

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN
649,700,361 Cases	92,063,488 Cases	56,624,656 Cases	35,438,832 Cases
6,654,547 Deaths	458,470 Deaths	99,184 Deaths	359,286 Deaths

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

Recent Developments

Global News

- The **World Health Organization** is hopeful that COVID-19 will no longer be a global health emergency as of next year, the organization's chief said Wednesday.
- The Council of the **European Union** issued a new statement on December 13 calling on the Member States to remove any remaining Coronavirus travel restrictions and enable the full freedom of movement within the block.

Regional News

- **China's** travel code, which was used to track whether people had traveled to areas with COVID-19 cases, officially goes offline from December 13 onward.
- **China** has stopped publishing data reflecting the number of asymptomatic carriers of the novel coronavirus starting from Wednesday, according to an official with the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **Hong Kong** is scrapping its amber health code from Wednesday, effectively lifting all travel restrictions for arrivals into the city who test negative. Residents will not be required to use the risk-exposure Leave Home Safe app on all premises, but proof of vaccination will be required for entry to designated venues.
- **Korea's** new COVID-19 cases stayed above 60,000 for the fourth straight day Friday amid lingering concerns of another surge as the government mulls easing the indoor mask mandate.

Vaccine News

- **China's** National Health Commission (NHC) will roll out the second COVID-19 vaccine booster shots for high-risk groups and elderly people over 60 years old, it said in a statement on Wednesday.
- Shionogi & Co Ltd said on Tuesday the **Japanese** government agreed to purchase an additional 1 million doses of its oral treatment for COVID-19.
- **Japan's** health ministry is coordinating to extend the deadline originally set for the end of March 2023 for the public to receive the coronavirus vaccine for free.

ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

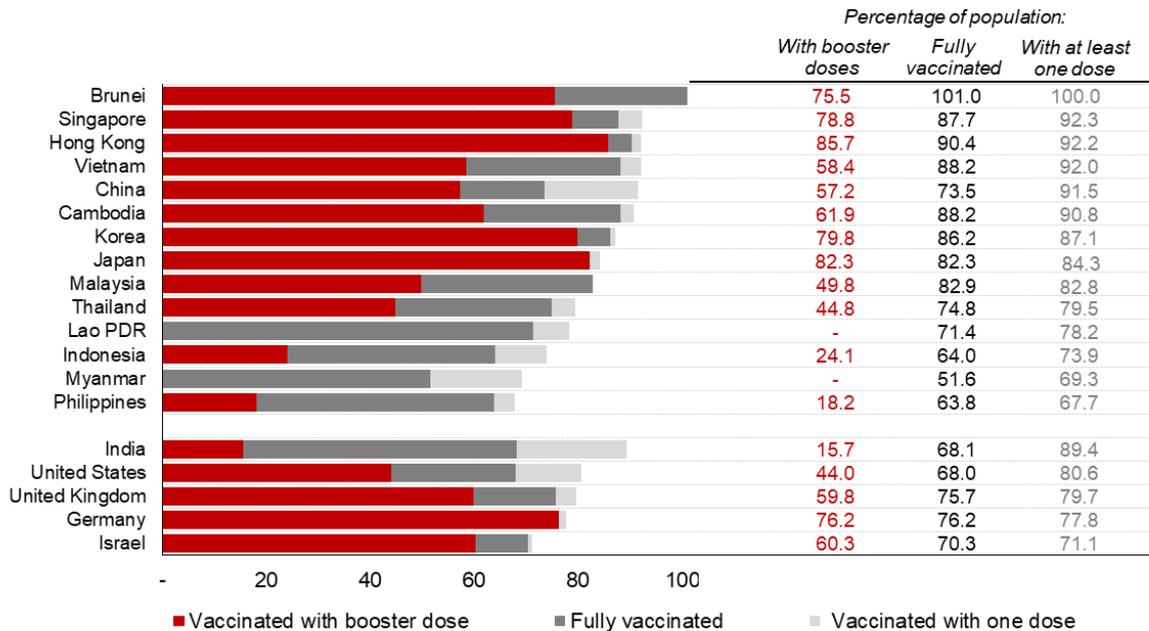
Economy	Total Cases ('000)	Cases per 1M Population	New Cases ¹	New Cases ¹ since 2020 ²	New Cases per 1M Pop. ¹	ΔNew Cases ¹	Δ% New Cases ¹	Total Deaths	New Deaths ¹	Fatality Rate (%)
Global	649,700		554,837			13,584	0.1	6,654,547	1,699	1.0
ASEAN+3	92,063		210,905			26,102	0.2	458,470	322	0.5
Plus-3	56,625		201,886			27,179	0.4	99,184	266	0.2
ASEAN	35,439		9,019			-1,077	0.0	359,286	56	1.0
China	368	262	3,247		2	-1,242	0.9	5,235	0	1.4
Hong Kong, China	2,262	296,231	13,463		1,763	4,092	0.6	10,984	23	0.5
Japan	26,154	207,973	123,441		982	16,527	0.5	51,837	195	0.2
Korea	27,841	534,828	61,735		1,186	7,802	0.2	31,128	48	0.1
Indonesia	6,700	24,827	2,511		9	-1,627	0.0	160,255	33	2.4
Malaysia	5,011	150,852	1,362		41	-516	0.0	36,769	8	0.7
Philippines	4,050	36,805	1,123		10	48	0.0	60,458	0	1.5
Singapore	2,182	382,636	1,231		216	19	0.1	1,707	0	0.1
Thailand	4,715	69,329	566		8	-46	0.0	33,392	15	0.7
Brunei Darussalam	261	579,690	503		1,115	-142	0.2	225	0	0.1
Cambodia	138	8,260	17		1	5	0.0	3,056	0	2.2
Lao PDR	217	29,898	45		6	8	0.0	758	0	0.3
Myanmar	633	11,867	20		0	1	0.0	19,488	0	3.1
Vietnam	11,530	119,593	1,641		17	1,172	0.0	43,178	0	0.4
Australia	10,867	418,359	15,372		592	318	0.1	16,482	31	0.2
Brazil	35,644	168,627	35,368		167	127	0.1	691,015	112	1.9
France	37,495	576,893	62,231		957	6,817	0.2	156,301	89	0.4
Germany	36,813	443,649	29,718		358	3,299	0.1	159,177	113	0.4
India	44,676	32,621	187		0	-57	0.0	530,658	4	1.2
United Kingdom	24,281	361,036	36,679		545	32,883	0.2	213,508	173	0.9
United States	98,336	297,042	60,905		184	5,756	0.1	1,078,598	396	1.1

