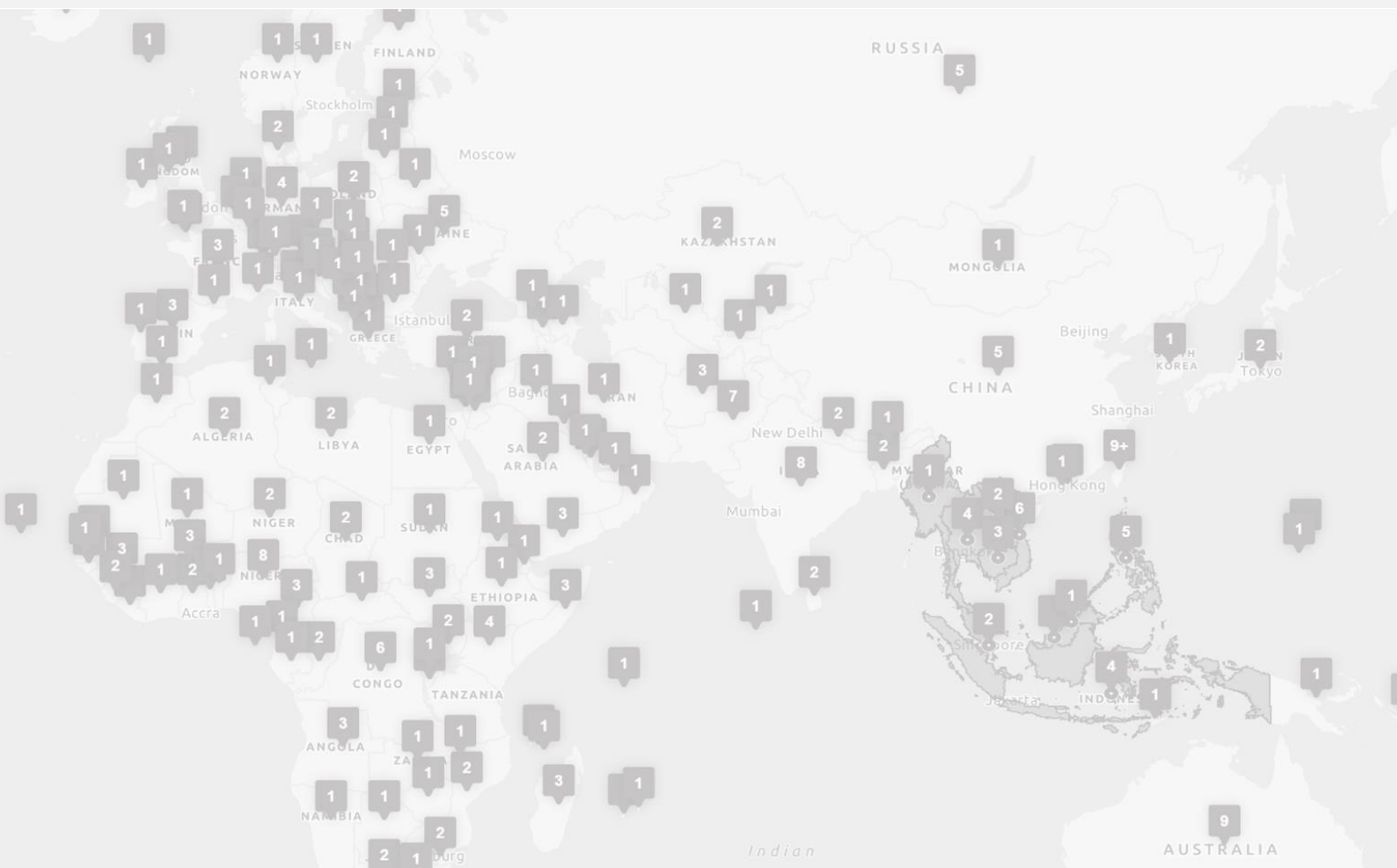


as of July 8, 2022



Canada



COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Update

- **Worldwide**, there have been over 557 million cases and over 6 million deaths attributed to COVID-19.
- According to the **World Health Organization's** weekly epidemiological update, following a downward trend since the last peak in March 2022, the number of weekly cases has grown globally for the fourth week in a row. Over 4.6 million new cases were reported from June 27 to July 3, 2022, matching the previous week's total. Over 8,100 fatalities were reported, a 12% drop in new weekly deaths. In terms of geographical trends, the number of new cases each week rose in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+29%), South-East Asia Region (+20%), European Region (+15%), and Western Pacific Region (+4%), while it fell in the African Region (-33%) and Region of the Americas (-18%). South-east Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean had weekly mortality rates rise (+34 and +16%, respectively), whereas the African, American, European, and Western Pacific saw weekly death rates decline (-50 and -12%, respectively) (-12%). Over 546 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million fatalities had been recorded globally as of July 3, 2022. At the national level, France (603,074 new cases; +33%), Germany (555,331 new cases; -2%) Italy (511,037 new cases; +50%), the United States of America (496,049 new cases; -29%), and Brazil recorded the largest numbers of new weekly cases (334,852 new cases; -4%). The United States of America (1,622 new deaths; -19%), Brazil (1,187 new deaths; -10%), China (755 new deaths; -30%), Italy (430 new deaths; +21%), and the Russian Federation recorded the largest numbers of new fatalities each week (371 new deaths; -14%).
- **The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**, on July 6, authorized state-licensed pharmacists to recommend Pfizer's COVID-19 tablet, commonly known as Paxlovid, to qualified patients. Only a few jurisdictions in Canada permit this, but according to the Canadian Pharmacists Association, "pharmacists in every jurisdiction" should be able to advise patients who require antiviral therapy. The FDA reports that in recent weeks in the United States, usage of the drug, approved to treat newly infected at-risk individuals to prevent severe disease, has increased. The Canadian Pharmacists Association reports that the same thing is happening in Canada. Only pharmacists in Quebec, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Newfoundland & Labrador are now permitted to dispense the antiviral medication by the respective provincial health authorities. According to Health Canada, persons 18 and older who test positive for COVID-19, are suffering from a mild to severe disease, and are at a high risk of developing a serious illness may be administered the antiviral Paxlovid. Currently, the organization advises giving priority to very immunocompromised patients, older adults (over 80) who haven't received all of their vaccines, adults (over 60) living in isolated and rural areas, long-term care facilities, and First Nations.

