

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN
442,068,951 Cases	31,092,846 Cases	9,633,227 Cases	21,459,620 Cases
5,981,034 Deaths	365,707 Deaths	38,980 Deaths	326,727 Deaths

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

Recent Developments

Global News

- The **United States** will launch a scheme, the “test to treat”, for people to get tested for COVID-19 at pharmacies and immediately receive free antiviral pills if needed.
- **Moscow** will no longer require QR codes to prove vaccination status or immunity to COVID-19 and is dropping all restrictions at entertainment and sports venues.
- **France** will further ease mask mandate and vaccine pass requirements from March 14, with face masks only required on public transportation and proof of vaccination only needed to enter hospitals, health centres and retirement homes.

Regional News

- **Korea** has begun early voting for its presidential election today, amid record-high number of cases. Special time slots are allocated for COVID-19 patients to vote.
- **Hong Kong** saw a net outflow of 71,000 people in February, the largest outflow since the pandemic began. Most residents have left for **Mainland China** or **Singapore** to avoid the mandatory mass COVID-19 testing in mid-March and a potential lockdown.
- Amid an all-time high number of cases, authorities in **Brunei Darussalam** expect cases to continue rising as the Omicron variant gains dominance over the Delta variant.
- **Vietnam** will move towards treating COVID-19 as an endemic disease. Despite record-high daily cases, the number of severe cases and deaths have been declining.
- **Thailand’s** Diseases Control Department expect cases confirmed by PCR tests to reach 40,000 – 50,000, or even 100,000 in mid-April if existing restrictions are eased further.
- **Singapore** has expanded its current vaccinated travel lanes (VTL) to Penang, Bali, and all cities in India. New VTL have also been launched with Vietnam and Greece.

Vaccine News

- The WHO has approved the use of Merck’s antiviral pill for high-risk patients with non-severe disease who are at high risk of hospitalization. These include the immunocompromised, the unvaccinated, the elderly and those with chronic diseases.

