

Information for media as of 24 November 2021

The Covid-19 situation in Bangladesh has significantly improved during the last couple of months. New infection rate has remained below 5% of tested population since 21 September (1.49% *as of 24 November 2021*). According to WHO guidelines, Bangladesh is on the right track to become one of the countries, which has been able to keep COVID Pandemic '**under control**' (*i.e., infection rate remains below 5% of the tested population for 14 days or more*). This is also noteworthy, as during the second wave, despite significant surges of virulent Delta Variant infections, number of deaths remained extremely low in Bangladesh experiencing *1.78% death rate against the global average of 2.0%*. The number of deaths has noticeably decreased from a national high of **264** (*on 10 August 2021*) to **03** (*as of 24 November 2021*). With the steady supply of vaccines from diversified sources, our national vaccination drive has been going on in full swing. At present, four types of COVID-19 vaccines – AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna and Sinopharm– are being administered. As of today, **56.40 million** or **40.79%** of the target population (80% population) have received their first dose and **35.41 million** or **25.61%** of the target population have received second dose. Persons 12+ are being vaccinated.