Covid-19 Update

Islamic Republic of Iran
Coronavirus Disease 2019

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IRAN	New Lab Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Lab Confirmed Cases	Total Recoveries	Total Deaths
	2,133	147	343,203	297,486	19,639

Trend of COVID-19
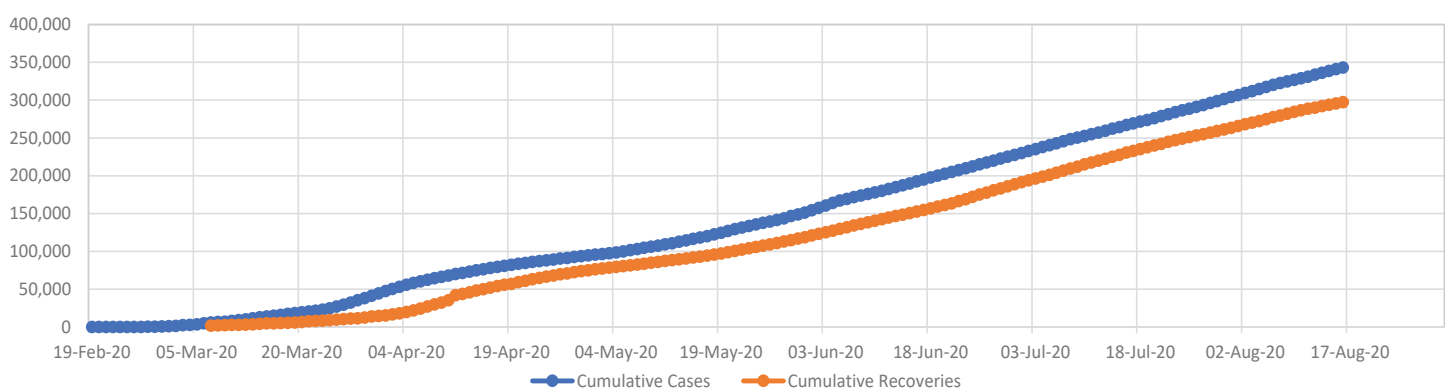
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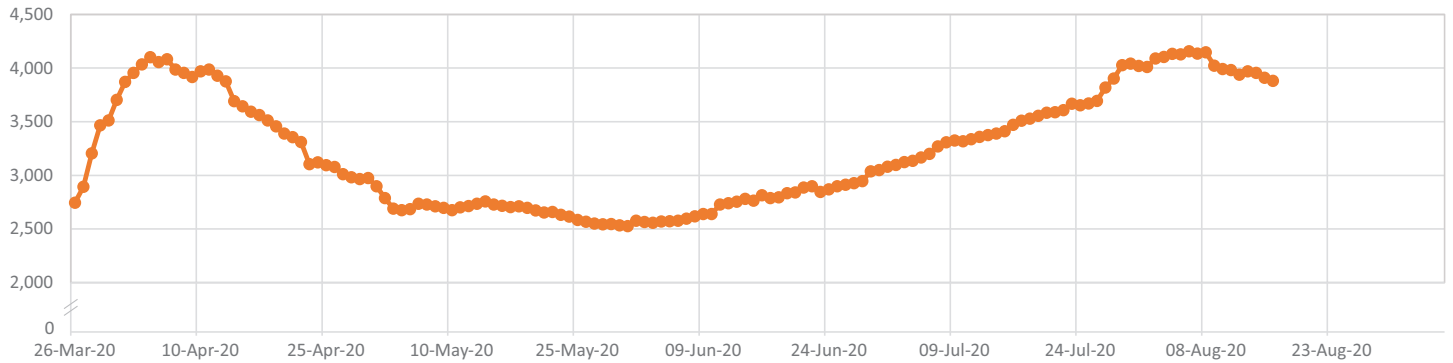**Daily Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, 19 Feb - 16 August 2020**

Daily confirmed COVID-19 Deaths, 19 Feb - 16 August 2020

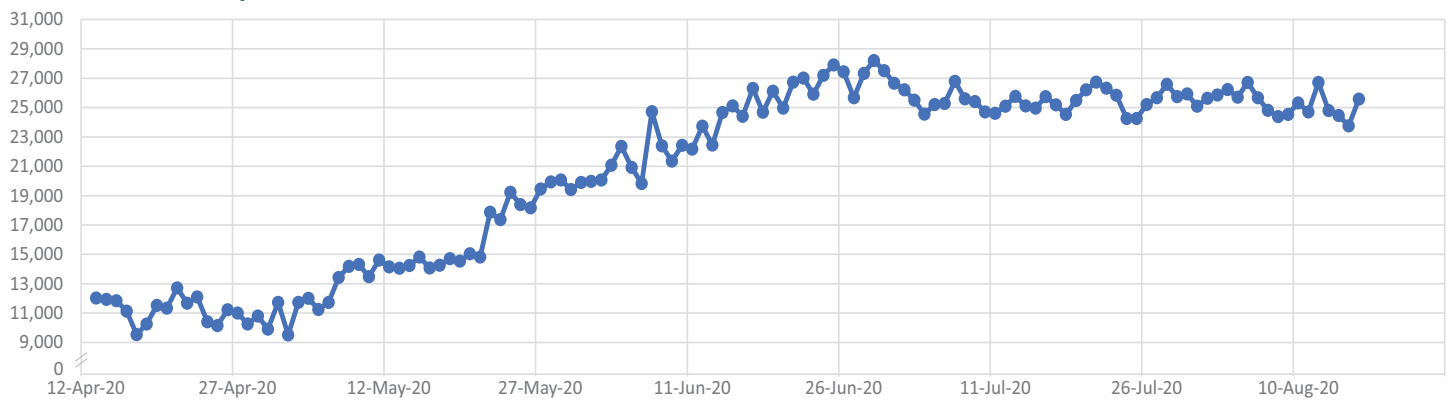**COVID-19 Cumulative Laboratory-Confirmed Cases and Recoveries, 19 Feb - 16 August 2020**

