










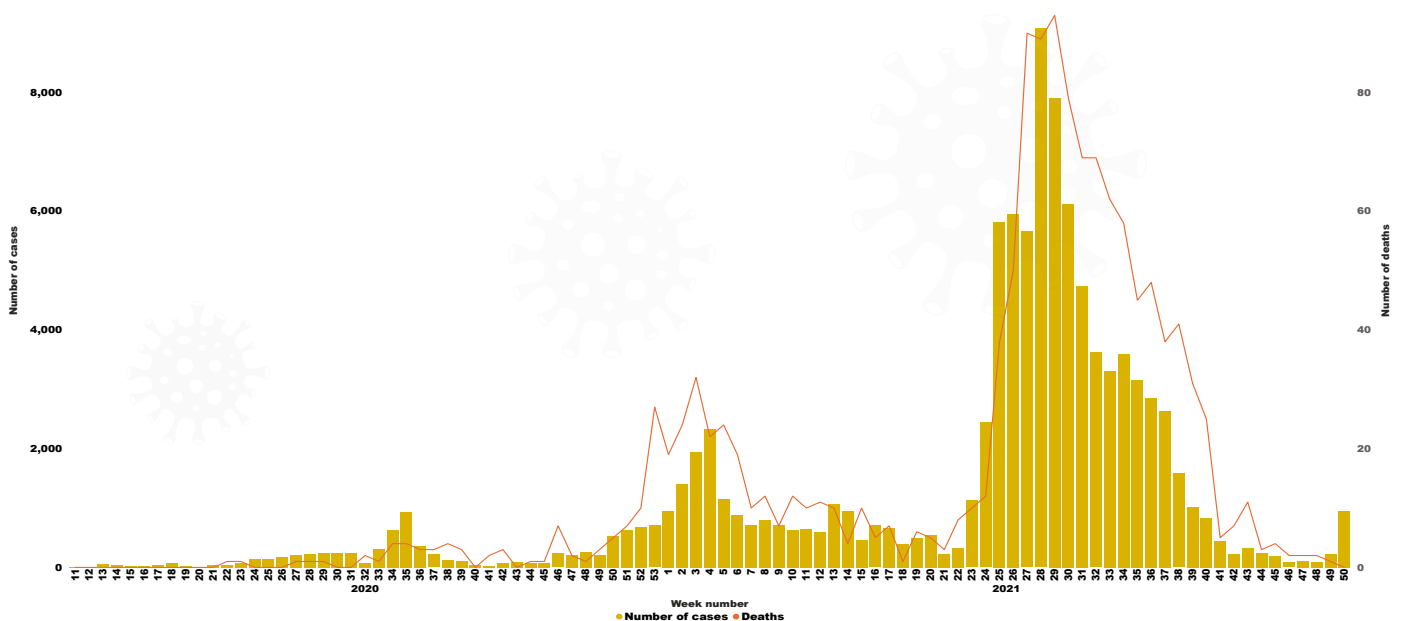
COVID19 Weekly Epidemiological Bulletin

EPI WEEK 50: From of 13th to 19th December, 2021

1. Epidemiological summary as of 19th December, 2021

	Number of tests: 3,793,980		Active cases: 1,035
	Average tests per day: 5,873		Number of cases in critical condition: 0
	Number of positive cases: 101,582		Number of vaccinated people
	Positivity rate: 2.67%		With at least one dose: 7,241,479
	Number of deaths: 1,344		With two doses: 4,805,163
	Case fatality ratio: 1.3%		With three doses: 47,542
	Number of recoveries: 99,226		
	Recovery rate: 97.68%		

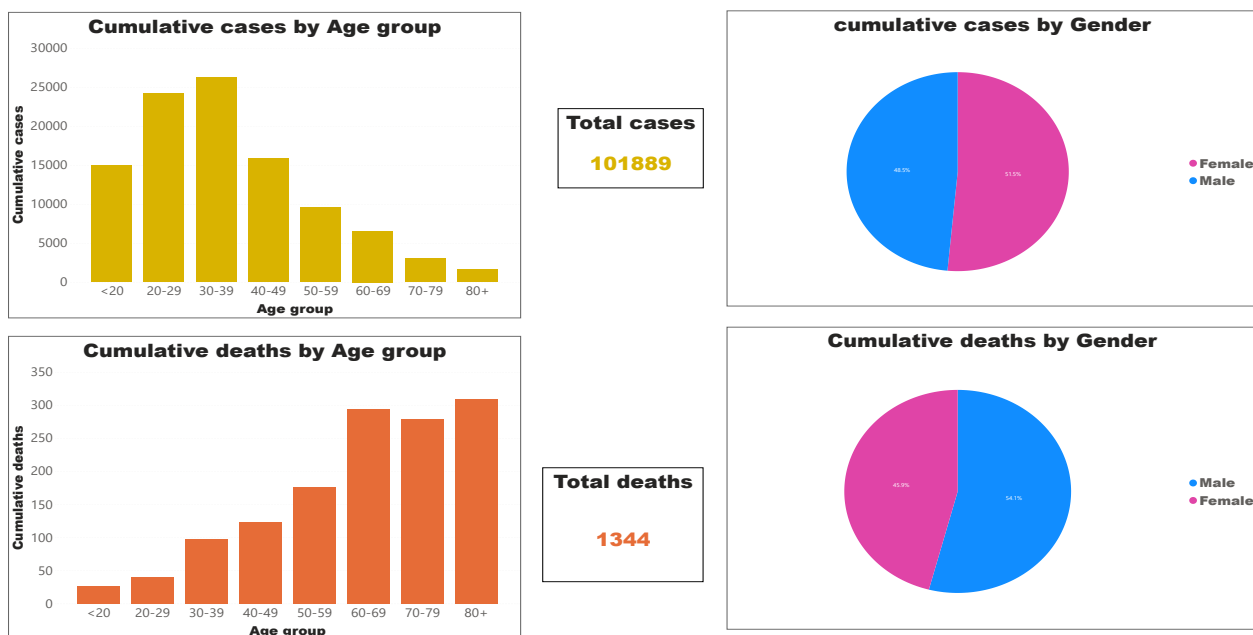
2. Weekly trend in number of new cases and deaths



