

In **Greece**, 2020 about **457** CKD patients infected of Covid-19, while **162** was the total number of deaths due to the infection.



The suspected cases of COVID-19 infection in Dialysis Unit

Patients who meet the suspected case criteria will be given a standard surgical mask and will be transferred to a separate waiting and examination area (isolation) with available infrastructure and materials for hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practice, and, if possible, without going through **Accident & Emergency Dept (A&E)**, while adhering to all necessary measures against virus spreading. Moreover, for best and early identification of suspected cases, hospitals keep only one entrance open for incoming patients. If a suspected case is identified, the following measures should be adopted:

- offer the patient a standard surgical mask to wear
- examine and treat the patient in a separate room
- personnel involved in patient management must implement standard precautions, contact precautions and droplet precautions
- the Hospital Infections Control Committee must be informed immediately
- case must be immediately reported to the National Public Health Organization (tel. 210-5212054) (www.eody.gov.gr).

In Dialysis Units in Greece, for handling a suspected case of SARS-CoV-2 infection Healthcare professionals performing dialysis procedures must:

- Use a high-protection mask (FFP3)
- Use eye protection/ face protection (face shield or wide-spectrum protective glasses)
- Wear a clean, non-sterile, waterproof long-sleeved gown, and, if such item is not available, a waterproof apron for procedures expected to create high volumes of body fluid.
- Wear disposable gloves (sterile, when necessary)
- Follow hand hygiene

All procedures above were carried out in an adequately ventilated room or in a negative-pressure room, where was feasible. The number of persons present in the room must be limited to the absolute minimum.

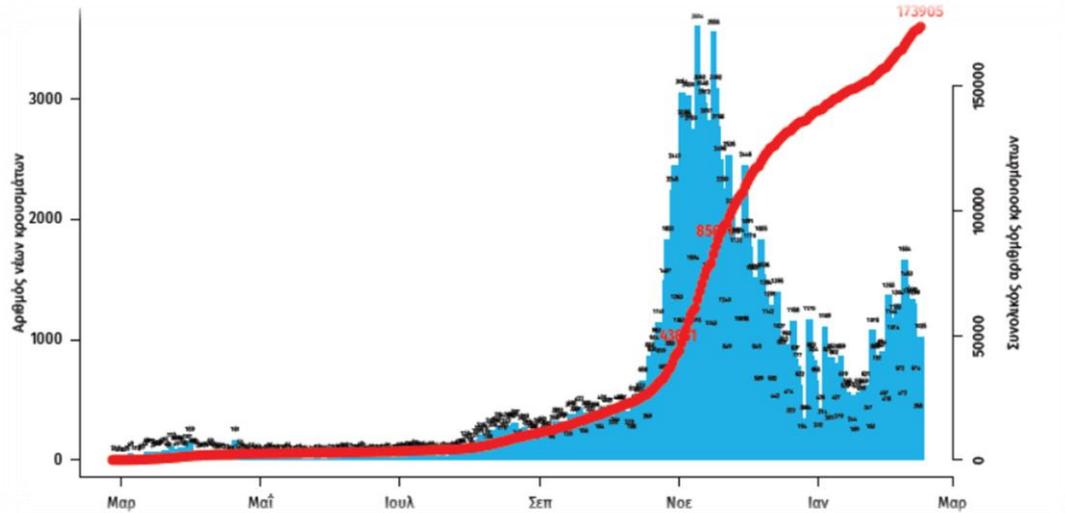
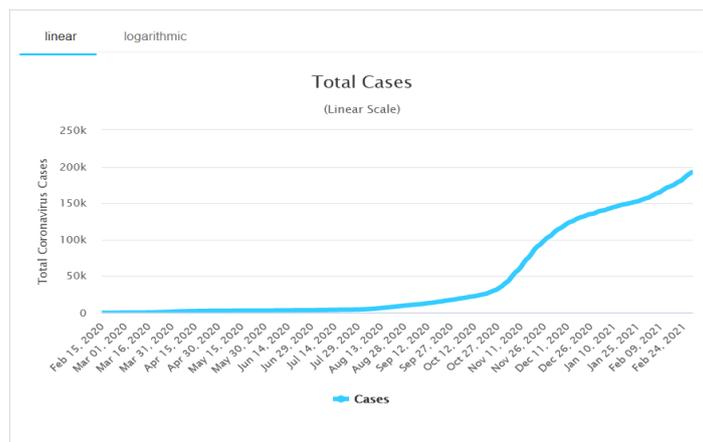
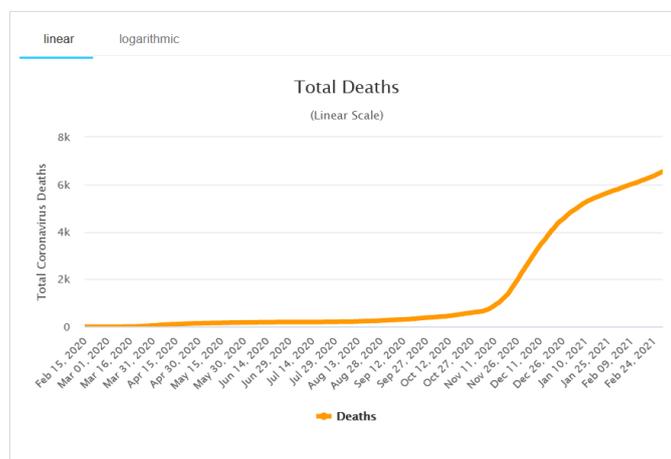


Table1: Total number of infected of Covid-19 cases on February 2021 in Greece

Total Coronavirus Cases in Greece



Total Coronavirus Deaths in Greece



References

1. World Health Organization (WHO). Infection prevention and control during health care when novel coronavirus (nCoV) infection is suspected. Interim guidance 25 January 2020 (12 February 2020)
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Interim infection prevention and control recommendations for patients with confirmed 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) or persons under investigation for 2019-nCoV in healthcare settings – updated February 3, 2020 (12 February 2020)
3. European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Personal protective equipment (PPE) needs in healthcare settings for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) (12 February 2020)
4. <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/greece/>
5. <https://www.ene.gr/>