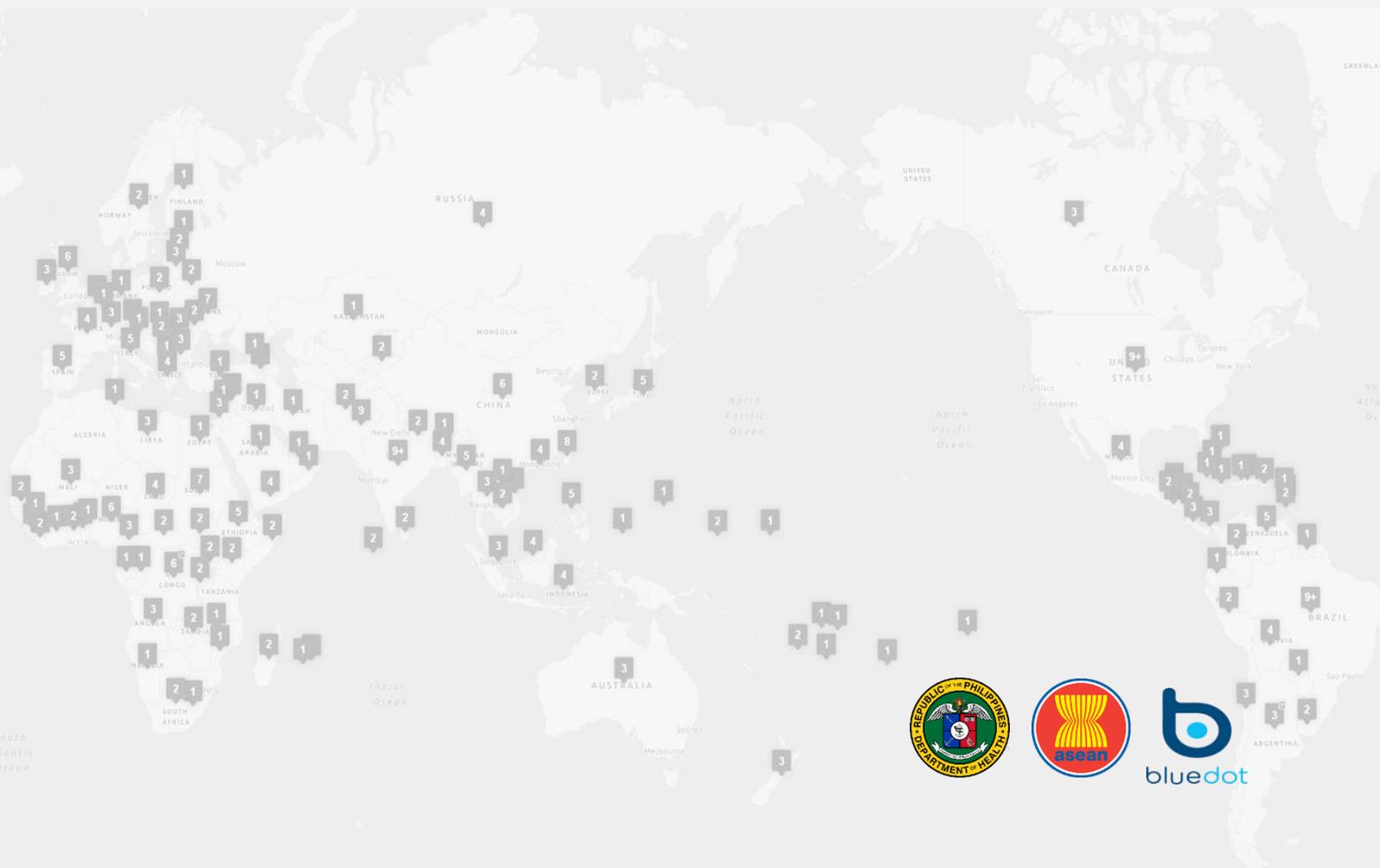


# Risk Assessment for International Dissemination of COVID-19 to the ASEAN Region

*As of February 21, 2020 (2:00 PM GMT+8)*



## COVID-19 Highlights and Situation Overview

- **China revised the guidance on case classification for COVID-19**, removing the classification of “clinically diagnosed” previously used for Hubei province, and retaining only “suspected” and “confirmed” for all areas, the latter requiring laboratory confirmation. Some previously reported “clinically diagnosed” cases are thus expected to be discarded over the coming days as laboratory testing is conducted and some are found to be COVID-19-negative.
- **Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met ASEAN Secretary-General, Philippine and Singaporean foreign ministers** met on Wednesday February 19, 2020 to discuss the joint combat against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic. According to ASEAN Secretary-General, China is an important strategic partner of ASEAN and in the face of the novel coronavirus epidemic, ASEAN firmly stands with China. The meeting resulted to China and ASEAN joining hands in meeting common challenges, and exploring and reaching new consensus on boosting cooperation on regional health.
- **Vietnam’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister** Phạm Bình Minh had bilateral meetings with **Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister** Wang Yi and **Lao Minister of Foreign Affairs** Saleumxay Kommasith in Vientiane on February 19, 2020. Vietnam and Lao shared mutual concerns over the development of COVID-19 and agreed that ASEAN countries should strengthen coordination and take prompt actions to cope with the disease.
- After partially lifting the travel ban on Taiwan, the **Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (AITF-EID) of Philippines** have now allowed Filipinos to travel to Hong Kong and Macau even if cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continue to be reported worldwide. The Secretary of Health said the travelers must sign a declaration signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved.
- **Thailand’s** Prime Minister has ordered precautionary plans to cope with Stage 3 spread of COVID-19. Thailand’s Committee for Emerging Infectious Diseases has been instructed to develop precautionary measures to cope with a Stage 3 spread of COVID-19 in the country. Currently, Thailand is at Stage 2—which means that it is capable of containing the virus from spreading.