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

1/ Values show the 7-day average.

2/ Since January 31, 2020.

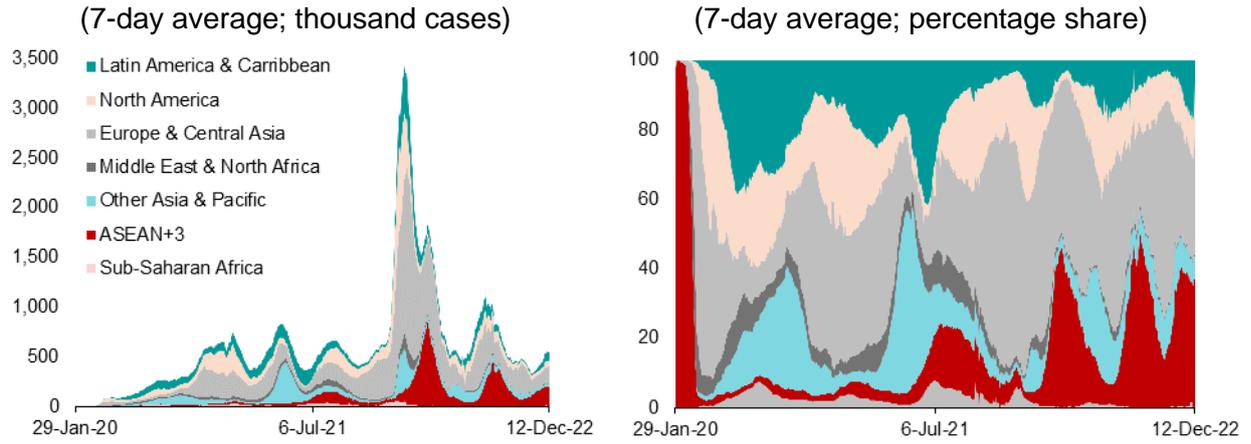
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccination Coverage Status (Percent of population)



