

Coronavirus Disease - COVID 19

Weekly Situation Report No. 54 (26 April 2021)



COVID-19
RESPONSE



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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities

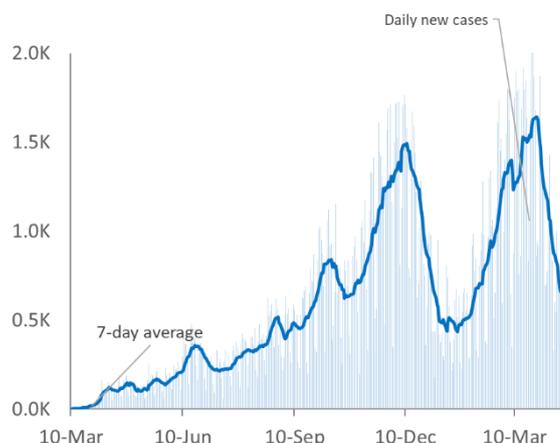
Data as at 25/04/2021, 18:00 p.m.

Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



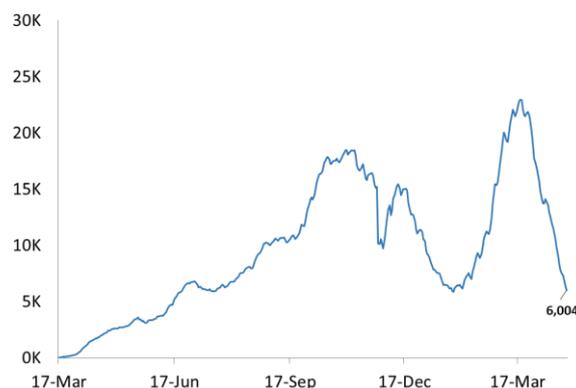
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase, albeit at a slower pace than in the previous two months, and as of April 25, the total number of cases reached 249,139.

New Infections



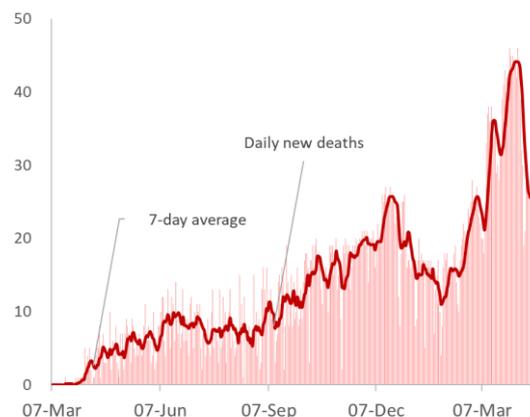
The number of new cases has decreased over the last week and reached a 7-day average of 463 on April 25 compared to 669 for the preceding week.

Active Cases



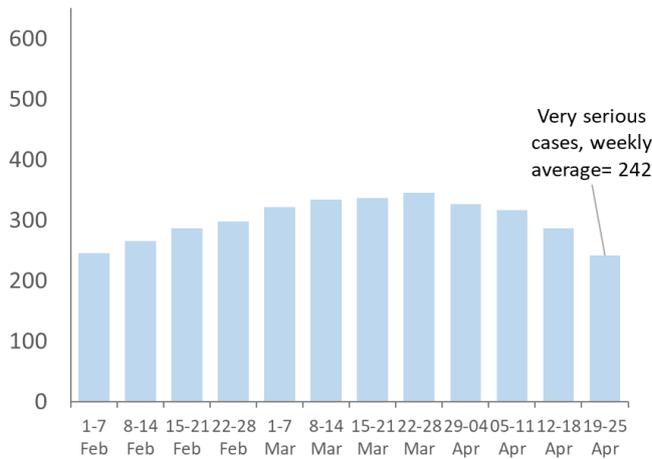
The number of active cases has continued to decrease in the past week. As of April 25, the number of active cases stood at 6,004.

