



Data as reported by 11 August 2021

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **725** new cases of COVID-19 since the last time of reporting (04.08.2021) – this takes the total tally of COVID-19 cases to **11,870**. All patients are admitted to the designated isolation and treatment facilities at Vera Cruz, Tasitolu, Tibar, and other government identified isolation hotels. The MoH has also granted permission in some cases for home isolation. For more details, please see the epidemiological update section. The surveillance team, as per the national guideline is conducting further investigation and contact tracing. More details about the new cases can be found at the MoH's Facebook page, [Palacio das Cinzas](#).
- UNICEF and WHO are providing technical support to the Ministry of Health and six sub technical working groups to develop the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine implementation plans.
- WHO, UNICEF and partners continue to support the MoH in monitoring and supportive supervision visits in villages and communities in Dili and other municipalities to help ensure continuity of essential health services.
- WHO and UNICEF continue to support advocacy actions, including at the community level. The two agencies and several national and international partners also continue to support awareness on COVID-19 prevention and vaccine uptake on community radio and social media.
- UNICEF procured Ultra-Cold temperature freezers (ULT) and accessories through UNICEF core resources to store the Pfizer BioNTech vaccines at the central storage at SAMES. It can keep all 100,620 doses allocated to Timor-Leste through the COVAX Facility's fifth round of allocations. In addition, UNICEF utilises its core resources to provide financial and technical support for cold chain training and the establishment of the ultra-cold temperature freezers at the national warehouse in SAMES. UNICEF has also agreed to procure ULT freezers and accessories for regional warehouses using the Ministry of Health resources.
- Fifteen oxygen concentrators procured by UNICEF, with support from the Government of Portugal, arrived in Dili on Tuesday (10 August) and will be distributed to isolation centres and national and regional hospitals immediately after they are cleared from customs.

#### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**11870** confirmed (**725** new)  
**10169** recovered (**144** new)  
**1672** active cases  
**29** deaths

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

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WHO regarding the current COVID-  
19 outbreak can be found [here](#).

#### GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

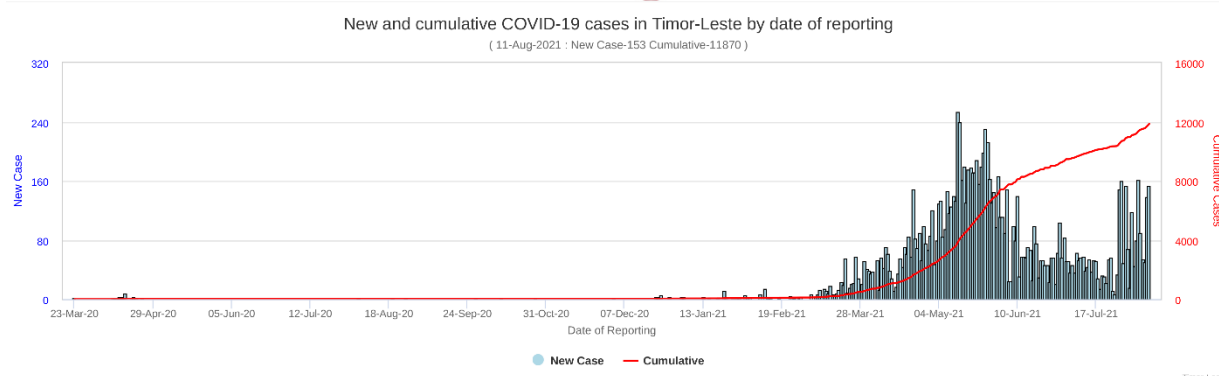
**Total (new) cases in last seven  
days**

**Globally**  
**203,295,170** confirmed  
**4,303,515** deaths

- UNICEF continues to support the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out in three prisons across the country, with 83% of prisoners receiving the first dose of vaccines to date. All prisoners had received personal hygiene kits from UNICEF in May and June 2021.
- The Ministry of Health (MoH) announced, 12 out of 20 positive PCR samples sent to Peter's Doherty Institute Melbourne, Australia for genome sequencing were found to be the variant of concern B.1.617.2 (Delta variant).
- The sanitary health fence to continue in Dili and Ermera municipality till 26 August. The two municipalities are reporting a surge in cases.
- The MoH reported three COVID-19 death since the last time of reporting (05.07.2021). The COVID-19 death toll now stands at **29**.
- As part of efforts to maintain essential health services, the MoH, with the support from WHO Timor-Leste, organized a high-level TB advocacy event for accelerating efforts to "End TB" in the next five years. The member of the Government – Minister of Health, Vice Minister of State Administration, WHO Representative, senior officials of MoH and representative from the civil society and partners also signed the pledge as a commitment to End TB in Timor-Leste.
- The MoH, with technical support from WHO Timor-Leste, launched the first ever mobile application – "Prevent TB" a GIS-based dashboard system using DHIS2 platform.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

- After a surge in the COVID-19 cases in March, it is now in a plateauing stage – nationally since early June 2021.

