

# *WHO warns Omicron is overwhelming hospitals and killing people*

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Geneva, January 9 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization says governments logged a record 9.5 million coronavirus cases around the globe last week — a 71% jump from the prior week.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom confirmed reports that the fast-spreading Omicron variant is less likely to produce severe disease — but warned it should not be categorized as a “mild” virus.

Dr. Tedros said: “Just like previous variants, Omicron is hospitalizing people, and it’s killing people. In fact, the tsunami of cases is so huge and quick that it is overwhelming health systems around the world.”

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