New Deaths



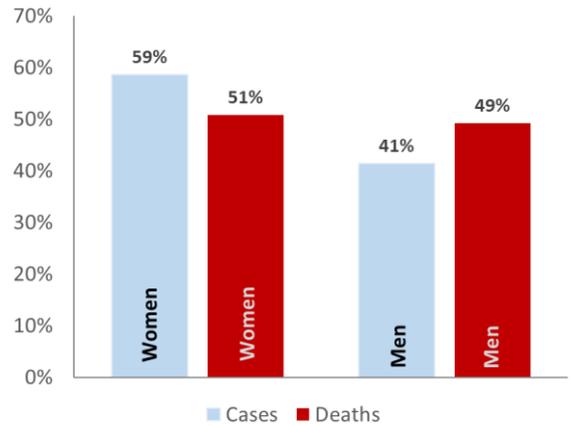
The 7-day average for the number of deaths decreased in the last week and now stands at 23, compared to 26 in the week prior. The total number of deaths in the country is 5,730.

Very Serious Cases



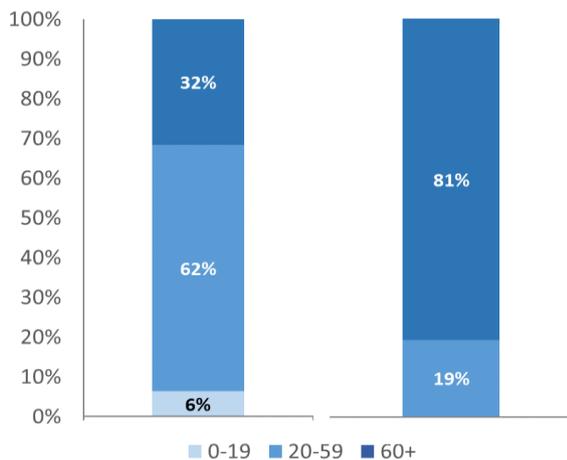
The average number of very serious cases has decreased and currently stands at 242. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 as of April 25 was 2,261, out of which 222 were in a very serious condition.

Cases and Deaths by Sex



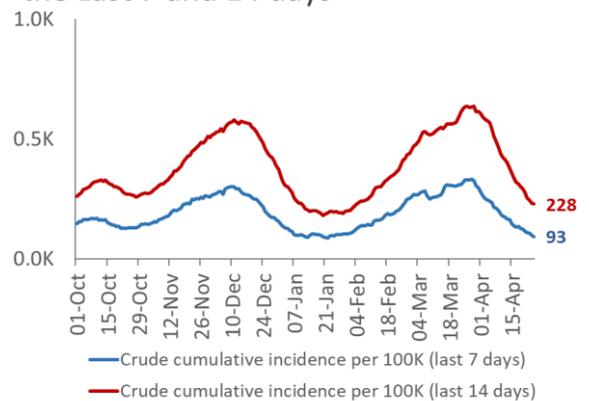
Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. Moreover, women (51%) account for a slightly higher proportion of all deaths than men (49%).

COVID-19 Cases/Death by Age Group



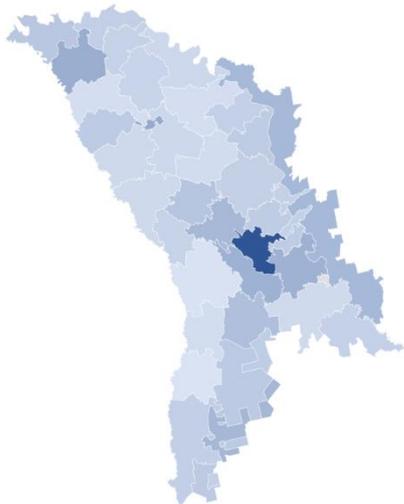
Even though infections among people aged 60 and over account for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths have been registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.6.

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



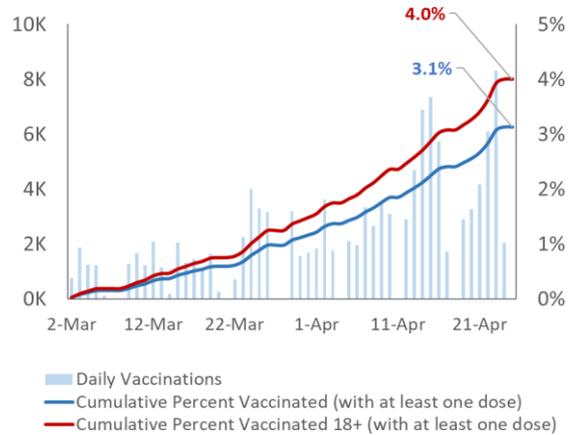
As of April 25, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7 and 14 days were 93 and 228. Both numbers registered an additional decrease over the past week. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stands at 7,172 per 100,000.

