

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## Situation Report – 63

### Timor-Leste

Data as reported by 02 September 2020

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- MoH with technical support from WHO and financial aid from USAID trained more than 25 health workers comprising physicians, nurses, and cleaners, border staff, security and drivers received refresher training in infection prevention and control at the Batugade border health and quarantine facilities.
- The MoH, INS, and HNGV with technical support from WHO and health development partners like St. John of God, The Asia Foundation, and USAID provided infection prevention and control (IPC) training to the Hotel Owners of Timor-Lorosa'e (HOTL) members and the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MTCI) officials. The training of trainers (ToT) workshop included a focused training on cleaning and disinfection, waste management, respiratory hygiene, hand hygiene, donning and doffing PPE and linen management. Ten participants from the MoH, MTCI and HOTL completed the ToT and will lead on expanding the workshop to a wider audience in the weeks to come.
- UNICEF handed over 15 water tanks to the Special Administrative Region of Oe-cusse Ambeno (RAEOA) to support handwashing in public places and healthcare facilities. They are being installed by the DGAS team in designated places.
- UNICEF handed over personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Ministry of Health (MoH) for case management of COVID-19 and to ensure that health workers have the necessary tools to continue to safely provide routine essential health services. The equipment, totalling more than 100,000 individual items, includes surgical and N95 masks, face shields, safety goggles, surgical and examination gloves, protective coveralls and recyclable shoe covers. They will be distributed to isolation centres and to frontline health workers in more than 70 healthcare centres across the country, in all 13 municipalities.
- UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and other development partners have been supporting the Maternal and Child Health department to conduct Routine Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) review meetings to assess the impact of COVID-19 on critical RMNCH indicators in all municipalities. The assessment is completed in seven municipalities.
- To maintain essential health services in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic and to prevent any potential diseases outbreak, WHO provided 500 lumbar puncture kits to the Hospital Nacional Guido Valadares (HNGV) for Japanese Encephalitis (JE) surveillance. Japanese Encephalitis virus (JEV) is a flavivirus and it is spread through mosquito bites similar to dengue, Yellow fever and West Nile viruses. Safe and effective vaccines are available to prevent JE. WHO recommends that JE vaccination be integrated

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**27 confirmed (0 new)**  
**0 deaths**

(As per data released by the [Ministry of Health](#))

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More information and guidance by WHO regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak can be found [here](#).

#### GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**Total (new) cases in last seven days**

**Globally**  
**24 854 140 confirmed (1 782 811)**  
**838 924 deaths (38 088)**

**WHO RISK ASSESSMENT**  
**Global Level    Very High**

into national immunization schedules in all areas where JE disease is recognized as a public health issue.

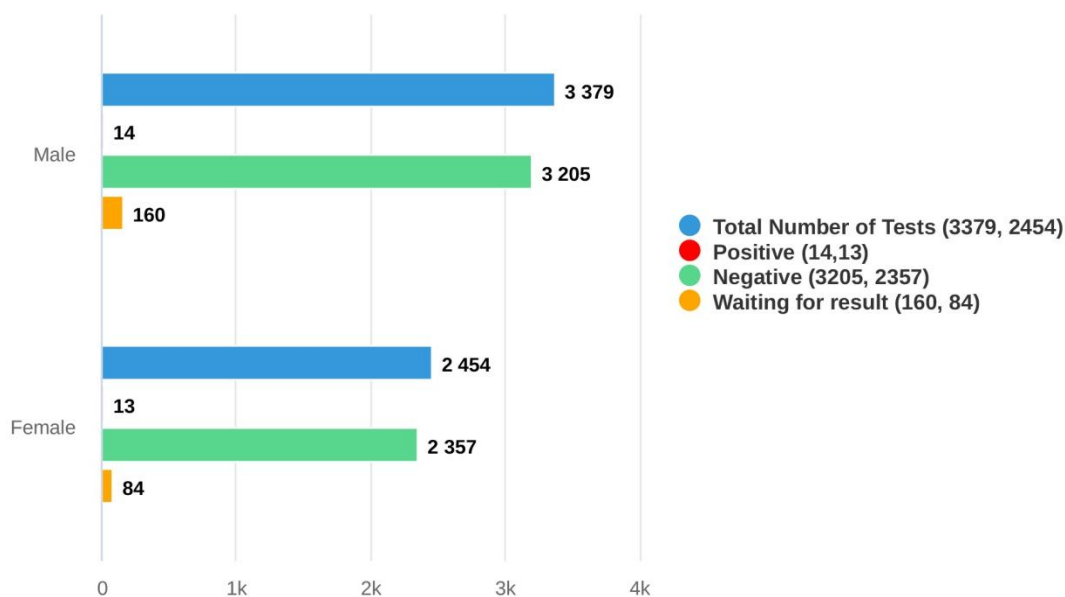


New and cumulative COVID-19 cases in Timor-Leste by date of reporting  
( 02-Sep-2020 : New cases-0 Cumulative-27 )