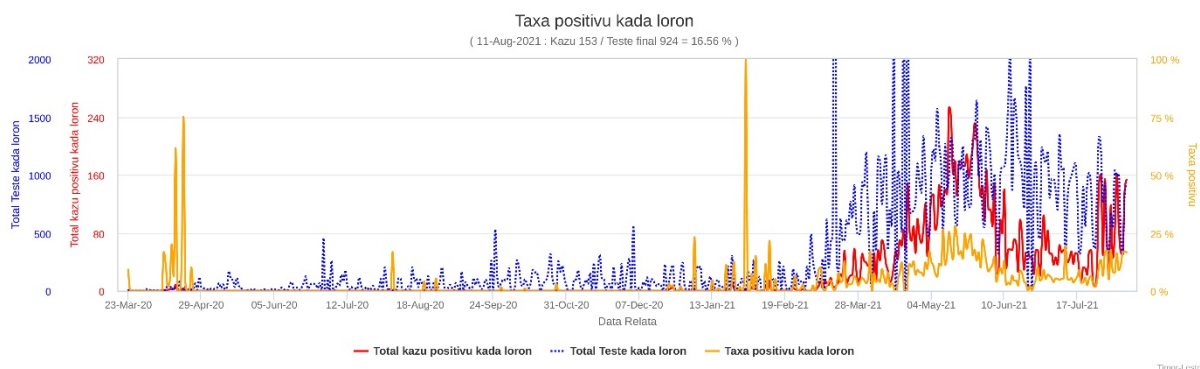


As of 11 August 2021, the country recorded 29 deaths and 11,870 cases of which 10,169 have recovered. Currently, there are 1672 active cases in the isolation/treatment centres of Tasi Tolu, Vera Cruz and other facilities in Dili and the Municipalities or at home for isolation and follow up.

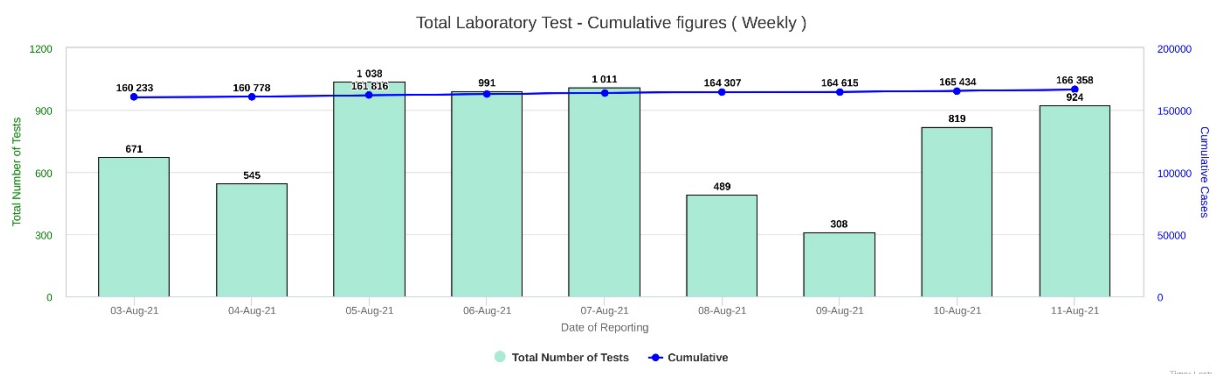
- Distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 11 August 2021.

