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Decree Law No. 17 Of 1990 On Protection from Infectious Diseases & CoVID 19 Update in Qatar

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Section 2

Health measures to prevent infectious diseases

Article (3)

- If a person was infected or suspected of having an infectious disease, it is imposed to notify immediately and by the fastest possible way the nearest medical center or hospital in accordance with the provisions of this law, the implementation decisions and executive lists. Also, the medical center or the hospital shall inform the competent health authority.

Article (4)

The imposed notification mentioned in the previous article is the duty of every doctor who examined the infected or the suspected of infectious disease, also it is the duty of the paterfamilias or accommodation provider, director of the university, college or school or his representative; the immediate supervisor in the work if the infection suspected has occurred on duty and the foreign sponsor, whether the infected or the suspected is in the country or abroad, when known by anyone of them.

Article (5)

The competent health authority, when receives a notification about the infection, the suspect of having an infectious disease, or detects the presence of disease or suspect on that, must immediately take the necessary measures to prevent its spread.

Article (6)

The competent health authority may isolate the infected or the suspected of having an infectious disease in the hospital or the determined place and for an expected period or impose him and his contacts to the health surveillance. It may due to the nature of work of the subjected to the health surveillance or because their unwillingness to implement its special measures, decide to change the isolation by surveillance.

The Minister may, by decision, determine the precautions mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs which must be followed for the diseases of the three sections of the table annexed to this law; And, to determine the measures of health monitoring and the necessary vaccinations to prevent the spread of infection.

Article (7)

- The competent health authority may, at any time, isolate the infected, suspected of having an infectious disease, their contacts and who carry the disease germ, from practicing their jobs until proving they are free from the infectious causes. This isolation is mandatory for the employees who manufacture, prepare or transport the food substances and beverages.
- It is prohibited for the isolated from their jobs to return to work except who have permission from the competent health authority. The immediate supervisor, employer or his responsible manager shall implement the isolation decision upon acknowledgement.

Article (8)

- It is prohibited to transport the infected by an infectious disease or their objects which may cause the spread of infection from one place to another without authorization from the competent health authority determining the means of transport.

Article (9)

The competent health authority shall take the necessary samples from the infected or suspected of having an infectious disease and their contacts and who carry the disease germs to analyze them and to verify if they are free from infectious causes.

Article (10)

In the emergence of infectious disease, the Minister, by decision, may consider a party infected with this disease; in this case, the competent health authority shall take all necessary precautions to prevent the infection spread by isolating, decontamination, vaccination surveillance and others Also, it may prevent any kind of public meetings, destroys polluted food and beverages, removes the dispensers of drinking water, public water fountain and taps; close the wells, markets, schools, public cafes or any institution or place runned and deemed as danger to the public health.

Article (11) & Article (12)

- It is mandatory to take into consideration the preventive measures determined by the competent health authority to move, bury or transfer the corpses due to their infection by one of the infectious diseases.
- The Minister may decide to limit the treatment of certain infectious diseases in the governmental medical institutions only, and not in the private health institutions.

Article (14)

The Minister issue, by a proposal from the competent health authority, the necessary decisions to regulate the followings:

1. Isolate, supervise or observe the coming people from abroad.
2. Determine the health requirements that must be met for the entry of goods, articles and imported materials into the country.
3. Determine the necessary preventive measures to prevent the transmission of infection from human, animal, insect or by any other means.

Article (19)

Any person may come to the competent health authority to take a vaccine against any disease of the infectious diseases and shall obtain a certificate which proves that.

Section 4 – General provisions

Article (20)

The Manager and staff of the competent health authority, each within its competence, shall be judicial officers to prove the committed violations of the provisions of this law and its executive decisions. And, they have, at any time, the right to enter the houses and places suspected of having the disease, to take the necessary measures to prevent its spread, including the isolation of patients and their contacts, doing the necessary vaccination, decontamination the lodgings, furnishings, clothing, baggage, means of transportation ...etc. They can seek the police agents' assistance s, if necessary.

Article (21)

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided by another law, a penalty of imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months and a fine not more than three thousand Riyal, or one of said penalties, shall apply to whoever infringes the provisions of articles (3),(4)(7/2,3),(8) and (11). And a penalty of imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month and a fine not more than two thousand Riyal or one of said penalties, shall apply to whoever infringes the provision of articles (15/3), (16) and (17).



COVID-19

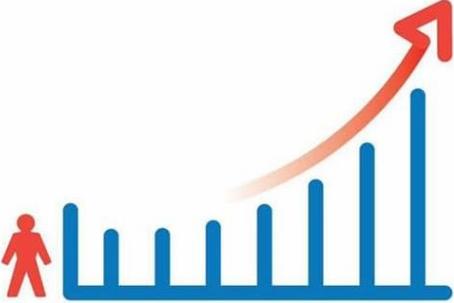
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Qatar CoVID 19 Update

Recently in Qatar we have seen a gradual but worrying increase in the number of new daily COVID-19 infections.



