



Data as reported by 25 August 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **2141** new cases of COVID-19 since the last time of reporting (18.08.2021) – this takes the total tally of COVID-19 cases to **15,296**. 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](#).
- The Case Management vertical – Pillar 7 – for COVID-19 response, under the National Directorate for Hospital Support Services (DNASH) and financial support from WHO is conducting a five-days training on "Infection Prevention and Control" and "Basic Respiratory and Ventilator Management" as well as "Case Management of COVID 19 Response" at Oe-cusse Referral Hospital. The training was led by DNASH and HNGV with technical support from WHO and St. John of God.
- To maintain essential health services in the other areas of health, the (MoH) with technical support from WHO and financial assistance from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has begun the Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS) for lymphatic filariasis (LF), soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH), yaws, and scabies in 57 schools in three municipalities – Baucau, Manatuto and Viqueque. The survey results will help the MoH to make a programmatic decision towards achieving the goal of NTD elimination and control in Timor-Leste. TAS was completed in Covalima, Bobonaro, and Ainaro in 2020. The findings revealed zero LF and yaws cases, a limited number of scabies, and a low STH prevalence in the three municipalities. TAS have completed in two municipalities – Baucau and Viqueque and now will continue in schools in Manatuto until the end of August.
- The MoH reported 11 more COVID-19 deaths since the last time of reporting (24.08.2021). The COVID-19 death toll now stands at **51**.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

15,296 confirmed (**1780** new)
11,192 recovered (**584** new)
4,502 active cases
52 deaths

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

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GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