Municipality	New Case	Cumulative Case	New Recovered	Cumulative Recovered	New Deceased	Cumulative Deceased	Active Case
Aileu	0	64	0	45	0	0	19
Ainaro	0	60	0	57	0	0	3
Baucau	1	741	3	708	0	1	32
Bobonaro	7	318	0	242	0	4	72
Covalima	35	363	0	203	0	0	160
Dili	66	8731	18	8189	0	22	520
Ermera	37	908	0	149	0	0	759
Lautem	0	60	0	59	0	0	1
Liquiça	0	29	0	26	0	1	2
Manatuto	0	88	0	87	0	0	1
Manufahi	0	81	0	78	0	0	3
Oecusse	5	85	0	32	0	0	53
Viqueque	2	342	0	294	0	1	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>11870</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10169</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1672</b>

- The test positivity rate over the last 7 days showed 12% (compare to 13%); with the increase in cases seen in Dili, Ermera, Covalima and Bobonaro. It is confirmed that the recent outbreak in Ermera was due to the introduction of Delta variants and this variant of concern (VoC) will most likely spread to all the municipalities.



- As of 11 August 2021, **166,358** PCR tests were done by the National Health Laboratory and referral hospital laboratories since the beginning of the response. The NHL now can return results within 24 hours of collecting the samples.



## VACCINATION UPDATES

- At the time of writing this report (afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021), in total, **443,895** COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising **327,994**, first doses (coverage 43.5%) and **115,901**, second doses (coverage 15.4%) have been administered in Timor-Leste. The breakdown of the number of doses administered and coverage by vaccine type and vaccine dose is given in Table 1.

