



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (PHEOC), ETHIOPIA

COVID-19 PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN ETHIOPIA

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Epi-Week - 18 (May 02 – 08, 2022)

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I. Highlights

- A total of 159 new confirmed COVID-19 cases were detected in the week bringing the total cases and death to 470,740.
- A total of 20,727 laboratory samples were tested in the Epi-Week-18 bringing the total number of samples tested to 4,812,520.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 11 which is lower than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (15).
- A total of 387,227 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been managed at Home Based Isolation and Care so far; 539 of these were enrolled in the Epi-Week-18.
- The Early Warning and Information System Management Directorate (EWISMD), National PHEOC has conducted fourth round PHEOC and IMS training to build a capacity of regional, zonal, federal police, national defence and university staffs and COVID-19 response and drought related health emergency response IMS staffs in collaboration with ICAP-E and Jimma University in Arbaminch Town from 4-10th May 2022. The objective of the training is to raise awareness and build capacity of public health professionals and leaders to efficiently manage information and resources through Public Health Emergency Operation Center and utilizing IMS. The certificate of successful completion was hand overed to trainees by the EWISMD Director, Mr Zewdu Assefa.



- Preparations are underway to launch the third national round of vaccination campaign against COVID-19 next month.



Figure 1: National COVID-19 and routine vaccination review meeting, May 8, 2022

II. Epidemiological Situation

a. Global Situation

- Globally, the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022.
- During the week of 2 through 8 May 2022, over 3.5 million cases and over 12 000 deaths were reported, decreases of 12% and 25% respectively, as compared to the previous week. However, an increase in the number of new weekly cases was reported from the Region of the Americas (+14%) and the African Region (+12%) and an increase in the number of weekly deaths was reported from the African Region (+84%).
- As of 8 May 2022, over 514 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally.

