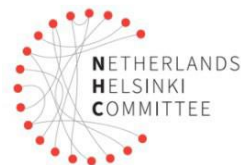




# *AFEW International's* COVID-19 situation report in the six countries of the Eastern Partnership

Prepared for the COVID-19 Solidarity Programme



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## Introduction

In the framework of the EU COVID-19 Solidarity Programme for Eastern Partnership, AFEW International, People in Need (PIN) and Netherlands Helsinki Committee (NHC) joined forces to propose a set of interventions in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and contribute towards longer-term socio-economic resilience of vulnerable groups.

One of the activities in this project is the collection of information on the epidemiology of COVID-19, the measures taken by local governments to contain the epidemic and information on access to health services. This report doesn't give conclusions or recommendations for the next steps; the report functions as an information resource as support for the development of (new) interventions.

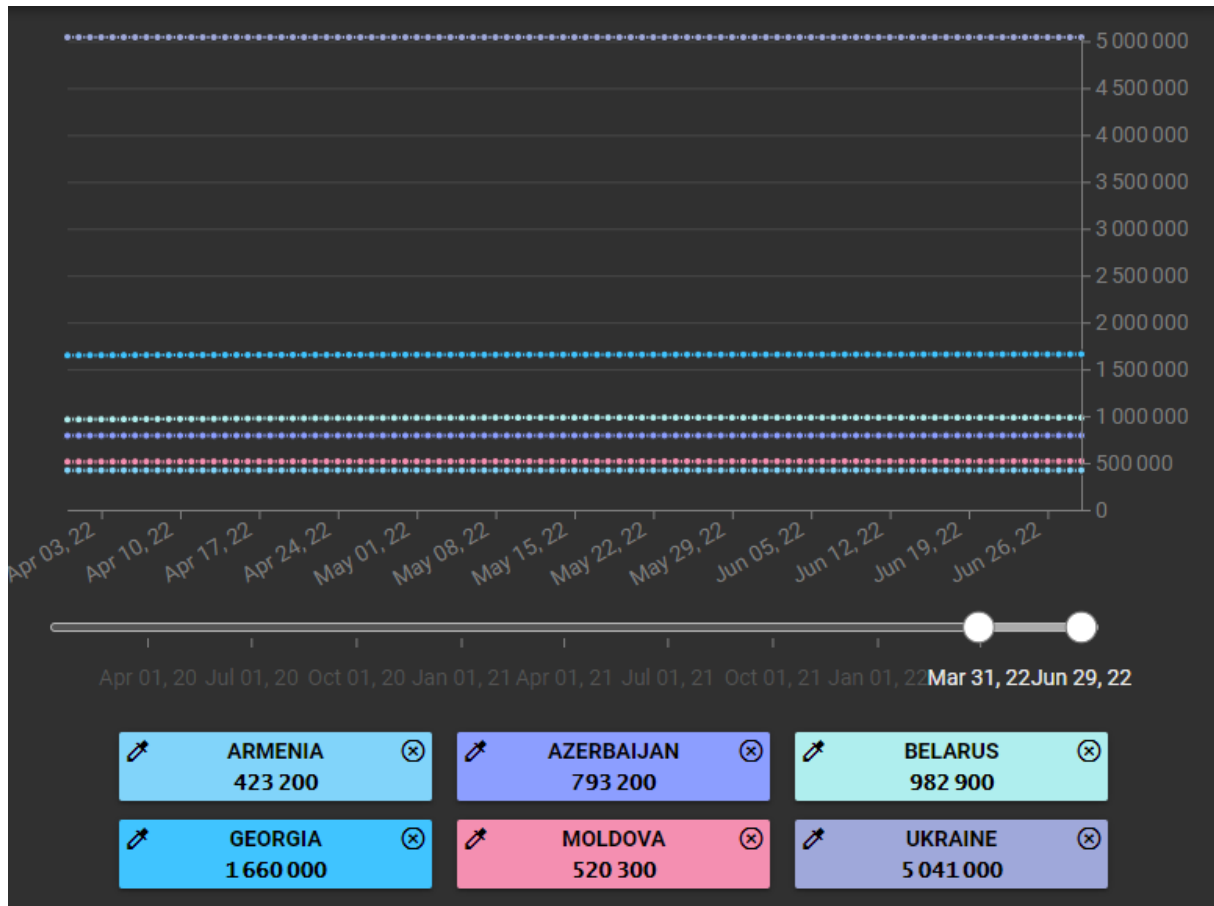
This report gives an overview of the period 1 April – 30 June 2022, the seventh quarter of the implementation period of the project. Such a report will be produced for every quarter of the project duration.

