










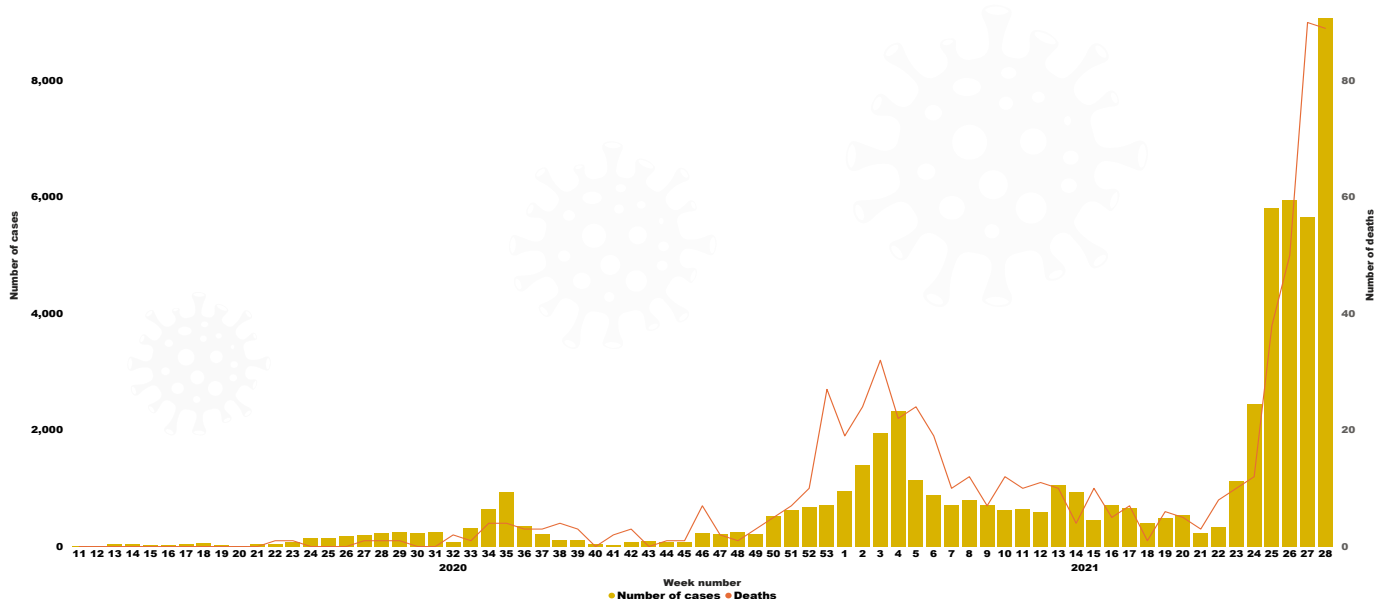
COVID19 Weekly Epidemiological Bulletin

EPI WEEK 28: From 12th to 18th July, 2021

1. Epidemiological Summary as of 18th July 2021

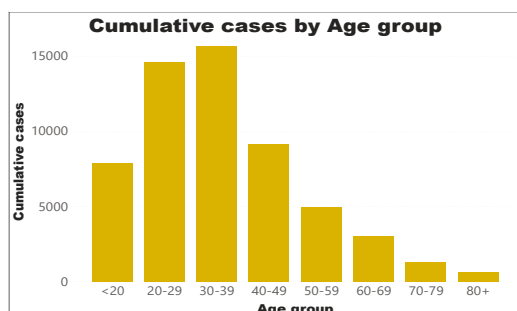
	Number of tests:	1,887,262		Active cases:	16,632
	Average tests per day:	3,835		Number of positive cases:	57,322
	Positivity rate:	3.03%		Number of cases in critical condition:	72
	Number of deaths:	649		Total vaccinated:	406,004
	Case fatality ratio:	1.13%			
	Number of recoveries:	40,041			
	Recovery rate:	69.85%			

2. Weekly trend in number of new cases and deaths

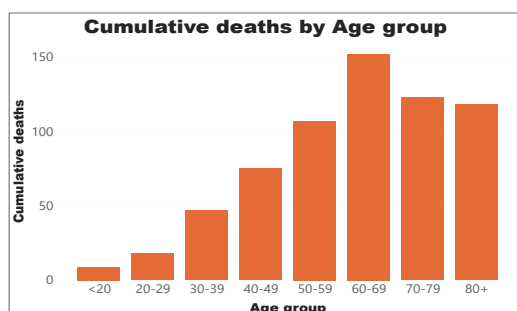
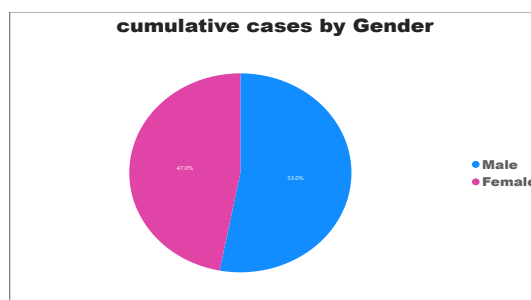