**Table 1: Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered and coverage in Dili and Timor-Leste by vaccine brand and doses as of 15:00hrs 11/08/2021**

		Dose	AZ	SV	Total	Coverage
Timor-Leste	1 <sup>st</sup> Dose		288,198	39,796	327,994	43.5%
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose		94,936	20,965	115,901	15.4%
	Total		383,134	60,761	443,895	
Dili	1st Dose		109,187	39,096	148,283	<b>69.4%</b>
	2nd Dose		78,656	20,784	99,440	<b>46.5%</b>
	Total		<b>187,843</b>	<b>59,880</b>	<b>247,723</b>	

**Table 2: Number of individuals vaccinated and AEFI by sex as of 15:00 hrs 11/08/2021**

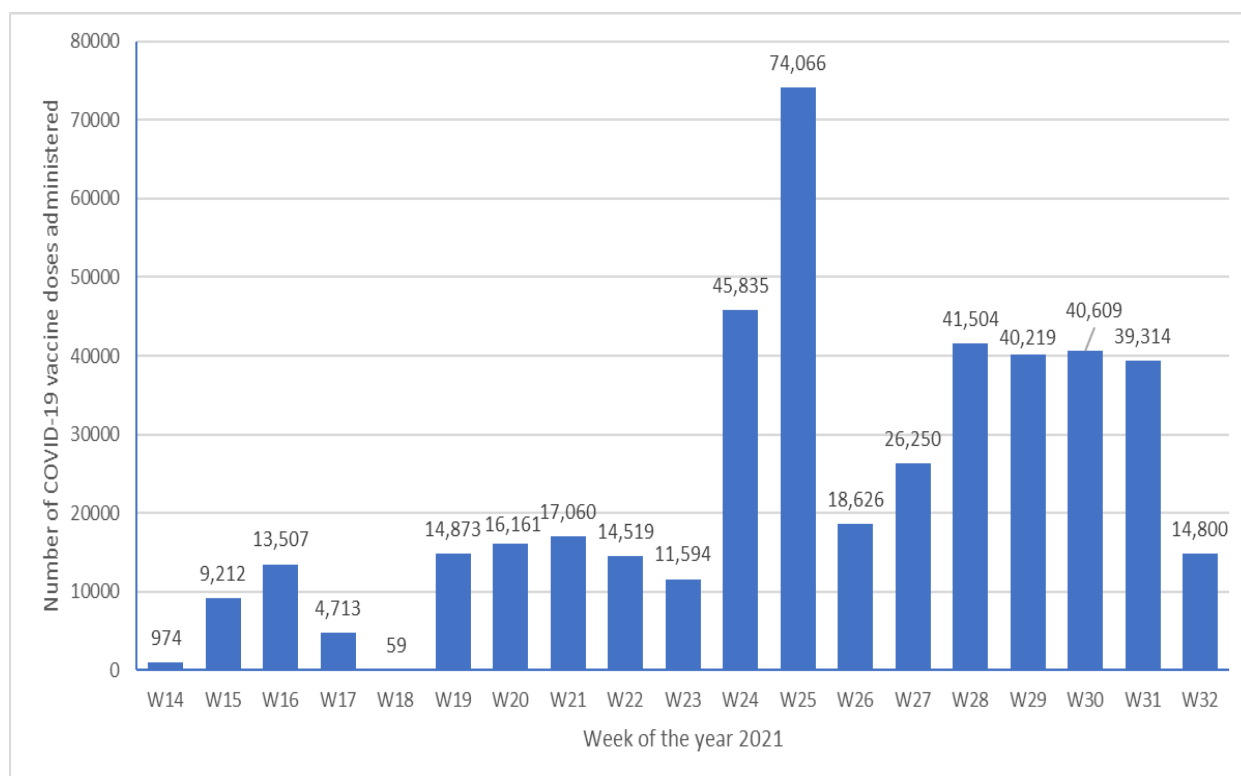
Municipality	Number Vaccinated						AEFI		
	First Dose			Second Dose			Male	Female	Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Dili	84,305	63,978	148,283	56,888	42,552	99,440	14	19	33
Aileu	4,330	2,883	7,213	596	281	877	1	0	1
Ainaro	4,039	2,946	6,985	573	339	912	0	0	0
Baucau	13,808	10,818	24,626	1,491	765	2,256	0	0	0
Bobonaro	9,814	7,535	17,349	1,526	731	2,257	4	5	9
Covalima	12,384	10,792	23,176	900	391	1,291	6	6	12
Ermera	7,075	4,170	11,245	949	535	1,484	0	0	0
Lautem	6,494	5,590	12,084	638	381	1,019	2	0	2
Liquica	7,010	5,691	12,701	751	455	1,206	0	1	1
Manatuto	5,732	4,285	10,017	619	257	876	2	0	2
Manufahi	6,942	4,661	11,603	663	246	909	0	0	0
Viqueque	11,953	10,849	22,802	1,067	464	1,531	0	0	0
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	10,675	9,235	19,910	1,248	595	1,843	0	0	0
<b>Total (without Dili)</b>	<b>100,256</b>	<b>79,455</b>	<b>179,711</b>	<b>11,021</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>16,461</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total (Timor-Leste)</b>	<b>184,561</b>	<b>143,433</b>	<b>327,994</b>	<b>67,909</b>	<b>47,992</b>	<b>115,901</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>60</b>

