Impact of COVID-19 on population health

Between January 2020 and December 2021, more than 102 million people infected with COVID-19 in the Region

1.7 MILLION
1.7 million people died as a result of COVID-19
This corresponds to a crude cumulative mortality rate of 1,800 per million population

COVID-19 excess mortality estimate: between 1.11 and 1.21 million people in 2020
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By December 2021, almost 60% (546 million people) of the population in the Region were fully vaccinated against COVID-19

10% of all health care workers have been infected with COVID-19; 50% of these are nurses, 25% physicians.

Migrants and refugees: infection risk is twice as high among refugees and migrants than the general population

10-20% of people infected from what is known as “Long COVID”

Wider effects of COVID-19 on population health

40% of essential health services have been at least partially disrupted in the Region

During the first three months of 2021, about 29% of health services were still disrupted

48% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to essential primary care services

41% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to rehabilitation, palliative and long-term care

41% of countries in the Region reported disruptions to mental and psychosocial services, including for children, adolescents and older people

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