

COVID Monitor

Friday, March 18, 2022

Data as of March 17, 2022

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN
465,927,342 Cases	41,435,080 Cases	15,419,791 Cases	26,015,292 Cases
6,065,260 Deaths	383,854 Deaths	48,350 Deaths	335,504 Deaths

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

Recent Developments

Global News

- The World Health Organization warned that recent data showing a global rise in infections could herald a bigger problem as some economies also report a drop in testing rates. Omicron's BA.2 sub-variant and the easing of restrictions in several economies appear to be partly driving the increase in cases.
- **Germany** hit <u>a record-high of nearly 300,000 new daily infections yesterday</u>. However, authorities will continue lifting most restrictions by Monday next week.

Regional News

- <u>Daily new infections</u> in **Korea** <u>breached the 600,000-mark on Wednesday</u>, before easing to about 400,000 yesterday. Authorities today decided to raise the maximum number of people for private gatherings from 6 to 8 effective next week, while the limit on business hours remains unchanged.
- Authorities will be <u>lifting all remaining COVID-19 quasi-state of emergency restrictions</u> across **Japan** <u>beginning Monday next week</u>, given the downward trend in new cases.
- Vietnam has ended its quarantine mandate for international travelers, after 2 years of strict COVID-19 restrictions. It has also resumed its 15-day visa-free travel for visitors from 13 economies. Travellers would only need to present a negative COVID-19 test.
- Cambodia yesterday <u>dropped its requirement on overseas visitors to take COVID-19 tests</u>. However, they must be fully vaccinated, or be subject to a 14-day quarantine if they are unable to show proof of vaccination.

Vaccine News

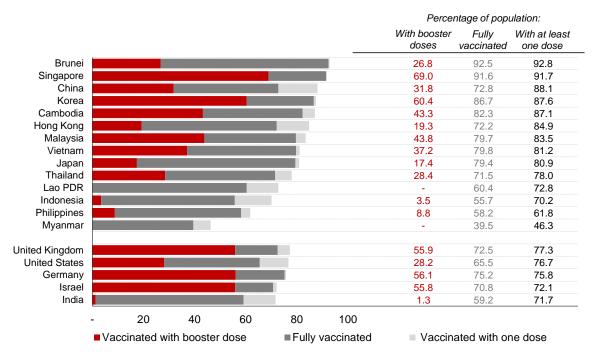
- Interim findings by **Singapore**'s National Centre for Infectious Diseases showed that a Moderna booster shot will give older adults a "significantly higher" antibody response against all variants of concern, compared to a booster dose of Pfizer.
- The United Nations-backed Medicines Patent Pool has announced that <u>35 companies</u> worldwide will soon be manufacturing generic versions of **Pfizer**'s Paxlovid pill.

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	465,927		1,785,593	^		177,628	0.4	6,065,260	5,040	1.3
ASEAN+3	41,435		824,160		•	170,858	2.2	383,854	1,307	0.9
Plus-3	15,420		471,112		•	115,572	3.5	48,350	710	0.3
ASEAN	26,015		353,049	<u></u>)	55,287	1.4	335,504	597	1.3
China	124	89	1,637	<u> </u>	1	1,254	1.4	4,636	0	3.7
Hong Kong, China	671	87,847	13,584		1,779	-18,568	2.2	5,136	284	0.8
Japan	5,967	47,449	50,893		405	-5,783	0.9	26,796	154	0.4
Korea	8,658	166,313	404,998		7,780	138,669	5.8	11,782	272	0.1
Indonesia	5,939	22.008	13,026	^ A	48	-12,766	0.2	153,212	257	2.6
Malaysia	3,927	118,222	26,493		797	-3,997	0.2	34,185	88	0.9
Philippines	3,673	33,375	483			-143	0.0	57.880	89	1.6
Singapore	986	172,978	12,080		2,119	-4,482	1.3	1.182	9	0.1
Thailand	3,303	48,565	23,789	~~	350	1,695	0.7	24,075	71	0.7
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Brunei Darussalam	121	267,406	2,368		5,251	-1,559	2.1	177	3	0.1
Cambodia	135	8,042	160	^	10	-144	0.1	3,049	1	2.3
Lao PDR	149	20,524	577	^	79	347	0.4	643	1	0.4
Myanmar	608	11,388	654		12	-675	0.1	19,418	2	3.2
Vietnam	7,174	74,418	273,418		2,836	77,009	4.5	41,683	75	0.6
Australia	3,812	146.769	40,634	1.	1,564	11,212	1.1	5.691	20	0.1
Brazil	29,533	139,717	39,086		185	-11,276	0.1	656.693	330	2.2
France	23,201	356,976	76,142	1	1,172	21,033	0.3	137,630	119	0.6
Germany	18,326	220.853	215,899		2,602	32,586	1.2	126.651	196	0.7
India	43,004	31,400	2,821		2	-1,852	0.0	516,281	81	1.2
United Kingdom	20,151	299,619	98,982		1,472	44,227	0.5	163,972	193	0.8
United States	79,133	239,034	32,268		97	-4,319	1.2	965,374	647	1.2

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

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



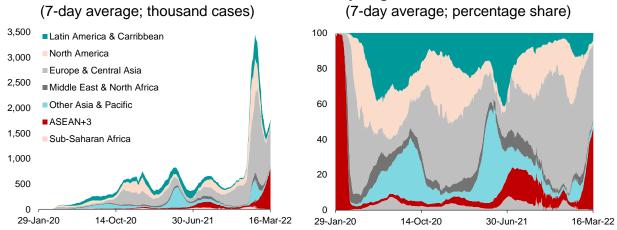
Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; and AMRO staff calculations.

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.

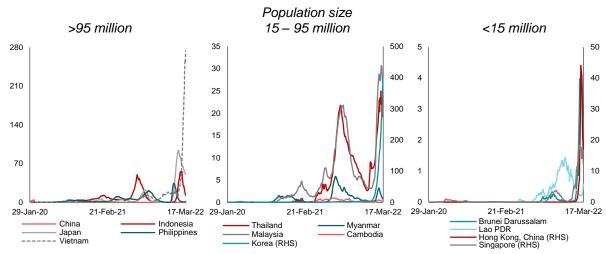
World: New Cases by Region



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

ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases by Size of Population

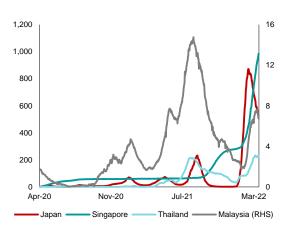
(7-day average; thousand cases)



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.