

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

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COVID-19
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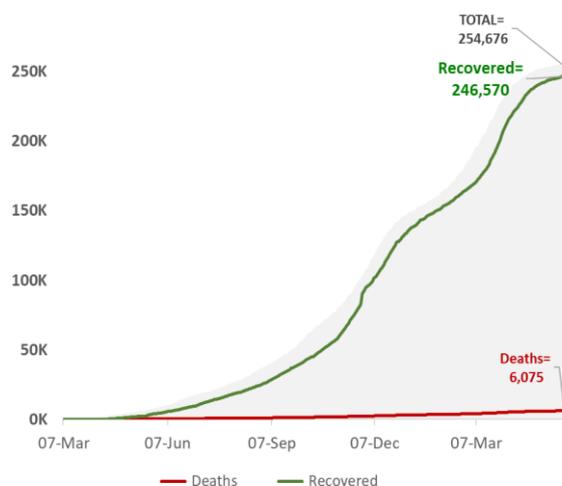


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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

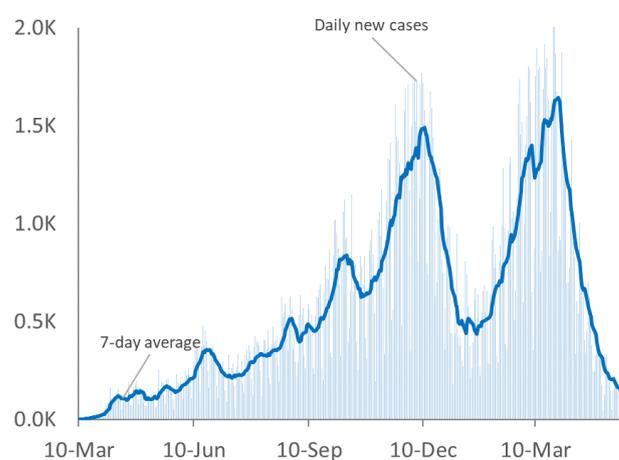
Data as at 23/05/2021, 18:00 p.m., unless stated otherwise.

Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



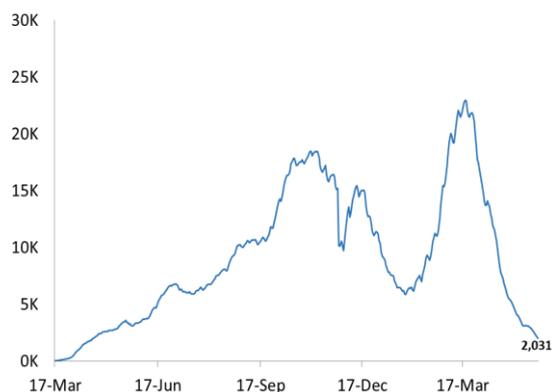
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase, albeit at a considerably slower pace than in the first few months of the year, and on May 23, the total number of cases reached 254,676.

New Infections



The number of new cases has decreased over the last week and reached a 7-day average of 119 on May 23 compared to 157 for the preceding week.

Active Cases



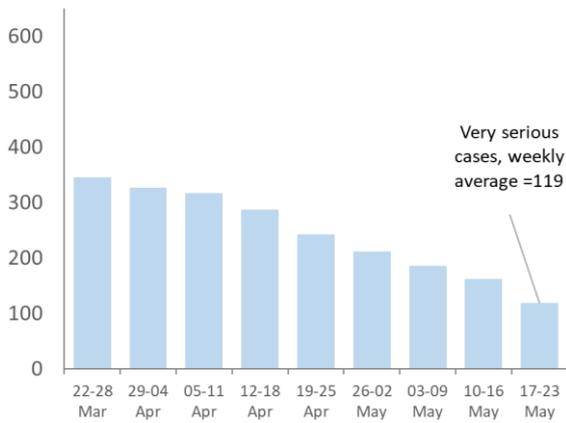
The number of active cases has decreased in the past week. As of May 23, the number of active cases stood at 2,031, marking a 31% decrease compared to the previous week.

