

### **COVID Monitor**

Friday, October 29, 2021 Data as of October 28, 2021

#### **Cumulative New Cases and Deaths**

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN		
<b>245,503,879</b> Cases	<b>15,300,094</b> Cases	<b>2,188,639</b> Cases	<b>13,111,455</b> Cases		
<b>4,980,381</b> Deaths	<b>303,171</b> Deaths	<b>25,911</b> Deaths	<b>277,260</b> Deaths		

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

#### **Recent Developments**

#### **Global News**

- Australia eased its COVID-19 travel advice for several economies including the
  United States and Canada <u>ahead of its border reopening next week, the first time in
  over 18 months</u>. Strong vaccine uptake has allowed authorities to gradually ease
  restrictions in major cities.
- Health authorities in India has formed a panel of experts to look into the delta subvariant, AY.4.2, or the "delta plus". Initial studies of scientists in the United Kingdom on the sub-variant suggested that it is 10 to 15 percent more transmissible than the original delta.

#### **Regional News**

- **Korea** will be <u>easing all of its operating-hour curbs on restaurants and cafes, while requiring proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests for high-risk venues such as bars and gyms. The first phase will begin next week and last for a month.</u>
- **Singapore** has <u>included Australia and Switzerland in its Vaccinated Travel Lane</u> <u>scheme</u>, which allows travellers to fly in from selected economies without the need for quarantine. Fully vaccinated travelers are nonetheless subject to virus testing.

#### **Vaccine News**

- An expert panel for the United States' Food and Drug Administration recommended to authorize the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children aged five to 11. Clinical trials for this age group showed a 90.7 percent vaccine efficacy against the virus.
- Malaysia is reportedly planning to buy the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for use in children.
  Health authorities are also considering other vaccine brands for this age group to
  ensure that schools reopen safely.
- US firm Merck has signed a licensing agreement with the United Nations-backed Medicines Patent Pool, which will allow more companies to manufacture generic versions of molnupiravir, its experimental oral antiviral COVID-19 treatment. The royalty-free license would apply to more than 100 developing economies.

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

Economy	Total Cases	Cases per 1M Population	New Cases <sup>1</sup>	New Cases <sup>1</sup> since 2020 <sup>2</sup>	New Cases per 1M Pop. <sup>1</sup>	ΔNew Cases <sup>1</sup>	Δ% New Cases <sup>1</sup>	Total Deaths	New Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Fatality Rate (%)
Global	245.504		429,335		,	16.920	0.2	4,980,381	7,179	2.0
ASEAN+3	15.300		31,162	^		-2,456	0.2	303,171	457	2.0
Plus-3	2.189		1,976			173	0.1	25,911	22	1.2
ASEAN	13,111		29,186	^		-2,629	0.2	277,260	435	2.1
China	97	69	47	<u>t</u>	0	21	0.0	4,636	0	4.8
Hong Kong, China	12	1,616	4	~ <b>!</b> ~~	0	-1	0.0	213	0	1.7
Japan	1,719	13,667	272		2	-127	0.0	18,245	9	1.1
Korea	361	6,926	1,652		32	280	0.5	2,817	13	0.8
Indonesia	4,243	15,721	671		2	-148	0.0	143,333	30	3.4
Malaysia	2,455	73.891	5.880		177	-403	0.2	28.769	76	1.2
Philippines	2,769	25,162	4,105	^	37	-1,877	0.1	42,348	159	1.5
Singapore	188	32,945	3,689		647	304	2.1	364	12	0.2
Thailand	1,885	27,714	9,056	^	133	-926	0.5	19,006	64	1.0
Brunei Darussalam		28,432	183		406	-62	1.5	83	1	0.6
Cambodia	118.22	7,062	124		7	-87	0.1	2,766	9	2.3
Lao PDR	38.28	5,269	612		84	129	1.7	59	1	0.2
Myanmar	497.70	9,324	874	^	16	-164	0.2	18,622	22	3.7
Vietnam	905.48	9,392	3,991	^	41	606	0.4	21,910	60	2.4
Australia	168	6,460	1,900	^	73	-353	1.2	1,708	14	1.0
Brazil	21,781	103,046	12,014		57	-144	0.1	607,068	341	2.8
France	6,969	107,224	5,237	_	81	605	0.1	115,243	26	1.7
Germany	4,554	54,880	15,216	^	183	2,064	0.3	95,522	75	2.1
India	34,232	24,995	12,653		9	-2,439	0.0	456,386	478	1.3
United Kingdom	8,978	133,499	48,175		716	1,920	0.5	140,628	212	1.6
United States	45,616	137,790	74,799	^	226	-811	1.2	739,811	1,397	1.6

