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COVID-19 pandemic and the Veterinary Service of the Republic of Uzbekistan

# Brief information on the spread of covid-19 in Uzbekistan
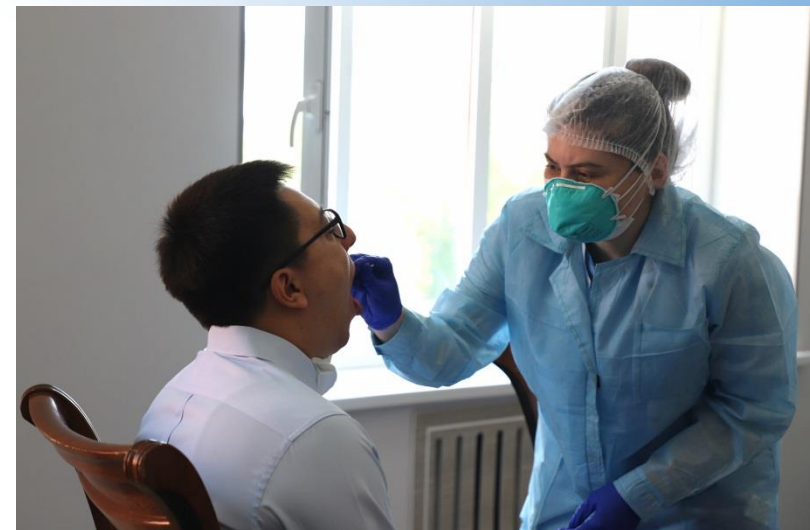
To this day, 67,553 people have been registered to test positive for COVID-19

64,815 of them were cured in hospital conditions.

Unfortunately, 574 people died due to this disease.

At present, the number of daily detected infected people is significantly reduced, which is associated with strict restrictions on human contacts, the use of personal protective equipment, timely diagnosis and isolation of infected people.

# Impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the activities of the veterinary service

The Uzbekistan Veterinary Service has established an incident management system to coordinate its COVID-19 response domestically and with key partners such as health authorities.

Reserves of disinfectants were organized for all state veterinary authorities and enterprises, including border veterinary control points.

On the basis of the recommendations of the OIE and WHO on the implementation of preventive measures against coronavirus infection, all state veterinary authorities and enterprises of the Committee system have been given appropriate instructions. These guidelines have been prepared using the "One Health" strategy guidelines.

# Assisting health authorities in laboratory testing of SARS-CoV-2 samples.

The National Veterinary Service of Uzbekistan, following the OIE recommendations for testing human samples for SARS-CoV-2 in veterinary laboratories, has involved 6 regional diagnostic laboratories and more than 30 veterinary laboratory specialists in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of multi-sectoral support, PCR diagnostic equipment was transferred to health authorities and PCR specialists were transferred to medical laboratories.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has allocated 20 laboratory equipment for a total cost of 83 thousand euros.

Thank you for your attention!