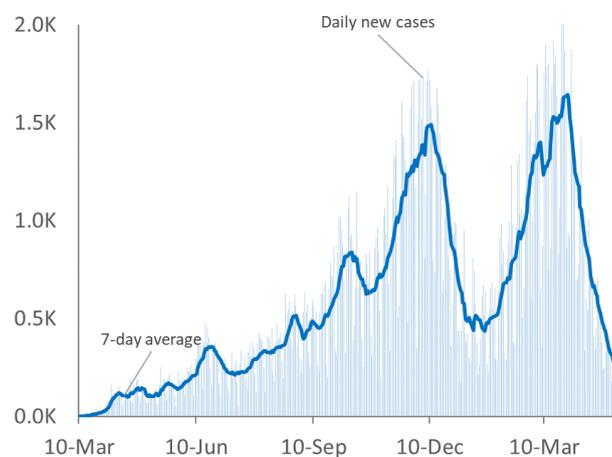
Data as at 16/05/2021, 18:00 p.m., unless stated otherwise.

Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



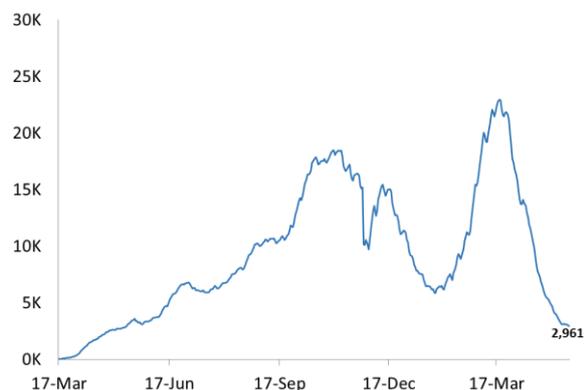
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase, albeit at a considerably slower pace than in the first few months of the year, and on May 16, the total number of cases reached 253,845.

New Infections



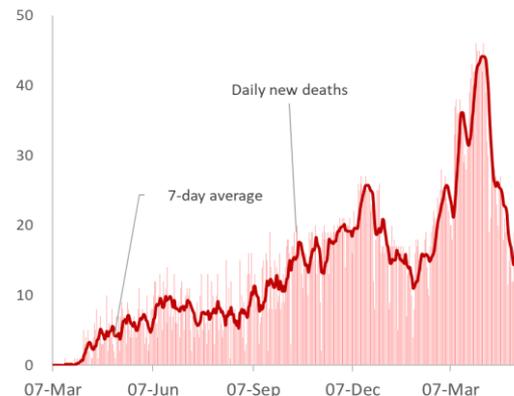
The number of new cases has decreased over the last week and reached a 7-day average of 157 on May 16 compared to 202 for the preceding week.

Active Cases



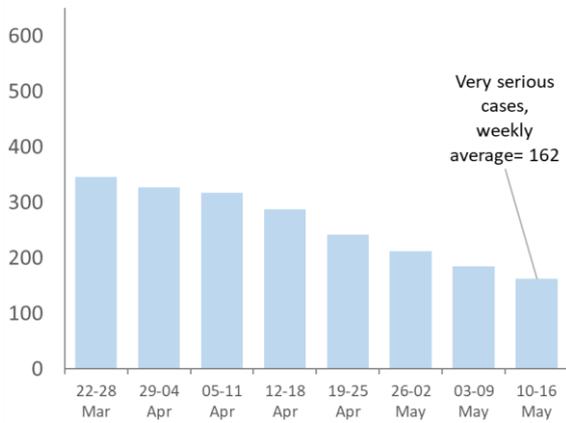
The number of active cases has decreased in the past week. As of May 16, the number of active cases stood at 2,961, marking a 9% decrease compared to the previous week.

New Deaths



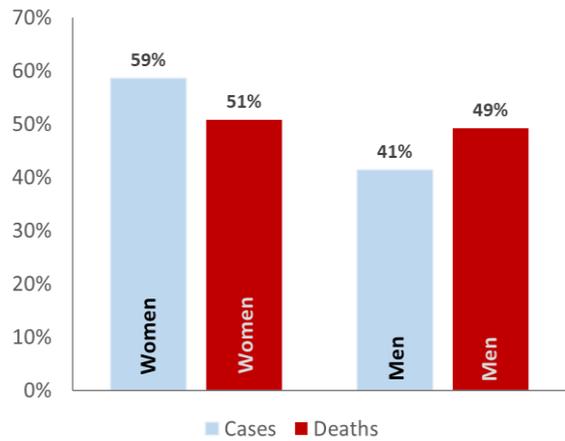
The 7-day average for the number of deaths has decreased and stands at 11, compared to 16 in the week prior. The total number of deaths as of May 16 was 6,027.

