For the analysis of the trends, the following approach was followed:

- **Increasing trend**: When both morbidity and death trends showed increase in the past three days.
- **Passing the first epidemic peak**: When morbidity trend is decreasing but death trend is increasing.
- **Declining trend**: When both morbidity and death trends in the past three days are decreasing.
- **Controversial observations**: Observations other than abovementioned patterns or extraordinary observations exist.

Controversies in the data due to underreporting or delay in data registrations should be seriously followed and improved. Four provinces have probably passed an epidemic peak in recent days (i.e., Golestan, Khuzestan, Kurdistan and South Khorasan). In five provinces a new wave of epidemic has been started (West Azerbaijan, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad, Mazandaran, Ardabil and Qom). Thirteen provinces show a declining trend (i.e., Tehran, East Azerbaijan, Alborz, Qazvin, Isfahan, Zanjan, Lorestan, Fars, Khuzestan Razavi, Hamedan, Chaharmahal and Bakhtiar, Kerman and Ilam). Controversies in the data did not allow rigorous interpretation of the epidemic situation in nine provinces (i.e., North Khorasan, Yazd, Semnan, Kermanshah, Sistan and Baluchestan, Bushehr and Hormozgan). It should be noted that a province can experience several consecutive epidemic waves.

For further details about methods and provincial trends in the last five days, please visit COVID-19 Epidemiology Committee website at [http://corona.behdasht.gov.ir](http://corona.behdasht.gov.ir).