Cumulative Cases   Cumulative Recoveries

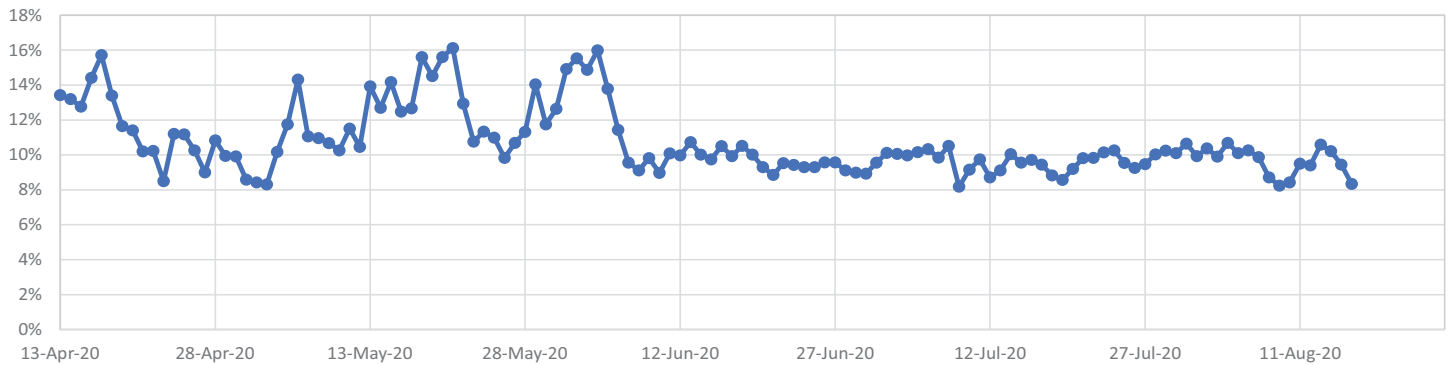## COVID-19 Patients in Intensive Care, 26 Mar - 16 August 2020

Laboratory Tests Update (National COVID-19 Laboratory Network)

Total Number of Daily COVID-19 PCR Tests
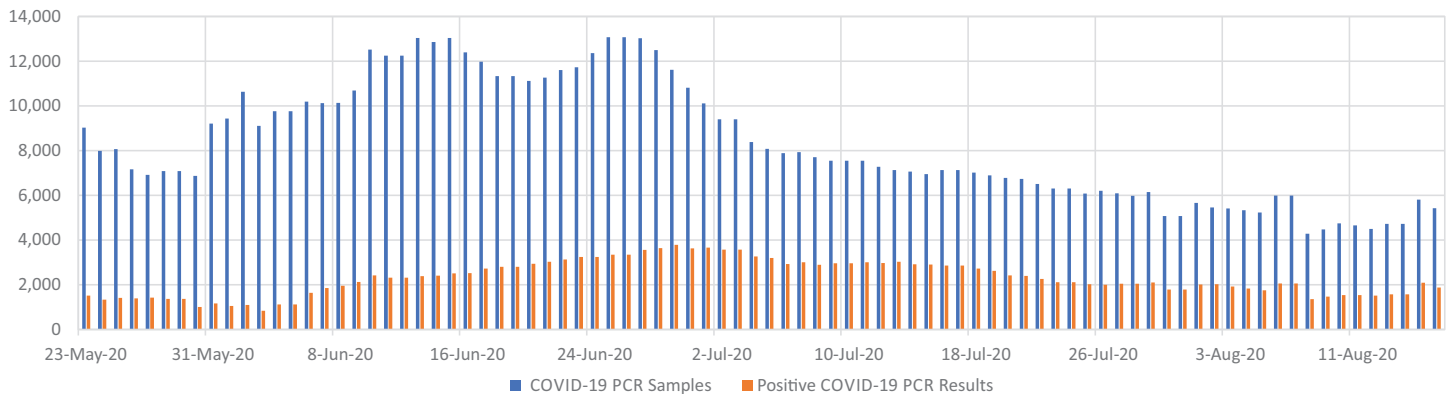

Total cumulative laboratory tests as of today is 2,861,825.

Percentage of Daily Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Among Daily COVID-19 PCR Tests Done

7-Day Moving Average of Daily COVID-19 PCR Sampling & Test Results at PHC

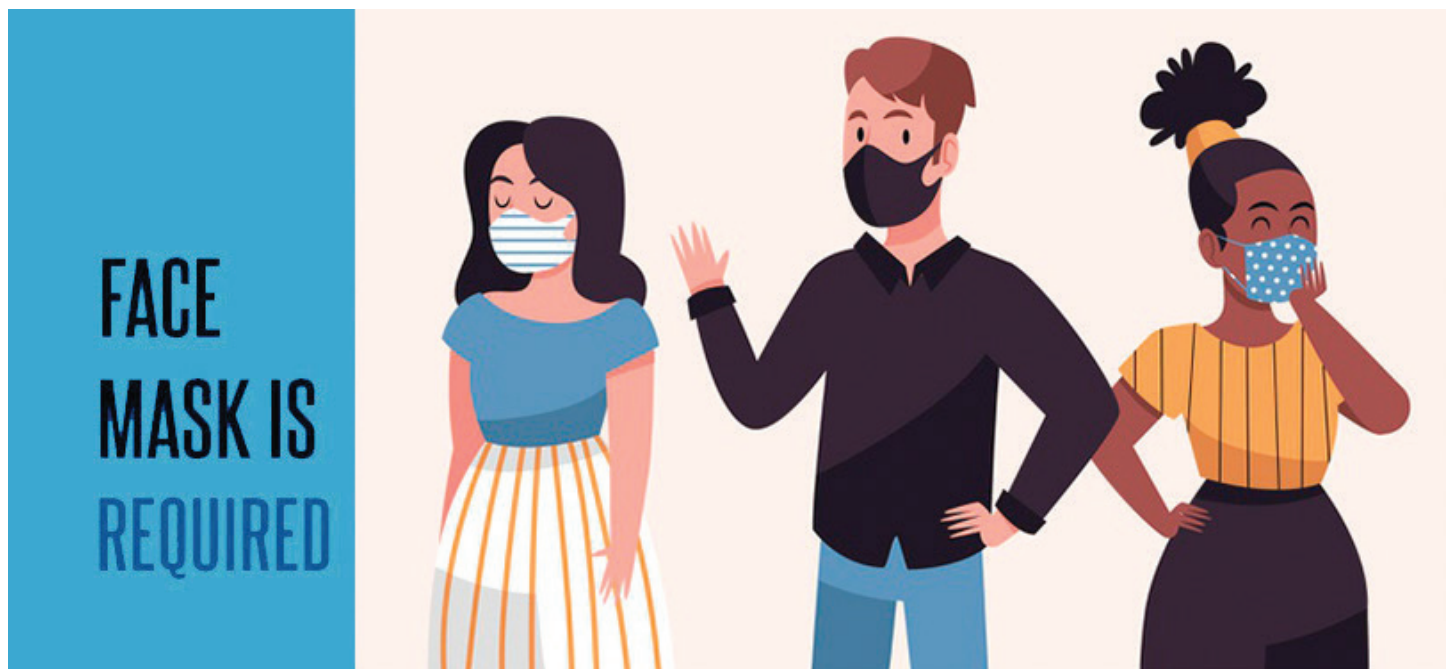COVID-19 PCR Samples   Positive COVID-19 PCR Results

