

President's News Digest



Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 39th issue of the 6th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Aouad , the President of Applied Science University will address the subject of "Bahrain as an exemplar in combatting COVID 19"

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Bahrain as an exemplar in combatting COVID 19

The Kingdom of Bahrain has achieved an international reputation by introducing many innovative practices over the last eighteen months in order to combat COVID 19. The most recent one is the traffic light system approach. Following approval by the Government Executive Committee, the National Medical Taskforce for Combatting the Coronavirus (COVID-19) announced the adoption of a COVID-19 Alert Level Traffic Light System based on COVID-19 positivity rates, to guide sector activities across the Kingdom of Bahrain. This is a very innovative approach as it helps people and sectors understand where they stand and how to behave.

The system consists of 4 levels based on the average percentage of new cases to tests, in addition to the level of occupancy in intensive care units, as follows:

- Green: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is below 2% for 14 days.
- Yellow: when the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is between 2 - 5 % for 7 days.
- Orange: when the rolling average percentage of new cases out of tests carried out is between 5% and less than 8% for 4 days
- Red: When the rolling average percentage of new cases out of all tests carried out is 8% or more for 3 days.

On the 29th of May 2021, there were around 29,000 of active corona cases in the Kingdom of Bahrain with 328 critical cases and the number of daily deaths was in the high twenties and the daily reported cases on that day were 3,273 cases. On the 24th of July, there were 818 actives cases with 7 critical cases, 75 daily reported cases and one death. Please note that Bahrain is third in the World in the rate of vaccination after UAE and Malta. It is evident that the measures taken by the national medical task force have paid dividends. Bahrain has become exemplary in fighting the virus. Many thanks are due to the eadership of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister who led an excellent team and to the wisdom of the people of Bahrain (citizens and expatriates) who have adhered to the rules to combat the virus. The introduction of COVID-19 Alert Level Traffic Light System has gained international recognition with many national and international bodies praising this innovative approach. It is worth noting that the Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, is visiting the Kingdom of Bahrain this week to open an office for the WHO and to learn more about the Kingdom's efforts to curb the spread of the virus through innovative and effective preventive measures.

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Quote of the Day

"Time is an equal opportunity employer. Each human being has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day. Rich people can't buy more hours. Scientists can't invent new minutes. And you can't save time to spend it on another day. Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving. No matter how much time you've wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow."

-Denis Waitley

من روائع الشعر العربي

يا عيد ماتت أزاهير الربى كمداً..
وأُصدّ الباب ما للباب مفتاحُ..
أين المراجيح في ساحات حارتنا..
وضجّة العيد والتكبير صدّاحُ...
الله أكبر تعلقو كل مئذنة..
وغمرة الحبّ للعينين تجتاحُ...
أين الطُفوس التي كنّا نمارسها..
ياروعة العيد والحنا فواحُ..
وكلنا ن صنع الحلوى بلا ملل..
وفرنا منزلنا في الليل مصباحُ...
وبيت والدنا بالحبّ يجمعنا..
ووجه والدتي في العيد وضّاحُ...

— قصيدة للشاعر نزار قباني