- **New country with COVID-19 case: IRAN**
  - Health authorities confirmed the **first two cases** of COVID-19 in Iran as of February 19 who later became **two fatalities** reported (the first fatalities in the Middle East). The spokesperson for Iran's Ministry of Health, said the two people had tested positive for the virus in preliminary results and died due to immune deficiencies and old age.
  - Currently, Iran has 5 confirmed cases with 2 deaths.
  
- **Cluster in Daegu, South Korea**
  - The Daegu sect cluster began with 61/F who first developed a fever on February 10 and attended at least four services before being diagnosed.
  - Officials reported that it's unclear how she contracted the COVID-19 illness as she has not travelled abroad recently and is not aware of having come into contact with other infected patients
  - 49 confirmed cases were epidemiologically linked to this cluster
  - Daegu's municipal government reported that more than 1,000 church members believed to have attended services with the infected woman who have been asked to self-quarantine
  - Daegu is now on alert, and has taken measures including shutting public libraries, suspending kindergarten classes, and postponing major events.
  
- **South Korea reported its first COVID-19 related death from a hospital cluster of cases**
  - 63/M admitted to a hospital in Cheongdo county for schizophrenia and pneumonia. The Korean Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) reported that the case was among 15 patients and staff who had tested positive for the virus. The man who died last 19 Feb 2020 was diagnosed with COVID-19 illness posthumously.
  
- **Death of 2 cases aboard Diamond Princess**
  - 2 Japanese passengers who contracted COVID-19 on board a cruise ship quarantined in Japan have died on 20 February 2020
  - Both were in their 80s with underlying health conditions and were being treated in hospitals after being taken off the Diamond Princess last week.
  
- **Hong Kong** reports on February 19, 2020 its **second COVID-19 related death**. The deceased is a 70 year-old-man with underlying health conditions (diabetes and kidney disease), who had travelled to Mainland China on January 22, developed symptoms in Hong Kong on February 2, and became critically ill on February 14.