* Source: SIB (31 provinces without Gorgan and Mashhad universities of medical sciences).

7-Day Moving Average of COVID-19 PCR Samples at PHC Per 100,000 Population by Province

Province	23/05	31/05	8/06	16/06	24/06	2/07	6/07	10/07	14/07	18/07	22/07	26/07	30/07	3/08	7/08	11/08	15/08	16/08
Alborz	9	6	5	12	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	7	5	6	6
Ardebil	13	10	9	12	14	11	9	9	9	8	8	9	7	8	9	6	6	5
Azerbaijan-East	29	18	15	21	21	9	7	7	9	8	6	6	4	4	4	4	5	4
Azerbaijan-West	12	17	16	21	22	9	10	10	9	7	6	5	4	5	6	4	6	5
Bushehr	16	14	18	21	15	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	5	5
Charmahal Bakhtiari	8	11	12	19	20	23	23	22	21	22	23	18	9	16	19	15	19	17
Esfahan	13	16	13	14	14	7	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	6	6	4	6	5
Fars	18	32	28	33	34	31	23	23	21	19	18	23	20	16	17	13	16	15
Gilan	9	9	8	8	6	10	9	8	9	9	10	8	6	6	7	5	6	6
Golestan	3	1	2	3	6	9	8	7	4	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Hamedan	5	6	6	10	13	8	7	7	7	7	6	6	4	4	5	3	3	3
Hormozgan	19	26	18	20	20	15	15	15	13	18	18	13	8	9	10	9	22	25
Ilam	2	9	30	23	13	17	14	19	22	20	19	21	14	14	16	12	14	14
Kerman	6	11	10	16	14	12	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	6
Kermanshah	22	26	31	35	31	24	18	15	14	14	10	9	6	7	7	5	6	6
Khorasan-North	5	3	3	4	5	8	10	11	11	11	11	13	11	11	11	7	9	9
Khorasan-Razavi	4	3	6	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	6	5	4	5	3	4	4	4
Khorasan-South	5	6	6	11	10	3	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1
Khuzestan	21	38	42	38	36	26	23	21	16	14	9	7	5	5	6	4	5	5
Kohgilouyeh Buyer Ahmad	11	18	25	37	17	16	13	14	12	15	19	17	11	13	16	14	17	14
Kordestan	15	22	23	32	34	25	17	13	10	9	7	5	4	5	5	4	5	4
Lorestan	31	23	22	22	19	13	11	11	13	14	14	13	12	15	19	17	20	19
Markazi	5	5	6	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	4	5	5	4	5	4	6	6
Mazandaran	6	7	5	8	10	12	9	7	10	10	8	8	9	11	13	10	10	10
Qazvin	7	9	7	9	17	6	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	4	4
Qom	2	3	3	6	8	9	6	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3
Semnan	13	12	11	18	23	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	9	11	11	8	9	9
Sistan & Baluchestan	5	4	4	6	3	4	4	4	4	6	6	3	2	3	2	1	1	1
Tehran	10	9	7	8	8	7	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	7	8	7	9	8
Yazd	5	3	2	6	10	13	11	8	8	8	8	7	7	9	10	8	10	9
Zanjan	22	24	18	35	58	43	56	54	48	56	49	34	22	23	25	17	17	16
Iran	**12**	**14**	**13**	**16**	**16**	**13**	**11**	**10**	**9**	**9**	**9**	**8**	**7**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**8**	**7**