For this report the following sources are used:

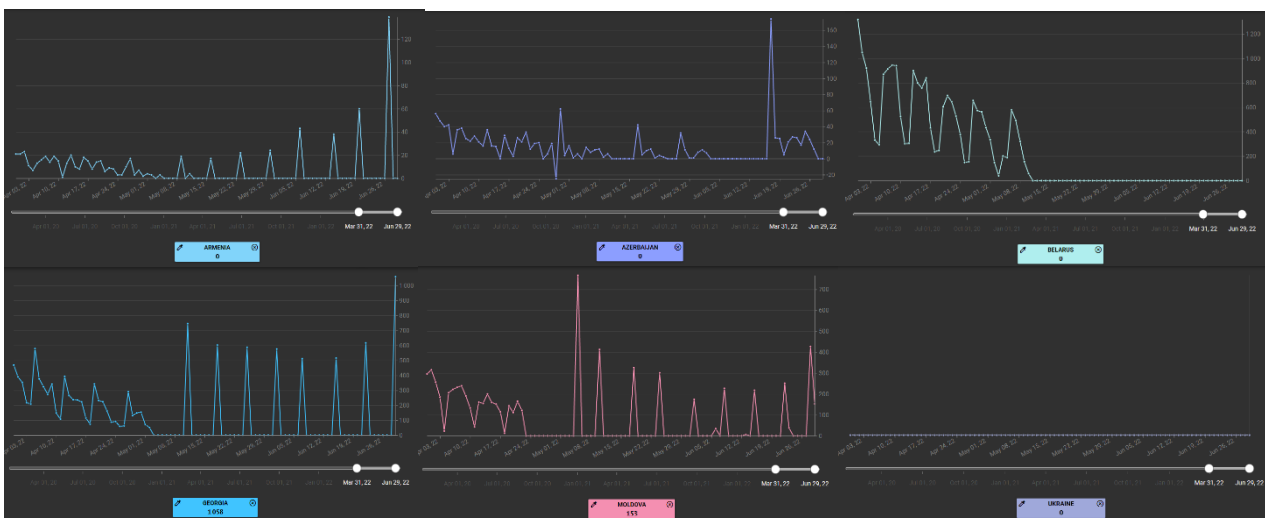
- WHO Health System Response Monitor (HSRM);
- Government sources on the coronavirus situation in the countries;
- Reports on the COVID-19 situation prepared by the UNICEF, UN, OECD, International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR);
- Global news agencies;
- Local independent media.

## Regional overview

Confirmed daily COVID-19 cases in 2022, between April 1 and June 30 in the 6 countries of the Eastern Partnership

