OpenWHO News

The latest from WHO’s open learning platform

HIGHLIGHTS

OpenWHO surpasses 3 million course enrolments as pandemic user surge continues

COVID-19 courses available on 12 topics across 27 languages, for a total of 87 courses

African-language courses for COVID-19 highlighted by BBC Hausa

Two new courses on tobacco product regulation attract more than 20 000 enrolments in less than 3 weeks

Localizing the COVID-19 learning response in Africa

OpenWHO knows from experience and research that people prefer information in their own language. That’s why the platform has prioritized the translation of COVID-19 courses not only into the six official UN languages, but also into diverse national languages spoken across the globe, to help localize the response.

In May, OpenWHO was pleased to launch the introductory COVID-19 course in three African languages: Amharic, Hausa and Swahili. The new resources were highlighted on Twitter by WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and reported on by BBC Hausa.

In total, the platform offers COVID-19 courses in 27 languages, including newly launched courses in Albanian, Bengali, Odia, Thai and Urdu.

LATEST COURSES

Standard precautions: Environmental cleaning and disinfection

Decontamination and sterilization of medical devices

Tobacco product regulation: Building laboratory testing capacity
Dr Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO’s technical lead for COVID-19, describes the importance of OpenWHO’s coronavirus courses in a new video available here. The platform currently hosts courses on the following topics:

1. **General introduction** to emerging respiratory viruses, including novel coronaviruses;
2. **Clinical care** for Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI);
3. Health and safety briefing for respiratory diseases – ePROTECT;
4. Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19;
5. COVID-19 operational planning guidelines and partners platform to support country preparedness and response;
6. SARI treatment facility design;
7. Introduction to Go.Data – field data collection, chains of transmission, contact follow-up;
8. How to put on and remove personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19;
9. **Hand hygiene**;
10. **Waste management**;
11. Decontamination and sterilization of medical devices; and
12. **Environmental cleaning and disinfection.**
OpenWHO LEARNING RESPONSE IN COVID-19

OpenWHO is the World Health Organization’s (WHO) online platform for health emergencies, transferring life-saving knowledge to frontline responders, health care workers and the public.

**USER FIGURES**

- **3 MILLION** COURSE ENROLMENTS
- **27 LANGUAGES**
- **560 000** COURSE COMPLETIONS ISSUED
- **3.9 MILLION** WORDS TRANSLATED

OpenWHO HOSTS 12 MULTILINGUAL ONLINE COURSES IN 27 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES MAKING UP A TOTAL OF 87 LEARNING RESOURCES FOR #COVID19 ON OpenWHO PLATFORM.

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HTTPS://OPENWHO.ORG/CHANNELS/COVID-19

NATIONAL LANGUAGE CHANNEL
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**Top 20 countries by user last month**

India(122536), United States of America(19453), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland(17005), Spain(15634), Saudi Arabia(14800), Ecuador(12606), Mexico(10591), Italy(10549), Philippines(9534), Colombia(8318), South Africa(7575), Nigeria(7524), Pakistan(6860), Canada(6856), Bangladesh(5922), Peru(5757), Argentina(5300), Egypt(4886), Chile(4005), Brazil(3106)