

COVID Monitor

Friday, September 16, 2022 Data as of September 15, 2022

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN
610,961,429 Cases	81,047,328 Cases	46,729,832 Cases	34,317,496 Cases
6,523,131 Deaths	441,586 Deaths	86,165 Deaths	355,421 Deaths

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

Recent Developments

Global News

- The end of the COVID-19 pandemic is "in sight," according to the World Health
 Organization (WHO) earlier this week. WHO experts will decide by next month if the
 pandemic still represents a public health risk of international concern.
- Despite the WHO's optimistic tone, COVID-19 remains a threat to **Africa** given its <u>low</u> vaccination rates. Only 21.6 percent of its population has been fully vaccinated.

Regional News

- In China, megacity Chengdu has allowed most residents to leave their homes starting yesterday, easing a two-week lockdown as infections continued to decline from the peak seen in end-August.
- Starting November 1, **Hong Kong** will <u>allow inbound travelers who test positive for the virus to remain in their designated quarantine hotels</u>, instead of being transferred to isolation hotels or community facilities.
- **Japan** is reportedly planning to <u>lift a ban on individual tourist visa requirements and it</u> may also remove the <u>limit on daily arrivals by next month</u>, according to media reports.
- Daily new infections in Korea declined for the second straight day today, with about 51,000 new cases reported. Health authorities are concerned over <u>a possible</u> "twindemic"—a simultaneous outbreak of COVID-19 and the seasonal influenza.
- The Philippines has extended the state of calamity status due to COVID-19 until the end of the year, December 31. This will help allow emergency purchases and provide hazard allowances for healthcare workers.

Vaccine News

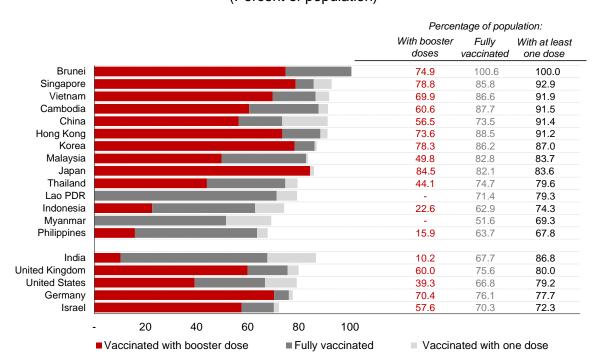
- **Singapore** has granted interim <u>authorization for the use of Moderna's Spikevax</u> <u>bivalent vaccine</u>, which targets both the original strain and Omicron's BA.1 sub-variant. It is expected to be available in Singapore by the end of this month, for booster use.
- <u>Two antibody therapies</u>—sotrovimab and cocktail casirivimab-imdevimab—<u>are no longer recommended</u> by the **WHO**, as Omicron and its sub-variants have likely rendered them obsolete. Both were developed early in the pandemic.

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

F	Total Cases	Cases per 1M	New	New Cases ¹	New Cases	ΔNew	Δ% New	Total	New	Fatality
Economy	('000)	Population	Cases ¹	since 2020 ²	per 1M Pop.1	Cases ¹	Cases ¹	Deaths	Deaths ¹	Rate (%)
Global	610,961		499,331			-34,196	0.1	6,523,131	1,827	1.1
ASEAN+3	81,047		162,017	.		-48,149	0.2	441,586	276	0.5
Plus-3	46,730		149,104	.		-47,163	0.3	86,165	240	0.2
ASEAN	34,317		12,913	<u></u> _		-986	0.0	355,421	36	1.0
China	248	176	222	<u> </u>	0	-136	0.1	5,226	0	2.1
Hong Kong, China	1,683	220,419	8,545	<u>t</u> _	1,119	-1,696	0.5	9,836	10	0.6
Japan	20,483	162,874	85,714	^	682	-26,164	0.4	43,378	181	0.2
Korea	24,316	467,118	54,622		1,049	-19,167	0.2	27,725	49	0.1
Indonesia	6,403	23.726	2,507		9	-670	0.0	157,849	17	2.5
Malaysia	4,814	144,899	2,006		60	-92	0.0	36,299	4	0.8
Philippines	3,914	35,564	2,093		19	-39	0.1	60,458	0	1.5
Singapore	1.870	327,883	2,162		379	281	0.1	1,605	1	0.1
Thailand	4,671	68,680	852	~~	13	-631	0.0	32,591	13	0.7
Brunei Darussalam		498,027	222		491	-180	0.1	225	0	0.1
Cambodia	138	8,228	8	^	0	-1	0.0	3,056	0	2.2
Lao PDR	215	29,634	70		10	-26	0.0	757	0	0.4
Myanmar	618	11,578	255	بكب	5	128	0.0	19,444	0	3.1
Vietnam	11,451	118,778	2,739		28	245	0.0	43,137	2	0.4
Australia	10,151	390,785	5,635		217	-2,871	0.1	14,624	38	0.1
Brazil	34,569	163,542	13,042	سلسب	62	6,230	0.0	685,203	111	2.0
France	33,856	520,913	22,421	i w	345	6,991	0.1	151,142	26	0.4
Germany	32,644	393,407	31,665	^	382	2,580	0.1	148,845	90	0.5
India	44,523	32,509	5,435		4	-596	0.0	528,273	22	1.2
United Kingdom	23,803	353,922	35,501		528	30,826	0.2	207,188	210	0.9
United States	94,536	285,564	64,477	<u></u>	195	-84	0.1	1,047,285	447	1.1

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

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



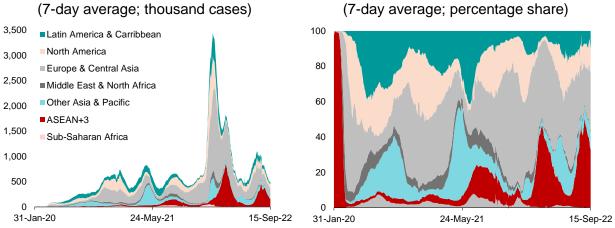
Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; and AMRO staff calculations.

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.

^{1/} Values show the 7-day average.

^{2/} Since January 31, 2020.

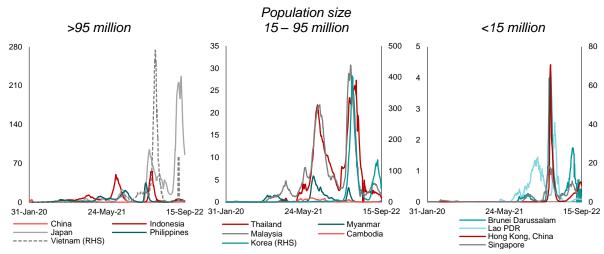
World: New Cases by Region



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

ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases by Size of Population

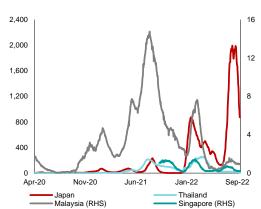
(7-day average; thousand cases)



Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations. Note: For ease of comparability, ASEAN+3 economies are grouped by population size.

Selected ASEAN+3: COVID-19 Hospitalizations

(Thousand persons)



Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from national authorities.

Selected ASEAN+3: Aggregate Non-Residentials Mobility

(Percentage change from baseline; 5-day moving average)



Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from Google COVID-19 Community Mobility reports; and AMRO staff calculations. Note: Baseline refers to the median value of the corresponding day in the period Jan 3–Feb 6, 2020. "Non-residentials" refer to the aggregated mobility data for places such as groceries and pharmacies, retail and recreation facilities, transit station and workplaces. ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore. CLMV = Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam (Vietnam data only up to October 21, 2021).