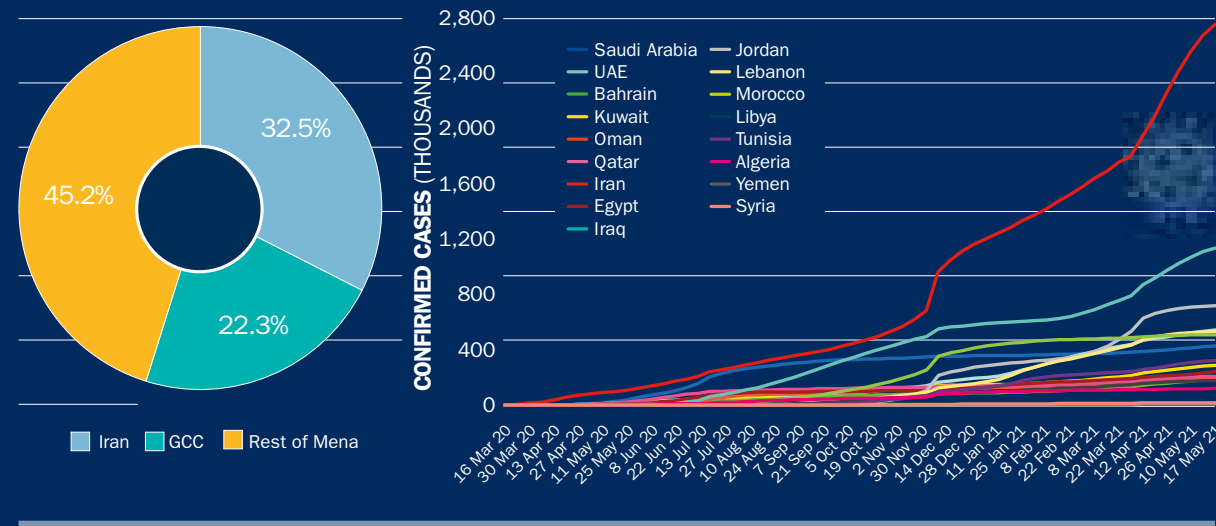


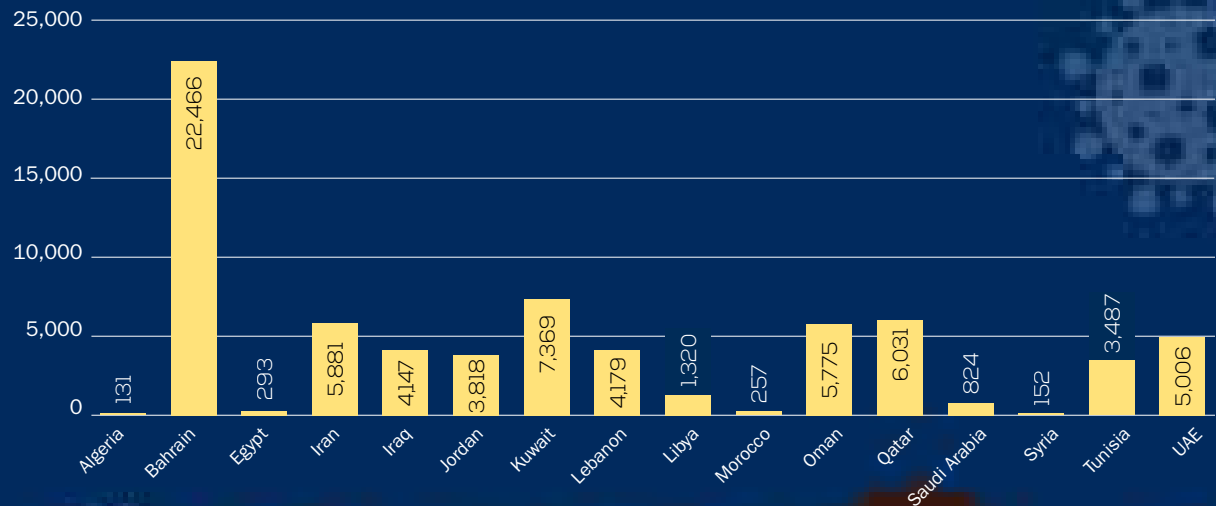
# COVID-19 TRACKER

Plans to resume travel are gaining traction as the weekly growth in Covid-19 case numbers slows in the Middle East and regional vaccination roll-outs advance