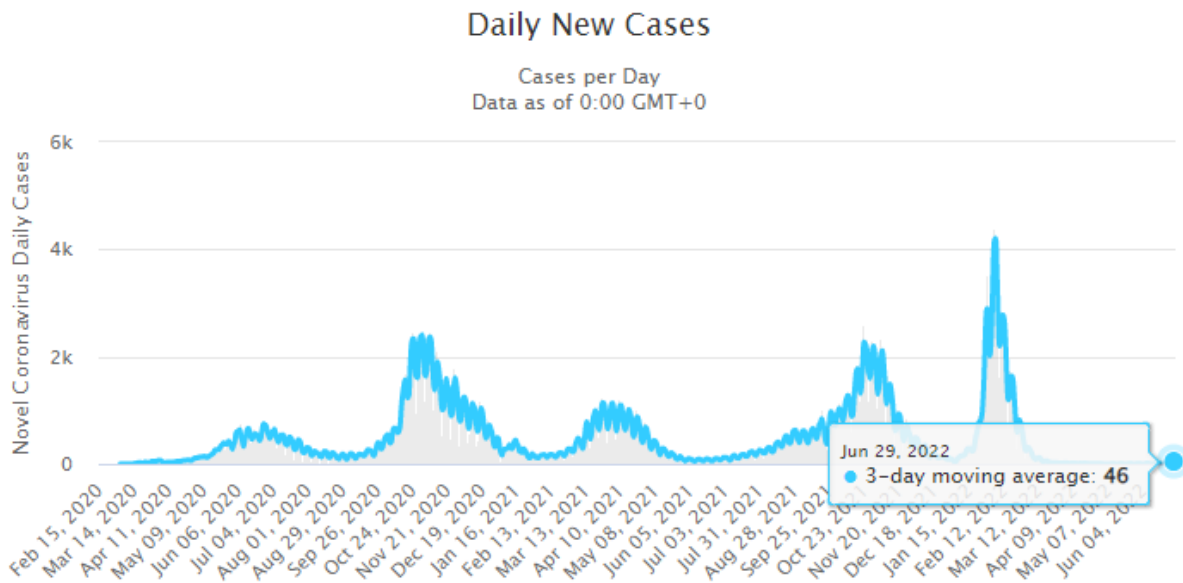


Source: Sciences Po Media lab Coronavirus Country Comparator





## Situation report Armenia



**Image:** Worldometer

### Cases of COVID-19

- The daily COVID-19 infections are [at 1% of the peak](#) in Armenia.
- There have been 423,006 infections, 8,625 coronavirus-related deaths, and 412,661 recoveries reported in the [country](#) since the pandemic began.

### Measures to contain the epidemic

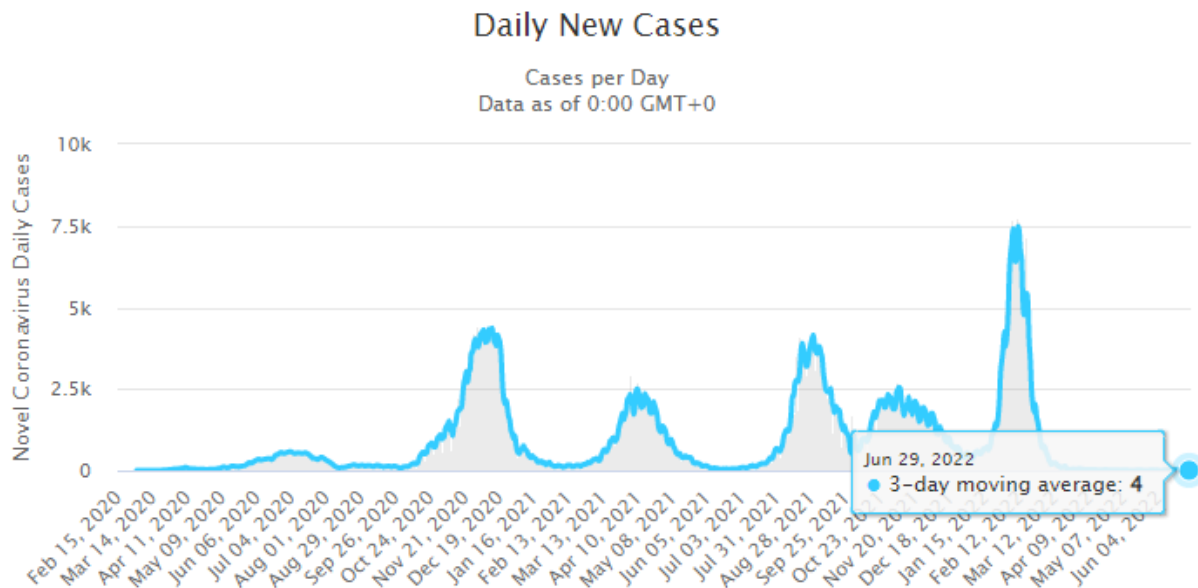
- As of May 1, 2022, Armenia has [waived](#) the requirement of passengers to present a vaccination document or negative PCR test upon entry. Armenia remains open to foreign visitors by air and land.
- The [quarantine](#) regime, which replaced the state of emergency in Armenia in September 2020, had expired on June 20, 2022, thereby annulling all remaining quarantine measures.
- The Ministry of Health of Armenia announced that in 2021, 35.2 billion dram have been directed to combat the COVID19 pandemic.
- During the week June 20-26 alone, Armenia has reported a spike in PCR [tests](#), totalling 4780.

