

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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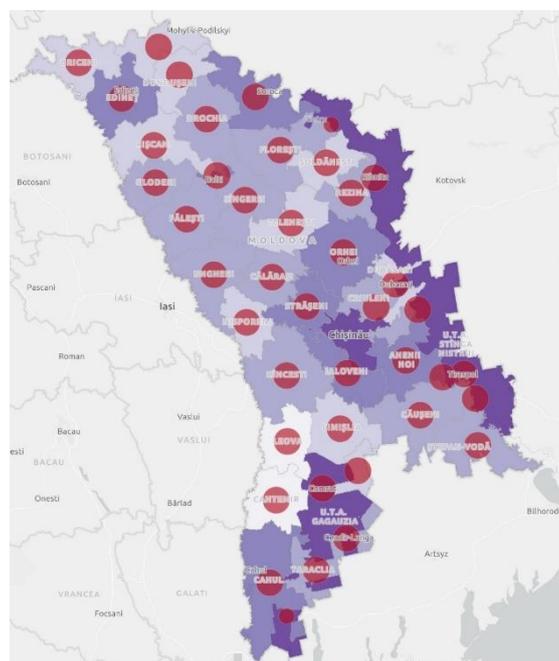


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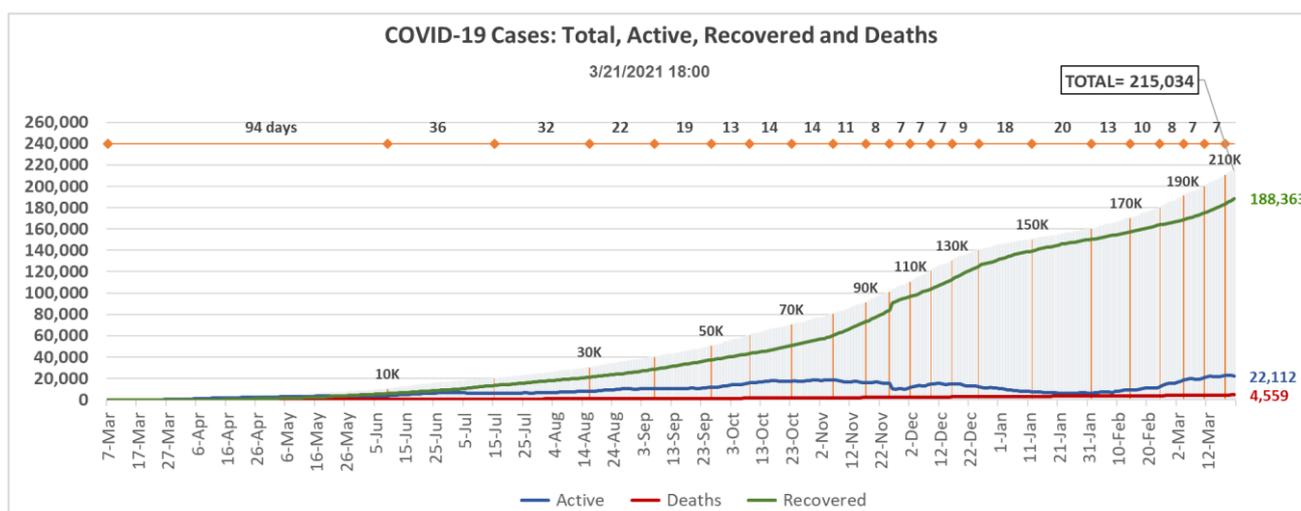
Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

Data as at 21/03/2021, 18:00 p.m.

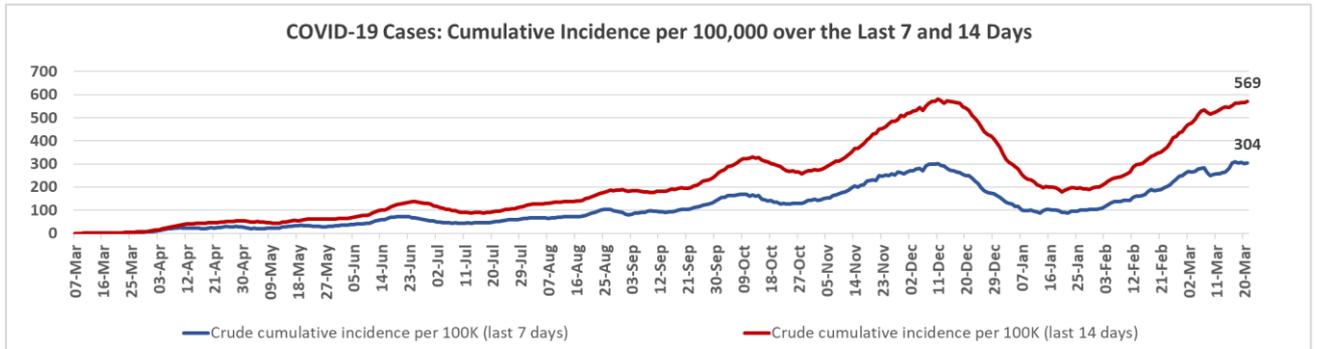
The pace of growth in coronavirus cases increased slightly after a temporary deceleration in the previous week. The average number of daily cases for the past week was 1,510, representing a 15% increase in cases compared to the previous period. Thus, to date, a total of 215,034 cases have been reported. There are presently 22,112 active cases in the country, which is the fifth-highest number since the start of the pandemic, with the highest figures all being registered last week. Among the currently hospitalized 4,574 patients, 340 are in a very serious condition. In addition, after a 44% increase in the weekly number of recoveries, the total number of recoveries now stands at 188,363.



