

Data as reported by 09 June 2021

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported **631** new cases of COVID-19 since the last time of reporting (02.06.2021) – this takes the total tally of COVID-19 cases to **7,941**. All patients are admitted to the designated isolation and treatment facilities at Vera Cruz, Tasitolu, Tibar, Lahane, and other government identified isolation hotels. The MoH has also granted permission for some cases for home isolation. For more details, please see the epidemiological update section of this issue.

As on 09 June 2021, the National Health Laboratory (NHL) performed **108,565** COVID-19 tests, including samples collected through targeted mass screenings, inter-district travel-related screenings and active testing in the affected municipalities.

- The surveillance team, as per the national guideline is working on further investigation and contact tracing. More details about the new cases can be found at the Ministry of Health's (MoH) Facebook page, [Palacio das Cinzas](#).
- Timor-Leste received the second batch of COVID-19 vaccines 76,800 from the COVAX facility and 24,000 doses – a contribution from the government of New Zealand under the COVAX vaccine sharing initiative. These vaccines for the 20% of the population identified in the priority group as per the National Vaccine Deployment Plan (NVDP).
- Pillar 2 team, as per the Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP), for COVID-19 response under the MoH, continues to proactively conduct sensitization and advocacy to government, religious institutions, and the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination with support from WHO and UNICEF and several other partners in 13 municipalities.
- The MoH reported two more COVID-19 deaths since the last time of reporting (02.05.2021). The COVID-19 death toll now stands at **18**.

## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**7941** confirmed (**631** new)  
**5985** recovered (**1293** new)  
**1938** active cases  
**18** deaths

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

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More information and guidance by  
WHO regarding the current COVID-  
19 outbreak can be found [here](#).

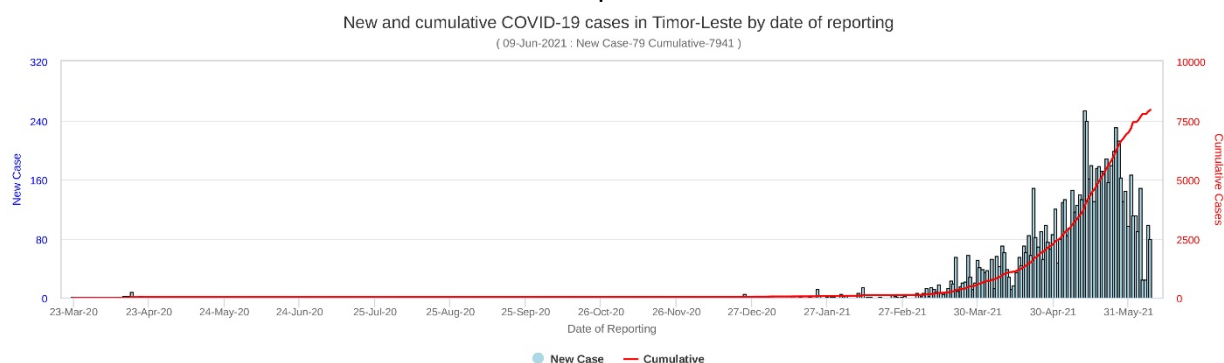
## GLOBAL SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Total (new) cases in last seven  
days

Globally  
**172 637 097** confirmed (**3 016 005**)  
**3 718 944** deaths (**73 807**)

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL UPDATES

- The number of COVID-19 cases has been surging since early March 2021. As of 9 June 2021, 7,941 cases were reported, of which 5,985 have recovered, and 18 deaths reported. Currently, there are 1,938 active cases in the isolation/treatment centres of Tasi Tolu, Vera Cruz and other facilities or at home for isolation and follow up.