* Sources: **SIB** for 29 provinces, **SINA** for Mashhad University of Medical Sciences and **NAB** for Gorgan University of Medical Sciences
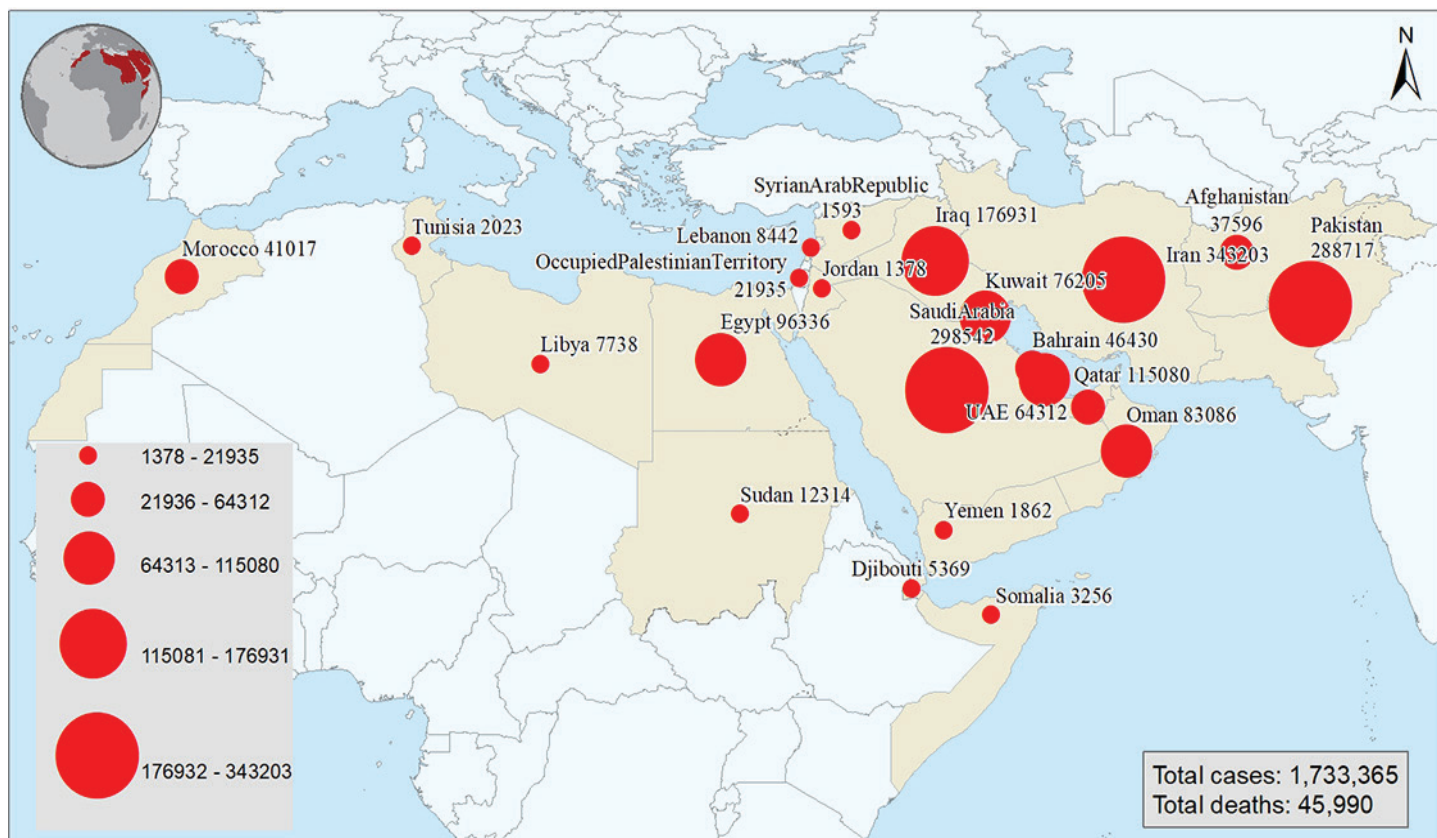

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Regional Update

Number of confirmed cases in countries of the region

Country	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Deaths	Country	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Deaths
Afghanistan	37,596	1,375	Palestine	21,935	121
Bahrain	46,430	170	Oman	83,086	572
Djibouti	5,369	59	Pakistan	288,717	6,168
Egypt	96,336	5,141	Qatar	115,080	193
Iran	343,203	19,639	Saudi Arabia	298,542	3,408
Iraq	176,931	5,860	Somalia	3,256	93
Jordan	1,378	11	Sudan	12,314	798
Kuwait	76,205	501	Syria	1,593	60
Lebanon	8,442	97	Tunisia	2,023	54
Libya	7,738	145	UAE	64,312	364
Morocco	41,017	632	Yemen	1,862	529

			Total	1,733,365	45,990

Distribution of COVID-19, confirmed cases and deaths in Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) as of 16 August 2020, 07:00 PM (GMT+2)

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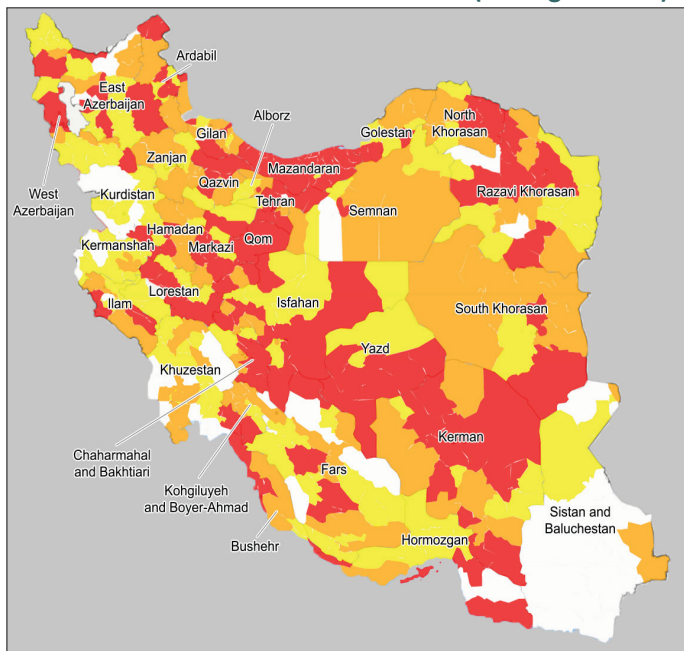
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⚠ Important Updates

COVID-19 Risk Status for Iran's Provincial Capitals

Province	Capital	7/05	17/05	28/05	3/06	9/06	19/06	27/06	1/07	3/07	5/07	9/07	11/7	13/7	15/7	20/7	28/7	29/7	31/7	4/8	12/8
Alborz	Karaj																				
Ardabil	Ardabil																				
Bushehr	Bushehr																				
Chaharmahal & Bakhtiari	Shahrekord																				
East Azerbaijan	Tabriz																				
Fars	Shiraz																				
Golestan	Gorgan																				
Guilan	Rasht																				
Hamedan	Hamedan																				
Hormozgan	Bandar Abbas																				
Ilam	Ilam																				
Isfahan	Isfahan																				
Kerman	Kerman																				
Kermanshah	Kermanshah																				
Khuzestan	Ahvaz																				
Kohgiloye & Boyer Ahmad	Yasuj																				
Kordestan	Sanandaj																				
Lorestan	Khoram-Abad																				
Markazi	Arak																				
Mazandaran	Sari																				
North Khorasan	Bojnord																				
Qazvin	Qazvin																				
Qom	Qom																				
Khorasan Razavi	Mashhad																				
Semnan	Semnan																				
Sistan and Baluchestan	Zahedan																				
South Khorasan	Birjand																				
Tehran	Tehran																				
West Azerbaijan	Urmia																				
Yazd	Yazd																				
Zanjan	Zanjan																				

COVID-19 Risk Status for Iran's Counties (12 August 2020)

The status of the cities is being updated in the Mask app, endorsed by Iran's Ministry of Health and Medical Education, Link to the Mask application website: https://mask.ir/

☀ Imposed International Restrictions

(No significant change compared to yesterday)

Travelers are strongly recommended to visit government websites for updated information and more details regarding the international restrictions for entering the countries.

