

# **COVID Monitor**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021**Data as of May 17, 2021

#### **Total Confirmed Cases and Deaths**

Worldwide	ASEAN+3	Plus-3	ASEAN		
163,413,904 Cases	<b>4,637,501</b> Cases	<b>924,410</b> Cases	<b>3,713,091</b> Cases		
<b>3,386,457</b> Deaths	<b>91,905</b> Deaths	<b>18,337</b> Deaths	<b>73,568</b> Deaths		

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

## **Recent Developments**

#### **Global News**

<u>Total confirmed cases</u> in <u>India topped 25 million yesterday</u>, after recording over 281,000 new infections. Daily new cases continue to fall, with yesterday's figure the lowest since late April. However, there are <u>increasing cases of "black fungus" among individuals who recovered</u>, or are recovering, from COVID-19. Highly fatal, the fungal infection tends to attack those with weakened immune systems.

### **Regional News**

- **Japan** is reportedly considering <u>letting pharmacists administer the vaccine to speed up its inoculation program</u>, amidst a shortage of doctors and nurses. Last month, authorities already approved a plan to allow dentists to carry out vaccinations.
- Singapore and Hong Kong <u>again deferred plans to launch their air travel bubble</u>, set to commence on May 26, as the former's infections continue to increase. The plan was first postponed in November 2020 due to a spike in cases in Hong Kong. No new dates have been announced.

#### **Vaccine News**

- Indonesia <u>suspended the distribution of a batch of AstraZeneca vaccine</u> following the death of a 22-year-old individual one day after immunization. The batch, a COVAX delivery with around 450,000 doses, will be tested for sterility and toxicity. <u>Authorities</u> will resume the use of the vaccine once cleared.
- The United States announced yesterday that it will send at least 20 million vaccine doses to other countries by the end of June, consisting of those from Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. This is on top of the 60 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine—once approved for use by US authorities—that the government will send abroad as announced last month.
- In the **European Union**, the European Medicines Agency <u>extended the approved</u> <u>storage period of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine</u>. An unopened thawed vial can now be kept in a fridge between 2C-8C up to one month, instead of only a few days. This will ease the logistical issues facing the vaccine rollout in member states.

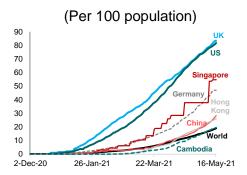
## ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

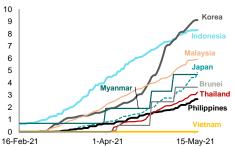
Economy	Total Cases ('000)	Cases per 1M Population	New Cases <sup>1</sup>	New Cases <sup>1</sup> since 2020 <sup>2</sup>	New Cases per 1M Pop. <sup>1</sup>	ΔNew Cases <sup>1</sup>	Δ% New Cases <sup>1</sup>	Total Deaths	New Deaths <sup>1</sup>	Fatality Rate (%)
Global	163,414		637,372	^		-134,086	0.4	3,386,457	11,809	2.1
ASEAN+3	4,638		24,800			354	0.5	91,905	420	2.0
Plus-3	924		6,647			721	0.7	18,337	97	2.0
ASEAN	3,713		18,153			-367	0.5	73,568	323	2.0
China	91	65	16	<b>I</b>	0	6	0.0	4,636	0	5.1
Hong Kong, China	12	1,549	2	~~~~	0	-2	0.0	210	0	1.8
Japan	689	5,478	5,981		48	642	0.9	11,587	94	1.7
Korea	133	2,551	648	<u></u>	12	74	0.5	1,904	4	1.4
Indonesia	1,744	6,463	3,639		13	-1,586	0.2	48,305	155	2.8
Malaysia	475	14,285	4,296		129	443	0.9	1,947	35	0.4
Philippines	1,150	10,450	5,871	^	53	-786	0.5	19,262	100	1.7
Singapore	62	10,806	34	Th	6	13	0.1	31	0	0.1
Thailand	111	1,633	3,725	<u></u>	55	1,728	3.9	614	28	0.6
Brunei Darussalam	0.23	514	0	1	1	0	0.1	3		4.0
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Cambodia	22.54	1,347	400		24	-226 -7	1.9	154	4	0.7
Lao PDR Myanmar	1.64 143.10	225 2,681	44 19		6	- <i>1</i> 2	3.1 0.0	2 3,213	0 0	0.1 2.2
Vietnam	4.36	45	124		1	52	3.2	3,213	0	0.8
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Australia	30	1,154	6		0	-6	0.0	910	0	3.0
Brazil	15,657	74,074	63,914		302	2,420	0.4	436,537	1,901	2.8
France	5,829	89,685	14,061		216	-3,267	0.2	107,041	158	1.8
Germany	3,608	43,486	10,016		121	-4,273	0.3	86,386	181	2.4
India	25,008	18,260	287,990		210	-99,108	1.2	275,187	3,599	1.1
United Kingdom	4,469	66,442	4,481		67	2,285	0.1	127,946	48	2.9
United States	32,846	99,216	35,658	~	108	-2,914	1.2	583,746	593	1.8

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: **Total Vaccines Administered**



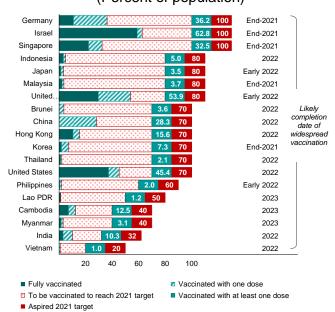


Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Our World in Data; and AMRO staff calculations.

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

# (Percent of population)



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.