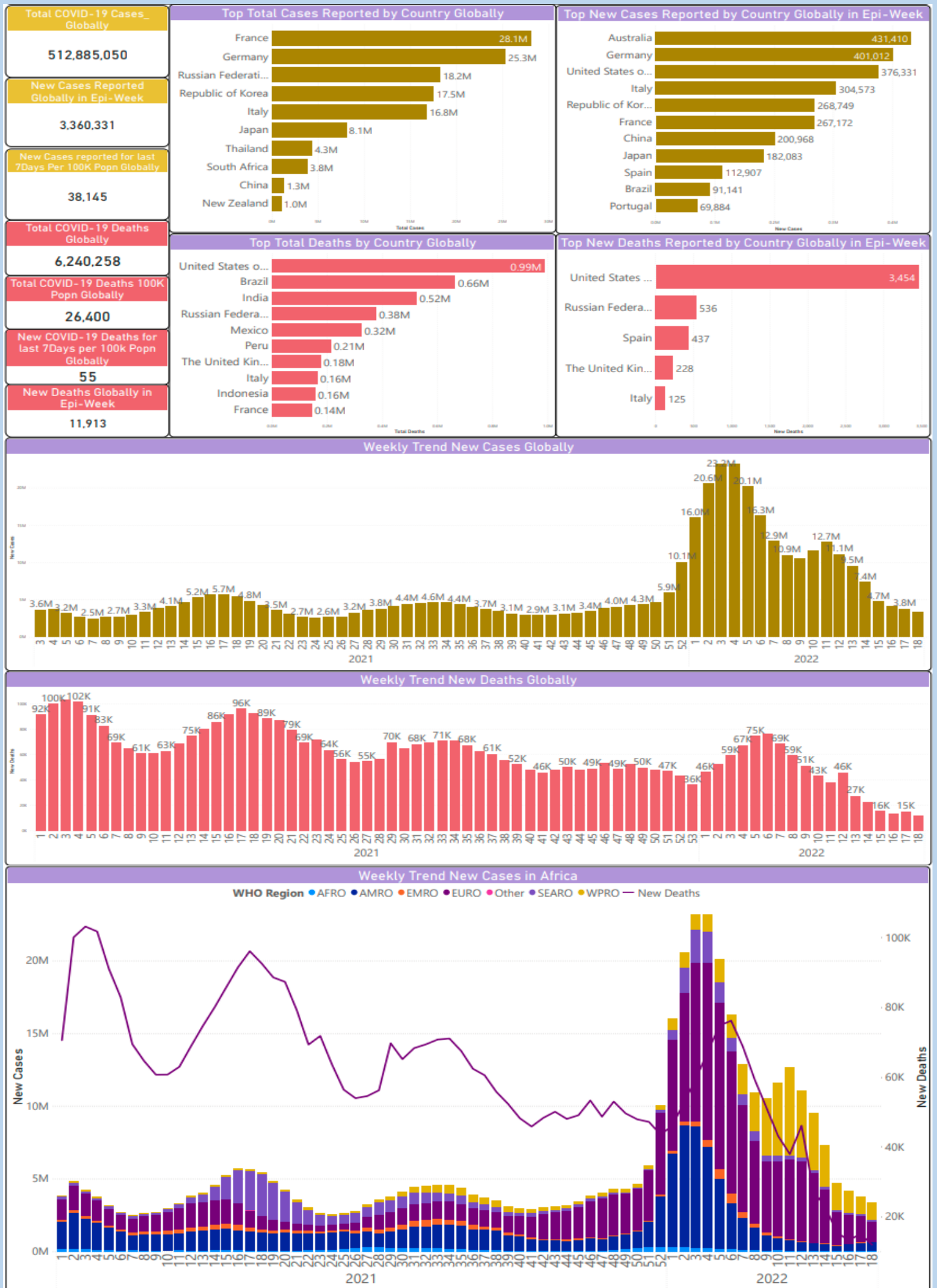


Figure 2: COVID-19 Global Situation Update as of 08 May 2022 (source: WHO)