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

### ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Cumulative Vaccines Administered

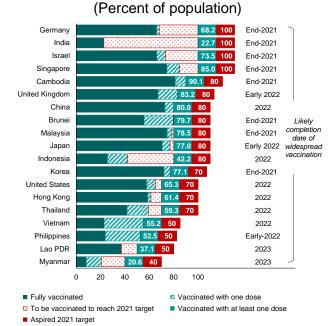
#### (Per 100 population) 180 150 \_US 120 90 60 30 1-Dec-20 15-May-21 27-Oct-21 160 Japan Brunei 120 80 ao PDR Philippines 40 Myanmar 7-Feb-21 18-Jun-21 27-Oct-21

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Our World in Data; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Single vaccination doses only. This does not measure the number of people vaccinated, as two doses are required with most available vaccines. Data is reported at irregular intervals; numbers show latest available.

### ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccinations and Aspired Population Coverage

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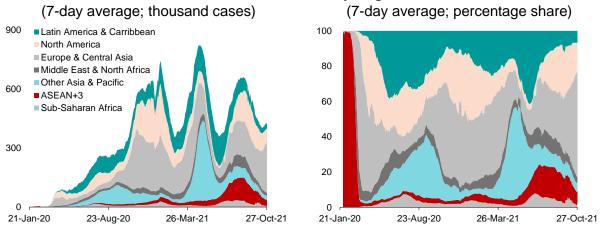


Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; various media sources; Economist Intelligence Unit; and AMRO staff estimates and calculations. Note: Percent of population vaccinated shows total administered doses divided by two to reflect the two-dose regime of most vaccines—it does not necessarily reflect the actual number of fully vaccinated people. Aspired 2021 targets and completion dates of widespread vaccination are goals, forecasts, or estimates.

<sup>1/</sup> Values show the 7-day average.

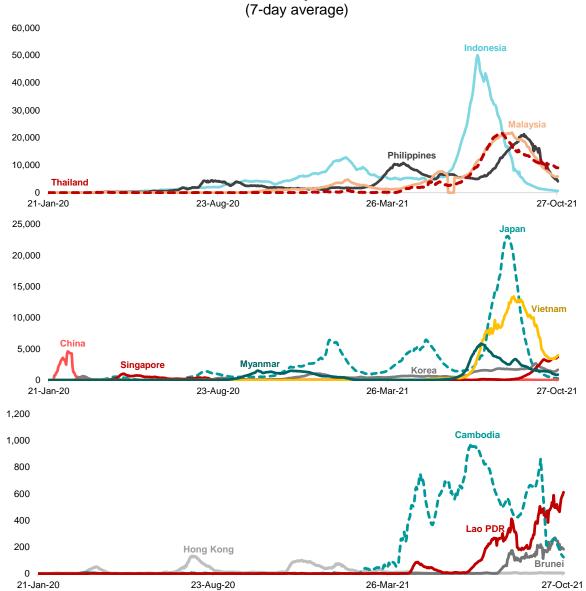
<sup>2/</sup> Since January 31, 2020.

#### World: New Cases by Region



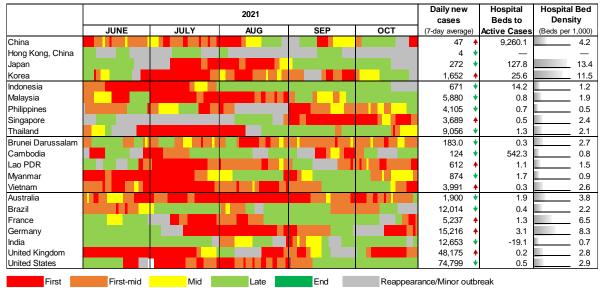
Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

### ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases



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





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## Selected ASEAN+3: Aggregate Non-Residentials Mobility

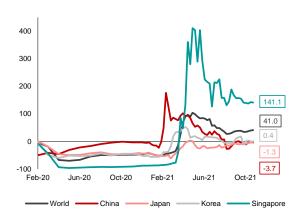
(Percentage change from baseline; 5-day moving average)



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.

# World and Selected ASEAN+3: Weekly Scheduled Flight Seats

(Percent year-over-year)



Sources: Official Aviation Guide; and AMRO staff calculations. Note: Scheduled seat capacity data until November 2020 are on monthly basis, and on weekly basis thereafter.