### Vaccine

- Armenia has administered at least 2,150,112 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 36.3% of the country's population.



## Situation report Azerbaijan



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### *Cases of COVID-19*

- Azerbaijan is reporting 1 COVID-19 [infection](#) per 100K people reported last 7 days, with average daily cases at less than 1% of peak.
- There have been 793,188 infections, 9,717 coronavirus-related deaths, and 783,298 recoveries reported in the country since the pandemic began.

### *Measures to contain the epidemic*

- Corona restrictions have been largely [lifted](#). Public facilities are mostly open. However, restrictions on the use of public services remain in place for the unvaccinated. Foreign certificates are accepted as proof of full vaccination or recovery. It is obligatory to wear a mouth-nose protection in indoor areas and public transportation.
- At present, entry into the country is only possible by plane. However, as of 15 April 2022, the obligation to present a negative PCR test for COVID-19 is [abolished](#) for foreigners arriving in the Republic of Azerbaijan, and passengers of domestic flights will not be required to provide the document.
- Among the initiatives by Azerbaijan to respond to the coronavirus crisis, robust [strategies](#) were adopted to minimize its impact on society, including social protection of women and children, displaced persons, older population, people with disabilities and migrants.

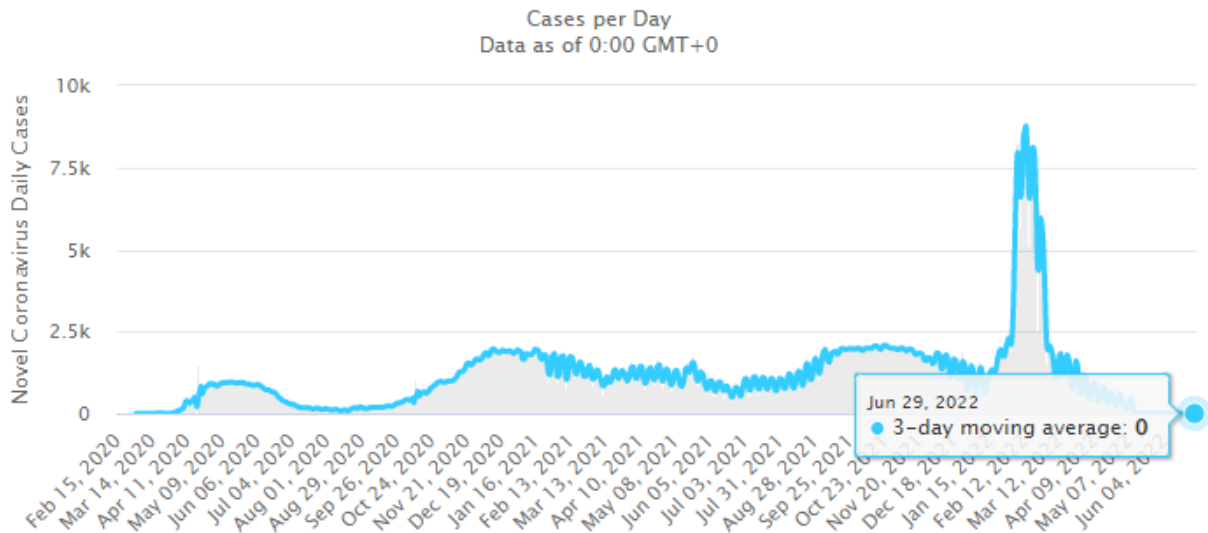