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

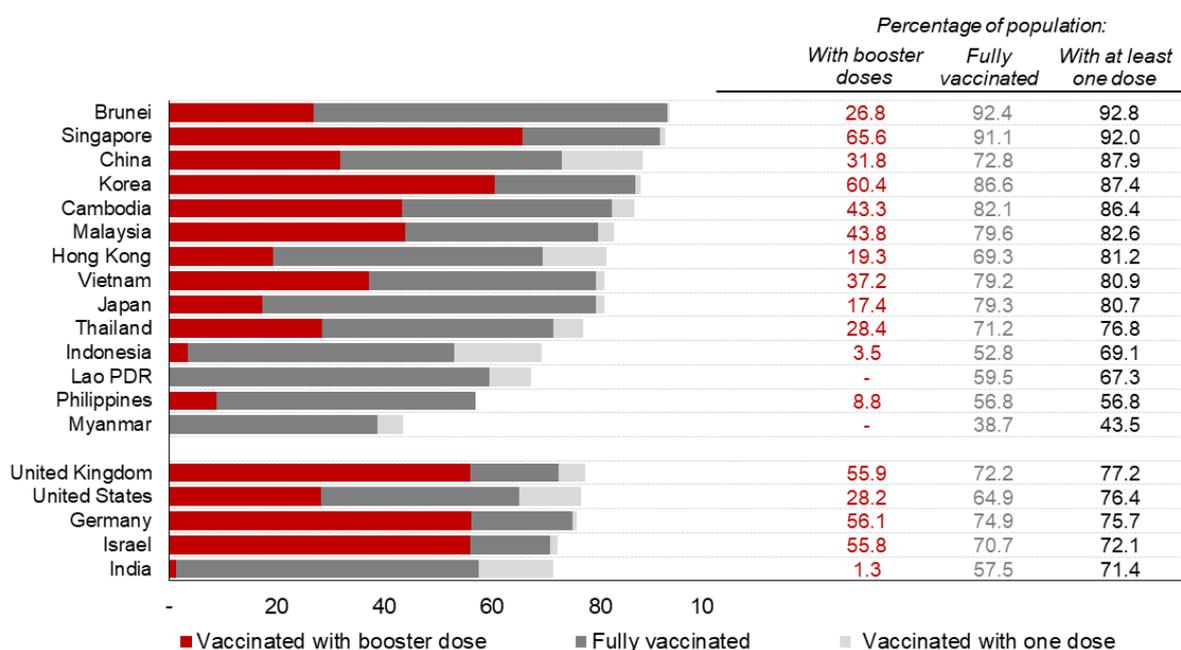
Economy	Total Cases ('000)	Cases per 1M Population	New Cases ¹	New Cases ¹ since 2020 ²	New Cases per 1M Pop. ¹	ΔNew Cases ¹	Δ% New Cases ¹	Total Deaths	New Deaths ¹	Fatality Rate (%)
Global	442,069		1,495,015			-178,800	0.3	5,981,034	7,405	1.4
ASEAN+3	31,093		522,807			127,396	1.8	365,707	6,666	1.2
Plus-3	9,633		288,849			80,150	3.4	38,980	478	0.4
ASEAN	21,460		233,958			47,246	1.1	326,727	6,271	1.5
China	110	79	236		0	61	0.2	4,636	0	4.2
Hong Kong, China	351	45,914	38,073		4,987	31,362	22.6	1,366	134	0.4
Japan	5,214	41,461	65,790		523	-6,127	1.3	24,398	230	0.5
Korea	3,958	76,040	184,750		3,549	54,854	5.8	8,580	114	0.2
Indonesia	5,667	21,001	37,004		137	-17,043	0.7	149,268	275	2.6
Malaysia	3,529	106,215	27,333		823	-1,097	0.8	33,028	71	0.9
Philippines	3,665	33,305	1,080		10	-427	0.0	56,538	53	1.5
Singapore	786	137,816	17,804		3,122	-449	2.5	1,049	11	0.1
Thailand	2,982	43,843	23,245		342	2,558	0.8	23,124	45	0.8
Brunei Darussalam	77	169,698	4,068		9,021	1,146	6.9	135	3	0.2
Cambodia	131	7,847	396		24	-148	0.3	3,033	1	2.3
Lao PDR	143	19,748	222		31	-4	0.2	626	1	0.4
Myanmar	594	11,127	2,216		42	-954	0.4	19,379	4	3.3
Vietnam	3,886	40,304	120,589		1,251	63,663	3.6	40,547	5,880	1.0
Australia	3,322	127,890	24,453		941	1,492	0.8	5,354	37	0.2
Brazil	28,907	136,755	45,348		215	-47,383	0.2	650,824	446	2.3
France	22,283	342,840	49,888		768	-13,458	0.2	135,885	159	0.6
Germany	15,531	187,175	153,202		1,846	-11,053	1.0	123,801	203	0.8
India	42,952	31,362	8,173		6	-8,128	0.0	514,589	195	1.2
United Kingdom	19,212	285,658	62,683		932	23,525	0.3	162,472	195	0.8
United States	78,651	237,578	56,180		170	-18,683	1.2	951,663	1,548	1.2

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

1/ Values show the 7-day average.

2/ Since January 31, 2020.

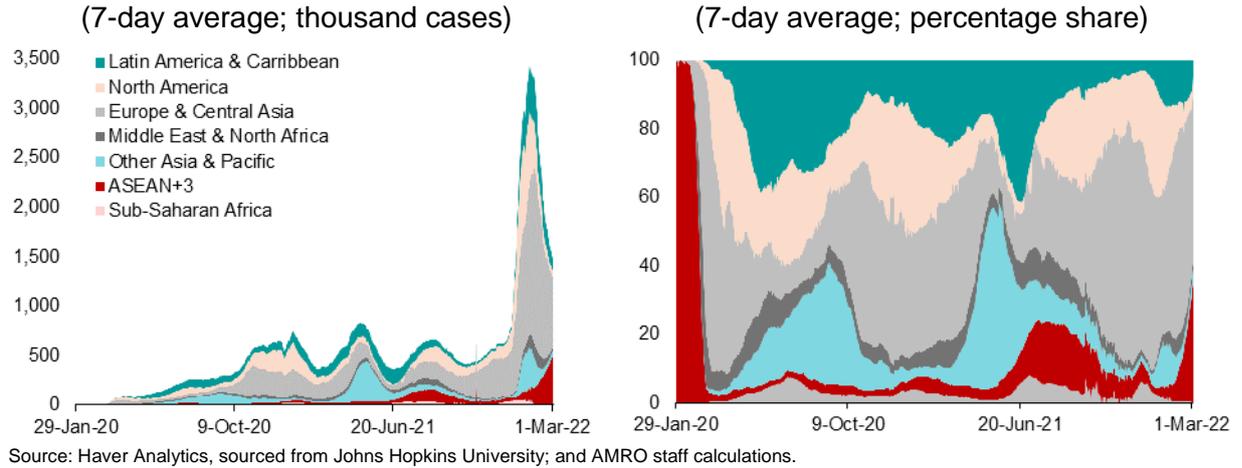
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccination Coverage Status (Percent of population)



