

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 (01.09.2022)

COMPARISON TABLE			
	23.08.2022	30.08.2022	Değişim
Total number of cases	713	415	-41.80%
Number of local cases	713	415	-41.80%
Cases from abroad	0	0	0.00%
Number of cases per 100,000	186.65	108.64	-41.79%
Local cases per 100,000	186.65	108.64	-41.79%
Number of tests	9,009	6,782	-24.72%
Test positivity rate	7.91%	6.12%	-22.63%
Being treated in hospital	8	6	-25.00%
Being treated in intensive care	2	0	-100.00%
Intensive care rate	0.30%	0.00%	-100.00%
Number of active cases	640	380	-40.63%
Number of cases who passed away	1	0	-100.00%

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAILY CASES PER 100,000 BY DISTRICT			
	23.08.2022	30.08.2022	Değişim
TRNC GENERAL	26.6	15.5	-41.73%
LEFKOŞA	38.9	25.7	-33.93%
GAZİMAĞUSA	30.9	16.2	-47.57%
GİRNE	12.5	6.4	-48.80%
İSKELE	24.2	4.4	-81.82%
GÜZELYURT	12.9	12.5	-3.10%
LEFKE	3.1	8.1	161.29%

DECISIONS

A. DECISIONS REGARDING ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

1. Until a new decision is taken by our Committee, people will be able to enter the country without the requirement to take a Covid-19 test regardless of whether or not they are vaccinated.

B. DECISIONS REGARDING INLAND BORDER CROSSINGS

2. People can continue to cross at inland crossing points without the requirement of a Covid-19 test.

C. RULES REGARDING MASKS

1. It is compulsory to wear masks in indoor areas and on public transport.
2. It is necessary to pay attention to social distancing and hygiene rules in outdoor and indoor areas.
3. People with upper respiratory tract complaints will use masks in all areas (indoors and outdoors).
4. Indoor areas (classrooms, restaurants, gyms, and similar places) need to be ventilated frequently.

D. GENERAL RULES REGARDING TESTS

5. With the proposal of the Laboratory Committee, the Covid-19 tests used in our country (PCR/antigen tests) must have CE-IVD certificates.
6. Elderly care home and prison staff will have Covid-19 tests done once a week.
7. People visiting care homes for the elderly and prisons must submit their Covid-19 test results once a week. People showing symptoms will not be able to visit the specified places, even if their tests are negative.
8. People with symptoms will wear a mask and have an antigen test performed. 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. DECISIONS REGARDING PEOPLE WHO ARE CONTACTS

9. People 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. If these people have symptoms, then they will have an antigen test done. If their antigen test is positive then they will have a PCR test done.

✓ **Attendance of a child at school if there is a Covid-19 positive case in the family:**

	CHILD	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. DECISIONS 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 5 days. At the end of the 5th day, people will be able to continue with their daily lives by observing the mask rules.**
- ✓ 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 842 8358 or 1102**.

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. DECISIONS REGARDING EDUCATION

11. In this context each school:

a) Masks/Enclosed Areas of Schools

- It is compulsory for all school staff to wear masks in classrooms and in all other indoor areas (teachers' rooms, etc.).
- It is compulsory for students, drivers and supervisors to wear masks on school buses.
- It will be compulsory for students aged 6 and above to wear masks in classrooms and in all other indoor areas. It is recommended that children aged 4-6 wear masks in the classroom and in indoor areas.
- Classrooms and all other indoor areas of schools (teachers' rooms, etc.) must be ventilated and disinfection rules must be adhered to.

b) Tests

- The Health Ministry will create a screening programme for random testing to be conducted in schools.
- Class teachers will ask students about any symptoms such as a fever, coughing, sore throat, etc. when entering the classroom. Students with symptoms will be sent away to be tested.

c) Disinfection/Hand Washing

Hand washing education will be provided by the School Pandemic Boards. Education to encourage the use of soap and water will be provided, and disinfection will be used when necessary.

Hand sanitiser should be placed in areas that the school administration has deemed appropriate (canteens, dining halls, etc.). In particular, educational institutions for pre-school children under the age of five will absolutely use disinfection.

H. DECISIONS REGARDING VACCINES

- Recommended Vaccine Table for People Aged 18 and Over

Name of Vaccine	Age Group	People who are healthy or who are mildly immunocompromised		People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised**	
		Recommended Vaccine Doses and Intervals Between Doses		Recommended Vaccine Doses and Intervals Between Doses	
Pfizer BioNTech	18 years and over	Total doses: 3-4 *doses		Total doses: 5**	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 4-8 weeks	Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3 weeks
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 5 weeks	Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 8 weeks
		Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 4 months	Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 3 months
				Between the 4th and 5th doses	At least 4 months
Johnson & Johnson	18 years and over	Total doses: 2-3 doses***		Total doses: 4	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 8 weeks	Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 4 weeks
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 4 months	Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 8 weeks
				Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 4 months
AstraZeneca	18 years and over	Total doses: 3-4****		Total doses: 4-5**	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3-8 weeks	Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 4 weeks
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 3 months	Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 8 weeks
		Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 4 months	Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 3 months
				Between the 4th and 5th doses	At least 4 months
Sinovac	18 years and over	Total doses: 3-4*****		-	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	4 weeks	-	-
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	3 months	-	-
		Between the 3rd and 4th doses***	At least 4 months	-	-

* The 4th dose of Pfizer BioNTech vaccine is recommended for people aged 50 years and over who are healthy or mildly immunocompromised.

** The 5th dose of Pfizer BioNTech vaccine is recommended for those aged 18 and over who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

*** It is recommended that people vaccinated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine receive the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine as their second dose. The 3rd vaccine dose (Pfizer BioNTech) is recommended for people aged 50 years and over together with people aged 18 years and over who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

**** It is recommended that people vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine receive the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine as their third dose. The 4th vaccine dose (Pfizer BioNTech) is recommended for people aged 50 years and over together with people aged 18 years and over who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

***** It is recommended the 4th dose of vaccine (Pfizer BioNTech) is administered to people aged 50 years and over who were previously vaccinated with 3 doses of Sinovac or 2 Sinovac + 1 BioNTech, and to people aged 18 years and over who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

- Recommended Vaccine Table for Ages 5 to 17

Name of Vaccine	Age Group	Children who are healthy or who are mildly immunocompromised		Children who are moderately or severely immunocompromised	
		Recommended Vaccine Doses and Intervals Between Doses		Recommended Vaccine Doses and Intervals Between Doses	
Pfizer BioNTech	Ages 5-11	Total doses: 3		Total doses: 4	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3-8 weeks	Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3 weeks
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 5 months	Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 8 weeks
				Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 3 months
Pfizer BioNTech	Ages 12-17	Total doses: 3		Total doses: 5	
		Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3-8 weeks	Between the 1st and 2nd doses	At least 3 weeks
		Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 5 months	Between the 2nd and 3rd doses	At least 8 weeks
				Between the 3rd and 4th doses	At least 3 months
				Between the 4th and 5th doses	At least 4 months