### *Vaccine*

- Azerbaijan has administered at least 13,762,091 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 68.7% of the country's population.



## Situation report Belarus

### Daily New Cases



**Image:** Worldometer

#### *Cases of COVID-19*

- Belarus is reporting that its daily COVID-19 [infections](#) are at less than 1% of peak.
- There have been 982,867 infections and 6,978 coronavirus-related deaths reported in the [country](#) since the pandemic began.

#### *Measures to contain the epidemic*

- On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Belarus has [lifted](#) its covid-related borders restrictions, which were in place since October 2020. Now Belarus citizens can now freely cross the border, while foreign travelers can enter Belarus with a PCR test or vaccination proof. Citizens of Russia and Ukraine are exempted from this requirement due to the geopolitical situation.
- Schools and workplaces have no lockdown measures or recommendations. People are no longer encouraged to stay at home or isolate.

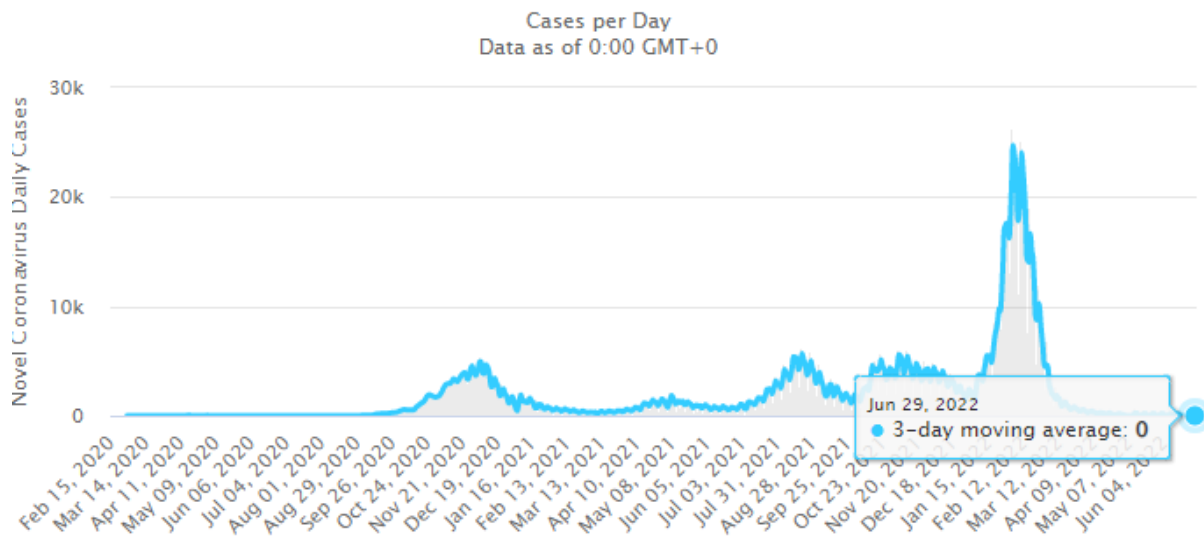
#### *Vaccine*

- Belarus has administered at least 13,206,203 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 69.7% of the country's population.



## Situation report Georgia

### Daily New Cases



**Image:** Worldometer

#### *Cases of COVID-19*

- Georgia is reporting 16 COVID-19 [infections](#) per 100K people reported last 7 days, with average daily cases at less than 1% of peak.
- There have been 1,659,371 infections, 16,839 coronavirus-related deaths, and 1,637,293 recoveries reported in the country since the pandemic began.