## COVID-19 CASES IN THE MENA REGION

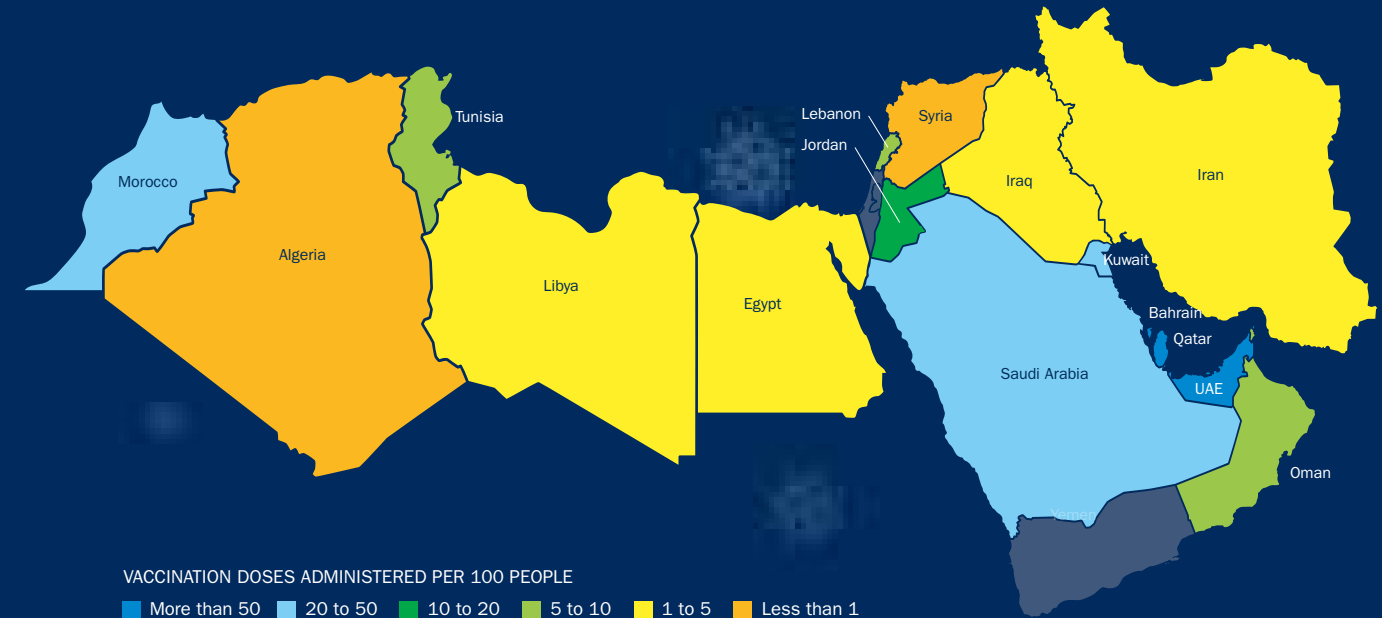


## FOUR-WEEK COVID-19 CASE RATE PER MILLION\*



## COVID-19 SITUATION AND LATEST UPDATES

- ALGERIA**: Plan to reopen land borders from 1 June suspended, but international flights will partially resume as planned.
- BAHRAIN**: Emergency use of Russia's single-shot Sputnik-Light Covid-19 vaccine authorised by Manama.
- EGYPT**: Additional Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines arrive via Covax scheme as China ships more Sinopharm jabs.
- IRAN**: Mass production of Iran's locally manufactured Coviran Barekat jab is understood to have started.
- IRAQ**: An average of 15,000 people are getting vaccinated every day in Iraq, according to the WHO.
- JORDAN**: Amman is to receive support from the UAE for the inoculation of displaced persons and refugees.
- KUWAIT**: Travel from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka reportedly suspended to curb Covid-19.
- LEBANON**: Beirut bans entry for travellers from India and Brazil amid a surge in infections in both countries.



- LIBYA**: About 100,000 people have received the first dose of Covid-19 vaccines, according to official data on 11 May.
- MOROCCO**: Rabat receives 650,000 additional Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine doses through the Covax facility.
- OMAN**: Oman's Health Ministry issues regulations for private sector companies to procure Covid-19 vaccines for their staff.
- QATAR**: Doha is understood to be planning a gradual, four-phased easing of restrictions between 28 May and 30 July.
- SAUDI ARABIA**: Amid tight biosecurity and quarantine measures, Riyadh lifts travel ban as planned on 17 May.
- SYRIA**: Damascus is understood to have received a batch of Sinopharm vaccines that were donated by China.
- TUNISIA**: Central bank governor says parliament must approve Tunisia's planned \$4bn IMF loan to sustain the economy.
- UAE**: Abu Dhabi plans to permit quarantine-free travel from 1 July to boost tourism in the emirate.

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