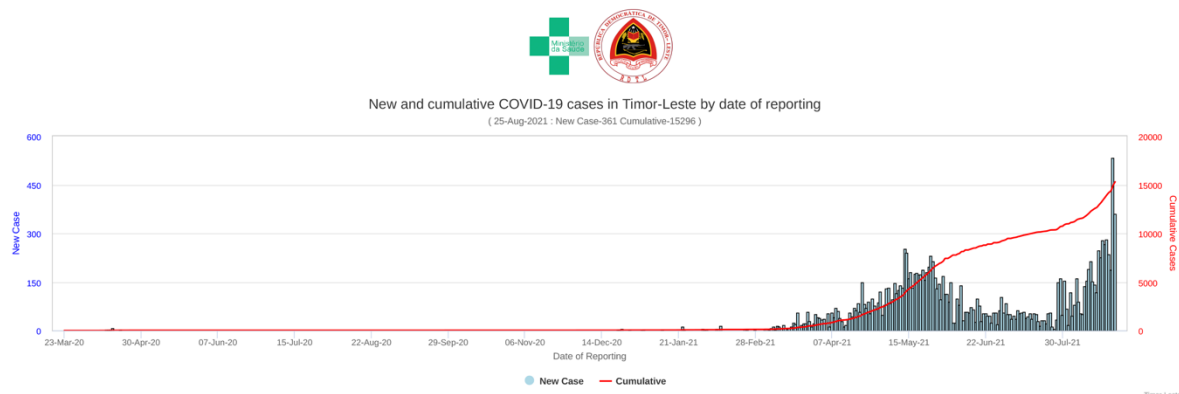
212,357,898
confirmed cases

4,439,843
deaths

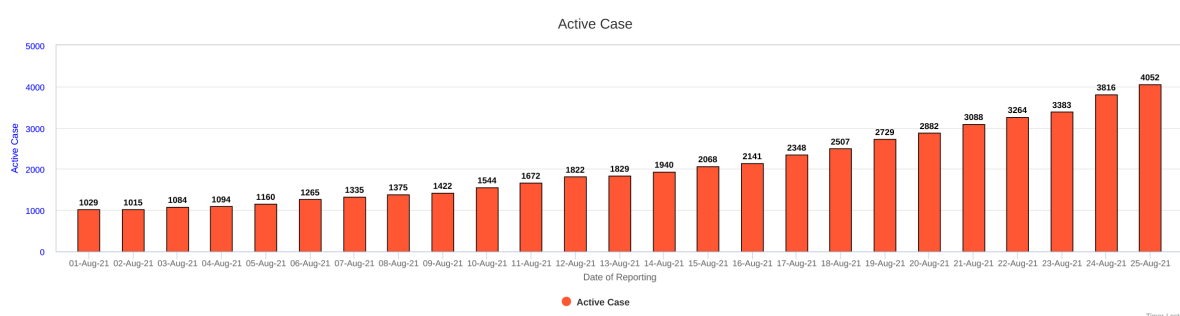
4,619,976,274
vaccine doses

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

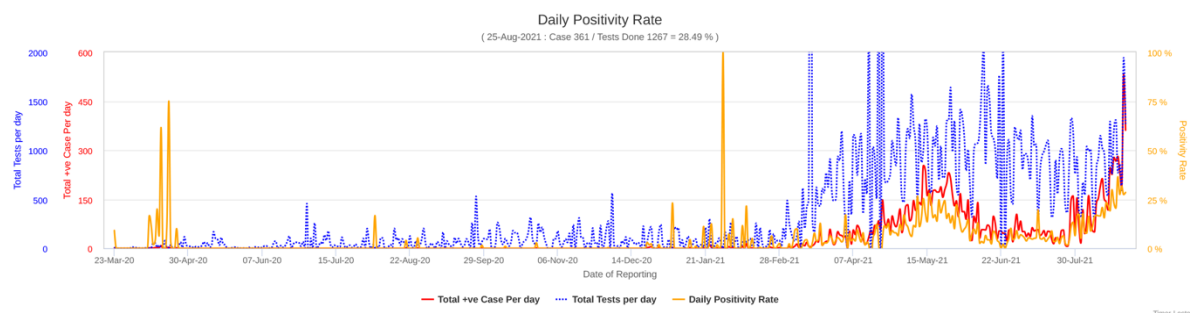
- The cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases stand at 15296. As of 24 August 2021, there were 4177 active cases, with a daily incidence rate of 17.9/100,000 population.



- In the last seven days, Timor-Leste reported the highest number of cases. A total of 2140 cases were reported of which 71 cases needed hospitalization and there were 12 deaths.



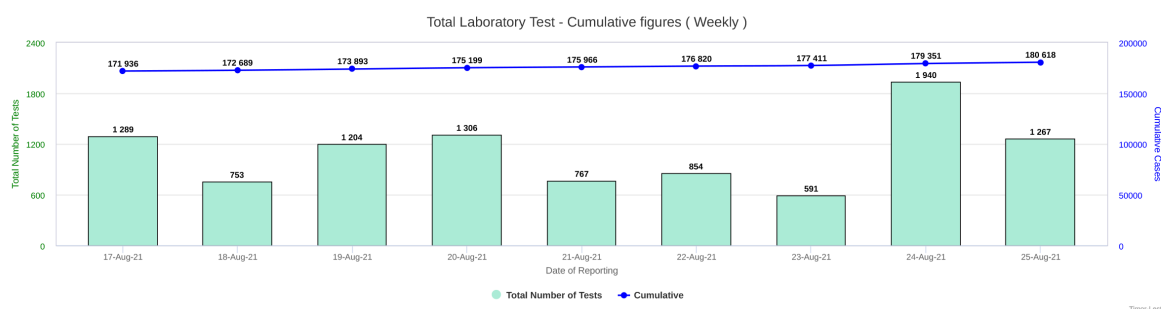
- The number of new cases is increasing at an alarming rate with a significant proportion of health workers being infected, including those working directly on managing COVID-19 patients in critical care settings.
- The latest figures showed that the national 7-day average daily test positivity rate has increased from 19% since the previous reporting period to 27%



- While cases were on a downward trend during the last reporting period, with the spread of the Delta variant being confirmed in Ermera and Dili, some municipalities have reported an increase in the number of daily cases such as Covalima and Baucau. It is most likely that the surge in infection is due to the Delta variant.
- The low number of recovered cases and the continuous increase in new cases means that isolation facilities and critical care capacities are stretched. As the infection continues to rise across the country, the numbers of moderate and severe cases are likely to increase, and it may also translate to the rise in death toll.
- The recent genomic analysis report indicates that out of 45 samples successfully sequenced of which 37 were positive for the Delta variant (B.1.617.2) of SARS-nCoV2.
- Vaccination remains the primary strategy of the government response, with the rollout being scaled up in all municipalities.
- Distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 24 August 2021.

