

Croatia during covid-19. February 2021

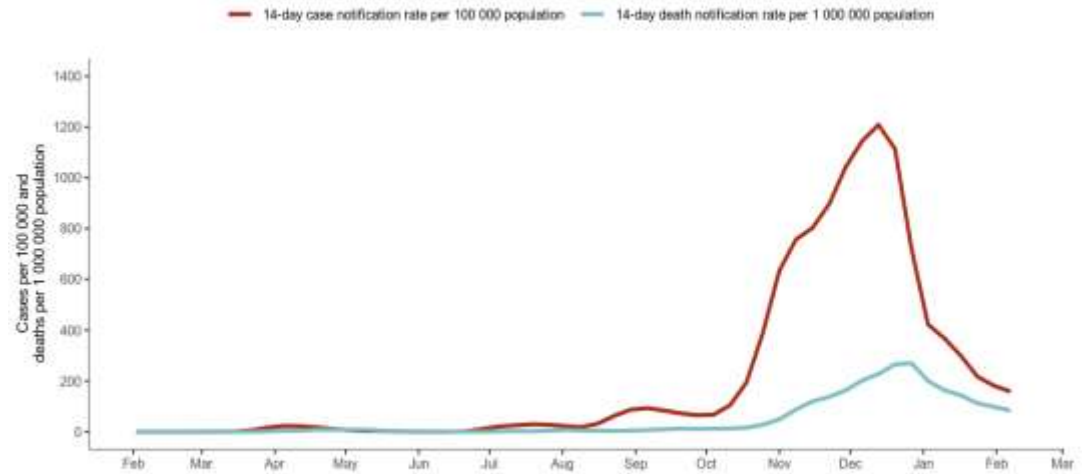
The trends in reported incidence and testing, test positivity, mortality rates, hospital admissions due to Covid-19 are stable or decreasing.

The 14-day incidence of new cases per 100,000 inhabitants is 181. In November the number was 691/100000 (10.2% were children aged 0-18).

About 2% of the population has been vaccinated so far (mainly health workers, employees and users of institutions for the elderly).

Croatia: 14-day COVID-19 case and death notification rates

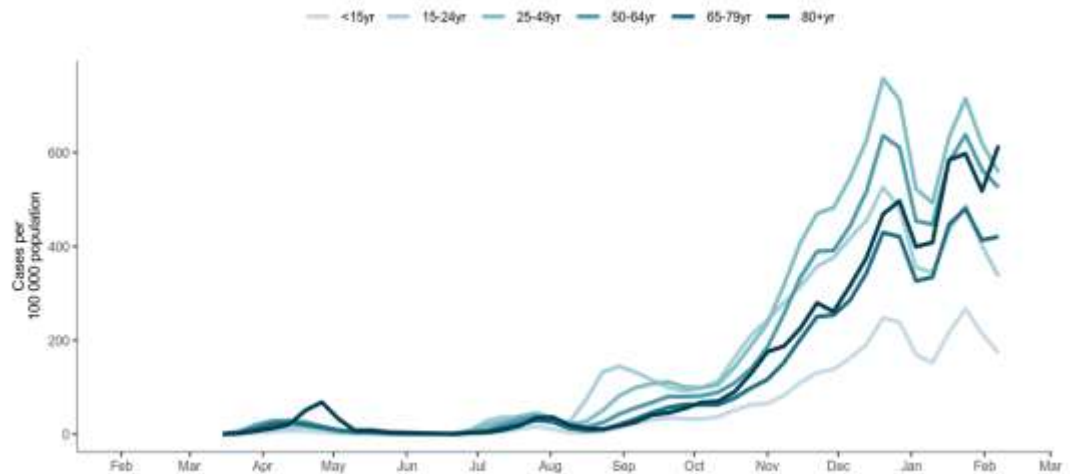
National totals as of 8 Feb 2021: 235 473 cases (earliest 2020-W09, latest 2021-W05), 5 198 deaths (2020-W13, 2021-W05)



ECDC. Figure produced 11 February 2021.
Source: Epidemic Intelligence, national weekly data

Croatia: 14-day age-specific COVID-19 case notification rate

Age-specific weekly data available from weeks ending 1 Mar to 7 Feb 2021, n = 153 258 (60.5% of the official national total to 8 Feb 2021)



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Source: TESSy COVID-19, national weekly data

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- Since the beginning of the pandemic, primary pediatric health care has worked without interrupting the program of systematic examinations and vaccination.
- During the early months of the pandemic when stay-at-home orders spread across the country, primary paediatric health care system adapted to virtual care.
- The central health information system has connected primary healthcare practices, hospitals and clinics.
- Although it seems, at first that the coronavirus leaves most children with minor health consequences, the secondary effects on children, on children's health, probably will be visible in the future. We are now interested in how all epidemiological measures, bans and restrictions will affect their growth and development.
- The problems we have in primary paediatrics are still present, especially in smaller towns and rural areas.
- There is a constant negative demographic trend, lack of interest of young physicians to specialize in primary paediatrics, lack of capacity for early intervention and children with disabilities.