3. Distribution of cases and deaths by age group and gender.

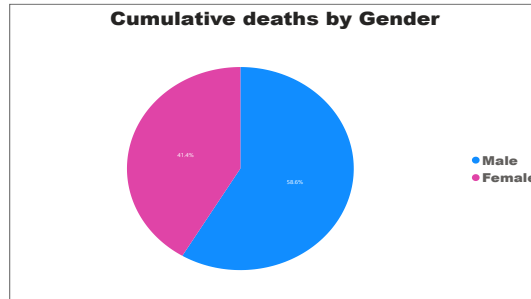
Distribution of cases and deaths by age group and gender as of July 18th ,2021



Total cases
57322



Total deaths
649



4. Weekly summary in numbers: Comparison with the previous week

Indicator	Week 27 From 5 th July to 11 th July, 2021	Week 28 From 12 th July to 18 th July, 2021
Number of new tests	51,016	163,500
New cases	5,659	9,078
Positivity rate	11.01%	5.5%
New deaths	90	89
New recoveries	4,917	7,518
New cases in Kigali	2,268	4,933
New cases outside Kigali	3,391	4,145
New deaths in Kigali	39	39
New deaths outside Kigali	51	50
Incidence rate (cases by 100,000 people)	44/100,000	70/100,000

Notes:

- due to the mass testing in Kigali the number of test as well as the number of cases increased remarkably but the positivity rate decreased compared to the previous week.
- There was a negligible decrease in number of deaths compared to the previous week.

5. Highlight of the week: Cabinet decisions of 14 July 2021 on COVID-19

Given the rapid spike in COVID-19 cases, the emergence of new variants and increase of COVID-19 related deaths the government has decided to further tighten the existing control measures.

The surge in cases has necessitated a lockdown in the City of Kigali and the following districts: Burera, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze, Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana and Rutsiro; starting from July 17th to July 26th 2021. citizens are urged to significantly reduce social interactions and limit movements only to essential services.

The following measures will take effect in the City of Kigali, Burera , Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Musanze , Nyagatare, Rubavu, Rwamagana and Rutsiro

Movements and visits outside the home are not permitted except for essential services such as health care, food shopping, or banking and for personnel performing such services.

Outdoor sports and recreational activities are prohibited

Public transport is prohibited; however, transportation of personnel carrying out the above mentioned activities will continue to function. Motos and bicycles are not permitted to carry passengers but may offer delivery services.

Office (Public and Private) are closed except for those providing essential services.

Businesses are closed, except for those selling food (Market) medicines (pharmacies) fuel and other approved essential items, but will operate at 30% capacity. Businesses permitted to operate must close at 5 PM.

Schools and higher education institutions are closed. Provisions for students sitting for national exam in July-August 2021 will be communicated by the Ministry of Education.

Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours before departure and must comply with other health guidelines.

Tourism activities will continue in strict adherence to COVID-19 health guidelines. This includes hotels, tour operators, and transport services assisting guests.

Farming activities will continue in observance of COVID-19 control measures.

All swimming pools and spas will remain closed except for those at hostels hosting tested guests.

Funeral gatherings should not exceed 15 persons.

Measures in the remaining part of the country

Movements are prohibited between 6 PM - 4 PM.

Movement between districts is not allowed, except for medical reasons and other essential services. Vehicles transporting goods will continue to operate with no more than two people on board.

Physical meetings will continue but must not exceed 30% of the venue capacity. Negative COVID-19 results will be required for all participants.

All social gatherings including celebration of all kinds are prohibited both in public and private settings.

Traditional, civil, and religious weddings remain suspended.

Public offices will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity of all employees while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis.

Private businesses will continue with essential staff at no more than 50% capacity, while other employees continue working from home on a rotational basis. Markets and malls will continue for essential works and must not exceed 50% of registered traders

Restaurants and Cafés shall operate at 30% capacity and shall receive clients until 5 PM
 Places to worship adhering to health guidelines will operate at 30% capacity.
 All bars remain closed

Attendance at wakes or vigils (Ikiriyo) must not exceed 10 persons at any one time. Funeral gathering must not exceed 15 persons
 Gaming activities are prohibited.

Citizens are reminded of the critical importance of complying with health measures including physical distancing, wearing face masks and hand hygiene. Penalties will be applied for non-compliance.

6. Cumulative Number of cases and deaths by district as of July 18th ,2021