#### *Measures to contain the epidemic*

- Practically, all the restrictions and regulations have been waived, except for the uniform wearing of masks. [Facemasks](#) are mandatory only at healthcare facilities and in public transport. Since May 2, 2022, it is no longer compulsory to wear the facemask at schools or outside.
- A complete [report](#) on government measures implemented in Georgia against COVID elaborates on the four stages from preventing to slowing, managing, and adapting to the coronavirus.
- Georgia's government has published many [resources](#) with recommendations and guidelines on personal hygiene, self-isolation, pregnancy and breastfeeding, risk groups, media, catering and traveling. From May 2, the government also publishes weekly [reporting](#) of Coronavirus updates every Tuesday.

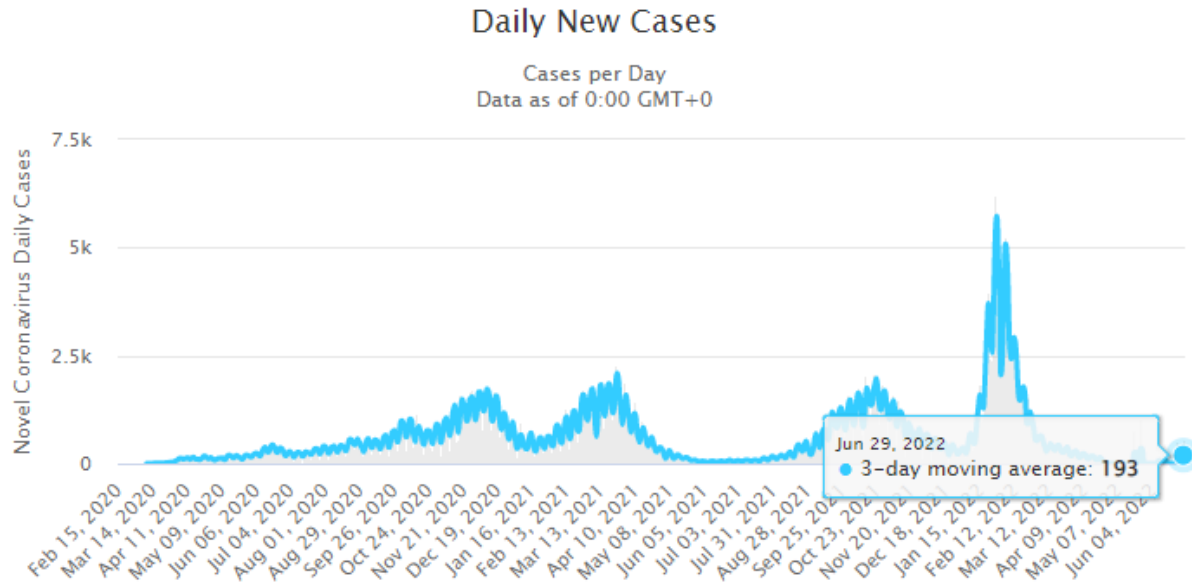
#### *Vaccine*

- Georgia has administered at least 2,902,085 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 39% of the country's population.





## Situation report Republic of Moldova



**Image:** Worldometer

### Cases of COVID-19

— Moldova is reporting 40 COVID-19 [infections](#) per 100K people, or 155 new infections on average each day, 3% of the peak — the highest daily average reported on January 31.

— There have been 520,321 infections, 11,567 coronavirus-related deaths, and 504,142 recoveries reported in the country since the pandemic began.

### Measures to contain the epidemic

— Since 16 March 2022, most of the COVID-19 related bans have been [removed](#) by Moldovan authorities. All public spaces, including markets, restaurants, bars, theatres, cinemas are operating as usual, without any limit on the numbers of guests. You should still wear a mask in all closed places, such as public transportation and supermarkets. No COVID-19 certificate is required in public spaces. Schooling is in-person.