The average number of COVID-19-associated daily deaths over a seven-day period increased and now stands at 32.7. A total of 4,559 deaths have been registered in the country since the beginning of the pandemic. The case fatality rate has remained stable at 2.1%.



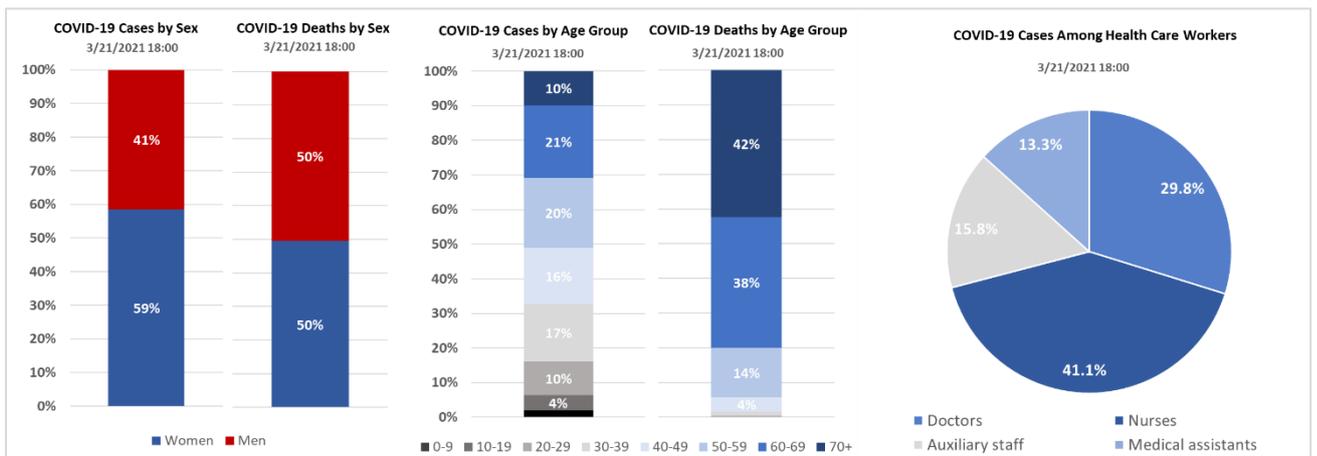
The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 is 6,190. The crude cumulative incidence of cases is 304 and 569 for the last 7 and 14 days, respectively. Both figures are some of the highest since the beginning of the pandemic and mark an increase compared to the previous week.



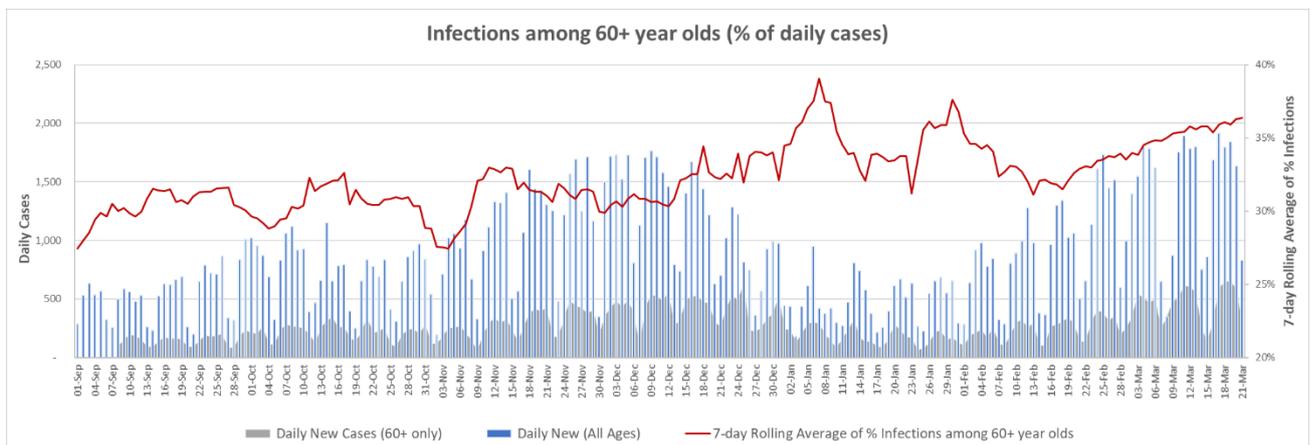
Fifty-nine percent of all cases have been reported among women and 41% among men. The number of deaths is roughly equal between men and women, with each accounting for about 50% of all deaths.

