










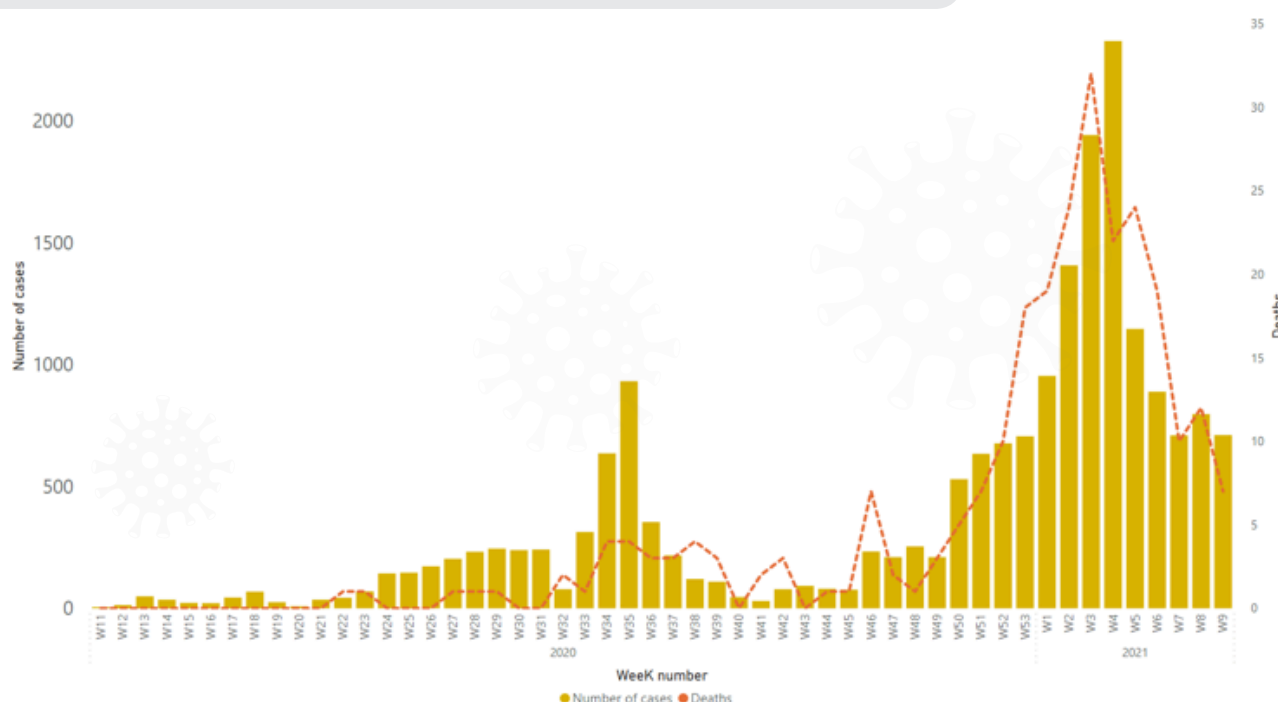
COVID19 Weekly Epidemiological Bulletin

From **1st** to **7th** March 2021

1. Epidemiological Summary

	Number of tests: 1037,604		Active cases 1,443
	Average tests per day: 2890		Number of cases in critical condition: 12
	Number of positive cases: 19,561		Total vaccinated: 198,453
	Positivity rate: 1.8 %		
	Number of deaths: 268		
	Case fatality ratio: 1.37 %		
	Number of recoveries: 17,840		
	Recovery rate: 91.2 %		

2. Weekly trend in number of new cases and deaths



Source: Rwanda's Ministry of Health daily update

3. Weekly summary of numbers in comparison to the previous week

Indicator	Week 8 (22 nd - 28 th Feb 2021)	Week 9 (1-7 th March 2021)
Number of new tests	30,991	28563
New cases	797	711
Positivity rate	2.57	2.48
New deaths	12	7
New recoveries	2011	537
New cases in Kigali	290	132
New cases outside Kigali	507	579
New deaths in Kigali	11	7
New deaths outside Kigali	1	0

4. Weekly COVID 19 response activities

VACCINATION:

On 3rd March Rwanda received the first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX initiative. The first batch of 240,000 doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine arrived in Kigali as well as a shipment of 102,960 doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

As of 7th March 2021, a total of 198,453 people had received the first dose of vaccine. Priority risk groups to be vaccinated include:

- Health care providers involved in the day-to-day management of COVID-19 patients in treatment centres and other key frontliners,
- People aged 65 and above,
- People living with underlying chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and respiratory diseases, and
- People with disabilities

SURVEILLANCE

Community survey in Kigali and other provinces: COVID19 community testing activities was expanded in all the country from 1st March community testing is being conducted in all sectors of the country. the survey is planned to end on 12th March 2021

COVID19 active surveillance regularly conducted. This includes surveillance at the community and health facility levels and all Points of Entry (PoEs) for early detection of COVID19 cases.

Routine Testing: PCR testing is being conducted at more 13 testing sites countrywide. All Districts, Provincial and Referral hospitals, health centers and private clinics conduct Antigen Rapid Tests for all suspected cases, contacts as well as high risk group members.

WASH, IPC & CASE MANAGEMENT

Infection Prevention and Control include decontamination of households, transit hotels, other mass gathering areas and areas where confirmed COVID-19 cases are identified. All asymptomatic cases as well as those with mild symptoms are under Home Based Care.

RISK COMMUNICATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MOBILISATION.

Countrywide regular awareness and community outreach campaign activities on COVID-19 prevention, using mobile loudspeakers, Radios in car parks and markets were conducted. In awareness campaigns Rwandans are always



reminded to practice preventive measures including regular hand washing, social distancing and wearing masks.

COVID-19 prevention messages in a form of a short video and radio spots were Broadcasted.

5. Case Fatality Ratio by district