Restrictions at Iranian Borders (as of 16 August, 13:00 PM)
The Latest Situation of Cargo and Passenger Traffic in the Common Borders of Iran and Neighboring Countries

Country	Border/Crossing	Cargo Status	Passenger Traffic Status	Remarks
Iraq	Mehran	Allowed	Not Allowed	Iraqi nationals having Iranian wives and their children, Iraqi students and merchants, Iraqi nationals with work permit and those Iraqis who intend to travel Iran for the purpose of medical treatment are being granted visa to enter Iran. Currently Iraqis with tourism and pilgrimage purposes are not allowed to enter Iran. Travelers are required to have valid health certificates indicating negative Coronavirus test. In addition, their passport numbers must have been printed in their health certificates. The Embassy of Iran also announced that among the Iranians, only diplomats are currently allowed to enter Iraq. Iraq resumed international flights for passengers under strict health guidelines. Wearing masks and hand gloves and social distancing in the Airports is mandatory for all workers and passengers. Passengers traveling to Basra (BSR) and Baghdad (BGW) must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result issued at most 48 hours before departure. Passengers transiting through Basra (BSR) must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result issued at most 72 hours before departure. The body temperature of all passengers will be checked by thermal camera screening at the terminal entrance. Passengers are also subject to medical screening and quarantine. Passengers arriving at Erbil (EBL) or Sulaymaniyah (ISU) must complete a "Pledge Form" upon arrival. Departing Passengers are required to carry out PCR test at the medical centers and health laboratories specified by Iraq Ministry of Health and according to the requirements of the states of destination, in case destination state didn't request (PCR) test, so it must be done before 72 hours from departure flight date. **Mehran border** - operational on Sundays and Wednesdays allowing the daily transport of 250 trucks. Health protocols are strictly followed on Mehran crossing. Negotiations are still ongoing for full reopening of the Mehran border. All entrants to Iraq from this border point must have a health certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result. **Shalamcheh** – currently is operational for two days per week on Saturdays and Wednesdays. **Chazabeh** – currently is operational only for cargo export from Iran to Iraq. **Bashmagh-Marivan** - export and transit is operational through this border. **Khosravi** – reopened on 23 July 2020 for cargo transit. Currently the border point is open for individual passenger traffic with full compliance of health protocols. Effective 12 August 2020, cargo transit became operational on all weekdays. **Parviz Khan** - reopened on Monday 25 May 2020. **Tamarchin** – export and transit is operational through this border. **Soumar (Mandali)** – reopened on 11 July 2020. Currently the border point is operational on Sundays and Wednesdays.
	Shalamcheh	Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Chazabeh	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Siran Band-Baneh, Sardasht-Kileh, Shushemi, Sheykh Salleh	Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Bashmagh-Marivan	Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Khosravi	Allowed	One-way Allowed	
	Parviz Khan	Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Tamarchin	Allowed	Not Allowed	
	Soumar	Allowed	Not Allowed	
Oman	Air Traffic-Passenger Ferry- Cargo	Allowed	Not Allowed	Maritime transportation of food supplies in the route of Bandar Abbas port and Sultan Qaboos port is operational by Al-Marafi company. Effective from 25 March, import and export by wooden liner is not allowed until further notice. Only nationals are allowed to enter Oman. Passenger flights to Oman are suspended with exemption to emergency, cargo, humanitarian and repatriation flights.

Country	Border/Crossing	Cargo Status	Passenger Traffic Status	Remarks
Kuwait	Air Traffic- Passenger Ferry- Cargo	As per the remarks	Not Allowed	Traffic of wooden vessels is prohibited but metal vessels and the vessels with refrigerator are allowed to transport. Export of fruit and grocery supplies from Iran to Kuwait has commenced from 20 April. Passengers who have been in or transited through specific countries including Iran in the past 14 days are not allowed to enter. This does not apply to: - Nationals of Kuwait and their first-degree family members. - Passengers with a diplomatic or special passport. They must have prior approval from the Embassy of Kuwait. Passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test result. The test must have been taken at most 72 hours before arrival. This does not apply to infants and passengers in transit. All passengers are subject to medical screening. Passengers should install "Shlonik" and "Kuwait-Mosafer" applications on their personal device. Visit visas are not issued on arrival or at Embassies outside Kuwait, until further notice.
Qatar	Air Traffic- Passenger Ferry- Cargo	As per the remarks	Transit Allowed	Traffic of wooden vessels is prohibited but metal vessels and the vessels with refrigerator are allowed to transport. In case the passengers or the crew show any symptoms of COVID-19 they will be quarantined for 14 days. All passenger flights are suspended with exemptions to flights with transfer passengers, flights with Qatari nationals, and permanent residents, cargo flights, emergency, technical landing, humanitarian/medevac/repatriation flights and united nations flights. Under the instructions of the Qatar Government, entry into Qatar is currently only allowed for Qatari nationals, the children and spouses of Qatari citizens, and permanent resident permit holders. Entry is also permitted for regular resident permit holders, subject to re-entry approval. Arriving passengers must have a quarantine hotel reservation made at www.discoverqatar.qa for a duration of 7 days. A list of exemptions can be found at https://www.qatarairwaysholidays.com/qa-en/welcome-home-7-night-booking/overview. For more information about the requirements for arriving passengers and quarantine measures in place, visit https://covid19.moph.gov.qa/EN/Pages/Countries-Classified-Low-Risk-of-COVID-19.aspx For more information about travel with Qatar Airways, check Qatar Airways section under International Airlines (page 10), or visit https://www.qatarairways.com/en/travel-alerts.html Both arriving and transiting passengers are subject to medical screening. Use of mask is mandatory inside the Doha airport and passengers shall observe physical distancing of minimum 1.5 meters.
Emirates	Air Traffic- Passenger Ferry- Cargo	Allowed	Not Allowed	Traffic of wooden vessels is prohibited but metal vessels and the vessels with refrigerator are allowed to transport. Hamriyah Port only allows vessels carrying Fruits and Vegetables. Transportation of the essential supplies are operational through air traffic by Mahan and Qeshm airlines. All passenger flights are suspended (this does not apply to aircrafts operated for the purpose of evacuation and over-flights) Only nationals and residents are allowed to enter Emirates. Residents must have a Resident Entry Permit obtained before departure and are subject to medical screening and quarantine. For all passengers, a completed self-declaration health form must be presented upon arrival at Dubai (DXB). There are restrictions imposed for the supplies arriving from China at Emirates ports. The UAE has obliged all commercial ships coming to the country to provide a statement on the health status of their crews 72 hours before arrival.