It is more important than ever that people adhere to preventive measures

- Always wear a mask when you go outside your home
- Maintain at least 1.5m distance from others
- Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces
- Wash you hands regularly

MoPH reports 495 Covid-19 recoveries

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The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reported yesterday 463 new confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19), of which 425 were from community cases and 38 from travellers returning from abroad who are subject to quarantine.

The ministry also announced one new death, aged 66, who was receiving the necessary medical care.

The MoPH also recorded 495 recoveries from the virus during the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of cases recovered in Qatar to 150,715. All new cases have been introduced to isolation and are receiving necessary healthcare according to their health status.

Due to the measures put in place by Qatar's government and the support of the public in following preventive steps, Qatar succeeded in suppressing the spread of the virus since its peak in July.

However, over the past month in Qatar we have seen

a gradual and consistent increase in the number of new daily infections. Additionally, and of great concern, is the recent increase in both the number of people admitted to hospital with Covid-19 and the number of people admitted to ICU with Covid-19. The data over the next few days and week will tell us more, but these increases appear to be the early signs of a potential second wave in Qatar.

For this reason, it is more important than ever that people adhere to preventive measures to cut off second wave before it gains momentum.

If numbers of positive cases and hospital admissions continue to increase over the coming week or two, additional restrictions may need to be implemented across the country and we will return to some of the early re-

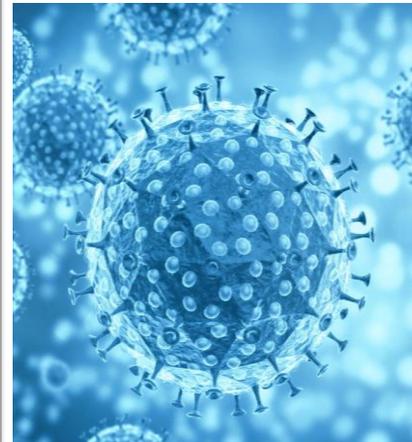
striction phases.

With the recent increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Qatar, it is important for everyone to play their role in controlling the virus by following precautionary measures:

- Adherence to physical distancing.
- Avoid close contact with others, crowded places and confined closed spaces where other people congregate.

- Wearing a face mask.
- Washing hands regularly.

Anyone suffering from Covid-19 symptoms should contact 16000 helpline immediately. This is important as the earlier the disease is detected the easier it will be to receive the right treatment and recover from it. Visit the MoPH website for regular updates and new information.



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Covid-cured not on priority list for vaccination: official

Those who have recovered from Covid-19 are not given priority in the vaccination against the pandemic, Dr Muna al-Maslamani, medical director of the Communicable Disease Center at Hamad Medical Corporation, told Qatar TV yesterday.

"This is based on the fact that studies indicate they acquire immunity that could last for some time against the virus and considering the limited supply of the vaccines," she explained.

However, she stressed that people need to strictly abide by the preventive and precautionary measures until herd immunity is achieved in the society. Dr al-Maslamani also highlighted the safety of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines and the similarities between them.

Dr Ahmed al-Mohamed, acting medical director of Hazm Mebaireek General Hospital, also told Qatar TV yesterday that cases of Covid-19 infection has recently gone up, with an increase in those which require hospitalisation and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) treatment.

"There are currently 50 patients in the ICU and other sections. There are plenty of beds available, including



Dr Ahmed al-Mohamed talking to Qatar TV yesterday.

ICU beds with an easier possibility for timely expansion just in case.

"Currently, as many as 1,200 beds are dedicated for Covid-19 patients, including 200 ICU beds, of which only 50 are occupied now. Further, there are around 100-190 ICU beds kept as reserve.

"In the recent weeks 9-15 cases are being admitted daily to the ICU while the majority of cases require simple treatment and quarantine only. People should seek medical care as soon as they feel any symptoms, especially the elderly, and do not wait until their condition deteriorates, requiring more treatment."



Dr Muna al-Maslamani on Qatar TV yesterday.

Dr al-Mohamed reiterated that the quarantine exemptions for those who took two doses of the vaccine applies only for those vaccinated in Qatar to guarantee the safety, authenticity and security of the process.

He also advised people to be reasonable and accept the outcome of science regarding the safety of Covid-19 vaccines as millions around the world have already taken it with no negative or severe side effects.

"Some studies show that one dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine provide more than 70% protection, but two doses are given to ensure full protection," Dr al-Mohamed added.

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What is the latest information on the number of cases in Qatar?