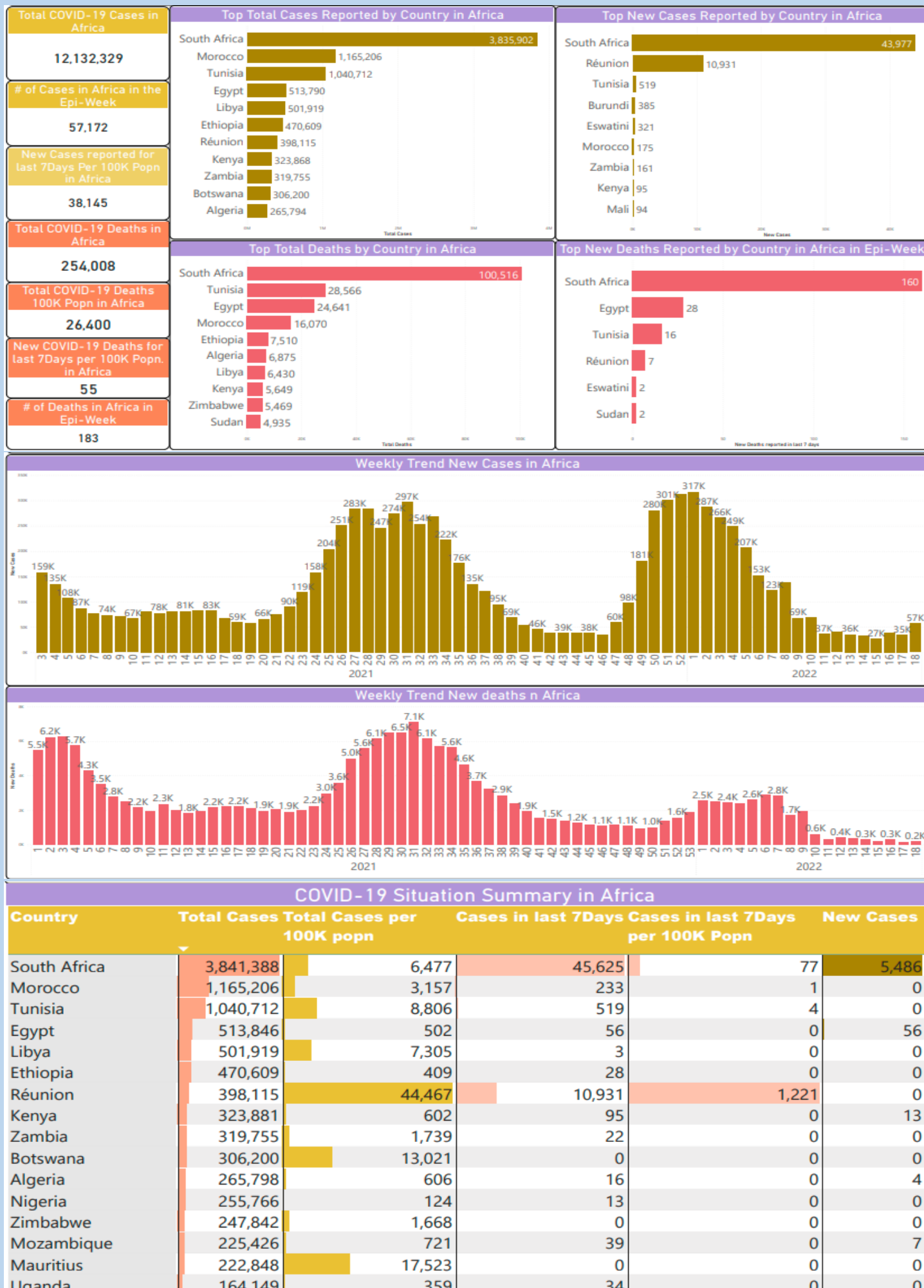


Figure 3: COVID-19 Situation Update in Africa as of May 08, 2022 (Source: WHO)

b. National COVID-19 situation:

- As of May 08, 2022, a total of 470,740 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 7,510 deaths were recorded in the country with a case fatality rate of 1.60%.
- No COVID-19 related death was reported during the Epi-Week-18.
- One-hundred-fifty-nine (159) newly confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported during the Epi-Week-18.
- In this week, there is 8% increase in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases compared to the previous week.
- For detail, see the summary dashboard below.

NB: Data from Tigray regional state is as of June 28, 2021.