Country	Border/Crossing	Cargo Status	Passenger Traffic Status	Remarks
Emirates	Air Traffic-Passenger Ferry- Cargo	Allowed	Not Allowed	Passengers entering or transiting Dubai (DXB) and Abu Dhabi (AUH) must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test result (currently other methods and Lab technics are not approved by the UAE), issued at most 96 hours before departure. The certificate must be issued by an approved lab listed on https://screening.purehealth.ae. This does not apply to children younger than 12 years and passengers with severe or moderate disabilities. Passengers traveling as tourists arriving at Dubai (DXB) must have health insurance. In addition, a completed self-declaration health form must be presented upon arrival at Dubai (DXB). If passengers do not have the certificate, they are subject to a PCR test on arrival. If the test result is positive, they are subject to quarantine for 14 days. Allowed passengers must refer to https://smartservices.ica.gov.ae for more information about the required Coronavirus test in order to enter UAE. Iranian passengers may only refer to below health centers for the required health certificate: 1. Erfan Niayesh Hospital (Tehran) 2. Iran Pathology Laboratory (Tehran) 3. Kavian Laboratory (Tehran) 4. Day Hospital (Tehran) 5. Nobel Laboratory (Isfahan) 6. Yaran Laboratory (Isfahan) 7. Organ transplantation Center of Abualisina Hospital (Shiraz) 8. Niloo Pathology Laboratory (Shiraz) 9. Pars Laboratory (Shiraz) 10. Doctor Moddaresi Laboratory (Lar) 11. Lar University of Medical Sciences (Lar) 12. Doctor Atash Aabparvar Laboratory (Bandar Abbas) 13. Kish Hospital (Kish) 14. Bu Ali Laboratory (Qom) 15. Central Jahad Daneshgahi Laboratory (Mashhad) All passengers arriving at Dubai (DXB) must download and register the COVID-19 DXB Smart App. Visas issued by the UAE that expired after 1 March 2020 are accepted for entry until 31 December 2020. They must be validated within 30 days of entry. Expired residency permits issued by the UAE that have been extended until December 2020 are accepted for entry. Passengers with a residence permit issued by the UAE are allowed to stay abroad longer than 180 days. Visa on arrival facilities on Abu Dhabi (AUH) is suspended. Effective 24 July 2020, passengers arriving at Abu Dhabi (AUH) must have an ICA approval obtained at https://smartservices.ica.gov.ae/echannels/web/client/default.html#/login
Turkmenistan	Sarakhs, Lotfabad, Bajgiran and Incheh Borun	Allowed	Not Allowed	Currently, Sarakhs border bridge and rail border are operational. Flights to Turkmenistan are suspended until 1 September 2020. Currently only nationals and residents are allowed to enter Turkmenistan.
Azerbaijan	Astara, Bilehsavar, Jolfa	Allowed	Not Allowed	Land borders are open for transporting commercial supplies. Maritime transportation is operational. Railway transportation is allowed from Astara. Azerbaijan and Russia common land borders are open for the transportation of Iranian supplies. Passengers are not allowed to enter Azerbaijan until 31 August 2020 (This does not apply to nationals and residents of Azerbaijan). Allowed passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 test result issued at most 48 hours before departure. Nationals of Azerbaijan arriving without a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result are subject to quarantine for 14 days. A completed "Self-Isolation Form" must be presented upon arrival. E-visa issuance and visa on arrival facilities are suspended.

Country	Border/Crossing	Cargo Status	Passenger Traffic Status	Remarks
Armenia	Nurduz	Allowed	Visa exemption is Suspended.	Transportation of goods is operational under both countries' MoH protocols. Nearly the export of all Iranian products to Armenia is commenced and transshipment at Meghri border has speeded up. Armenia has issued electronic visa for the Iranian truck drivers who cannot reload at the border and the trucks are escorted by police to their final destination in Armenia. Passengers are not allowed to enter Armenia (This does not apply to residents, nationals and their immediate family members, diplomats and their immediate family members).
Kazakhstan	Aktau Port	As per the remarks	Not Allowed	Iranian goods are being received after all health controls. Only nationals and residents are allowed to enter Kazakhstan.
	Almaty			
Russia	Astrakhan	As per the remarks	Not Allowed	Maritime transportation is operational. Only transit road transportation is allowed. Passengers are not allowed to enter the Russian Fed. (This does not apply to nationals and permanent residents). Arriving passengers and except nationals, all transiting passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus PCR test result issued at most 72 hours before arrival/transit.
	Makhachkala			
Afghanistan	Doqaroun, Mahiroud, Milak, Gamshad	Allowed	As per the remarks	Only nationals and residents are allowed to enter Afghanistan and passenger transportation is not allowed, but all border crossings with Afghanistan have reopened and trade exchanges between the two neighbors have returned to normal. **Milak**- after recent tensions, Iranian and Afghan local authorities signed a border agreement on 14 August 2020, in order to reopen the Milak border point. Afghan nationals holding valid residency permission, student visa, multiple entry visa, work permit visa, medical visa and investment visa issued by the official authorities of I.R Iran, are allowed to enter Iran. Currently, tourism and pilgrimage visa requests are not being processed.
Pakistan	Kuhak, Pishin, Rimdan	Allowed	As per the remarks	All cargo transport restrictions at Pakistan border points were lifted on 5 July 2020. Pakistani nationals holding valid residency permission, student visa, multiple entry visa, work permit visa, medical visa and investment visa issued by the official authorities of I.R Iran, are allowed to enter Iran. Currently, tourism and pilgrimage visa requests are not being processed by Iran. Pakistan land borders are closed with Afghanistan, India and Iran. International passenger flights to Pakistan are operational except flights to Gwadar and Turbat. Arriving passengers will be subject to thermal screening and quarantine for 14 days. If passengers have symptoms of COVID-19, they may be taken to a facility for a swab test. Passengers must also submit a completed health declaration form, which will be made available on the flights or upon arrival.
	Jalegh,	Allowed		
	Mirjaveh	Allowed		
Turkey	Serow/Urmia	Allowed	As per the remarks	Iran and Turkey land borders opened for cargo transit on 4 June 2020. Iranian and Turkish trucks and transit vehicles are allowed to pass through the border points on the condition that the health protocols agreed between the two sides are observed. Currently cargo rail transport is operational at the Razi rail border. Turkey closed its air border with Iran on 20 July 2020. Currently only Iranian nationals with permeant Turkish residency or work permit are allowed to enter turkey. No others passenger can enter Turkey through direct flights from Iran. Direct flights from Iran to Turkey are only for the purpose of returning the Iranians.
	Bazargan/Maku	Allowed		
	Razi/Khoy	Allowed		