New Deaths



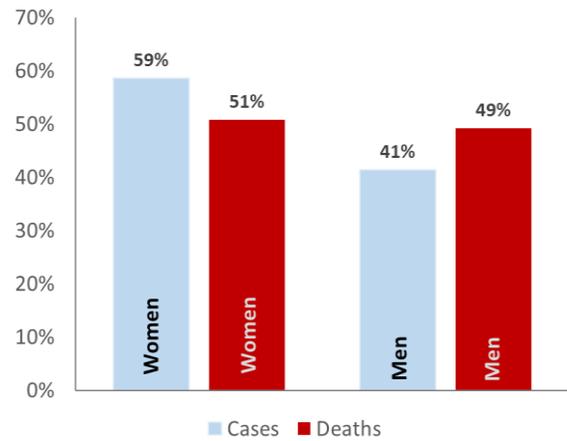
The 7-day average for the number of deaths has decreased and stands at 7, compared to 11 in the week prior. The total number of deaths as of May 23 was 6,075.

Very Serious Cases



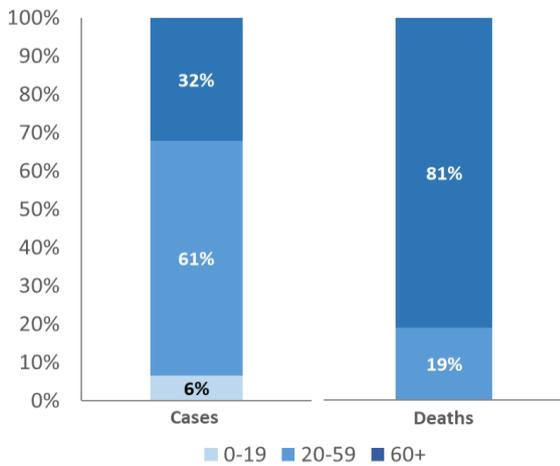
The average number of very serious cases has decreased and as of May 23 it stands at 119. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 as of May 23 was 732, out of which 109 were in a very serious condition.

Cases and Deaths by Sex



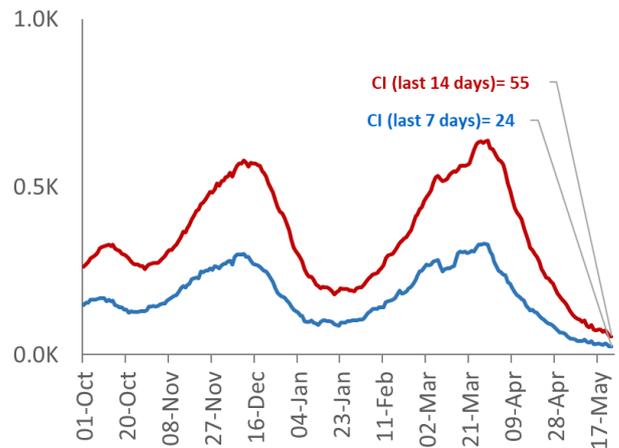
Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. Moreover, women (51%) account for a slightly higher proportion of all deaths than men (49%).

COVID-19 Cases/Deaths by Age Group



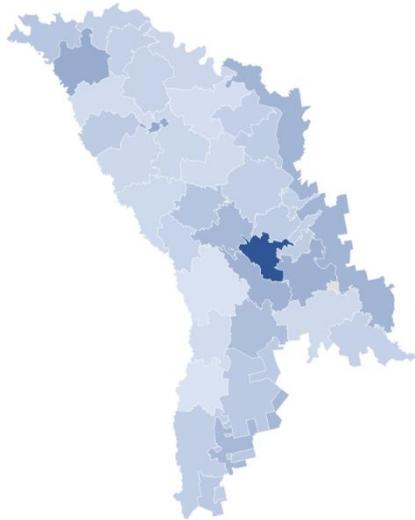
Even though infections among people aged 60 and over account for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths have been registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.8.

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



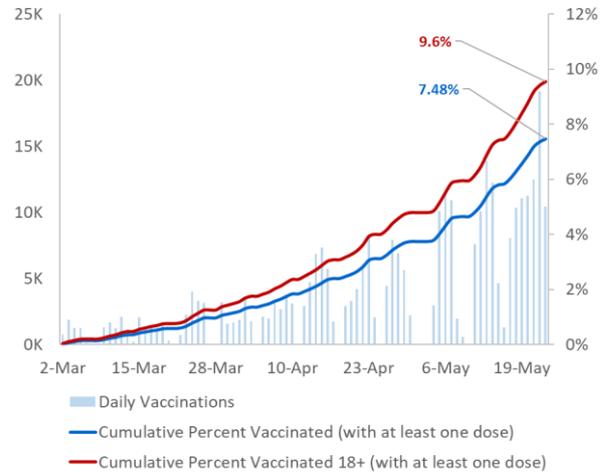
As of May 23, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 and 14 days were 24 and 55, respectively. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stands at 7,331 per 100,000.