SWEP: South West Ethiopia Peoples' Regional State

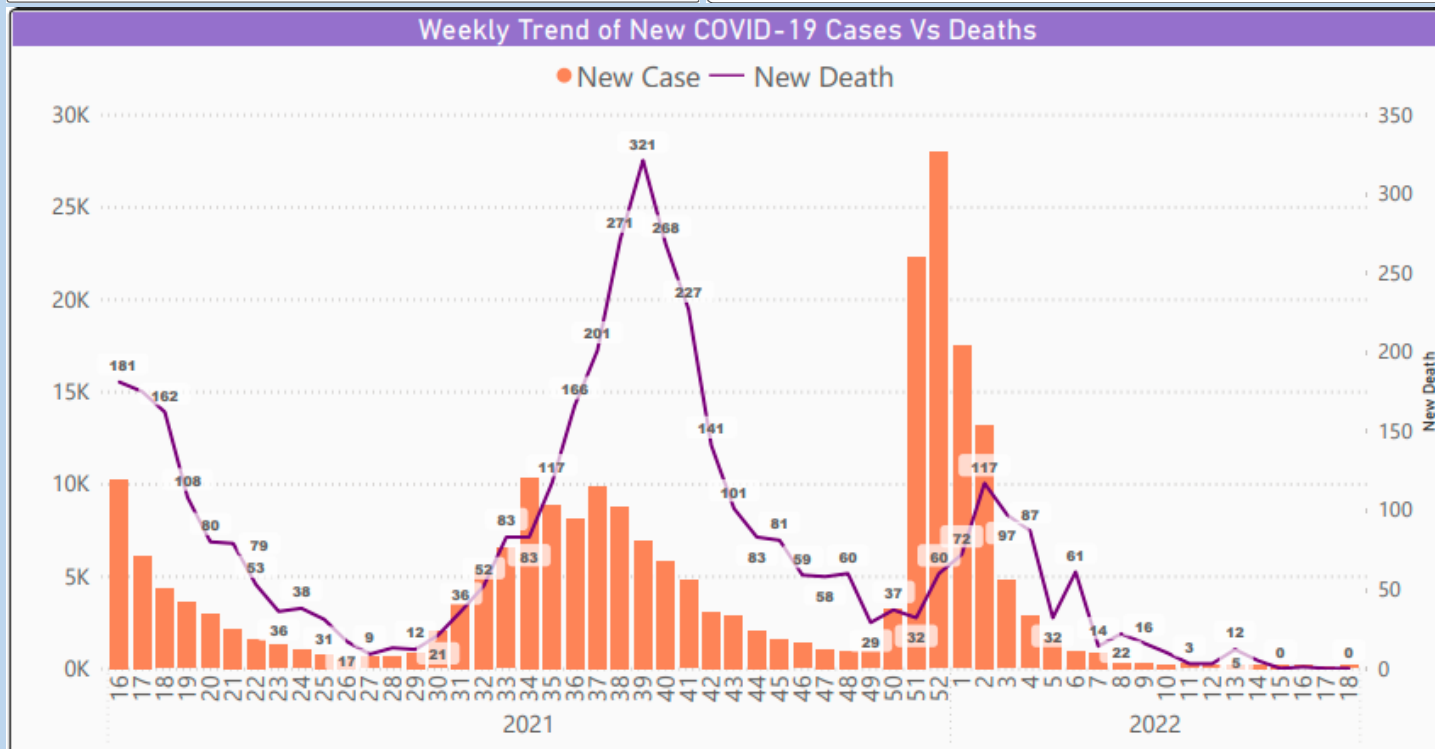
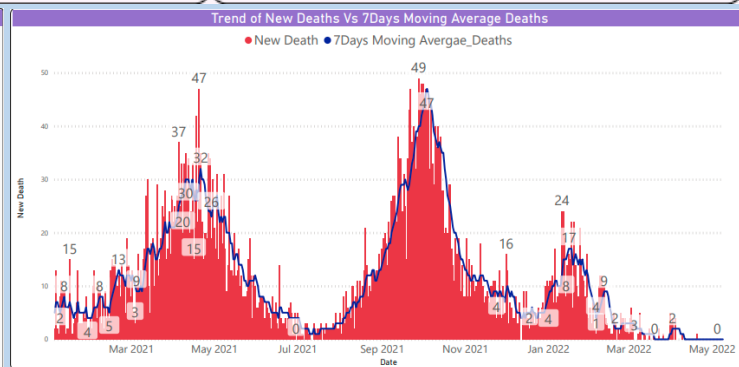
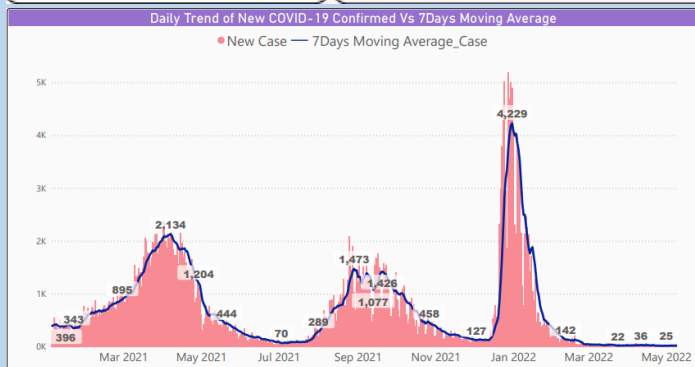
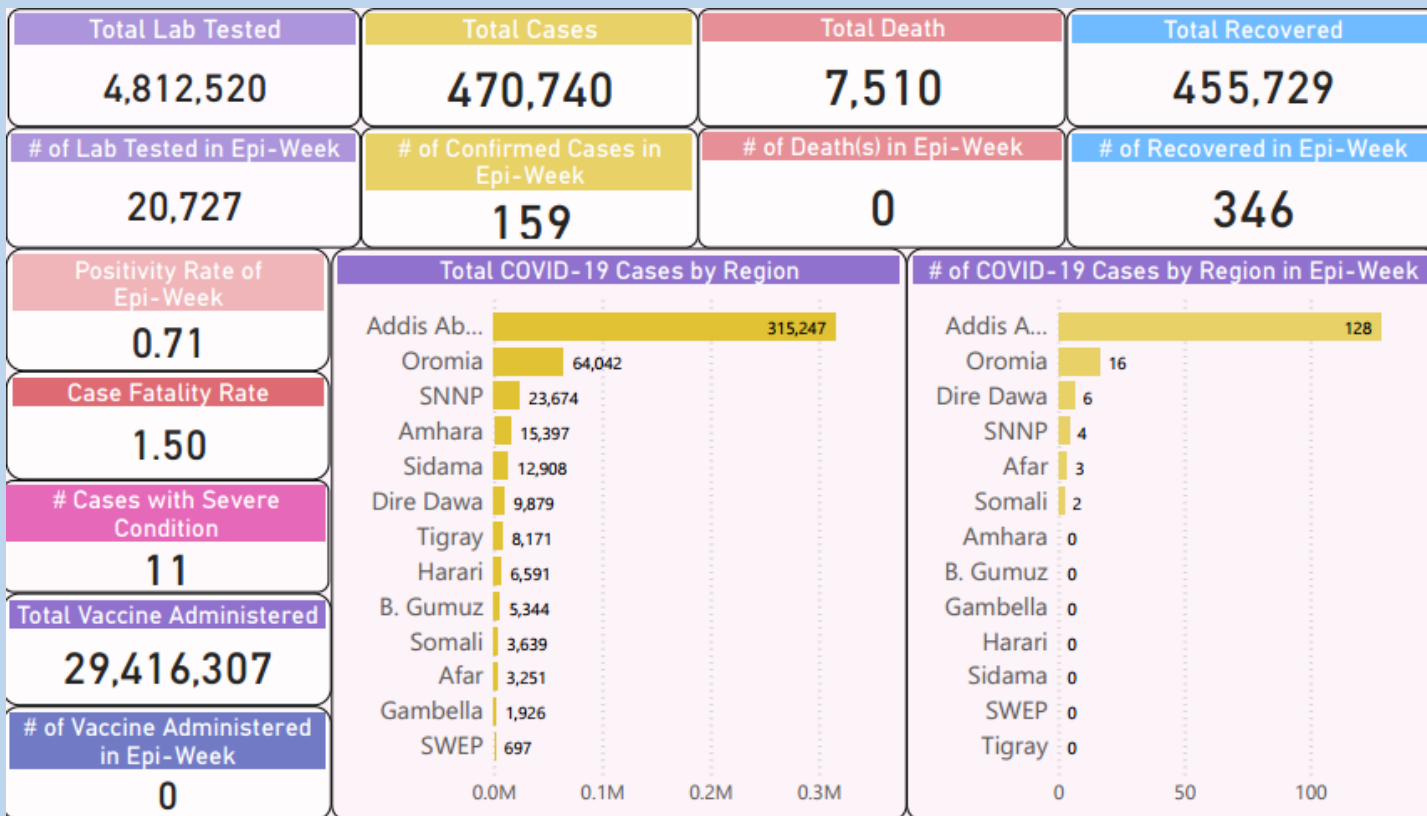