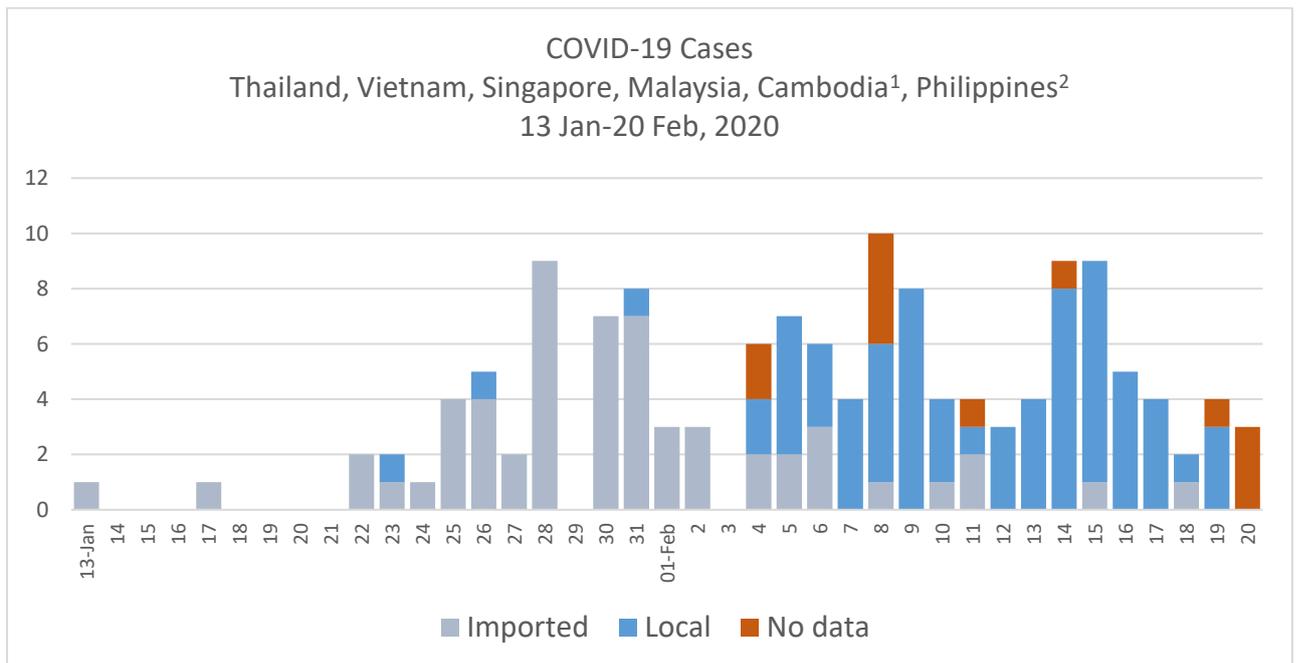
## Cases and Deaths as of 21 February 2020

- As of February 21 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **75,874** confirmed cases, including **2,133** deaths.
- In **China**, there were **74,779** confirmed cases with **2,125** deaths (including deaths in Hong Kong and Taiwan). Confirmed cases in China include confirmed cases in Hong Kong (65), Macao (10), and Taiwan (24)
- **Deaths outside mainland China** were reported in the Philippines (1), Hong Kong (2), Taiwan (1), Japan (3), France (1) and Iran (2).
- **1,095 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in **26 countries** (other than China):

REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	CONFIRMED CASES / (LOCALLY ACQUIRED)
<b>ASIA PACIFIC</b>	<b>Thailand</b>	13 Jan 2020	17 Feb 2020	35 (8)
	<b>Vietnam</b>	23 Jan 2020	13 Feb 2020	16 (7)
	<b>Singapore</b>	23 Jan 2020	20 Feb 2020	85 (58)
	<b>Malaysia</b>	25 Jan 2020	16 Feb 2020	22 (4)
	<b>Cambodia</b>	27 Jan 2020	27 Jan 2020	1
	<b>Philippines</b>	30 Jan 2020	5 Feb 2020	3
	<b>Japan</b>	16 Jan 2020	20 Feb 2020	92 (29) 634 from quarantined cruise ship
	<b>South Korea</b>	20 Jan 2020	20 Feb 2020	104 (56)
	<b>Nepal</b>	24 Jan 2020	24 Jan 2020	1
	<b>Australia</b>	25 Jan 2020	7 Feb 2020	15
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	27 Jan 2020	27 Jan 2020	1
	<b>India</b>	30 Jan 2020	3 Feb 2020	3
<b>AMERICAS</b>	<b>USA</b>	21 Jan 2020	13 Feb 2020	15 (1)
	<b>Canada</b>	25 Jan 2020	15 Feb 2020	8 (1)
<b>EUROPE</b>	<b>France</b>	24 Jan 2020	16 Feb 2020	12 (7)
	<b>Germany</b>	27 Jan 2020	12 Feb 2020	16 (13)
	<b>Finland</b>	29 Jan 2020	29 Jan 2020	1
	<b>Italy</b>	30 Jan 2020	30 Jan 2020	3
	<b>Russian Federation</b>	31 Jan 2020	31 Jan 2020	2
	<b>Spain</b>	31 Jan 2020	9 Feb 2020	2 (2)
	<b>Sweden</b>	31 Jan 2020	31 Jan 2020	1

	<b>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</b>	31 Jan 2020	10 Feb 2020	8 (4)
	<b>Belgium</b>	05 Feb 2020	05 Feb 2020	1
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	<b>UAE</b>	29 Jan 2020	10 Feb 2020	8
	<b>Iran</b>	19 Feb 2020	20 Feb 2020	5
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	14 Feb 2020	14 Feb 2020	1
				<b>1,095</b>

**Figure 1.** Number of COVID-19 imported and local cases in affected ASEAN Member States (AMS)



<sup>1</sup> Cambodia reported only 1 imported case last 27 January 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Philippines reported 3 imported cases, last case reported on 5 February 2020.