Very Serious Cases



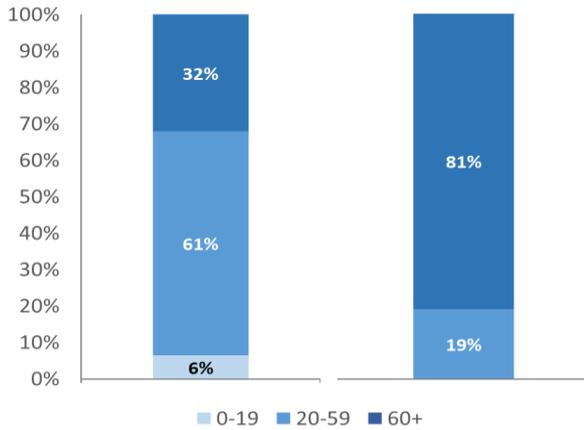
The average number of very serious cases has decreased and as of May 16 it stands at 162. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 as of May 16 was 1,248, out of which 149 were in a very serious condition.

Cases and Deaths by Sex



Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. Moreover, women (51%) account for a slightly higher proportion of all deaths than men (49%).

COVID-19 Cases/Death by Age Group



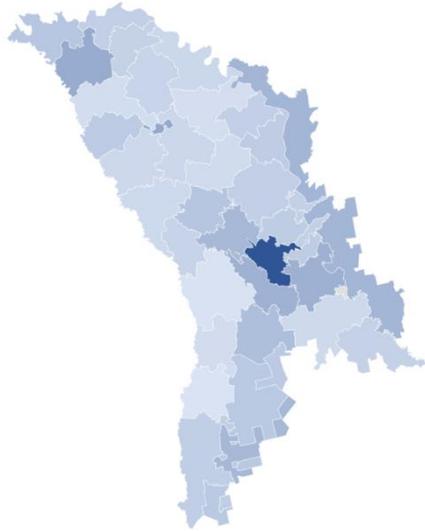
Even though infections among people aged 60 and over account for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths have been registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.7.

Cumulative Incidence per 100,000 over the Last 7 and 14 days



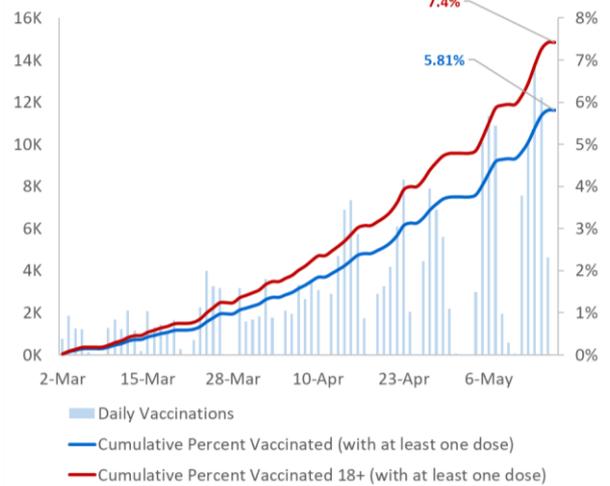
As of May 16, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 and 14 days were 32 and 72, respectively. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stands at 7,307 per 100,000.

Cases per 100,000 by District



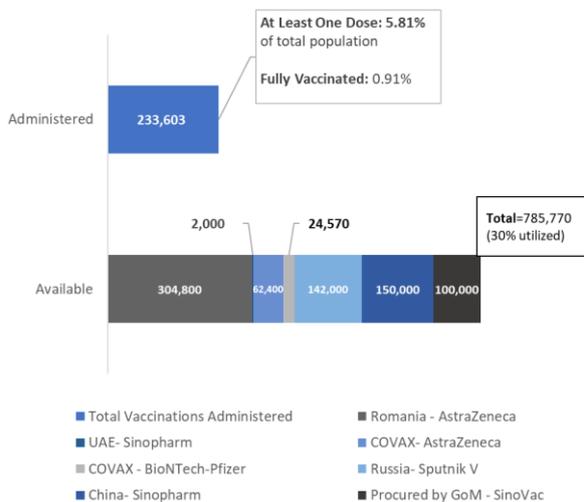
Chisinau is the most affected area with over 16,000 cases per 100,000 population. Twelve other areas—Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Straseni, the Transnistria region, Cimislia, Calarasi, Briceni, ATU Gagauzia, and Basarabeasca— have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.

Daily Vaccinations and Percentage Vaccinated



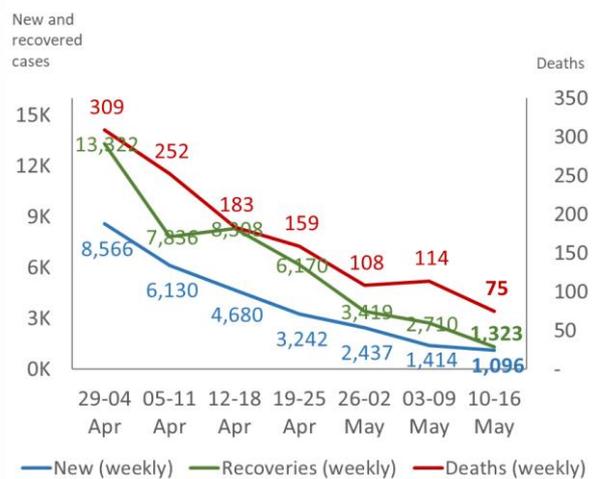
The number of vaccinations administered last week was 48,359 (28% more than in the previous week). Overall, an estimated 5.8% of the country’s population or 7.4% of the population aged 18+ has received at least one vaccine dose.