Figure 4: Summary of the COVID-19 situation in Ethiopia as of May 08, 2022, Ethiopia

c. Other Epi-Surveillance Related Activities

There is ongoing travelers' health screening at point of entries (POEs), investigation and information provision via toll free call center and follow-up of persons who had contact with confirmed cases. There is also laboratory investigation of suspected cases, contacts of confirmed cases, SARI/pneumonia cases and community members, surveillance and assessment in school and congregated setting communities.

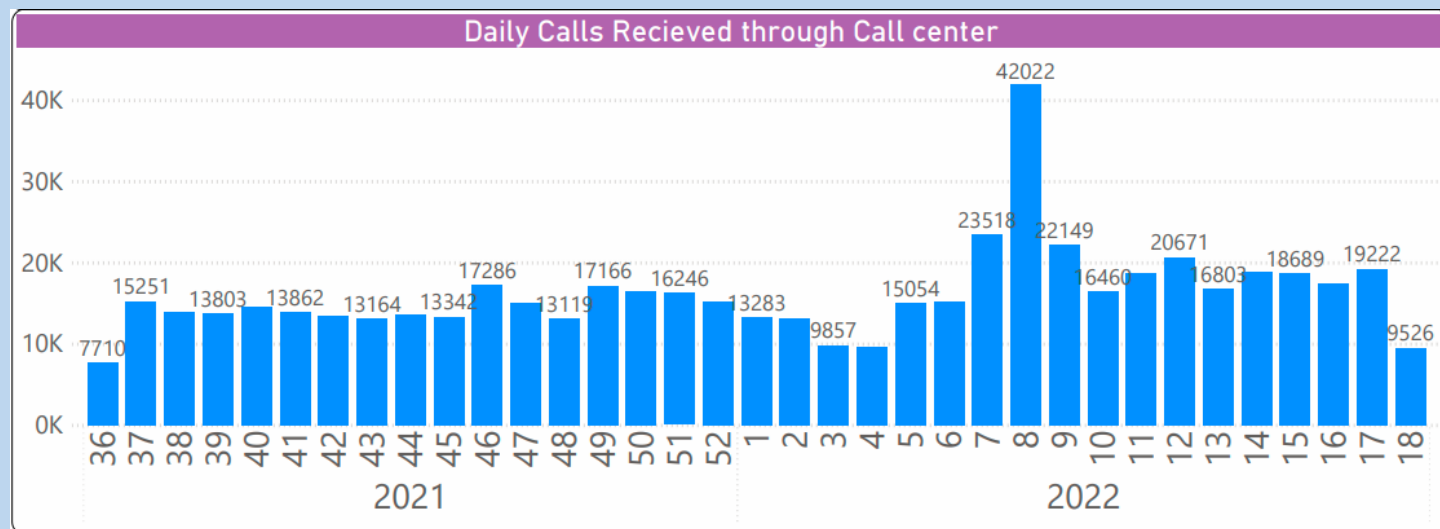


Figure 5: Trend of daily calls received through the call center (8335)

III. Laboratory related activities

- As of 08 May 2022, a total of 4,812,520 samples have been tested for COVID-19 by laboratories across the country.
- 20,727 laboratory tests were processed during the Epi-Week-18 which is an 20% decrease compared to number of tests performed in the previous week.
- The laboratory test positivity rate for the Epi-Week-18 is 0.77%, which is a bit higher than that of the preceding week (0.57%).