Further updates regarding the countries imposing travel bans for passengers with a travel history to Iran are provided in the below link:
https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm
The global IOM portal tracking mobility restriction can also be reached at http://migration.iom.int/

Travel Restrictions Imposed by Iran

Effective from 5 August 2020, all arriving passengers at all Iranian air borders are required to present a completed self-declaration health form (Covid-19 Screening Form) and Passengers' Commitment Form provided by the air operators, together with a health certificate (for passengers above two years-old) issued in English by appropriate health authorities in the departure country indicating negative PCR test result issued at most 96 hours before departure.

Should the health certificate not be presented on arrival, international passenger will not be permitted to enter Iran and Iranian nationals will be tested and quarantined for 48 hours until they receive the test result. In case of positive test result, the passenger is required to self-quarantine for 14 days or will be referred to medical centers. Passengers shall incur all the expenses including medical tests and accommodation.

All arriving passengers are subject to screening and suspicious national passengers will be tested again and quarantined for 48 hours until they receive the test result. International suspicious passengers will be also tested again and quarantined for 48 hours until they receive the test result. In case of positive test result, international passengers will be quarantined in assigned locations by MoH Iran for 14 days or will be referred to medical centers. Passengers shall incur all the expenses including medical tests and accommodation.

Wearing masks at all passenger terminals of Iran airports is mandatory.

Passenger are strongly advised to cross check with their air operators on the latest prerequisites and required documentations.

Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKIA) office can be reached at +9821 5100111 regarding the issues related to health regulations both for incoming and outgoing flights. IKIA is also equipped with three disinfecting machines for passengers and baggage as a measure to prevent the spread of coronavirus at the airport.

International Airlines

Qatar Airways: Currently operates two daily flights in the rout of Doha-Tehran as per the below schedule.

Date	Flight No	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
Daily	QR490	Doha	Tehran	00:50	04:20
	QR491	Tehran	Doha	05:30	06:00
	QR498	Doha	Tehran	18:30	22:00
	QR499	Tehran	Doha	23:15	23:45

The Airline also operates four weekly flights in the rout of Doha-Mashhad, four weekly flights in the rout of Doha-Shiraz and two weekly flights in the rout of Doha-Isfahan.

All Doha terminating passengers are being quarantined for 14 days. For transfer passengers, no health certificate is required; however, all transfer passengers are being screened before they board their onward flight. In addition, all terminals of Hamad International Airport are equipped with Thermal screening cameras.

Effective 16 August, Qatar Airways requires passengers travelling from specific countries including Iran to present a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR medical test result when checking in. Tests must be issued within 72 hours before departure, from laboratories that are approved by Qatar Airways, and paid for at the passenger's expense. Those that do not have a copy of their medical test certificate alongside a Passenger Consent Form will not be permitted to travel on Qatar Airways flights. Children below the age of 12 years are exempt from this test

if accompanied by family members that have presented a negative test result. (Further information at https:///www.qatarairways.com/en/travel-alerts/COVID-19-update)

Approved laboratories by Qatar Airways in Iran are:

Tehran
- Keyvan Lab
- Khatam-al-Anbia Hospital
- Day Lab
- Erfan Niayesh Lab
- Erfan Hospital Lab
- Payvand Lab
- Pars Hospital
- Nikan Hospital
- Gholhak Lab
- Aramesh Lab

Isfahan
- Nobel Lab
- Yaran Lab

Mashhad
- Mashhad Pathobiology Lab
- Dr Ejtehadi Lab
- Pardis Lab
- Dr Daneshgahi Lab

Shiraz
- Niloo Lab
- Raz Lab
- Payvand Lab

Emirates Airways: Effective 12 until 20 August 2020, operates four weekly flights in the rout of Dubai-Tehran-Dubai on Saturdays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, as per the below schedule.

Date	Flight No	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
12-20 Aug 20	EK971	Dubai	Tehran	07:45	10:25
	EK972	Tehran	Dubai	11:40	13:20

Effective 20 August 2020, Emirates will operate daily flights in the rout of Dubai-Tehran-Dubai, as per the below schedule.

Date	Flight No	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
20 Aug – 19 Sep 2020	EK977	Dubai	Tehran	21:55	00:35+1
21 Aug – 20 Sep 2020	EK978	Tehran	Dubai	02:25	04:15
20 Sep – 24 Oct 2020	EK977	Dubai	Tehran	21:55	23:35
21 Sep – 25 Oct 2020	EK978	Tehran	Dubai	01:25	04:15

Emirates in partnership with Allianz Partners provides free global assistance services related to COVID-19 medical and quarantine expenses for passengers traveling with the airline at any time with effect from 23 July 2020, until 31 October 2020. The coverage applies to every travel class and is valid for 31 calendar days starting from the trip commencement. No registration is required and COVID-19 health expenses will be covered up to EUR 150,000 and quarantine costs up to EUR 100 per day for 14 days. In addition, free 24-hour hotline support number is available for the passengers. For more information, please refer to https://www.emirates.com/english/help/covid19-cover/.

Turkish Airlines: All scheduled flights to and from Iran are cancelled until 31 August 2020.