Municipality	New Case	Cumulative Case	New Recovered	Cumulative Recovered	New Deceased	Cumulative Deceased	Active Case
Aileu	0	96	0	58	0	0	38
Ainaro	10	150	3	77	0	0	73
Baucau	28	969	11	748	0	1	220
Bobonaro	12	386	4	298	0	4	84
Covalima	7	643	5	309	0	0	334
Dili	270	10938	66	8673	1	43	2222
Ermera	1	1047	0	305	0	1	741
Lautem	4	74	0	60	0	0	14
Liquiça	0	92	0	26	0	1	65
Manatuto	8	128	0	90	0	0	38
Manufahi	7	207	15	109	0	0	98
Oecusse	6	189	21	101	0	1	87
Viqueque	8	377	2	338	0	1	38
Total	361	15296	124	11192	1	52	4052

- As of 24 August 2021, **179,351** 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 (25 afternoon August 2021), in total 557,577 COVID-19 vaccine doses comprising 375,602, first doses (coverage 49.8%) and 181,975, second doses (coverage 24.1%) 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 10:00 hrs 25/08/2021

	Dose	AZ	SV	Total	Coverage
Timor-Leste	1 st Dose	331,483	44,119	375,602	49.8%
	2 nd Dose	153,545	28,430	181,975	24.1%
	Total	485,028	72,549	557,577	
Dili	1 st Dose	112,819	43,419	156,238	73.1%
	2 nd Dose	90,285	27,999	118,284	55.3%
	Total	203,104	71,418	274,522	

Table 2: Number of individuals vaccinated and AEFI by gender as of 10:00 hrs 25/08/2021

Municipality	Number Vaccinated						AEFI		
	First Dose			Second Dose			Male	Female	Total
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Dili	88,602	67,636	156,238	67,137	51,147	118,284	14	19	33
Aileu	4,847	3,264	8,111	1,890	1,099	2,989	1	0	1
Ainaro	4,608	3,349	7,957	1,850	1,300	3,150	0	0	0
Baucau	19,270	15,528	34,798	7,539	5,351	12,890	0	0	0
Bobonaro	12,804	10,107	22,911	3,272	2,045	5,317	4	6	10
Covalima	13,302	11,601	24,903	3,084	2,361	5,445	7	6	13
Ermera	11,395	7,041	18,436	3,603	2,130	5,733	0	0	0
Lautem	7,290	6,206	13,496	2,330	1,885	4,215	2	0	2
Liquica	8,056	6,409	14,465	2,740	1,902	4,642	0	1	1
Manatuto	6,795	4,925	11,720	2,046	1,302	3,348	2	0	2
Manufahi	6,978	4,645	11,623	2,544	1,420	3,964	0	0	0
Viqueque	13,384	12,271	25,655	4,085	3,088	7,173	2	0	2
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	13,293	11,996	25,289	2,816	2,009	4,825	0	0	0
Total (without Dili)	122,022	97,342	219,364	37,799	25,892	63,691	18	13	31
Total (Timor-Leste)	210,624	164,978	375,602	104,936	77,039	181,975	32	32	64

Table 3. Number of individuals among eligible population (18 years and above*) vaccinated in Timor-Leste with COVID-19 vaccine and coverage as of 10:00hrs 25/08/2021