**Table 3. Number of individuals among eligible population (18 years and above\*) vaccinated in Timor-Leste with COVID-19 vaccine and coverage as of 15:00hrs 11/08/2021**

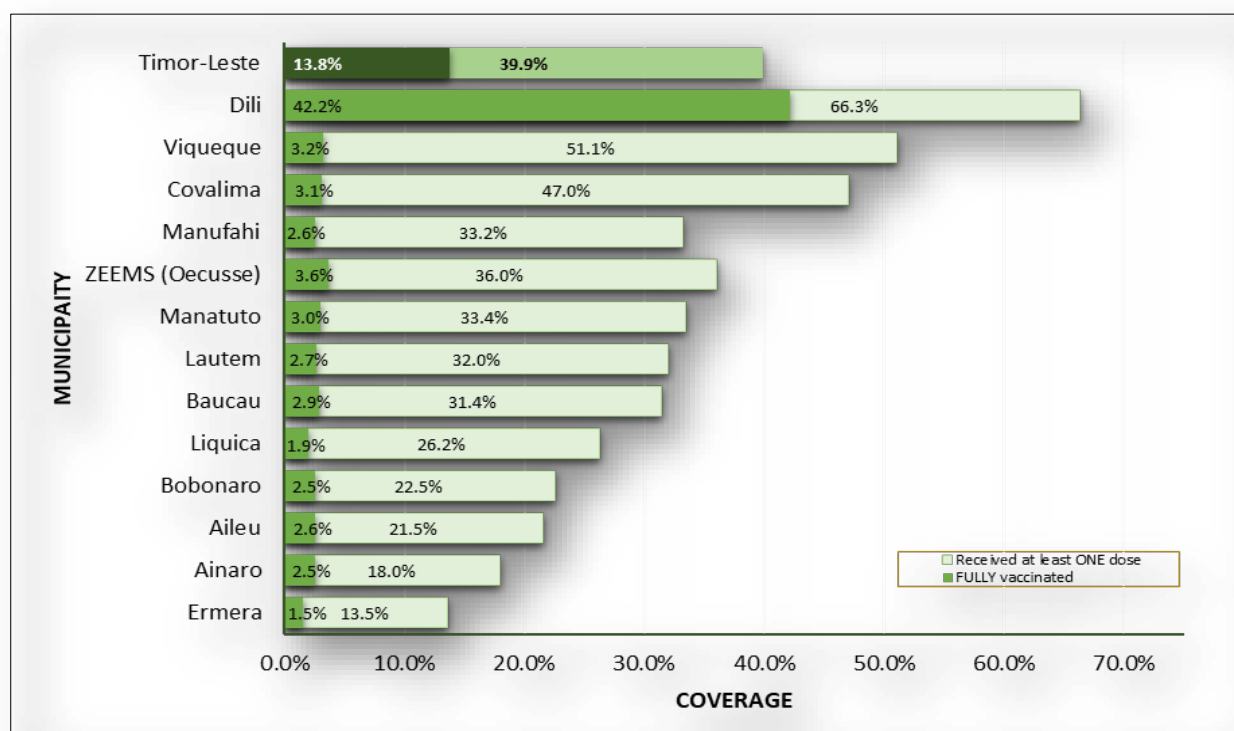
Municipality	Eligible Population			Number vaccinated & Coverage											
	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Total	First Dose						Second Dose					
				High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	Coverage	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Coverage	Total	Coverage	High Risk Groups (20% Pop.)	Coverage	18-59y no comorbidity (80% Pop.)	Coverage	Total	Coverage
Dili	29,980	183,822	213,802	49,816	166.2%	98,467	53.6%	148,283	69.4%	27,731	92.5%	71,709	39.0%	99,440	46.5%
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	3,390	53.9%	3,823	15.3%	7,213	23.1%	783	12.4%	94	0.4%	877	2.8%
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	2,267	30.6%	4,718	17.0%	6,985	19.9%	782	10.6%	130	0.5%	912	2.6%
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	8,754	48.3%	15,872	28.8%	24,626	33.6%	1,832	10.1%	424	0.8%	2256	3.1%
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	7,069	53.3%	10,280	23.6%	17,349	30.6%	1,589	12.0%	668	1.5%	2257	4.0%
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	7,512	86.1%	15,664	49.7%	23,176	57.6%	1,127	12.9%	164	0.5%	1291	3.2%
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	4,309	30.0%	6,936	11.4%	11,245	15.0%	933	6.5%	551	0.9%	1484	2.0%
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	4,202	49.7%	7,882	28.2%	12,084	33.2%	716	8.5%	303	1.1%	1019	2.8%
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	3,063	31.9%	9,638	27.1%	12,701	28.1%	709	7.4%	497	1.4%	1206	2.7%
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	3,534	52.7%	6,483	29.9%	10,017	35.2%	666	9.9%	210	1.0%	876	3.1%
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	5,496	72.4%	6,107	23.7%	11,603	34.8%	648	8.5%	261	1.0%	909	2.7%
Viqueque	9,408	32,534	41,942	7,867	83.6%	14,935	45.9%	22,802	54.4%	1,108	11.8%	423	1.3%	1531	3.7%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	11,034	32,905	43,939	8,593	77.9%	11,317	34.4%	19,910	45.3%	1,608	14.6%	235	0.7%	1,843	4.2%
<b>Total (without Dili)</b>	<b>120,967</b>	<b>420,098</b>	<b>541,065</b>	<b>66,056</b>	<b>54.6%</b>	<b>113,655</b>	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>179,711</b>	<b>33.2%</b>	<b>12,501</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>16,461</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Total (Timor-Leste)</b>	<b>150,947</b>	<b>603,920</b>	<b>754,867</b>	<b>115,872</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>212,122</b>	<b>35.12%</b>	<b>327,994</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>40,232</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>75,669</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>115,901</b>	<b>15.4%</b>

\*Based on 2021 population projections. Population with Comorbidity 12.5% among 30-59y based on 2016 DHS data  
High Risk Groups (20% of the population) - Healthcare staff, other front line staff, aged 60y and above, and 18-59y with comorbidity  
18-59y with no comorbidity (80% of the population)

**Figure 1: Weekly progress of vaccination in Timor-Leste during as of 15:00 hrs 11/08/2021**



**Table 4: COVID-19 vaccine coverage by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 15:00hrs 11/08/2021**



## 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.

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL MEASURES

### **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.

## WHO TIMOR-LESTE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

**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)