National Airlines

Iran Air: Currently operates three weekly flights to London on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, two weekly flights to Paris on Mondays and Fridays, one weekly flight to Amsterdam on Thursdays, one weekly flight to Milan on Fridays and one weekly flight to Manchester every Saturday. Currently Iran Air

negotiates to resume flights to Germany. Only the passengers with European residency card, Type D visa holders and long-term visa holders can embark on these flights. In addition, Iran Air operates extra flights to Madrid, Karachi and Minsk for the purpose of returning Iranians only. Following health screening at Imam Khomeini International Airport, passengers are being provided with the required Health certificate for international flights.

Effective from 8 August 2020, Iran Air will operate weekly flights to Kuwait. As scheduled, on Saturdays one flight from Isfahan to Kuwait City and the return flight and on Wednesdays, one flight form Shiraz to Kuwait City and the return flight, will be operated.

Iran Air central office in Tehran can be reached at +9821 46621888 for further information.

Mahan Air: Currently operates daily conditional flights to Istanbul and Dubai and extra flights to Damascus, Delhi, Moscow, Beirut, Bangkok and Kula Lumpur for returning Iranian passengers to the country. Mahan Air resume daily Tehran – Dubai – Tehran passenger flights on 9 July 2020.

Effective 6 September 2020, Mahan Air will operate two weekly flights in the rout of Tehran-Copenhagen, on Sundays and Thursdays. The return flights will be on the same days.

Mahan Air call center in Tehran can be reached at +9821 48384838 for further information.

Effective 20 July 2020, Mahan Air operates one weekly flight to Guangzhou. Passengers are required to have medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result issued at most 72 hours before departure. Passengers are required to refer to below health centers for the required health certificate:
- Day Hospital Laboratory (Tehran)

- Saeed Laboratory (Tehran)
- Aramesh Laboratory (Tehran)
- Azarmehr Laboratory (Isfahan)
- Arad Pathobiology Laboratory (Karaj)
- Central Jahad Daneshgahi Laboratory (Mashhad)

Passengers will be tested again for COVID-19 upon arrival in Guangzhou airport and are subject to quarantine for 14 days. Currently some other national airlines such as **Taban, Zagros, Iran Airtour, Iran Aseman, Qeshm airlines** and **Kish Air** are also operating some conditional flights mainly in the route of Istanbul and Dubai for returning Iranians.

Available Cargo Services

Qatar Airways: Operates two weekly cargo flights on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The airline also operates some additional flights during the week for cargo services. The daily flight of QR498 also accepts cargo. Qatar Airways Cargo has offered and confirmed to fly any medical supplies to China and Iran free of charge; however, these shipments must come through the Embassy of China and Embassy of Iran at the origin station, the Embassy must be the shipper. Qatar Airways cargo office in IKIA can be reached at +9821 55678368.

Mahan Air: Cargo service is currently available for China, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Istanbul, Barcelona, Moscow and Dubai. Mahan Air cargo office in IKIA can be reached at +9821 55678215.

Qeshm Airline: Cargo service is currently available for the special flights from Istanbul. Qeshm Airline cargo office in IKIA can be reached at +9821 55678355.

Iran Air Cargo: is currently operational for London, Paris and Italy.

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Status	Airline	Flight No	From/To	Remarks	Time
Arrival	Qatar Airways	QR490	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	04:20
	Qatar Airways	QR482	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	12:10
	Iraqi Airways	IA111	Baghdad	Conditional flight.	13:45
	Mahan Air	W5143	Damascus	Conditional flight for returning Iranians.	19:35
	Iran Air	IR710	London	Conditional flight.	21:30
	Qatar Airways	QR498	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	22:25
	Iran Air	IR724	Amsterdam	Conditional flight.	22:55
Departure	Qatar Airways	QR491	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	05:40
	Iran Air	IR711	London	Conditional flight.	07:10
	Iran Air	IR725	Amsterdam	Conditional flight.	09:45
	Syrian Airlines	RB1374	Damascus	Conditional flight.	12:00
	Iraqi Airways	IA112	Baghdad	Conditional flight.	14:45
	Qatar Airways	QR483	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	15:40
	Mahan Air	W5142	Damascus	Conditional disight for returning Iranians.	14:00
	Mahan Air	W5065	Dubai	Conditional flight for returning Iranians.	20:50
	Qatar Airways	QR499	Doha	Operational for transit and cargo flights only.	23:40

☀ Imposed National and Provincial Restrictions

The National Task Force on Fighting Coronavirus announced the penalties for deviations from health measures established by the task force, on three levels:

Administrative and executive agencies: violators (employees or their supervisors) will receive a formal written warning notice recorded in the employee's file for the first time, an official reprimand recorded in the employee's file for the second time, a one-third cut in the salary and benefits for one month for the third violation, a one-third cut in the salary and benefits for three months for the fourth violation, and suspension from work for three months for the fifth violation.

Businesses: deviation from health protocols will result in receiving a written warning notice recorded in the business owner's file for the first time, shutting down the business for 5 days for the second time, and shutting down for 10 days for the third time.

The public: individuals who do not respect health protocols, namely, wearing a mask and keeping physical distance in public places, shall be denied services, with violation of this rule being subject to disciplinary action outlined above.

Useful links

WHO website on coronavirus:
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

WHO online training:
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training

WHO COVID-19 Situation reports:
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports

New EPI-WIN website:
Access to timely, accurate, and easy-to-understand advice and information from trusted sources
www.who.int/epi-win

Weblink to Farsi translations of WHO public awareness raising materials for COVID-19:
https://www.who.int/ar/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019-farsi/advice-for-public-farsi/

Protect yourself and others
http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/protect-yourself-and-others.html

Myth busters
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters

Travel health
https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/key-considerations-for-repatriation-and-quarantine-of-travellers-in-relation-to-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/

Videos
http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/videos.html

Questions and answers
http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/questions-and-answers.html

Technical guidance
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/technical-guidance

HIV and COVID-19
https://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2020/HIV_COVID-19_brochure

WHO Database of Publications on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

Worldometers Information on COVID-19 cases:
https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/

WHO COVID-19 Updates:
https://covid19.who.int

COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor
https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/mainpage.aspx

Instagram Account of the WHO Country Office in IR Iran:
https://www.instagram.com/whoiran

WHO Iran Country Office COVID-19 Daily Updates Archive:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QCng86-Ss4v8-_RV2E4E7vR7a7OqNeT_?usp=sharing

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