Administered and Available Vaccines



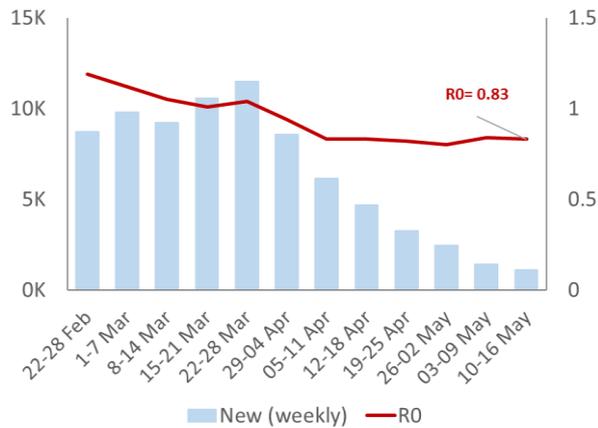
As of May 16, a total of 233,603 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. The number of people vaccinated with two doses reached 31,765, which represents 0.91% of the population. More than 550,000 vaccine doses remain currently available for use.

Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



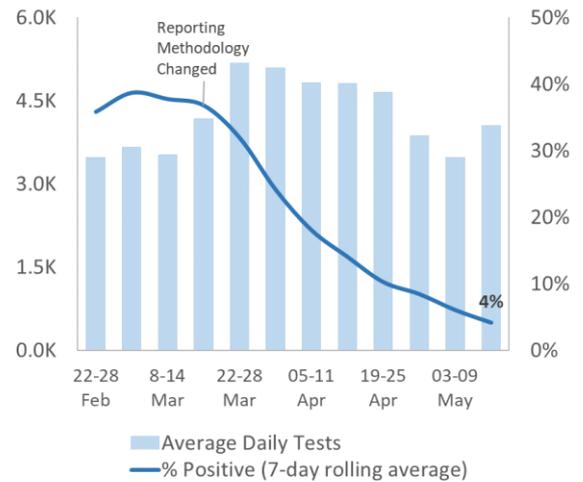
The number of weekly cases further decreased over the past week and stood at 1,096 on May 16. This represents a 23% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of recoveries and deaths paralleled the overall reduction in cases.

COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate slightly decreased in the last week from 0.84 to 0.83 as of May 16. The rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rate being registered in Drochia (0.54) and the highest in Cantemir (1.53). The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 0.90.

Average Daily Tests and Positivity Rate



The percentage of positive cases has continued to decrease over the past week, and as of May 16, it stands at 4%. This decreasing trend has also coincided with a change of the reporting methodology on Mar 19. Since then, reporting has no longer presented primary and subsequent tests separately.

Overview & Announcements

• Vaccination campaign updates

- Starting with May 13th, the government vaccination portal <https://vaccinare.gov.md/> launched the on-line appointment system for vaccinations. The portal has a [video](#) with explanation of steps necessary for getting an appointment. For this an ID and an active email address is needed. The authorities are [inviting](#) all envisaged categories to get vaccinated, also informing the vaccination centers will be open in weekends as well.
- According to the government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) as of May 17th, a total of 228,971 doses of vaccine were administered (31,765 people received 2 doses); Adverse Reactions: Moderate = 0.02% (53 cases) / Mild = 0.5% (1,212 cases)
- Another batch of 11,000 vaccines are donated to Moldova by Lithuania, [announcement](#) made during the official visit of the Lithuanian president to Moldova. An additional 45,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines are planned to [arrive](#) to Moldova by May 24th through the COVAX platform.

• PPE and equipment supplies from Germany, EU and WHO

MoHLSP [announced](#) a delivery of a large batch of PPEs to Moldova with the financial support from Germany and EU and in partnership with WHO. The delivery includes 1.6 million gloves, 300,000 FFP2 masks and others of a total value of 537,500 EURO. In the next weeks it is expected that other EU countries will also send to Moldova supplies, PPEs and vaccines.

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

- There are no changes in restrictions at national level since the latest [Decision no. 54](#) of the National Commission for Emergency Situations that was issued on April 29, 2021 and keeps the general sanitary and epidemiological measures in place.
- Border crossing [procedure](#) for in-coming persons into the Republic of Moldova remains unchanged since 29 April 2021. There are two options in this regard, 1) presentation of the negative PCR test taken within 72 hours, or, if test not available 2) the passengers must fill-in the epidemiological fiche and sign on personal responsibility the obligation to respect a 14-day self-isolation period. As an exception from these requirements are listed several categories of persons, i.e. children up to 5yo, bus and truck drivers, travelers for health and humanitarian reasons, students, cross-border workers, transit travelers, vaccinated persons, holders of diplomatic and service passports.