The arrival of winter and the Omicron variant of Covid in the Middle East has set off a fresh surge of cases in countries with lower vaccination rates

**COVID-19 TRACKER**

**REPORTED FOUR-WEEK COVID-19 CASE COUNT**
1 figure=5,000 reported Covid-19 cases

**FOUR-WEEK CASE RATE PER MILLION PEOPLE**

**COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRESS AND LATEST SITUATIONAL UPDATES**

**VACCINATION DOSES ADMINISTERED PER 100 PEOPLE**

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**ALGERIA**
- School winter break advanced to enable the country to intensify its vaccination scheme.

**BAHRAIN**
- Manama ink advanced vaccine purchase agreement with France’s Valneva.

**EGYPT**
- Health ministry says Cairo has a phased plan to combat Omicron variant.

**IRAN**
- Restrictions introduced on unvaccinated individuals to help the country ‘co-exist with Covid’.

**IRAQ**

**JORDAN**
- Amman tightens travel measures as Omicron variant drives third wave of Covid.

**KUWAIT**
- National Aviation Services enters partnership to expand pre-flight test offering.

**LEBANON**
- Fines on unvaccinated individuals who spread Covid increased to $165.66.

**LIBYA**
- Restrictions imposed for individuals without vaccination cards.

**LIBYA**
- School winter break extended until end of 2021.

**OMAN**
- Zero deaths recorded in one month, as of 11 December.

**QATAR**
- Travel curbs imposed amid discovery of Omicron variant.

**SAUDI ARABIA**
- Entry allowed for people vaccinated with Sputnik V jab from 1 January.

**SYRIA**
- Fourth wave of Covid surge amid limited testing.

**TUNISIA**
- Tunis considers measures to avoid overburdening the country’s healthcare infrastructure.

**UAE**
- Dubai offers booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to all adults.

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