Graph 1: Weekly trends 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 December 19, 2021



Graph 2 Distribution of cases and deaths by age group and gender

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

Indicator	EPI WEEK 49:	EPI WEEK 50:
	From of 5 th to 12 th December 2021	From of 13 th to 19 th December 2021
Number of new tests	94,259	131,961
New cases	220	948
Positivity rate	0.23%	0.75%
New deaths	1	0
New recoveries	97	233
New cases in Kigali	154	747
New cases outside Kigali	66	201
New deaths in Kigali	0	0
New deaths outside Kigali	1	0
Weekly Incidence rate (cases by 100,000 people)	1/100,000	7/100,000

5. Highlight of the week: Cabinet Communique on COVID-19 prevention measures.

Following the declaration of Omicron Variant in Rwanda, and consistent increase in COVID 19 cases, the cabinet reviewed COVID 19 prevention measures three times in this week; The following are the latest reviewed measures of 19th December 2021 :

- Movements are prohibited between 10 PM-4AM. All businesses must close by 9pm. This applies nationwide.

Specific measures in the City of Kigali

- Wedding-related receptions are prohibited traditional civil and religious wedding should not exceed 40 persons. Ceremonies conducted in homes should not exceed 20 persons. Local Authorities must be informed 7 days before the event. All guests must be fully vaccinated and tested negative for COVID-19 within 24 hours prior to event. As much as possible, gathering should take place outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces
- Parties and any other kind of celebration or reception are prohibited .
- Public transport will continue with buses operating at full capacity with seated passengers only. Windows should be open for proper ventilation this also applies countrywide. For public transport, to and City of Kigali, bus operator must ensure all passengers are vaccinated.
- Bars will continue to resume gradually in adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures and will operate with a 50% occupancy limit. Bars must close at by 8:00 pm. clients must be vaccinated.
- All services health at places of worship should not exceed 30% maximum occupancy. Attendees must be fully vaccinated

Measures to be implemented nationwide :

- All arriving Passengers must quarantine for 3days at a designated hotel at their own cost. A COVID -19 PCR test will be taken upon arrival and an additional test taken a day 3 and on day 7 from the arrival date, at designated testing site. RDB will issue specific guideline for tourist.
- Arriving and departing passengers at Kigali International Airport must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken 72 hours prior to departure and should comply with health Guidelines
- Tourism activity will continue in strict adherence to COVID19 health guidelines This include hotel, tour operators, and transport services facilitating guests.
- Public offices will continue at no more than 30% capacity, employers are encouraged to limit staff to essential workers who interface with the public.
- Private offices will continue at 50% capacity and must comply with COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Business owners nationwide must ensure employees are fully vaccinated The Ministry of Health may temporary close public or private premises with identified clusters of people infected with COVID-19.
- Physical conferences and meetings will continue at 50% occupancy. All participants must be fully vaccinated and present a negative COVID-19 test result results taken within 24 hours prior to the meeting

- With the exception of City of Kigali, all services held at place of worship should not exceed 50% maximum occupancy. In the city of Kigali and Secondary cities, attendees must be fully vaccinated.
- With the exception of City of Kigali, traditional, civil and religious weddings related receptions as well as other gatherings should not exceed 75 persons, vents conducted in homes should not exceed 20 persons. Local authorities must be informed 7 days before the event. All guests must be fully vaccinated and test negative for COVID-19 within 24 hours prior to the event. As much as possible gathering should take place outdoor or in well ventilated spaces. Event organizers will be penalized for noncompliance with health measures. The Ministry of local government will issue detailed guidelines.
- Night clubs and concerts are suspended as live bands entertainment in other venues
- Restaurants shall continue to operate with 50% occupancy limit Restaurants with outdoor seating services may operate 75%of venue capacity , Clients must be seated and observe social distancing In the city of Kigali and secondary cities, clients must be fully vaccinated.
- Bars shall continue to resume gradually nationwide, in adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures and shall operate with 50% occupancy limits. In the city of Kigali and secondary cities, clients must be fully vaccinated.
- Motos and bicycle are permitted to carry passengers and must comply with COVID-19 Preventive measures.
- Individuals and non-contact outdoors sport activities are permitted
- Gyms and fitness centers will continue to reopen progressively, customers must be fully vaccinated (except persons under 18years of age) and should possess negative results taken within 24 hours
- Swimming pools massage parlors and Sauna shall continue to open gradually customers must be fully vaccinated (except persons under 18years of age) and should possess negative results taken within 24 hours in accordance with RDB guidelines
- Attendance at a wake /vigil (Ikiriyo) should not exceed 20 person at any one time
- Funeral gatherings at graveside should not exceed 50 persons attendees must present proof of negative COVID-19 test result taken within 24 hours.
- Gaming activities shall resume gradually in accordance with guideline provided by the Ministry of Trade and Industry

All citizens and Rwandan residents are urged to get full vaccinated, frequently tested and encouraged to work remotely if and when possible while continuing to observe preventive measures. Penalties will be applied for Non-compliance.

6. Cumulative cases and deaths by district

Cumulative number of cases and deaths by district as of December 19, 2021