The share of health care workers in the total number of cases stands at around 9%. Over 18,800 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak.

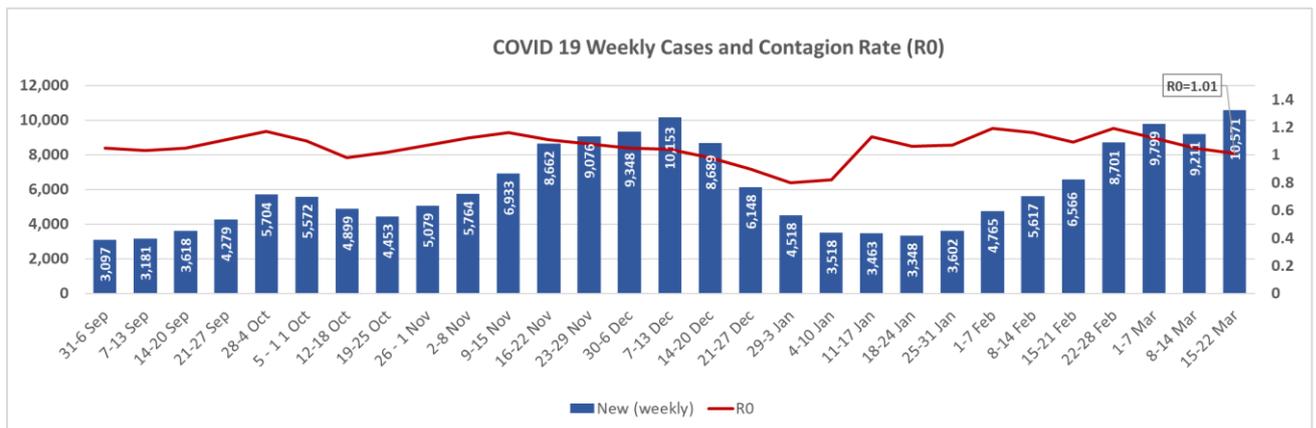
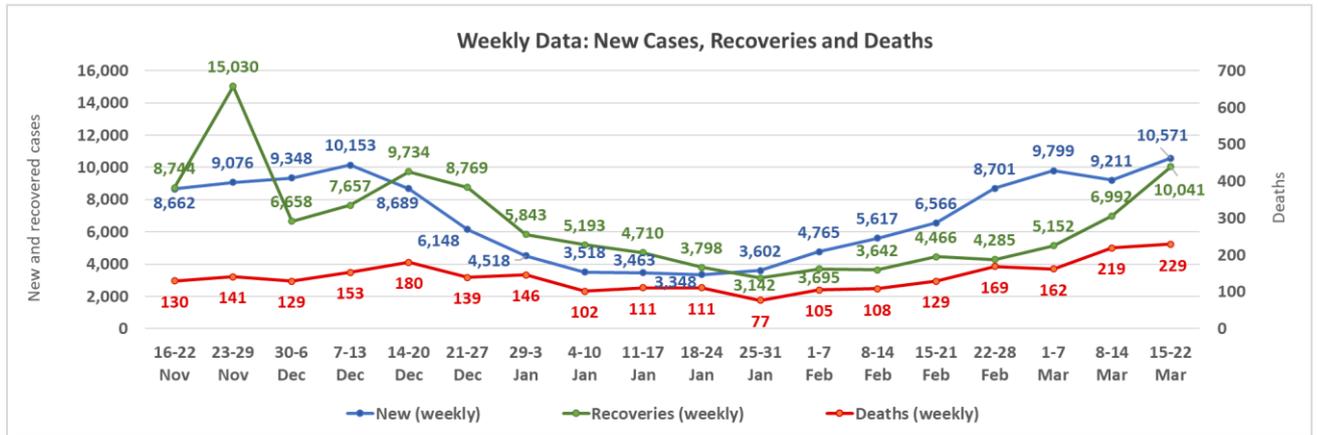
Though they account for 51% of all cases, over 94% of all deaths have been registered among people aged 50 and over. Moreover, the mortality burden for this group has increased by one percentage point compared to the last week's value (93%).