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	50,647	168.9%	105,591	57.4%	156,238	73.1%	30,186	100.7%	88,098	47.9%	118,284	55.3%
Aileu	6,292	24,943	31,235	3,717	59.1%	4,394	17.6%	8,111	26.0%	1,705	27.1%	1,284	5.1%	2,989	9.6%
Ainaro	7,410	27,726	35,136	2,403	32.4%	5,554	20.0%	7,957	22.6%	1,432	19.3%	1,718	6.2%	3,150	9.0%
Baucau	18,141	55,175	73,316	10,998	60.6%	23,800	43.1%	34,798	47.5%	5,249	28.9%	7,641	13.8%	12,890	17.6%
Bobonaro	13,268	43,476	56,744	7,825	59.0%	15,086	34.7%	22,911	40.4%	2,915	22.0%	2,402	5.5%	5,317	9.4%
Covalima	8,725	31,503	40,228	7,762	89.0%	17,141	54.4%	24,903	61.9%	3,186	36.5%	2,259	7.2%	5,445	13.5%
Ermera	14,350	60,793	75,143	5,490	38.3%	12,946	21.3%	18,436	24.5%	1,820	12.7%	3,913	6.4%	5,733	7.6%
Lautem	8,455	27,963	36,418	4,483	53.0%	9,013	32.2%	13,496	37.1%	1,859	22.0%	2,356	8.4%	4,215	11.6%
Liquica	9,588	35,597	45,185	3,364	35.1%	11,101	31.2%	14,465	32.0%	1,469	15.3%	3,173	8.9%	4,642	10.3%
Manatuto	6,701	21,718	28,419	3,679	54.9%	8,041	37.0%	11,720	41.2%	1,456	21.7%	1,892	8.7%	3,348	11.8%
Manufahi	7,595	25,766	33,361	4,989	65.7%	6,634	25.7%	11,623	34.8%	2,342	30.8%	1,622	6.3%	3,964	11.9%
Viqueque	9,408	32,534	41,942	8,436	89.7%	17,219	52.9%	25,655	61.2%	3,385	36.0%	3,788	11.6%	7,173	17.1%
ZEEMS (Oecusse)	11,034	32,905	43,939	9,748	88.3%	15,541	47.2%	25,289	57.6%	2,891	26.2%	1,934	5.9%	4,825	11.0%
Total (without Dili)	120,967	420,098	541,065	72,894	60.3%	146,470	34.9%	219,364	40.5%	29,709	24.6%	33,982	8.1%	63,691	11.8%
Total (Timor-Leste)	150,947	603,920	754,867	123,541	81.8%	252,061	41.74%	375,602	49.8%	59,895	39.7%	122,080	20.2%	181,975	24.1%

