Epidemiology and Disease Control Unit





Report No. 441

Situation Report: Confirmed COVID-19		Location: The Gambia
Date of Report: 16 th - 20 th July 2022		Investigation Start Date: 17 th March 2020 as of 18hrs.
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HIGHLIGHTS

This is the **441**st national situation reports since the confirmation of the first case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in The Gambia, on the **16**th **March 2020**

- No new COVID-19-related death registered, bringing the total to 368 (Crude Case-Fatality Ratio, 3.0%)
- Thirty-three (33) new cases were registered (Cumulative cases 12,078)
- A total of 3, 2, 7, 10 and 11 cases were reported form 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th July 2022 respectively
- The test positivity rate is 5.9% (33/559), NPHL -519(27 positives) and MRCG 40 (6 Positives)
 - o **No** case is currently on oxygen therapy
 - Eleven (11) cases were discharged after at least 10 days monitoring from the day they tested positive but evaded institutional isolation and none from COVID-19 treatment centre
- For COVID-19 vaccination updates, please follow link below:

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COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

right Confirmed Cases: 572,935,141

Recoveries: 542,911,858

- Deaths: 6,398,764

Senegal

Confirmed Cases: 86,986

Recoveries: 84.753

■ Deaths: 1.968

The Gambia

Confirmed Cases: 12,078

Active Cases: 45

Recoveries: 11,665

Deaths: 368

II. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

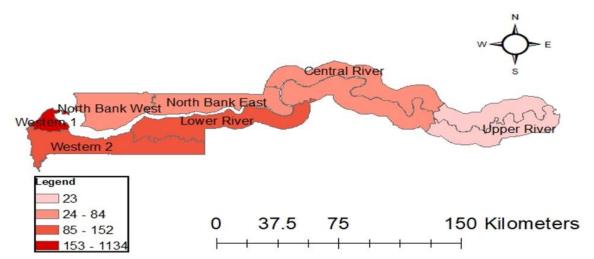


Fig1:Geographic Distribution of Covid-19 per 100,000 Pop.by Region since the start of the Pandemic to 30 iune 2022 in The Gambia

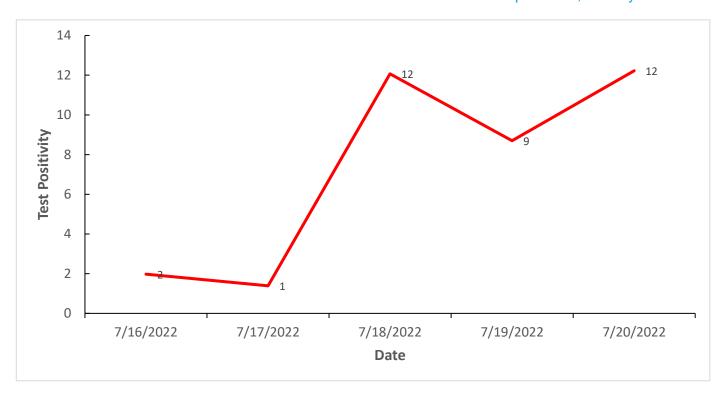


Fig 2: Test positivity of laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, 16/7/2022-20/7/2022, The Gambia, 2022

- Western 1 Health Region has a disproportionately higher number of cases than all the health regions (See Fig. 1)
- Below are the age-sex distribution and the Epi-curve of confirmed cases by date of sample collection,
- respectively (See Fig. 2 and 3)

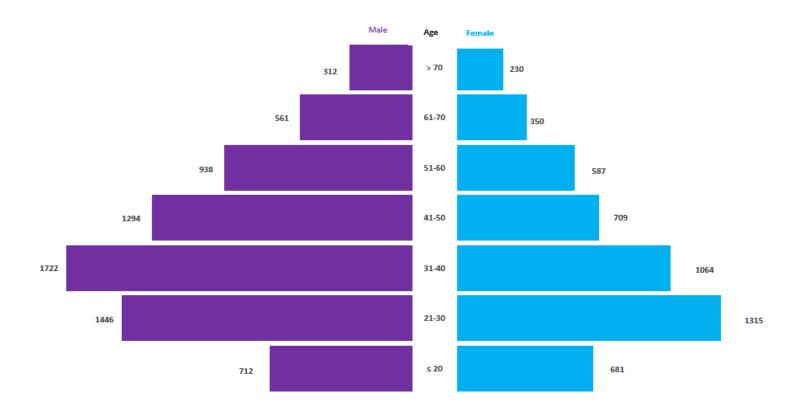


Fig 2: Age-Sex Distribution of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, The Gambia, 2022

