

# Update 18: Samarra, Iraq - Reports Outbreak of H5N8 Bird Flu, Adding Further Stress to COVID-19 Pandemic

- Governor of Salahudin province in Iraq said that bird flu was detected in the city of Samarra
- While the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that all protective measures were taken to contain the spread of the virus
- Khalil said that about 60,000 chickens were infected with bird flu in the city
- The government called all the poultry owners and citizens in Samarra to be on the highest alert to confront the virus
- The Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture said in a separate statement that it had taken all protective measures to prevent the spread of the detected H5N8 strain of avian influenza virus
- The ministry pointed out that all the chickens in the fields infected with the virus were culled, and the fields' halls were sanitized
- Total COVID-19 cases increased to 606,991 with 12,932 deaths ~2.13% of total reported cases and 565,889 recoveries ~92.9% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 1.49% and 0.03%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://www.moh.gov.iq/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Iraq

## Source(s)

[http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off\\_the\\_Wire/2021-01/16/content\\_77121272.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2021-01/16/content_77121272.htm)

[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/16/c\\_139671592.htm#:~:text=Khalil%20said%20that%20about%2060%2C000,virus%2C%20according%20to%20the%20statement.](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2021-01/16/c_139671592.htm#:~:text=Khalil%20said%20that%20about%2060%2C000,virus%2C%20according%20to%20the%20statement.)

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/iraq/>

<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/iraq-population/>

## Targets Affected:

Iraq

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- SW Subscribers should determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises if any
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

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**High**

Update 17: Iraq - Issues Travel Ban to Twenty Countries Amid New COVID-19 Strain Spread

**Dec. 23, 2020**

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Update 16: Iraq - Bans Air Travel With Eight Nations Over New Variant Of COVID-19 Virus

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Update 15: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 5,036 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 252,075

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Update 13: Iraq - Resumes International Flights Despite Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**July 17, 2020**

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Update 12: Iraq - Plans to Reopen Scheduled International Flights Starting July 23, 2020, and Lift Night-Time Curfew by August Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**July 6, 2020**

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Update 11: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,125 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 60,479

**June 20, 2020**

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Update 10: Iraq - Reports Highest Single-Day Increase of 1,635 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 27,352

**June 7, 2020**

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Update 9: Iraq - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until June 13, 2020

June 4, 2020

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Update 8: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 781 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 8,168

May 31, 2020

Immediate

Update 7: Iraq - Imposes Week-Long Curfew Until June 6, 2020 to Contain COVID-19 Infections

May 24, 2020

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Update 6: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 308 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 4,272

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Update 5: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 144 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 3,404

May 5, 2020

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Update 4: Iraq - Implements Odd-Even Traffic Restriction to Curb Spread of COVID-19

April 29, 2020

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Update 3: Iraq - Warns of Tightening Measures and Extending COVID-19 Curfew Until May 22, 2020 as Cases Increase to 1,928

April 24, 2020

High

Update 2: Iraq - Relaxes COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Cases Totaling 1,677

April 17, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Iraq - Extends COVID-19 Curfew Until April 23, 2020 as Cases Increase to 1,415

April 8, 2020

Immediate

Iraq - Confirms 91 New COVID-19 Cases in 24 Hours, 1,122 in Total

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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