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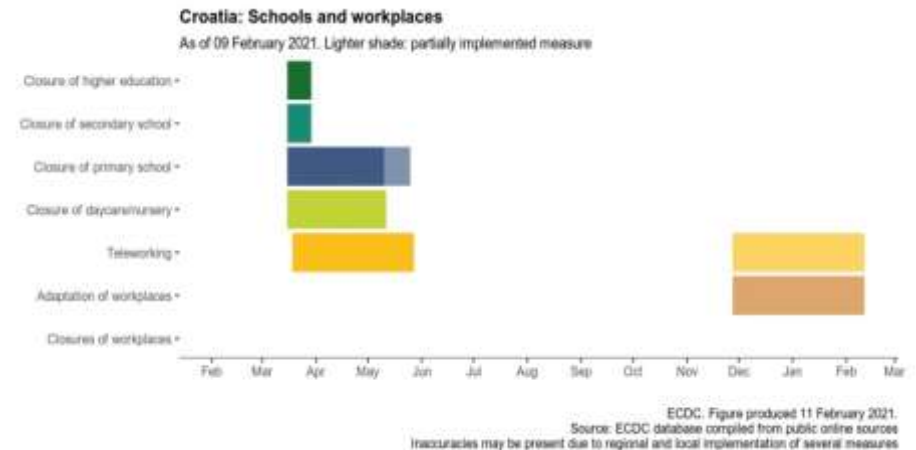
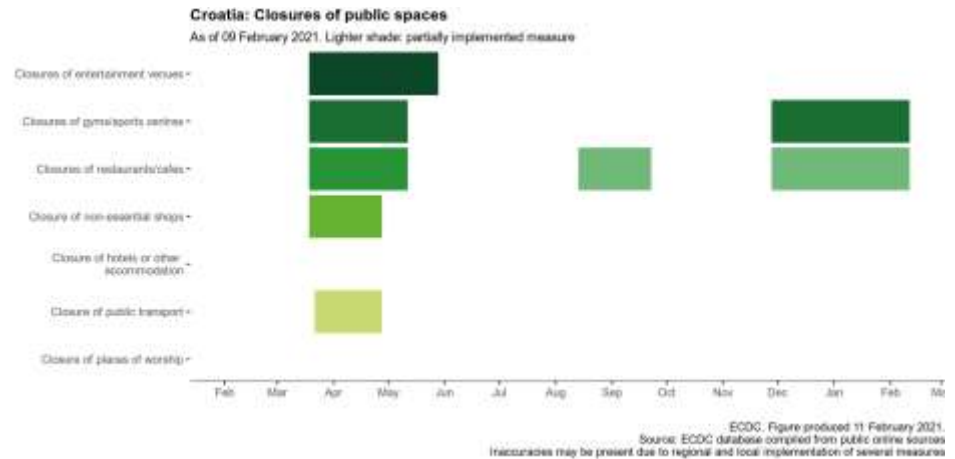
The Croatian Institute of Public Health in cooperation with the government and the local authorities provides epidemiological recommendations and guidance for almost every aspect of daily life.

The Ministry of Science and Education participated in epidemiological guidelines for school attendance.

The preventive programs and vaccinations during schooling performed by school medicine specialists.

Since the end of May last year, kindergartens, preschools and schools have been operating continuously.

Currently, only high school students, except for the final grade students, attend classes online.



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- There are three models for conducting classes in the school year 2020/2021.
- It is possible to move quickly from one model to another, depending on the epidemiological situation.
- Model A is face to face teaching, C model is remotely learning for all students.
- Model B is a mixed form: one part of the students are face to face, and the other part of the students from the same class or the same school have distance learning (via national TV and online).

In the middle of the pandemic, central Croatia's hit by an earthquake.

The first one was in the city capital Zagreb, in March.

Then a series of powerful earthquakes were about 50 kilometres southwest of Zagreb, in Sisak - Moslavina County.

The strongest was a magnitude 6.4 on the Richter scale on the 29th of December. T

The largest hospital in the region and other public institutions such as primary health care centres, pharmacies, schools, kindergartens are severely damaged.

The quake directly affected as many as 70,000 people, including 13,000 children. There are seven paediatric primary health teams care for 8.766 children.

Temporary structures have installed to facilitate the continued delivery of healthcare services.

The population in the quake-affected area has priority for covid vaccination. The incidence of new cases is no different from the rest of the country.

