

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Decisions taken by the Communicable Diseases High Committee meeting under the Communicable Diseases Law 45/2018

WEEKLY COVID-19 DATA TABLES (25.05.2022)

COMPARISON TABLE			
	10.05.2022	24.05.2022	Change
Total number of cases	324	282	-12.96%
Number of local cases	324	282	-12.96%
Cases from abroad	0	0	0.00%
Number of cases per 100,000	84.82	73.82	-12.97%
Local cases per 100,000	84.82	73.82	-12.97%
Number of tests	62,580	55,382	-11.50%
Test positivity rate	0.52%	0.51%	-1.92%
Being treated in hospital	4	11	175.00%
Being treated in intensive care	1	0	-100.00%
Intensive care rate	0.21%	0.00%	-100.00%
Number of active cases	458	392	-14.41%
Number of cases who passed away	1	0	-100.00%

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES PER 100,000 BY DISTRICT			
	10.05.2022	24.05.2022	Change
TRNC GENERAL	12.1	10.5	-13.22%
LEFKOŞA	16.0	18.3	14.38%
GAZİMAĞUSA	13.2	9.5	-28.03%
GİRNE	7.0	5.2	-25.71%
İSKELE	5.4	3.5	-35.19%
GÜZELYURT	16.1	6.0	-62.73%
LEFKE	11.2	5.1	-54.46%

DECISIONS

A. RULES REGARDING ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

1. **People who are vaccinated or who have had the disease** will be able to enter the country without quarantine or tests.

** The definition of a person who is vaccinated or who has had the disease is specified below.*

2. **Unvaccinated people** will be able to enter the country with a pre-departure negative PCR result from the last 72 hours or negative antigen result from the last 24 hours.

Definitions:

- People aged 18 and over for whom 14 days have passed and 270 days (9 months) have not passed since their second dose (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) will be considered as vaccinated.
- People aged 18 and over for whom 270 days (9 months) have passed since their second dose (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) will be considered vaccinated if they have had their booster dose.
- People 12-18 inclusive will be considered vaccinated if 14 days have passed since the second dose of vaccine (single dose for Johnson & Johnson) and without a booster dose. Unvaccinated children aged between 12 and 18 will be subject to the rules for unvaccinated people.
- A Covid-19 test will not be sought from children under the age of 12.
- People who have had the disease and at least 10 days but not more than 180 days have passed since their positive PCR test will be subject to the rules for vaccinated people.
- People who have had the Covid-19 disease and received 1 dose of vaccine and not more than 180 days have passed will be considered as vaccinated.
- People will also be considered vaccinated if they receive two different doses of the vaccines specified below.

ACCEPTED VACCINES:

- SINOVAC
- SINOPHARM (VEROCELL)
- COMIRNATY (Pfizer/Biontech)
- VAXZEVRIA (Astrazeneca/Oxford)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen / Johnson and Johnson
- SPUTNIK V
- MODERNA
- NOVAVAX
- COVISHIELD (Astrazeneca/Oxford)
- COVAXIN
- CANSINO BIO
- TURKOVAC

B. RULES REGARDING INLAND BORDER CROSSINGS

3. People can continue to cross at inland crossings without the requirement of a Covid-19 test.

C. RULES REGARDING MASKS

4. **People with upper respiratory tract complaints will use masks in indoor areas and on public transport.**
5. **It is recommended that unvaccinated people in the risk group (people over the age of 60, those with underlying lung, kidney and neurological diseases, people who use drugs that suppress the immune system over a long period of time, diabetes patients, HIV patients) use masks in indoor areas.**
6. **Indoor areas (classrooms, restaurants, gyms, and similar places) need to be ventilated frequently.**

D. GENERAL RULES REGARDING TESTS

7. With the proposal of the Laboratory Committee, the Covid-19 tests used in our country (PCR/antigen tests) must have CE-IVD certificates.
8. If school/special education centre staff, prison staff and care home-nursing home staff are vaccinated then there is no test requirement for them. However, unvaccinated people working in the specified sectors will repeat their antigen tests once every week.
9. People visiting care homes for the elderly and prisons must submit a negative Covid-19 test result from the last 24 hours.
10. People with symptoms will first have an antigen test and if the antigen test is positive, a PCR test will be performed. People who have severe symptoms despite their antigen test being negative will be able to have a PCR test at the request of a doctor.

E. RULES REGARDING PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTACTS

11. Those who have been in contact with a Covid-19 positive person will continue with their daily lives by wearing a mask and monitoring their symptoms. These people will have an antigen test done on the 5th day if they have no symptoms. However, contacts will have an antigen test done earlier if they show symptoms before the specified time period. If their antigen test is positive then they will have a PCR test done.

✓ **The Attendance Of A Child At School If There Is A Covid-19 Positive Case In The Family:**

	CHILD	THE COVID-19 POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL LIVING IN THE SAME HOME	SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
VACCINE	FULLY VACCINATED	FULLY VACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	FULLY VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	UNVACCINATED	FULLY VACCINATED	ATTENDS SCHOOL
	UNVACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	DOES NOT ATTEND SCHOOL

F. RULES REGARDING COVID-19 POSITIVE PEOPLE

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- ✓ The isolation process of a person starts after the message that their Covid-19 PCR test result is positive (Day 0).
- ✓ If a second test is performed by going to another test centre, the result of the second test will not be taken into account.
- ✓ The isolation period is 7 days without testing. People will be able to continue with their daily lives at the end of the 7th day.
- ✓ The School Pandemic Boards established in each school and the Ministry of Health contact team will be consulted for the follow-up of Covid-19 positive patients and contacts.
- ✓ If positive people experience symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain and an increase in symptoms (fever, coughing, fatigue, headache, etc.) at home, they can seek help by calling 0533 878 1030.

For home quarantine to be applied to Covid-19 positive people, there must be a separate room in a way that there will be no contact with other individuals in the home (house, dormitory, lodgings, etc). If the same bath and toilet is used in the home then these places are disinfected after each use. Disinfection is done with bleach diluted to a rate of 1%. (1 small tea cup of bleach placed into 10 litres of water.)

A Covid-19 positive person placed in home quarantine cannot leave the home during quarantine (they can only leave in the case of an emergency, with the knowledge of the quarantine centre) and absolutely no visitors are allowed into the home where they have been placed in quarantine.

Official documents will not be issued by the Ministry of Health to Covid-19 positive people who do not have any records on the Pandemic Information System.

G. RULES REGARDING VACCINES

13. Vaccinated people can have their booster doses done within 4-6 months.

People who have had the Covid-19 disease and not been vaccinated at all or who have not completed the vaccination process can get vaccinated 1 month after recovering.

As for vaccinated people who have had the Covid-19 disease, they can get vaccinated 4-6 months after of recovering.