

Ukraine COVID-19 deaths hit record amid low vaccination rate

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Ukraine's health ministry on Saturday reported a one-day record of 793 deaths from COVID-19.

Ukraine has been inundated by coronavirus infections in recent weeks, putting the country's underfunded medical system under severe strain.

The ministry said 25,063 new infections had been tallied over the past day; a record 27,377 were reported on Thursday.

Although four different coronavirus vaccines are available in Ukraine, only 17.9% of the country's 41 million people have been fully vaccinated, the second-lowest rate in Europe after Armenia.

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Ukraine has registered more than 3 million [infection](#) cases overall and 71,635 virus-related deaths.

Ukraine also borders Russia, [which has seen new records weekly since mid-September](#) in the number of daily COVID-19 deaths and infections.



Demonstrators, one holding a poster reading "Constitution is the supreme law", attend a protest against COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine mandates in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. In a bid to stem contagion, Ukrainian authorities have required teachers, government employees and other workers to get fully vaccinated by Nov. 8 or face having their salary payments suspended. In addition, proof of vaccination or a negative test is now required to board planes, trains and long-distance buses. Credit: AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky



Demonstrators, one of them holding a poster reading "No medical experiments will protect our children" gather for an anti-vaccination protest in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. In a bid to stem contagion, Ukrainian authorities have required teachers, government employees and other workers to get fully vaccinated by Nov. 8 or face having their salary payments suspended. In addition, proof of vaccination or a negative test is now required to board planes, trains and long-distance buses. Credit: AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky



A demonstrator holds an anti-vax sign with antisemitic imagery during a protest against COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine mandates in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. In a bid to stem contagion, Ukrainian authorities have required teachers, government employees and other workers to get fully vaccinated by Nov. 8 or face having their salary payments suspended. In addition, proof of vaccination or a negative test is now required to board planes, trains and long-distance buses. Credit: AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky



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Demonstrators hold anti-vax posters, one in the center reading "the epidemic is a lie, the world conspiracy against the god" during a protest against COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine mandates in Kyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021. In a bid to stem contagion, Ukrainian authorities have required teachers, government employees and other workers to get fully vaccinated by Nov. 8 or face having their salary payments suspended. In addition, proof of vaccination or a negative test is now required to board planes, trains and long-distance buses. Credit: AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky

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