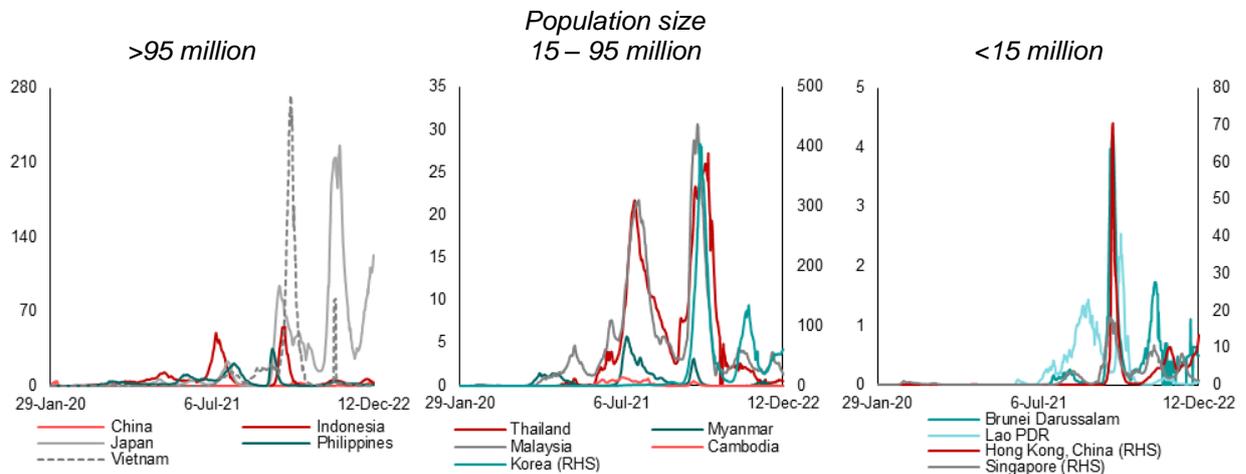
Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Percent of fully vaccinated population shows the number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol (e.g. one dose of a single-dose vaccine, or two doses of a two-dose vaccine). In the event of discrepancy between data from Our World in Data and national authorities, data from national authorities take precedence.

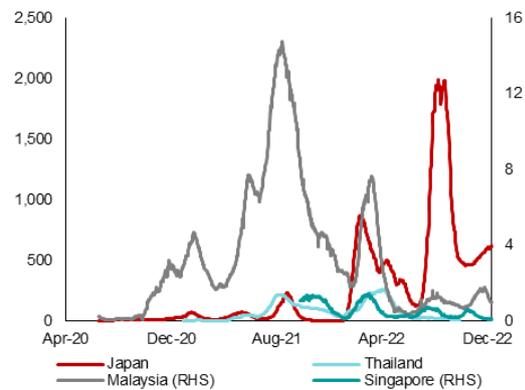
World: New Cases by Region



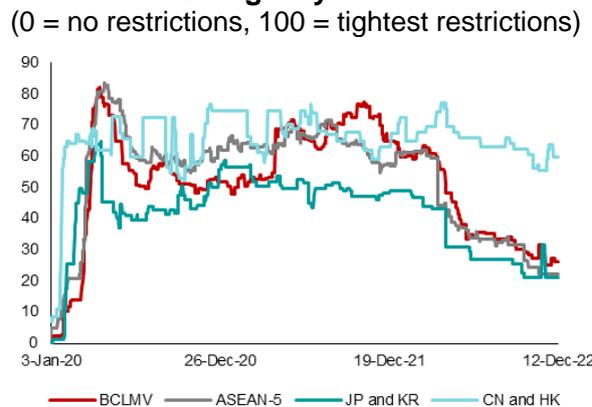
ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases by Size of Population



Selected ASEAN+3: COVID-19 Hospitalizations



ASEAN+3: Government Response Stringency Index



Note: The stringency index records the strictness of “lockdown-style” policies that primarily restrict people’s behavior. The index is a composite measure based on nine response indicators: (1) school closing; (2) workplace closing; (3) cancellation of public events; (4) restrictions on gatherings; (5) closure of public transport; (6) stay-at-home requirements; (7) restrictions on internal movement; (8) international travel controls; and (9) public information campaigns. The indicators are scaled to a value from 0 to 100 (100 = tightest). ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand; BCLMV = Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.