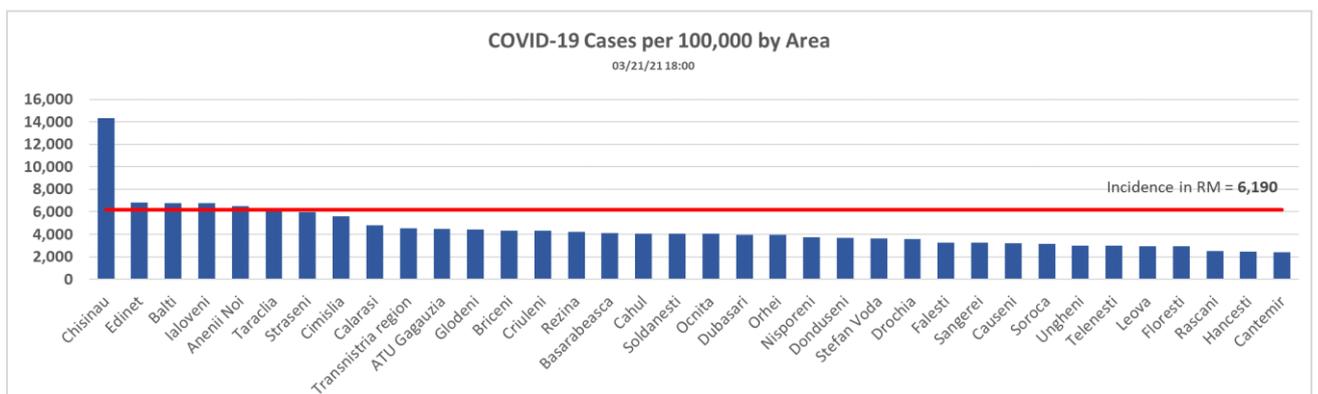
At the same time, the average proportion of new infections among the eldest population group, aged 60 and over, has increased for the sixth consecutive week and now stands at 36.4%, compared to 35.8% in the previous week.



The weekly number of new cases has increased and is now 10,571. Given the overall increase in new cases over the previous weeks, the weekly number of recoveries has also increased. It now stands at 10,041. The total number of deaths registered in the last week is 229, which represents a 5% increase over the previous period. The contagion rate (R0) decreased for the third week in a row but remained above one, registering a value of 1.01 last week.



Chisinau, with 44% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected district in the country. The Transnistria region (10%), Balti (3%), Ialoveni (3%), and ATU Gagauzia (3%) follow. Each of the remaining areas accounts for 2% or less of the total number of cases. After considering the relative size of cities/districts' populations, Chisinau remains the most affected area with more than 14,300 cases per 100,000 population. Seven other areas (Edinet, Ialoveni, Balti, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Straseni, and Cimislia) have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.



The contagion rate is also uneven across districts, with Ocnita, Orhei and Ialoveni registering the lowest rates in the country, all below 1.0. At the same time, Cahul, Leova, and ATU Gagauzia registered the highest contagion rates in the country, all equal to or above 1.5. The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 1.05.

Since the launch of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and the administration of the first doses of the vaccine on March 2, a total of 20,494 persons, all health care workers, have been vaccinated. This represents around 33% of the total number of health care workers. These figures are updated daily and can be accessed [here](#).

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

Overview & Announcements

- **New batches of vaccines arrive through COVAX platform and from Romania**

One lot of 24,570 doses of BioNTech- Pfizer anti-COVID-19 vaccines [arrived](#) in Moldova on March 19 shipped via the COVAX Facility, a partnership between CEPI, Gavi, UNICEF and WHO. Another batch of 50,000 doses of vaccines are expected from Romania by the end of March as a donation.

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. 51 from March 19th](#). The Decision institutes a state of emergency in public health at national level. Local Commissions need to enforce restrictions as home isolation and limitation of movement, banning of mass gatherings, provision of only vital services, banning of groups more than 3 persons in public spaces, interdiction for persons older than 63 outside of households, obligatory wearing of masks in all places and others.
- The Chisinau territorial Commission for Public Health [instituted](#) that all level educational institutions, private and public, will work on-line only until April 18th. Other restrictions of the territorial Commission include measures adopted on national level regarding limitation of gatherings, public events banning etc.
- The latest [List of countries with Red zone classification](#) was updated, which is in effect as of March 1st, 2021. The Commission also [updated the rules for trespassing the state border](#). Starting with March 5th, all incoming persons will fill in the epi fiche and will oblige to observe the 14 days self-quarantine. The regime also has exceptions, i.e. children under 5yo, PCR negative test availability, anti-COVID19 vaccine confirmation, bus drivers and others.