COVID-19 situation in refugee camps in Jordan
UNHCR Jordan
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COVID-19 cases as % of population

New COVID-19 cases among PoCs in camps per epidemiological week

COVID-19 vaccinations as % of population*

COVID-19 vaccine registrations as % of population*

* Vaccination and registration rates calculated as a percentage of total population, not population eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
HIGHLIGHTS

♦ The number of cases among refugees remains well below the national average, with 3% of the refugee camp population having tested positive since the onset of the pandemic, compared to 7% of the total population in Jordan.

♦ The recovery rate of 98% among refugees in camps reflects the national recovery rate.

♦ Close to 57% of the refugee camp population eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine have registered on the government platform.

♦ Over 19,500 refugees, representing almost 40% of the eligible camp population, have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 8% of the total population in Jordan.

♦ Refugees living in urban areas of Jordan are also included in the national COVID-19 vaccination plan.

♦ In May, vaccination numbers among refugee populations in camps more than tripled, as a result of the 10-day campaign launched by the Emirati Red Cross to vaccinate Syrian refugees in camps in Jordan. More than 10,000 refugees were vaccinated as part of the campaign.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

♦ Two in-camp vaccination centres in Zaatari and one in Azraq camp

♦ Awareness raising about the COVID-19 vaccination program, through focus group discussions, the UNHCR Helpline, outreach volunteers, FAQs, social media, and more

♦ Upgrading of quarantine facilities in camps

♦ Health screening procedures, surveillance and monitoring

♦ PPE provision for frontline workers/refugees

♦ Remote services, protection hotlines and newly launched Help website platform

♦ Supporting refugee access to e-learning platforms

♦ Enhanced community engagement and communications via SMS text, social media and WhatsApp to refugee populations