* 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 10:00 hrs 25/08/2021

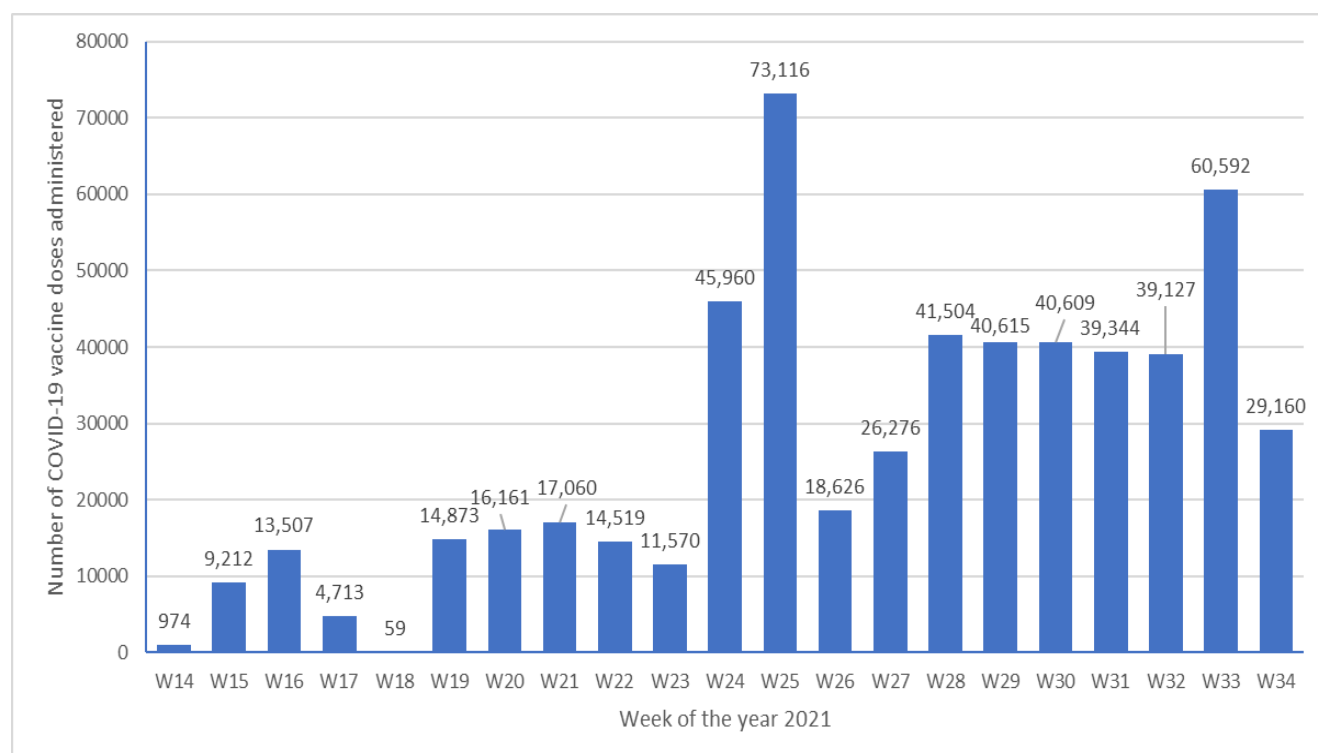
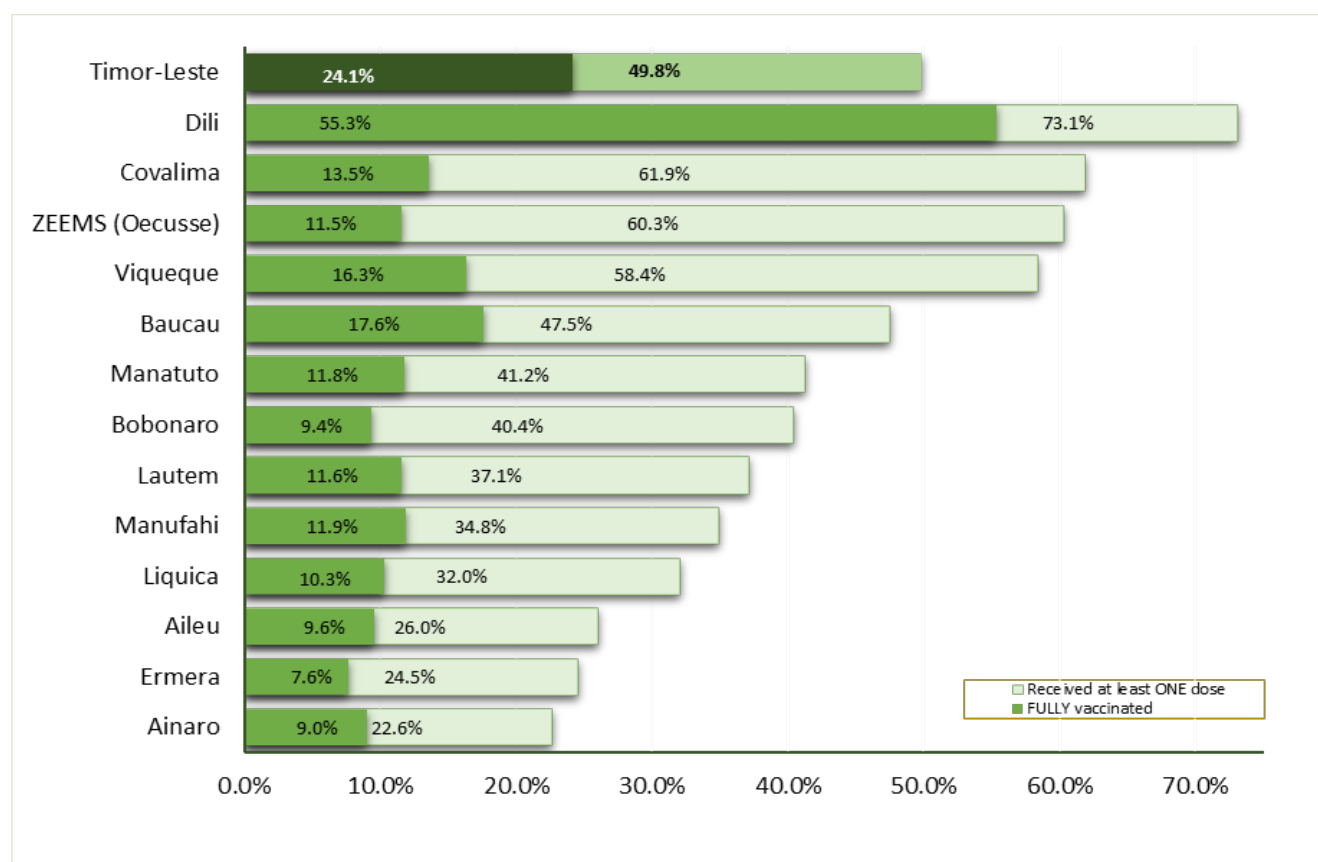


Table 4: COVID-19 vaccine coverage by municipality in Timor-Leste as of 10:00hrs 25/08/2021



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](#).

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 and hasane@who.int