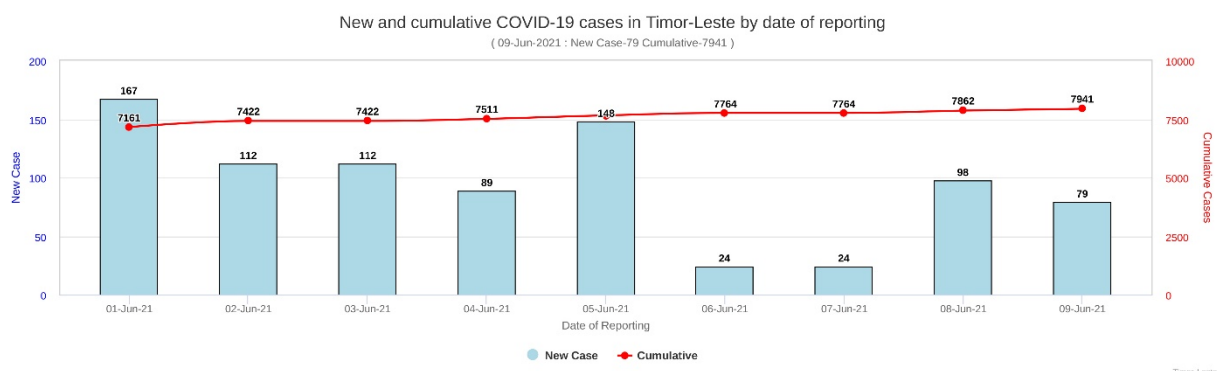


- Table distribution of newly reported, recovered and active cases by municipalities, as of 9 June 2021.

| Municipality | New Case  | Cumulative Case | New Recovered | Cumulative Recovered | New Deceased | Cumulative Deceased | Active Case |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Aileu        | 0         | 29              | 3             | 9                    | 0            | 0                   | 20          |
| Ainaro       | 0         | 44              | 0             | 33                   | 0            | 0                   | 11          |
| Baucau       | 0         | 311             | 0             | 94                   | 0            | 0                   | 217         |
| Bobonaro     | 5         | 203             | 8             | 143                  | 0            | 1                   | 59          |
| Covalima     | 2         | 207             | 21            | 82                   | 0            | 0                   | 125         |
| Dili         | 61        | 6739            | 215           | 5305                 | 0            | 16                  | 1418        |
| Ermera       | 0         | 73              | 0             | 49                   | 0            | 0                   | 24          |
| Lautem       | 0         | 39              | 0             | 21                   | 0            | 0                   | 18          |
| Liquiça      | 0         | 25              | 2             | 23                   | 0            | 1                   | 1           |
| Manatuto     | 1         | 32              | 2             | 27                   | 0            | 0                   | 5           |
| Manufahi     | 0         | 55              | 1             | 55                   | 0            | 0                   | 0           |
| Oecusse      | 0         | 13              | 0             | 8                    | 0            | 0                   | 5           |
| Viqueque     | 10        | 171             | 4             | 136                  | 0            | 0                   | 35          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>7310</b>     | <b>256</b>    | <b>5985</b>          | <b>0</b>     | <b>18</b>           | <b>2602</b> |

- As demonstrated in the above table, majority of the cases (85%) are reported from Dili, followed by Baucau, Covalima, Bobonaro, and Viqueque. In all, 18 deaths have been reported, of which 15 are from Dili, one from Liquica and one from Bobonaro.
- Timor-Leste is currently is at the stage of “community transmission”, with high growth of incident cases. The test positivity rate (TPR) of the previous week was as high as 15.6% (7 DMA – 7 day moving average), which demonstrates epidemic is still not under control.

- As of 2 June 2021, 108,565 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

- As on 09 June 2021, there have been over **103,127** doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered in Timor-Leste. Following the second shipment of AstraZeneca vaccine, phase 2 of the rollout which started on 10 May 2021 and has seen over **90,560** more people in Dili municipality vaccinated with their first dose. Approximately **42%** of people aged 18 years and above in Dili have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

## 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.

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE FOR THE PUBLIC

**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.

### **Use face mask when physical distancing is not possible**

**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)
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