Cases per 100,000 by District



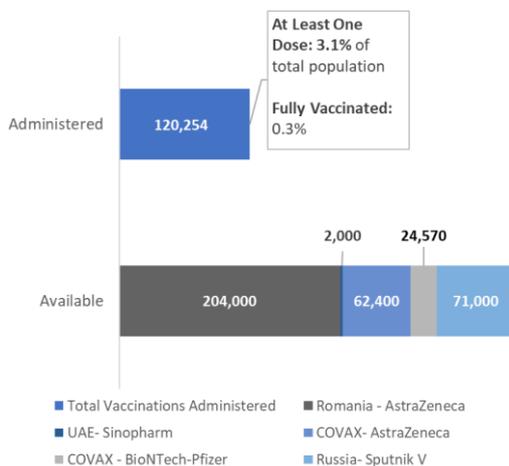
Chisinau is the most affected area with nearly 15,900 cases per 100,000 population. Eleven other areas—Balti, Edinet, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Taraclia, Straseni, the Transnistria region, Cimislia, Calarasi, Briceni, and ATU Gagauzia—have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.

Daily Vaccinations and Percentage Vaccinated



The number of vaccinations administered in the last week was 26788 (9% less than last week). Overall, an estimated 3.1% of the country's population or 4.0% of the population aged 18+ has received at least one vaccine dose.

Administered and Available Vaccines



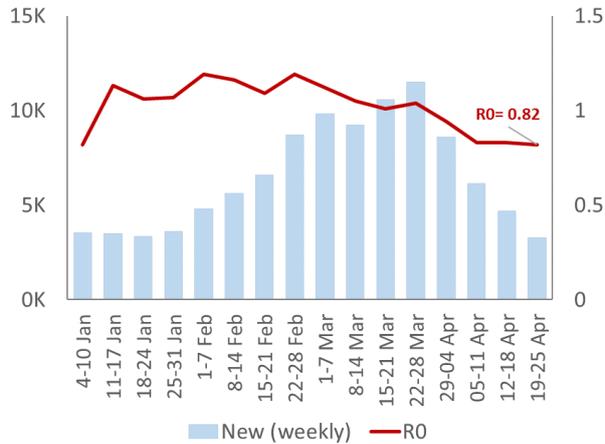
As of April 25, a total of 120,254 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. The number of people vaccinated with two doses reached 11,494, which represents 0.3% of the population. Nearly 244,000 vaccine doses remain currently available for use thanks to recent deliveries.

Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



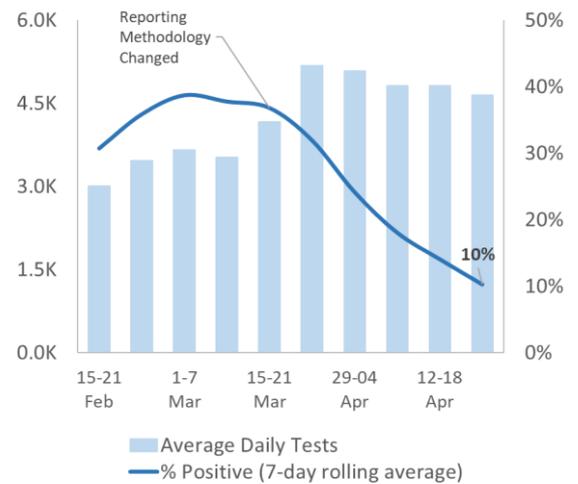
The number of weekly cases further decreased over the past week and stood at 3,242 on April 25. This represents a 31% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of recoveries paralleled the overall reduction in cases, and the number of deaths decreased by 13%.

COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate slightly decreased in the last week from 0.83 to 0.82 as of April 25. The rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rate being registered in Cantemir (0.57) and the highest in Soldanesti (1.09). The contagion rate in Chisinau stands at 0.77.