- 1,505,646: Total number of people tested for COVID-19 in Qatar
- 9917: Total active cases in Qatar
- 463: Total number of new cases in the last 24 hours
- 643: Number currently under acute hospital care
- 85: Number currently in ICU
- 150,715 Total number of recovered patients
- 257: Total number of deaths in Qatar

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MoPH highlights various aspects of Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna Covid-19 vaccines

Pfizer

- Extensive clinical trials on tens of thousands of people have shown the vaccine to be safe
- Millions of people around the world have already safely received the vaccine
- Around 95% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection after two doses
- Two doses, 21 days apart
- Adults 16 years and over
- Numerous approvals, including:
 - Ministry of Public Health, Qatar
 - US Food and Drug Administration
 - European Union
 - United Kingdom

moderna

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- Millions of people around the world have already safely received the vaccine
- Around 95% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection after two doses
- Two doses, 28 days apart
- Adults 18 years and over
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 - Ministry of Public Health, Qatar
 - US Food and Drug Administration
 - European Union
 - United Kingdom

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has issued an infographic highlighting various aspects of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines and their differences. The Primary Health Care Corporation yesterday commenced administering the Moderna vaccine at three of its health centres: Al Wajba, Lebaib and Thumama. The Covid-19 vaccination drive in Qatar began in December last year with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

List of COVID restrictions

1. Continuing with the Cabinet decision, which requires that, depending on the need for work, no more than 80 percent of the total number of employees in the government sector working at their workplace, while the remaining number of employees work remotely from their homes or upon request, depending on the circumstances.
2. Continuing the Cabinet decision, which requires that, depending on the need for work, no more than 80 percent of the total number of employees in the private sector working at their workplace, while the remaining number of them work remotely from their homes.
3. Continuing the Cabinet decree, as for employees and workers in the government and private sectors to allow meetings to be held with the attendance of no more than 15 persons, and to adhere to procedures and precautionary measures.
4. All citizens and residents to continue wearing masks when leaving the house for any reason, unless the person is alone while driving a vehicle.
5. All citizens and residents continue to activate the EHTERAZ application on smartphones when leaving the house for any reason.

6. Continuing the opening of Mosques for daily prayers and Friday prayers, while toilets and ablution facilities remain closed.
7. No more than 5 people in closed places and no more than 15 people in open places, during visits, in condolences and in gatherings.
8. No more than 15 people in winter camps.
9. Not to hold wedding parties in closed and open spaces until further notice, this excludes home or majlis weddings, in the presence of no more than 10 people in closed places and 20 people in open spaces who are relatives of the spouses, notifying the Ministry of Interior of the date and place of the wedding ceremony and pledging to abide by the procedures and precautionary measures according to the mechanism determined by the ministry.
10. Closure of playgrounds and sports equipment in public parks, beaches and the corniche, with gatherings being limited to 15 people.
11. Continue with the decision of no more than four people allowed in a vehicle, including the driver of the vehicle, with the exception of families when leaving and moving in vehicles.
12. Continuation of what was decided to reduce the number of people who are transported by buses to half the bus capacity, while taking precautions and precautionary measures.
13. Continuing to operate metro services and public transport with a capacity not exceeding 30%.
14. Reducing the capacity of driving schools to not exceeding 25% .
15. Continuing the work of cinemas and theaters with a capacity not exceeding 30% and not allowing entry to persons under 18 years old.
16. Reducing the capacity of educational centers and private training centers to 30%.
17. Reducing the capacity of nurseries and childcare to 30%.
18. Reducing the capacity of public museums and libraries to 50%.

17. Only allow individual educational sessions to be held in centers designated for people with special need.
18. Training for professional sports teams is limited to no more than 40 people in open spaces and 20 people in closed places, with the presence of the audience prohibited.
19. Obtaining prior approval from the Ministry of Public Health to organise local and international sporting events, while prohibiting public attendance in closed spaces and allowing their presence in open spaces with a capacity not exceeding 20%.
20. Obtaining prior approval from the Ministry of Public Health to hold exhibitions, conferences and various events.
21. Continuing the work of commercial complexes with a capacity that does not exceed 50%, with the closure of all common restaurant yards inside the commercial complexes, and allowing these restaurants to make external orders or deliver them inside the restaurant only.
22. Allowing restaurants and cafes to provide food and beverages indoors with a capacity that does not exceed 15%, and restaurants with a “Clean Qatar” programme with a capacity not exceeding 30%, and allowing all restaurants and cafes to provide food and drinks in their open spaces with capacity not exceeding 50%.
23. Stopping the services of renting boats, tourist yachts and pleasure boats. Owners of boats and personal yachts are obligated, if they are used, that no more than 15 people are on board.
24. Reducing the capacity of popular markets to 50%.
25. Reducing the capacity of wholesale markets to 30%.
26. Reducing the capacity of hairdressing and beauty salons to 30%.
27. Closing down amusement parks and all entertainment centers in commercial complexes inside closed places, and allowing them to work in open spaces only, with a capacity not exceeding 30%.
28. Continuing the work of health clubs and physical training clubs with a capacity not exceeding 30%, and the continued provision of massage services in five-star hotels only with a capacity not exceeding 30%, and the closure of saunas and steam rooms, Jacuzzi services and Moroccan and Turkish baths.
29. Closing all indoor swimming pools and indoor water parks, and continuing to operate outdoor swimming pools and outdoor water parks with a capacity not exceeding 30%.
30. The work of private health care facilities continues to provide all their services.

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