— Due to war in neighbouring Ukraine, on 23 February 2022 Moldovan authorities declared a State of Emergency for a period of 60 days in light of regional crisis. This has now been extended until 20 June 2022.

### Vaccine

— Moldova has administered at least 2,165,600 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 40.7% of the country's population.



## Situation report Ukraine

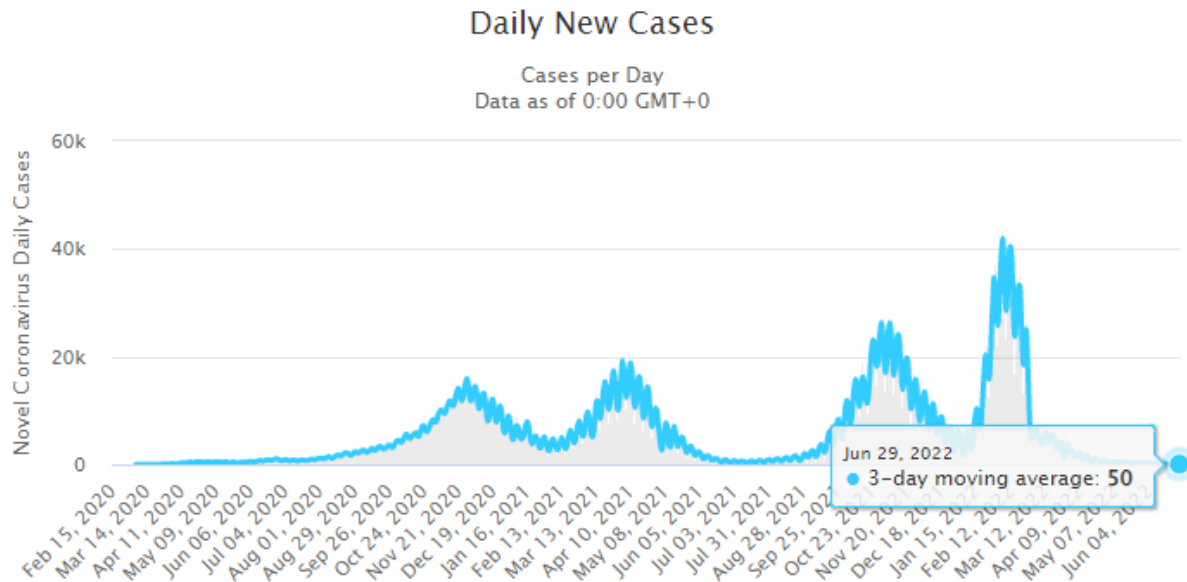


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### COVID-19 cases

- Ukraine is reporting 2 infections per 100K people reported last 7 days, that is less than 1% of the peak — the highest daily average reported on February 10.
- There have been 5,017,038 infections, 108,638 coronavirus-related deaths, and 4,904,953 recoveries reported in the [country](#) since the pandemic began.

### Measures to contain the epidemic

- Since 26, Ukraine has [abandoned](#) its quarantine zone system. During the state of war, employees are not obligated to vaccinate. Healthcare authorities are preparing for a spike in COVID cases, although it is difficult to obtain real-time data.
- On May 27, the country-wide [quarantine](#) has been extended until 31 August 2022.

### Vaccine

- Ukraine has administered at least 31,668,577 doses of COVID [vaccines](#) so far. Assuming every person needs 2 doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 35.7% of the country's population.
- Ukraine's Ministry of Health [encourages](#) its citizens who flee the war to get vaccinated abroad when they have a chance to do so: particularly, in Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova, Hungary, and Czechia.
- To encourage vaccinations in the country, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine has allowed to [combine](#) COVID-19 vaccination shots with other infectious diseases vaccination shots. It also allows children older than 12 years old to get vaccinated.