^{*}This excludes the 27 confirmed cases whose demographic information are not yet available About 59% of the confirmed cases are males (See Fig. 2)
About 58% of the confirmed cases are 40 years below (See Fig. 2)

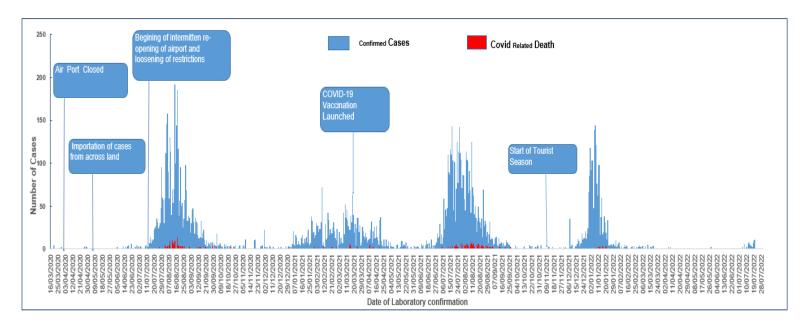


Fig. 3: Epidemic Curve of Laboratory-Confirmed Cases Reported daily, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 16th March 2020-20th July 2022*.

A considerable amount of time elapsed between date of reporting and the date of laboratory confirmation of some cases

- Three main waves of infection occurred the pre airport closure wave, the importation from Senegal wave and the
- intermittent airport re-opening and loosening of restrictions wave

Table 1: Summary of New and Cumulative hospitalized (including those in Intensive Care Unit- ICU) COVID-19 cases, The Gambia, 2022

Hospitalization (Including those in ICU)	Total Cases
Number of cases currently admitted to intensive care unit (ICU)for Covid-	1
Number of all Covid-19 cases who are currently hospitalized in healthcare facilities, including those in intensive care unit (ICU)	1
Cumulative number of covid-19 cases admitted to intensive care unit (ICU)	864
Cumulative number of covid-19 cases hospitalized including those admitted to intensive care (ICU)	3558

Table 2: Summary of New and Cumulative Public Health Response Outputs, COVID-19 Pandemic, The Gambia, 2022

Status	New	Cumulative
No. of active cases in institutional isolation		1
No. of COVID-19 patients on oxygen support		0
No. of patients recovered and discharged		
In Hotel Quarantine		19
Completed Hotel Quarantine		5,240
Completed follow-up (asymptomatic people with travel history to affected countries) *		310
No. of Contact(s) Identified**		
No. of Contacts being monitored	0	
No. of Contacts who completed 14-day follow-up		17,129
No. of Contacts lost to follow-up		58
Total Tests conducted (Repeat Tests)***		172,176
Positive test result (Repeat Tests)***		12,078
Negative test result (Repeat Tests)***		158,681
Inconclusive test result (Repeat Tests)***		

^{*} Follow-up completed prior to the 17th March (when the first confirmed case was reported)

Table 3: Major response activities undertaken newly, COVID-19 Outbreak, The Gambia, 2022

III. MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES			
Component	Interventions		
Coordination	Coordination meetings held at both central and regional levels		
Surveillance/ Laboratory	 A total of 559 new laboratory test results received 519 from NPHL and 40 from MRCG Of these, 17 test result returned inconclusive or indeterminate, 33 new sample tested positive 		
Case Management / Psychosocial Support & Research / IPC	 No new COVID-19 related death recorded No patient was newly discharged from treatment centres No new contacts traced and monitored No case on COVID-19 patient is currently on oxygen therapy 		

IV. GAPS/CHALLENGES:

- CBS activities not replicated in all regions to increase in the number of daily tests being conducted
- Support for innovative countrywide risk communication strategies and activities on COVID-19 is suboptimal
- Dwindling compliance with mask-wearing requirements
- Low turn-out at COVID-19 sample collection sites resulting in fewer number of daily tests
- Denial, misinformation, stigma and discrimination against COVID-19 affected families.
- Low COVID-19 vaccination coverage rate

^{**} Includes both low-risk and high-risk contacts and not mutually exclusive with number quarantined (as some have been quarantined)

^{***} Includes repeat tests in bracket

٧. **NEXT STEPS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Strengthen community-based surveillance in all regions to increase awareness and testing rates
- Intensify risk communication and community engagement activities, on COVID-19 at community level, including at LUMOS, in a bid to curtail community transmission and dispel misinformation and denial and vaccine hesitancy
- IPC measures should be strictly adhered to in all public and private health healthcare facilities
- Intensify activities geared to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage at all levels
- Strengthen the capacity of the National Public Health Laboratories to conduct sequencing to identify new variants from positive samples as the COVID-19 virus evolves.

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