COVID Monitor

Friday, January 06, 2023
Data as of January 05, 2023

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

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<td>662,857,654 Cases</td>
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<td>6,702,326 Deaths</td>
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Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

Recent Developments

Global News

- **India** has found 11 Omicron subvariants in international travelers, including the BA.5.2 subvariant and a sublineage of BF.7 subvariant that are driving China’s outbreak.
- The **European Commission** is considering imposing negative COVID-19 test requirements and mask mandates in planes for travelers from China.

Regional News

- **Japan** will require negative pre-departure test for travellers from China from January 8. Airlines were asked to continue to limit additional flights from China.
- **Hong Kong** will reopen its land, sea and air borders with Mainland China with 60,000 travellers allowed per day, from January 8. A similar number will be allowed to travel from the mainland to Hong Kong with no mandatory quarantine.
- **Singapore** does not expect influx of tourists from China to worsen domestic COVID-19 infections as the virus strains in China are already present locally.
- **Thailand** will not require any pre-departure or on-arrival COVID-19 test for visitors from China. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all inbound visitors will be reimposed.

Vaccine News

- CanSino Biologics Inc. from China has started trial production of an mRNA vaccine targeting new variants of COVID-19 that are behind the country’s current outbreak.
- The **US** is recommending annual COVID-19 booster shots for its residents.
- **China** has rejected free COVID-19 vaccines from the US and the EU, citing strengthening clinical efficacy of its ample domestic jabs.
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.
1/ Values show the 7-day average.

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
(7-day average; thousand cases)

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)

ASEAN+3: Government Response Stringency Index
(0 = no restrictions, 100 = tightest restrictions)

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

Note: The stringency index records the strictness of "lockdown-style" policies that primarily restrict people's behavior. The index is a composite measure based on nine response indicators:
(1) school closing; (2) workplace closing; (3) cancellation of public events; (4) restrictions on gatherings; (5) closure of public transport; (6) stay-at-home requirements; (7) restrictions on internal movement; (8) international travel controls; and (9) public information campaigns. The indicators are scaled to a value from 0 to 100 (100 = tightest). ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand; BCLMV = Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.