Average Daily Tests and Positivity Rate

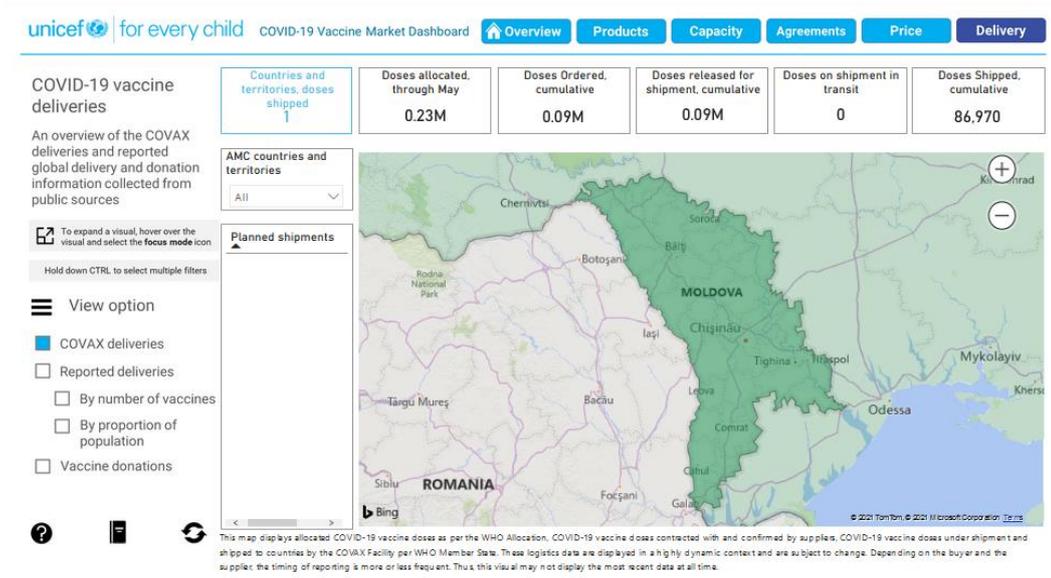


The percentage of positive cases has continued to decrease over the past week and as of April 25 it stands at 10%. This decreasing trend has also coincided with a change of the reporting methodology on Mar 19. Starting then, reporting has no longer presented primary and subsequent tests separately.

Overview & Announcements

• Vaccination campaign updates

- According to the government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) as of April 26th, a total of 120,254 doses of vaccine were administered (11,494 people received 2 doses);
- Adverse Reactions: Moderate = 0.037% (45 events) / Mild = 0.89% (1,078 events)
- The MoHLSP [published its 4th survey](#) on behavioral options on COVID-19 and vaccination in Moldova. The survey, among other indicators, shows a substantial increase in the population that accepts vaccination- 41%, compared to 31% in previous surveys;
- As a [result of vaccination](#), the infection rate among medical staff registered a significant reduction - 82.5%. Thus, currently, the infection rate among medical personnel (% from the total of all infection cases) is 3% compared to 12% before the vaccination started;
- The [COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard](#) (hosted by UNICEF) informs the following numbers on vaccines for Moldova as of April 26: doses shipped via COVAX- 86,970, doses allocated through May 2021- 233,190



- The Russian Federation [announced](#) a donation of 182,000 doses of Sputnik-V vaccine to Moldova, including 62,000 for Transnistria region. The first batch of 71,000 doses arrived in Chisinau on April 24th, with the next batch to be dispatched in May 2021.

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 Commission for Emergency Situations issued the [Decision No. 6 from 22 April 2021](#). The deed introduces the following key changes to the state of emergency situation:
 - Starting with April 26, the curfew period previously introduced (ban on travel between 23.00-5.00hs) is canceled;
 - Starting with April 26, the educational process with physical presence is resumed for VET and higher education institutions;
 - Starting with May 2, it is permitted to resume the activities in open air of theaters, concerts and cinema institutions accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research with respecting of all precautionary sanitary measures;
 - Starting with May 2, it is permitted to resume the activities of theaters, concerts and cinemas with physical presence inside the premises with a max of 30% seats occupancy;
 - During 25 April - 11 May 2021 all religious activities and gatherings are permitted only outside of the religious premises (in open air);
 - The period of benefiting of unemployment allowance during the state of emergency is not included in the pension contribution stage.
- Border crossing [procedure](#) for in-coming persons into the Republic of Moldova remains unchanged. 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.