

COVID 19 OMICRON situation in Israel



- Israel MoH update on the COVID 19 – Omicron situation as of December 14th 2021
- On December 14th additional 22 cases confirmed with Omicron.
- Up to date – total of 89 confirmed Omicron cases.
 - 57 cases travelled from South Africa, UK, France, USA, UAE, Hungary, Italy, Namibia, Tanzania, Germany and Turkey.
 - 21 contacts with travelers from South Africa, UK, France
 - 10 community transmission (3 chains of transmission)
- Out of the 89 confirmed: 21 not protected (not vaccinated, recovered more than 6 months from recovery, vaccinated with 2 doses, more than 6 months since 2nd dose), 67 protected.
- High level of suspicion in 150 additional cases (awaiting genetic sequencing)
- Out of the 239 (confirmed and high level of suspicion):
 - 94 symptomatic
 - 143 asymptomatic
 - 2 need for further information.

Some observations



- Number of confirmed cases travelling from abroad – constantly increasing
- We have at least 3 cases of community transmission
- NO Omicron patient hospitalized (to date)
- Very high rate of transmission within families and with “protected individuals”
- New guidelines for isolation of “protected” exposed to Omicron – challenge
- We still have considerable number of DELTA cases (~ 500 daily)
- Maybe DELTA and Omicron will co exist
- Most probably 2 doses of vaccine do not protect you, **3 doses do!**