

COVID-19 Situational Report No. 577-583 WEEKLY SUMMARY

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I. Surveillance update

Reporting period: January 22 at 2pm – January 29 at 2pm, 2023

SAMOA COVID-19 SITUATION	Number of cases
Total of new COVID-19 positive cases over the last 7 days (both PCR and rapid antigen test - RAT from all sites*)	4
Positivity rate for COVID-19 testing in the previous week	0.6%
Unreported COVID-19 confirmed cases from the laboratory in March 2022	18
These cases are requests from general practitioners and immigration screening.	10
Cumulative number of COVID-19 positive cases since community transmission detected in March 17, 2022	16,109
Border Surveillance	
Cumulative number of COVID-19 positive cases detected at the Port of Entry (POE) since November 2020	
International POE:	
1. Faleolo International Airport	192
No cases detected	
2. Matautu Wharf	
No cases detected	
Cumulative number of COVID-19 positive cases (border and community cases)	16,301
COVID-19 admissions	
Total number of COVID-19 positive cases admitted to Health Facilities since community transmission in	
March 17, 2022 – 347 admissions	
Total number of cases discharged from Health Facilities – 312 discharged home	
Currently in the last 24hrs:	
No hospital admissions	
 No ICU patient 	
Total of new COVID-19 related deaths in the last 7 days	0
Cumulative number of COVID-19 related deaths since community transmission detected in March 17, 2022**	29
Rapid antigen testing (RAT)	107 207
Cumulative number of RATs conducted (as of 16/08/22 at 02:00pm)***	187,397

^{*} The sites include all health facilities, private clinics, testing sites and self-reporting

Note: There are other deaths among registered cases that are not primarily caused by COVID-19.

^{**}The death count is subject to change following full verification of all reported COVID-19 deaths from all health facilities.

^{**} Last COVID-19 related death was recorded on June 20, 2022

^{***}The test count is subject to change to data cleaning and when data becomes available

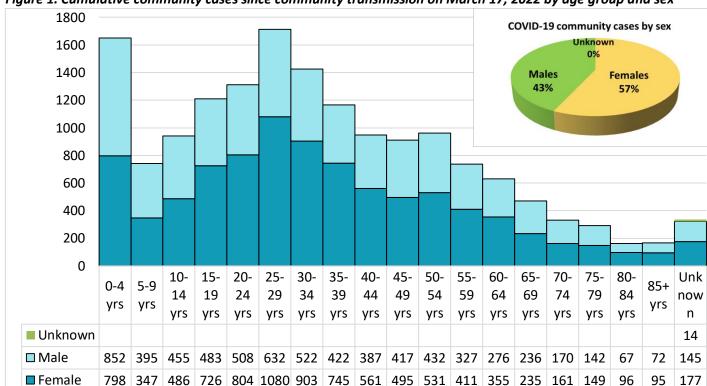


Figure 1. Cumulative community cases since community transmission on March 17, 2022 by age group and sex

Table 1. Cumulative community cases since March 17th by Island of Current Residence

Island	Number of cases	% of cases
Upolu	13,143	81.6%
Savaii	2,948	18.3%
Manono Tai	18	0.1%
TOTAL	16,109	100.0%

II. COVID-19 vaccination update

As of 08:00am Local Time January 29, 2022

- COVID-19 vaccination commenced on April 18, 2021.
- AEFI for COVID-19 vaccines continue to be monitored without any major reactions to report.

Table 2. Samoa's COVID-19 vaccination status

		First dose		Seond dose		Booster (3 rd dose)		Booster (4 th dose)	
Age group	Target	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
	Population								
18yrs +	121,891	122,323	100%	114,450	94%	81,535	67%	1,423	0
12 – 17 yrs	27,880	28,418	102%	25,877	93%	479	2%	N/A	N/A
5 – 11 yrs*	40,638	40,527	100%	37,489	92%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

^{*}The 5-11 year old vaccination roll out commenced on March 05, 2022. The administration of the second dose started on April 04, 2022.