Cases per 100,000 Population by District



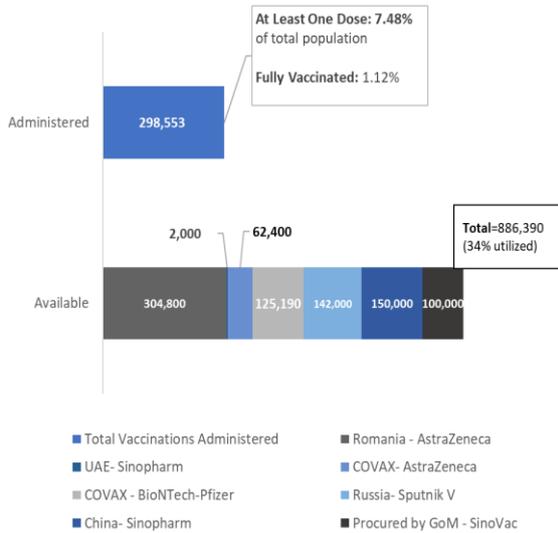
Chisinau is the most affected area with over 16,000 cases per 100,000 population. Thirteen other areas—Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Strasenii, the Transnistria region, Cimislia, Calarasi, Briceni, ATU Gagauzia, Basarabesca, and Glodeni— have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population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

Daily Vaccinations and Percentage Vaccinated



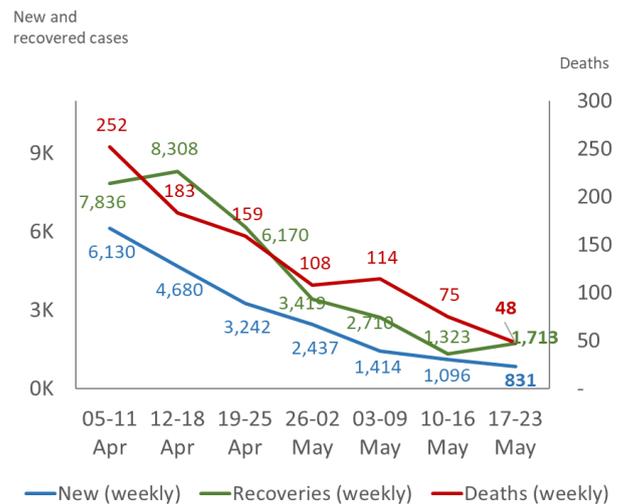
The number of vaccinations administered last week was 63,660 (28% more than in the previous week). Overall, an estimated 7.5% of the country’s total population or 9.6% of the population aged 18+ has received at least one vaccine dose.

Administered and Available Vaccines



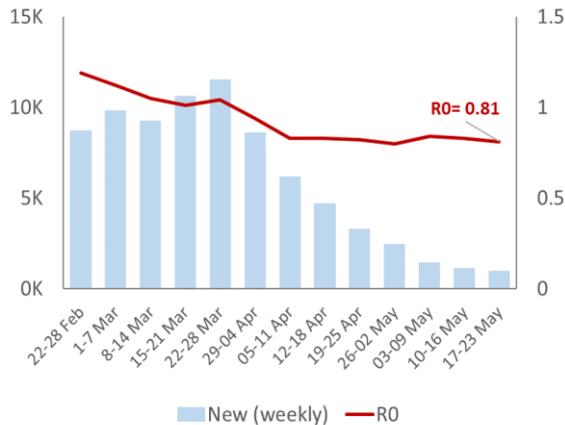
As of May 23, a total of 298,553 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. The number of people vaccinated with two doses reached 38,744, which represents 1.12% of the population. More than 587,000 vaccine doses remain currently available for use.

Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



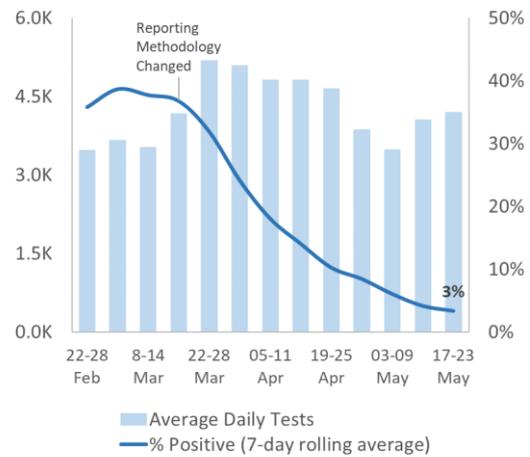
The number of weekly cases further decreased over the past week and stood at 831 on May 23. This represents a 24.2% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of deaths has paralleled this decline, while recoveries have increased by 30%.

COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate slightly decreased in the last week from 0.83 to 0.81 as of May 23. The rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rate being registered in Ungheni (0.42) and the highest in Orhei (1.71). The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 0.81.

Average Daily Tests and Positivity Rate



The percentage of positive cases has continued to decrease over the past week, and as of May 23, it stands at 3%. 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

- According to the government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) as of May 24th, a total of 298,553 doses of vaccine were administered (38,744 people received 2 doses); adverse reactions: Moderate = 0.02% (53 cases) / Mild = 0.5% (1,212 cases);
- Between 20-24 May, Moldova is [receiving](#) another batch of 100,620 Pfizer-BioNTech and 45,600 AZ doses of vaccines through the COVAX platform;
- The Chisinau municipal Extraordinary Commission for Public Health [allowed](#) access to all primary healthcare institutions for COVID-19 vaccination to all citizens, regardless of their formal place of residence;
- At the Vaccination Marathon [organized](#) by the State Medical University on 22-23 May, 4068 persons received the vaccine, from which 2500 Pfizer, 1188 AZ and 380 Sinopharm. The vaccination centres were visited by MEPs, the EU ambassador and the representatives of the UN Moldova.

• Border crossing capacities on international sanitary regulations assessed

Competent public authorities for border crossing, i.e. Border Police, Customs Service, with support and partnership from WHO, MoHLSP and other specialized agencies [finalized the assessment](#) of basic capacities of points of entry in accordance with the provisions of the International Sanitary Regulations (2005). The assessment looked at the capacities for offering health services and available equipment, equipment for transportation of patients in case of emergency, ensuring of sanitary conditions for border crossings (water, sewerage, waste management) and others.

- **International Family Doctors' Day marked by the UN**

The International Family Doctors' Day- May 19th - was marked by the UN Agencies, in particular by [WHO](#) and [UNFPA](#). WHO organized with this occasion an on-line conference with support from the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency. Relevant topics were discussed, and experience exchanged and learned from WHO Europe Center and Kazakhstan on pandemic management by the primary medical assistance health workers.

- **Red Cross volunteers to help inform the public on COVID-19 vaccination**

Over 270 Red Cross Moldova volunteers will [contribute](#) to a better information of the general public on the importance and collective benefits of mass vaccination against COVID-19. The Red Cross is organizing in this regard regional trainings for its volunteers with support from MoHLSP, National Public Health Agency, WHO and UNICEF.

- **MFAEI meets the UN World Tourism Organization Secretary General**

On May 17th the Moldovan MFAEI Secretary Dumitru Solocan [met](#) with Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary General of the UN WTO in Madrid. The officials addressed the cooperation of the Republic of Moldova within the statutory and advisory bodies of the organization and the prospects for future cooperation. The meeting also touched upon the impact and ways to overcome the negative impact of the pandemic on the sector.

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 Chisinau municipal Extraordinary Commission for Public Health issued its [Decision No. 38 from May 21, 2021](#). The Decision introduces some changes to restrictions imposed earlier in Chisinau, as following:
 - The Red Code alert in Chisinau is being changed to Orange Code alert of infections;
 - Wearing of protective masks is still mandatory in all open and closed public spaces, including, transportation and in the streets;
 - Access to all primary healthcare institutions for COVID-19 vaccination is declared free for all citizens, regardless of their formal place of residence;
 - Sport events and competitions are allowed in indoor spaces with maximum occupancy of seats of 50%.
- Starting with May 24th, 2021, all the [border crossing points with Romania and Ukraine](#) that were closed since March 2020 due to pandemic situation, will start operating for passengers as well as freights. Together with this, the 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) observe a 14-day self-isolation period.
- The so-called Transnistrian authorities [extended](#) the regime of entry into the territory without restrictions or the necessity to present a negative PCR test until July 1st, 2021.

- Romanian authorities [updated](#) the list of countries from the Red Zone on May 21st, 2021 and Moldova is not included. Thus, citizens with EU passports coming from Moldova into Romania do not have to observe the 14-day self-quarantine nether to present a PCR negative test.
- 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.