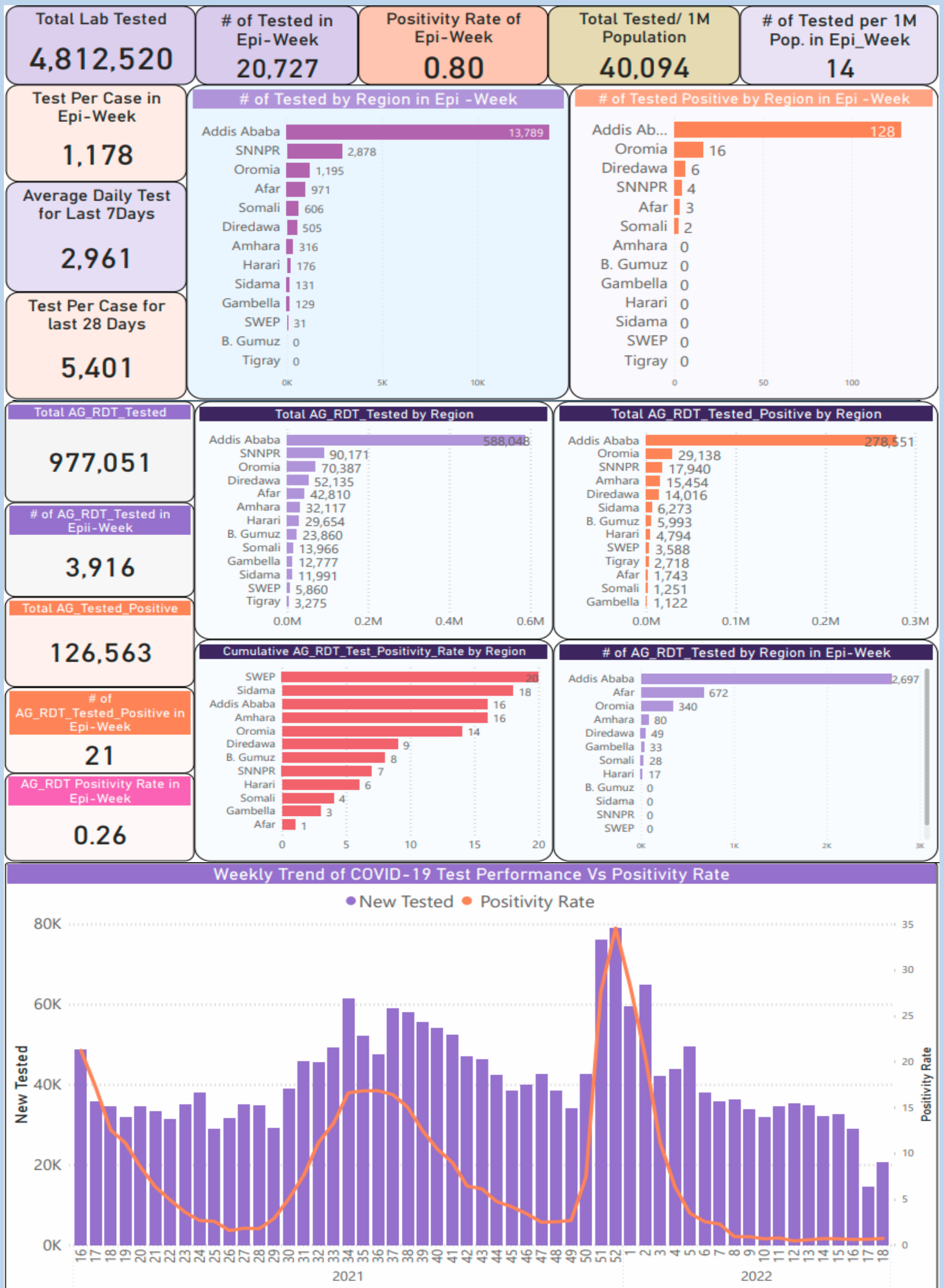


Figure 6: Update on laboratory tests performed as of May 08, 2022

IV. Case Management and Facility Readiness

a. COVID-19 treatment center

- There were total of 346 newly recovered COVID-19 cases during the Epi-Week-18, bringing the total number of recovered cases to 455,729 (both from COVID-19 treatment center and from HBIC). This brings the overall recovery rate to 97%.
- In this week the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition is 11 which is lower than the maximum number of daily cases in severe condition in the previous week (15).