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

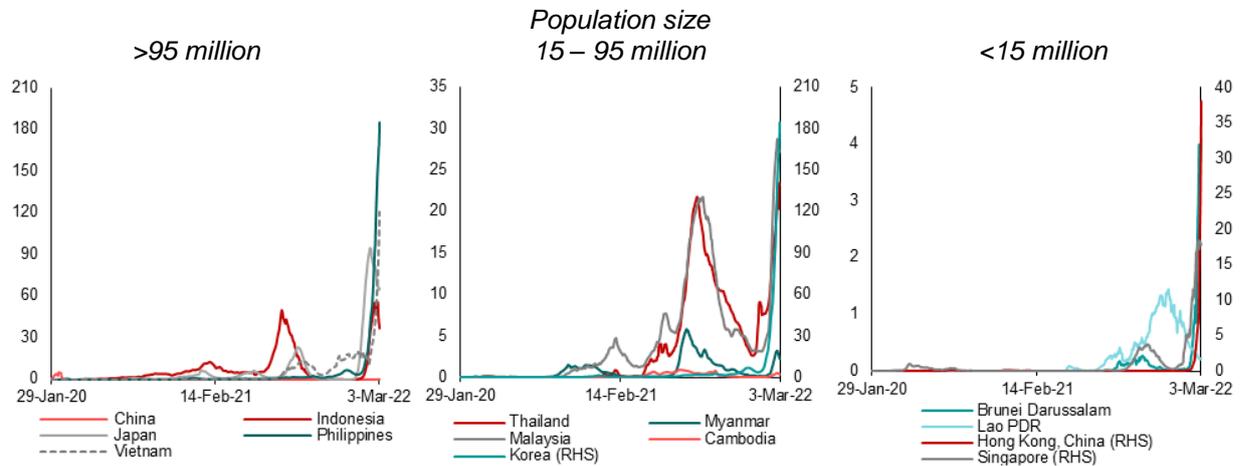
Note: Percent of fully vaccinated population shows the number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol (e.g. one dose of a single-dose vaccine, or two doses of a two-dose vaccine). In the event of discrepancy between data from Our World in Data and national authorities,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

World: New Cases by Region



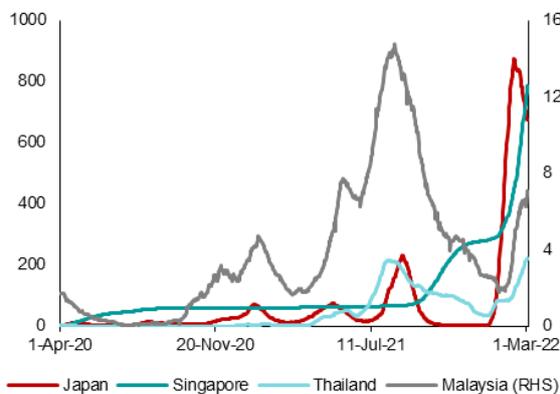
ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases by Size of Population

(7-day average; thousand cases)



Selected ASEAN+3: COVID-19 Hospitalizations

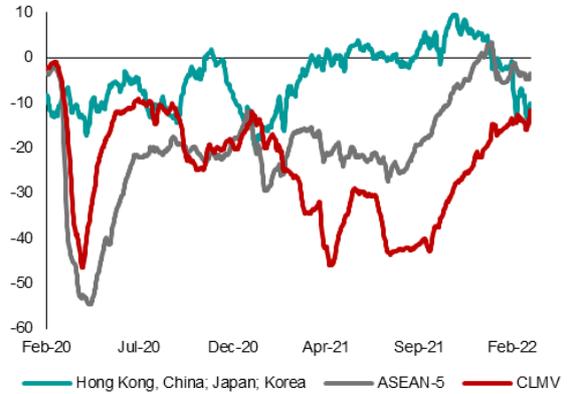
(Thousand persons)



Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from national authorities.
 Note: Time series data for other ASEAN+3 economies are unavailable.

Selected ASEAN+3: Aggregate Non-Residentials

(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.