

# Situation Update #186 - Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## WHO Country Office for Nepal

**Reporting Date: Oct 30 Oct - 05 Nov 2023 (Epi Week 44)**

### HIGHLIGHTS

### NEPAL EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION

- No updates have been available from 21st October 2023

#### SITUATION OVERVIEW

*Data as of 20 October 2023*

#### NEPAL

**Cumulative confirmed cases:**

1,157,522

**Cumulative deaths:**

12,031

**Cumulative tests:**

7,688,864

### National Influenza Surveillance

- National Influenza Centre (NIC) - National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) reported 42 diagnostic influenza samples on Epi week 44.
  - Three samples tested Influenza A/H3 positive
  - One sample tested Influenza A(H1N1) pdm09 positive
  - Two samples tested Influenza B Victoria positive
  - None of the samples tested SARS-CoV-2 positive
- NIC - NPHL received 13 influenza samples from the sentinel sites of National Influenza Surveillance Network (NISN) on Epi week 44
  - One sample tested Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 positive
  - One sample tested Influenza A/H3 positive
  - Three samples tested Influenza B Victoria positive
  - None of the samples tested SARS-CoV-2 positive
- Provincial Public Health Laboratories (PPHLs) reported testing 58 samples for Influenza-SARS-CoV-2 using a Multiplex kit on Epi week 44
  - One sample tested Influenza A/H3 positive
  - Two samples tested Influenza A (yet to be subtyped) positive
  - Two samples tested SARS-CoV-2 positive.
  - A total of 4,028 samples were tested by PPHLs from 2 Jan - 5 Nov 2023.
- From 2 January until 5 Nov 2023
  - A total of 932 samples have tested positive for influenza [(70 Influenza B (lineage not determined), 196 Influenza B Victoria, 3 Influenza A (yet to be subtyped), 588 Influenza A/H3, and 74 Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09)] and 1 co-infection of Influenza A/H3 and SARS-CoV-2 from 7599 samples (sentinel and non-sentinel SARI and ILI samples).
  - Similarly, 264 samples tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 from dual testing of influenza and SARS-CoV-2 in 6,933 SARI and ILI samples received from sentinel and non-sentinel sites<sup>1</sup>

**WHO SEAR countries: Number of COVID-19 confirmed cases and cumulative incidence rate (per 100,000). Link Here - <https://worldhealthorg.shinyapps.io/covid/>**

<sup>1</sup> These positive cases are included in the COVID-19 database

## PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

### What are the Government of Nepal (GoN) & the Ministry of Health & Population (MoHP) doing?

- In total 60,524,149 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered as of 15 October 2023.

### What is the WHO Country Office for Nepal doing?

#### **Laboratory Diagnosis**

- No updates have been available from 21st October 2023

#### **Technical Expertise and Training**

- Continued routine work from Technical Expertise and Training team<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Operational Support and Logistics**

- Continued routine work from the team of Operation Support and Logistics.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Risk Communication and Community Engagement**

- *Weekly COVID-19 EPI Dashboard* was uploaded on *ReliefWeb* (link [here](#)) and WHO, Country Office for Nepal, website (link [here](#)).
- The *Weekly WHO Nepal COVID-19 Situation Update* was uploaded on *ReliefWeb* (link [here](#)) and WHO, Country Office for Nepal, website (link [here](#)).
- The *Focused COVID-19 and Health Media Monitoring* was uploaded on *ReliefWeb* (link [here](#)).

### What are the health clusters partners doing?

- Continued routine work from the team of Partner Coordination and Donor Relation<sup>4</sup>
- UNICEF and WHO are providing overall support for COVID-19 vaccination in close coordination with health partners and donors.
- All members of the Health Cluster are supporting the COVID-19 vaccination campaign of Nepal.

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<sup>2</sup>The routine works of the technical expertise and training team included technical support to the Ministry of Health and Population and its department for developing different guidelines/manuals, conducting health programs, and conducting capacity building activities. To perform these activities, the team coordinates and discuss with relevant government authorities and partners for effective planning and conducting the various activities.

<sup>3</sup>The routine works of the operation support and logistics team included technical support to the Management Division of the Department of Health Services for the forecasting, quantification, procurement, and distribution plan of COVID-19 commodities. The other routine activities included daily operational support to the WHO country office and seven provincial health emergency operation centers, including fleet and travel management and the procurement of required logistics and supplies.

<sup>4</sup>The routine works include coordinating with all the divisions, units, centers of Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) and Department of Health Services (DoHS), and the health partners for effective conduction of Health Cluster Coordination meeting. Furthermore, the works included the documentation and distribution of meeting minutes, health partner's support updates in the 3Ws (Who, What, Where) and thematic mapping, updates of WHO's support in the UNRCO 3W sheet, participate in multi-sectoral and emergency and disaster preparedness and response platforms and activities and the humanitarian country team operational meetings. Moreover, necessary support for effective coordination of Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC) with different stakeholders is provided.

## WHO's STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE- [link here](#)

### RECOMMENDATION AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

- [Protect yourself](#)
- [Questions and answers](#)
- [Travel advice](#)
- [EPI-WIN](#): tailored information for individuals, organizations and communities

### USEFUL LINKS

- MoHP COVID-19 official portal is available [here](#).
- Nepal COVID-19 regular updates and resources are available [here](#)
- For COVID-19 updates from the WHO South-East Asia Region Office, please visit [here](#).
- For information about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from WHO, please visit [here](#)
- Please visit this [site](#) for all technical guidance from WHO.
- Online courses on COVID-19 from WHO can be found [here](#)
- WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found [here](#)
- Visit the WHO Nepal [Facebook page](#) and webpage on COVID-19 [here](#)

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