# Map of COVID-19 Affected Countries: Global

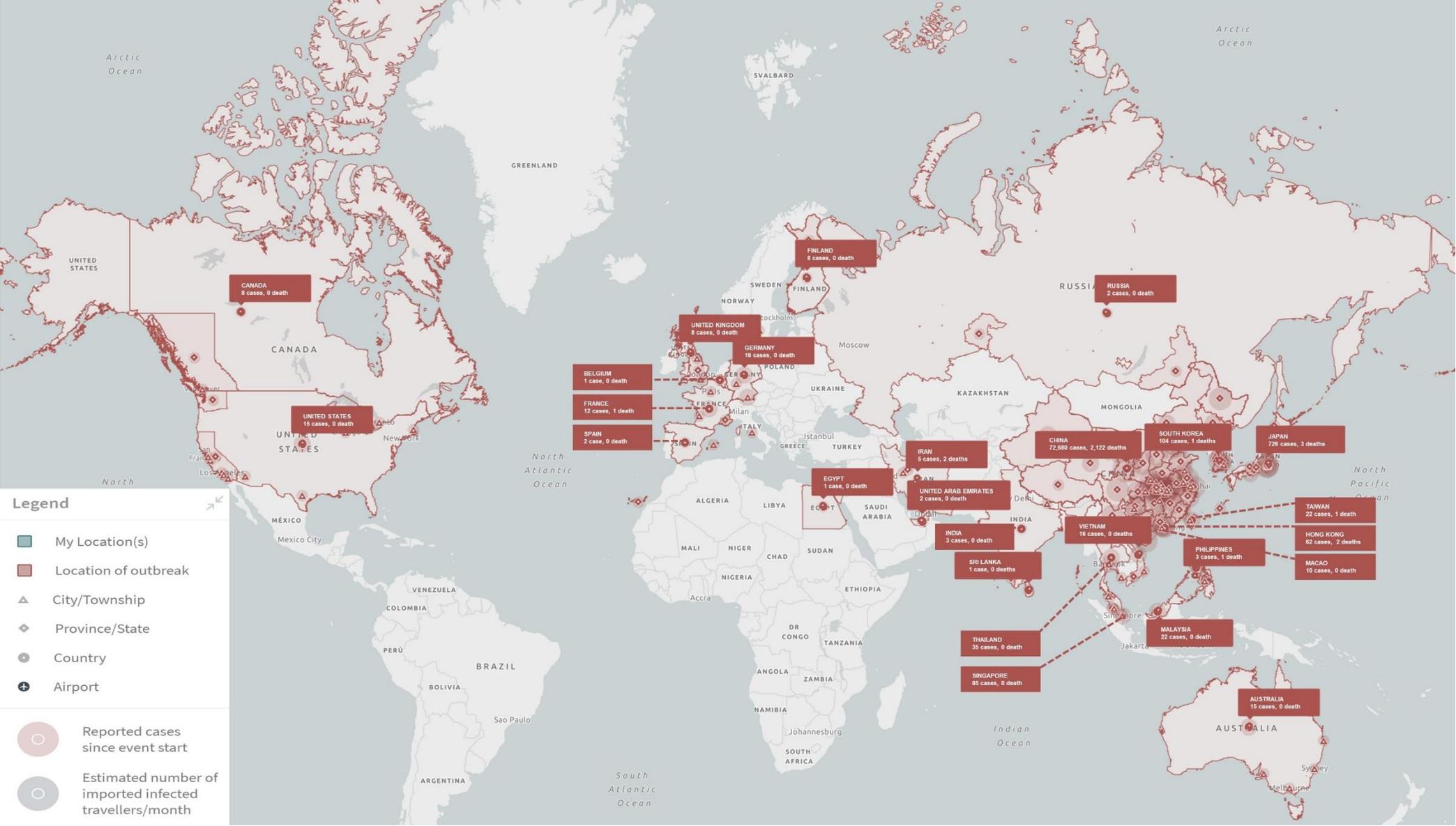


Figure 1. Global map of countries with COVID-19 confirmed cases as of February 21, 2020 (2 PM GMT+8)

## Map of COVID-19 Affected Countries: ASEAN Region



**Figure 2.** ASEAN Region with COVID-19 confirmed cases as of February 21, 2020 (2 PM GMT+8)

## Wuhan coronavirus: Timeline (continuation\*)

- Iran's Health authorities confirmed the first two cases of COVID-19 in Iran as of February 19 who later became their first fatalities (first death in Middle East)
- Additional cases: Hong Kong (3), South Korea (20), Singapore (3), Taiwan (1) and Japan (79 from Diamond Princess cruise ship, 10 in Japan)

- **First two confirmed case in Iran**
- **First death in Middle East**
- **Second death in Hong Kong**
- **Additional cases in Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan**

**19 FEBRUARY 2020**

- Update as of 21 February 2020, 2PM GMT+8 (see table above for details)

- **Global cases increased to 75,874 with 2,133 deaths**

**21 FEBRUARY 2020**

- **Two deaths in aboard in Diamond Princess Cruise Ship**
- **First death in South Korea**
- **Additional cases in South Korea, Iran, and Singapore**

**20 FEBRUARY 2020**

- Two deaths were confirmed aboard the Diamond Princess cruise ship
- South Korea reports first COVID-19 death. The man who died had shown symptoms of pneumonia, and his status was only established posthumously
- Additional cases: South Korea (53), Iran (3), and Singapore (1)

*\*refer to previous report for previous timeline*



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