ThisSitrepoutlinescurrentinformationontheCOVID-19outbreakinUzbekistan,andsummarizesinternationalpartners’supporttothenationalresponseeffort.

Total Cases: 27,047
Total Recovered: 18,051
Daily new cases: 746
Total Deaths: 165

**Global Info:** Text “Hi” to +41 79 893 18 92 (WhatsApp) for the latest WHO global updates and statistics.

**National Hotline:** 1003 / 103

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Fergana to ease lockdown measures, along with Kashkadarya
- Visas extended until 1 November

**EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATE**

This chart shows the daily increase in confirmed new cases, as well as a 5-day moving average which helps smooth out the ‘noise’ from short-term fluctuations by averaging the data from the last five days reported.

### Cases by regions as of 4 August:

- **Tashkent City:** 16,187 (+512)
- **Syrdarya:** 625
- **Tashkent region:** 3451 (+157)
- **Surkhandarya:** 551
- **Samarkand:** 1125 (+31)
- **Navoiy:** 458 (+14)
- **Andijan:** 1045 (+2)
- **Khorezm:** 399 (+14)
- **Bukhara:** 876
- **Karakalpakstan:** 381 (+5)
- **Namangan:** 768
- **Fergana:** 289
- **Kashkadarya:** 752 (+11)
- **Jizzakh:** 140

**Regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan with reported COVID-19 cases**

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Epidemiological update (cont’d)

- Of the 746 new cases confirmed on 4 August, **23 were identified in quarantine facilities**. Of the remaining 723 cases, **489 were detected in Tashkent City, 157 in Tashkent region, 31 in Andijan, 14 in Khorezm, 14 in Navoiy, 11 in Kashkadarya, five in Karakalpakstan and two in Andijan** (MoH on coronavirus.uz).

- Of the record 748 new cases confirmed on 1 August, **352 were detected in Tashkent City, 236 in Tashkent region, 53 in Samarkand, 20 in Fergana, 18 in Namangan, 16 in Kashkadarya, 13 in Karakalpakstan, 12 in Surkhandarya, 11 in Khorezm, 10 Syrdarya and seven in Andijan** (MoH on coronavirus.uz).

![reported origin of new confirmed cases](chart)

This chart displays the total number of daily new cases, disaggregated by cases reported to have been discovered among the population and those reported in quarantine zones or in incoming truck drivers. Numbers correspond to those reported by the Ministry of Health (MOH) on coronavirus.uz from 31 May. As of 17 July, the MoH has altered reporting categories, and is now reporting cases detected in official quarantine versus those who were reportedly ‘in contact with the sick or had a fever’. It is not clear whether these persons were already home-quarantined or not.

Latest National COVID-19 Response News

- **As of 4 August, 8831 people are being treated in medical institutions**, of which **619 are in serious condition and 155 in extremely serious condition** (gazeta.uz).

- **President urges stronger Makhalla engagement in combating COVID-19**. At a videoconference, the President urged Makhallas to participate in the delivery of suspected COVID-19 cases to hospitals, to clarify quarantine and lockdown requirements and to participate in the implementation of public control (gazeta.uz).

- **Fergana region to ease lockdown measures**. As of 3 August, private preschools, clothing and livestock markets, certain shopping malls and beauty salons are allowed to operate in the region (gazeta.uz).

- **Textile industry starts domestic production of PPE based on cotton**. The products are intended for medical workers, as reported by the Uztekstilprom Association (kun.uz).

- **Visas extended until 1 November**. Foreign citizens who are currently in Uzbekistan on a visa will be allowed to stay until 1 November. Visa validities have previously been extended several times (gazeta.uz).

- **47 billion soums allocated to Samarkand region**. The funds will be distributed among over 10,000 low-income families (kun.uz).

**HEALTH RESPONSE**

**Health Capacity-Building**

- On 6 August, project ECHO of the University of New Mexico together with the CDC and WHO will organize a global webinar on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), focusing on ‘Hand hygiene in healthcare settings in the context of COVID-19’. Experts on IPC as well as faculty of medical institutes and medical workers of private clinics from Uzbekistan will take part in the event.

- **WHO Country Office** opened a Telegram channel for laboratory practitioners, sharing video materials on laboratory diagnostics of COVID-19. Topics covered by the video tutorials include the organization and performance of work in diagnostic laboratories using PCR; safe operation of biosafety cabinets; PPE; the organization of safety of work processes in microbiological laboratories; rules of sampling; and packaging of samples of biological materials. The videos are available in Russian, Uzbek and English.

- On 5 August, a webinar sponsored by the Global
Breastfeeding Collective, WHO and UNICEF was organized in the context of World Breastfeeding Week. Key global experts discussed issues related to investments in breastfeeding support.

Health Procurement & Supply Chain

- With World Bank loan funds, UNDP has procured 500 Pulse Oximeters and 25,000 Disposable Respirators which were delivered them to the Ministry of Health in late July. In addition, a delivery of 19 PCR Real Time Analyzers is planned for late August. Advanced mechanical ventilators (ICU Resuscitation Ventilator models R50 and VG70 with a total value of UDS 570,000) were also procured in line with Ministry of Health-approved quality and technical requirements.

Other Health Support

- Within an EU-funded intervention, UNDP held a contest for the best innovative idea to improve efficient water usage during the pandemic and beyond. Contest winners will be supported in piloting their projects.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE PRIORITIES

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Within an EU-funded intervention, UNDP organized an online training on stress management and effective communication for staff of Public Service Agencies throughout Uzbekistan. The training has been made available on public domains.

Socio-Economic Mitigation

- UNDP is currently initiating integrated business support to entrepreneurs in Uzbekistan.

- UNDP has started Distance Learning Courses on entrepreneurship in four districts of Karakalpakstan. People without internet access can receive course recordings on a flash drive, along with other useful information.