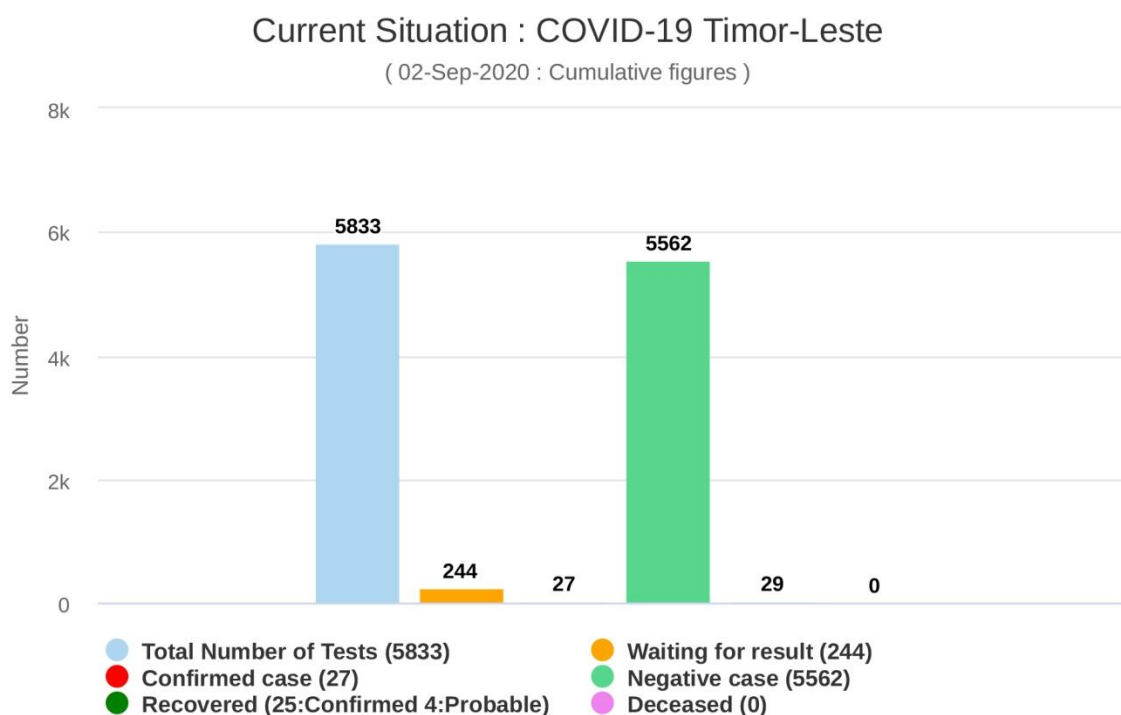


Source : National Directorate of Disease Control - Department of Epidemic Surveillance

Laboratory Test Results : COVID-19 Timor-Leste  
( 02-Sep-2020 : Cumulative figures )



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## WHO TIMOR-LESTE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Interrupt human-to-human transmission including reducing secondary infections among close contacts and health care workers, preventing transmission amplification events;
- Strengthening of surveillance systems and increasing laboratory capacity to detect COVID-19 cases;
- Ensuring adherence to the strictest standards of infection prevention and control (IPC) and increase capacity for IPC;
- Identify, isolate and care for patients early, including providing optimized care for infected patients;
- Communicate critical risk and event information to all communities and counter misinformation;
- Minimize social and economic impact through multisectoral partnerships.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

### **Wash your hands frequently**

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

**Why?** Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

**Maintain physical distancing**

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others.

**Why?** When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing is infected.

**Use face mask when physical distancing is not possible**

**Why?** If when you're in a setting where maintaining the physical distance of 1 meter or more is not possible due to the space constraint, then it is imperative that you use a face mask as it can help in stopping the transmission of COVID-19

**Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth**

**Why?** Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and make you sick.

**Practice respiratory hygiene**

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue safely immediately.

**Why?** Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

**If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early**

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of health authorities.

**Why?** Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

**Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider**

Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

**Why?** National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on whether COVID-19 is spreading in your area. They are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

**Protect ourselves and our loved ones against #COVID19:**

- ↪ **Wash your hands frequently**
- ↪ **Cover coughs and sneezes**
- ↪ **Avoid touching your face**
- ↪ **Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces**
- ↪ **Keep a distance of at least 1 metre from others**
- ↪ **Use of mask is imperative when physical-distancing is not possible.**
- ↪ **Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces**

👉 **Isolate yourself from others if feeling unwell and seek care, if needed**

More guidance on preventive measures is available [here](#).

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**COVID-19 Information and media queries:**

- The MoH has established a hotline number – 119 – for COVID-19 on which people can call to get any COVID-19 related information.
  - Additionally, [MoH Facebook page](#) provides timely updates on COVID-19 developments in the country.
  - WHO Timor-Leste through its [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter handle](#) also disseminates information on preventive measures, questions and answers, myth-busters and latest updates on COVID-19 globally and nationally. For media queries and interviews requests can be sent to [singhsho@who.int](mailto:singhsho@who.int) and [hasane@who.int](mailto:hasane@who.int)
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