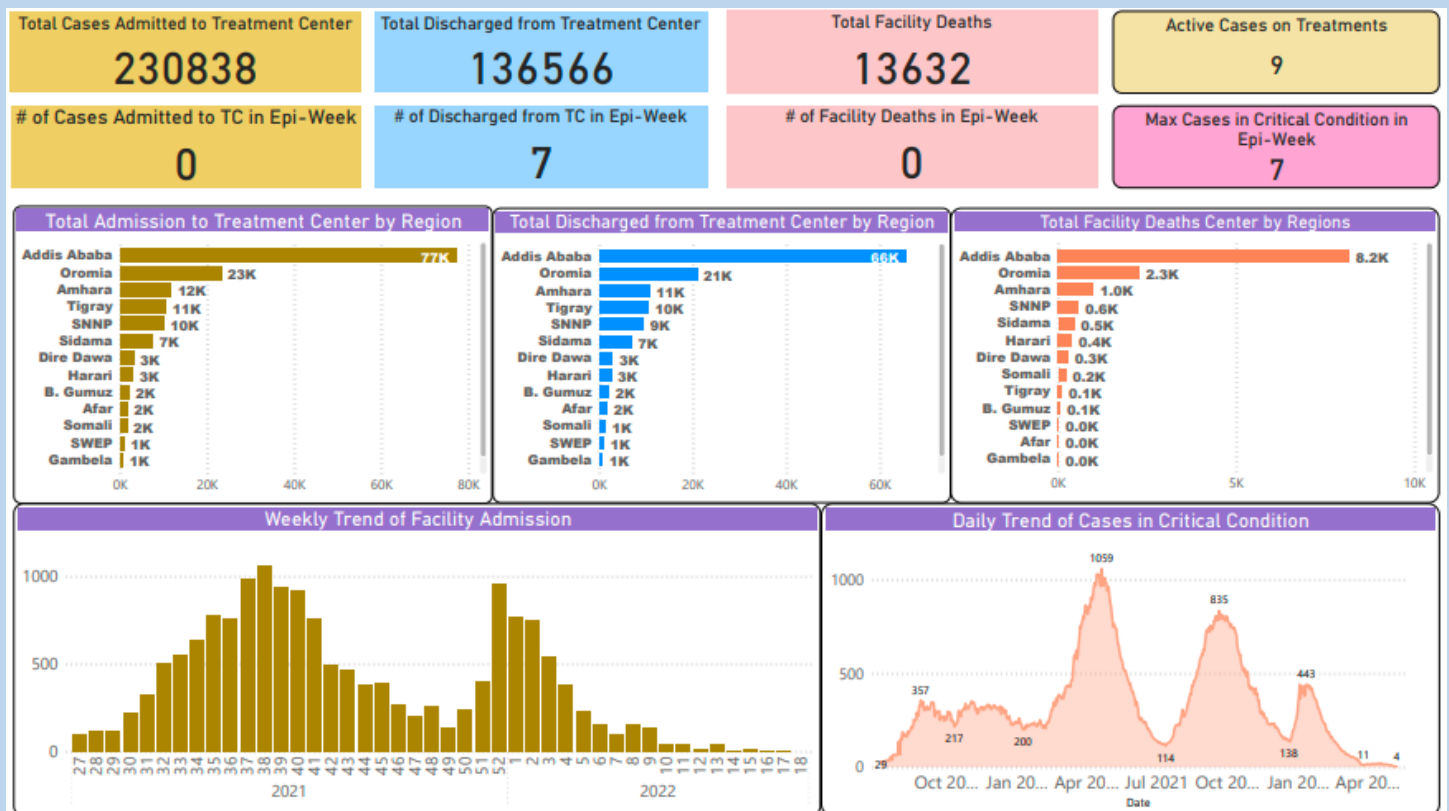


Figure 7: COVID-19 situation updates in COVID-19 treatment centers as of May 08, 2022

b. Home Based Isolation and Care (HBIC):

- So far, 387,227 COVID-19 confirmed cases have been on HBIC. 386,408 of them (99%) have recovered and 50 (0.013%) died.
- Of these, 539 cases have been enrolled to HBIC and 3 cases have recovered in the Epi-Week-18.
- As of May 08, 2022, there are 228 cases on HBIC.
- So far, 2,525 (none in the Epi-week-18) of the cases have been transferred from treatment centers to HBIC after improvement.
- So far, 1,321 (none in the Epi-week-18) of the cases have been transferred from HBIC to treatment centers for better care.

V. Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- Media (mass media and social media) monitoring on COVID-19 related information is ongoing.
- Risk communication and awareness creation activities are ongoing.
- COVID-19 related key messages and updates shared on social media.



Figure 8: COVID-19 situation update as of May 08, 2022 shared on social media.

VI. Coordination and Leadership

- The national PHEOC is collaboratively working with stakeholders: government agencies, partner organizations, UN agencies, embassies, hospitals, Industrial parks and others.
- Morning briefing of IMS is being conducted every day by core IMS staffs and key partners' representatives.
- Weekly joint meeting is ongoing, every Tuesday, among the national and regional Emergency Operations Centers COVID-19 response IMS (Incident Management System) to evaluate weekly COVID-19 situations, progress of response strategies, challenges faced and way forwards.
- The virtual meeting of Joint Steering Committee encompassing MOH, Agencies and RHB top leadership under the leadership of H.E Minister of Health is ongoing once in two weeks.
- Preparations are underway to launch the third national round of vaccination campaign against COVID-19 next month.
 - A review meeting has been held on the previous two vaccine campaigns by the Ministry, Health Bureau officials and representatives of regional states and the two city administrations.
 - The review has dubbed the previous COVID-19 vaccination rounds as successful, which increased the vaccine coverage of 12-year-olds and above to 44%.
 - COVID 19 vaccination was launched on 13 March 2021 a week after it received its first COVID-19 vaccine doses from the COVAX with a total of 2.2 million doses.
 - To date, more than 29.4 million people received at least one dose and more than 24.5 people have been fully vaccinated.
 - The third-round vaccine drive is expected to improve the community's immune system.
 - 25 million doses of vaccines will be available for the third round.

VII. Public Health Policy Recommendation

Advice for the Public:

- For any individual confirmed to have COVID-19 and who is candidate for Home Based Isolation and Care:
 - Properly isolate from other family members.
 - Take full responsibility in prevention of transmission
 - Strictly adhere to the National Directive of Home-Based Isolation & Care.
 - Provide reliable information during regular follow up either by phone or home visit.
 - Report to nearest health facilities/follow up team in case of any emergency, appearance of new symptoms or worsening of existing symptoms.
- It is important to be informed of the situation and act appropriately to protect yourself and your family.
 - Wash hands frequently;
 - Don't touch your mouth, nose or eye by unwashed hands;
 - Keep physical distancing; avoid mass gathering and shaking hands;
 - Get vaccinated against COVID-19.
- For most people, COVID-19 infection will cause mild illness however, it can make some people very ill and, in some people, it can be fatal.
- Older people, and those with pre-existing medical conditions (such as cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease or diabetes) are at risk for severe disease.
- If anybody had contact with a COVID-19 confirmed patient, he/she should call 8335 or report to regional toll-free lines or to the nearby health facilities.

National/Regional official websites, social media pages and toll-free hotline for COVID-19 information

MOH/EPHI/Region	Facebook page	Toll-free hotline	Email address (PHEOCs email)
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Main Website	https://www.ephi.gov.et/	8335	ephieoc@gmail.com
Ethiopian Public Health Institute COVID-19 Website	https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/ephipage/		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Twitter Page	https://twitter.com/EPHIEthiopia		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute Telegram Channel	https://t.me/EthPHI		
Ethiopian Public Health Institute YouTube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvTzeY-IJiQfEFBULH9Mkw		
Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Website	www.moh.gov.et	952	
Ministry of Health, Ethiopia Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/EthiopiaFMoH/		
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South West Ethiopia Regional Health Bureau			swepheoc@gmail.com
Dire Dawa city Administration Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/Dire-Dawa-Administration-Health-Bureau-1371606266279524/	6407	ddpheoc@gmail.com
Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau	https://www.facebook.com/aahb.gov.et/	6406	aapheoc@gmail.com

COVID-19 updates and sources of evidence:

Source	Link
WHO Coronavirus (COVID-19) dashboard	https://covid19.who.int/
Africa CDC Dashboard, COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard	https://au.int/en/covid19
WHO COVID-19 daily situation reports	https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports
WHO Academy mobile learning app for health workers, COVID-19 information	Android- https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.who.WHOA Apple- https://apps.apple.com/us/app/who-academy/id1506019873



The above presented Quick Reader (QR) code takes you to a portal that you can access updates and all COVID-19 related information available (<https://covid19.ephi.gov.et/covid-19/>)

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