Regional Update

- **Indonesian** government authorities signed a ministerial instruction on July 4 (Monday) declaring Jakarta and its satellite cities to be under public activity restrictions (PPKM) level 2 from Tuesday to August 1. However, on July 6, the authorities issued another ministerial instruction declaring that Greater Jakarta would return to PPKM level 1 until early next month, effectively negating his previous policy. Under PPKM level 2, offices, houses of worship, shopping malls, public facilities, movie theatres and hotels are allowed to operate at 75% of capacity while wedding venues are permitted to host events at 50% capacity but under PPKM level 1, those establishments can operate at full capacity.

- **Malaysia:** Remdesivir has been awarded a conditional registration permission by the Health Ministry to treat COVID-19. The decision was taken today, according to Tan Sri Dr. Noor Hisham Abdullah, director-general of health, during the 374th meeting of the Drug Control Authority. Gilead Sciences Malaysia Sdn Bhd is the product registration holder for the Veklury lyophilised powder for injection (Remdesivir 100mg/vial), and Patheon Manufacturing Services LLC of the United States is the producer. Remdesivir is not intended to replace the COVID-19 vaccination or other public health measures, including adherence to standard operating procedures, Dr. Noor Hisham emphasized. He said that the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency will periodically review and assess the product's quality, safety, and efficacy.
- **Philippines:** The hospitals that make up the Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines Inc. (PHAPI) are prepared to take on more COVID-19 patients later this month. Dr. Jose Rene de Grano, president of PHAPI, stated yesterday that they are prepared to admit COVID-19 cases, particularly severe and critical cases, should the numbers continue to rise. He said that they may assign other medical personnel from low-risk regions to care for COVID-19 patients. However, he continued, "Our main restriction is actually the prospective scarcity in health care providers." According to the most recent statistics, seven provinces have at least a 10% COVID-19 positive rate, according to OCTA Research. According to statistics as of July 5, the indicator—which counts the number of positive findings relative to the total number of tests—had been rising across the nation.
- **Singapore:** Despite the recent increase in COVID-19 instances, several organizations in Singapore are maintaining their present safe-management practices. However, they informed CNA that they will monitor the issue and impose stronger standards if necessary. Chan Brothers Travel announced that it will keep using its current strategy, which includes flexible work-from-home options, staggered work and lunch hours, and other initiatives. Pegasus Travel is in a similar scenario, however the local business said it is ready to go back to a split-team setup in which half of its employees work from home and the other half work in the office if things become worse. Other businesses, including the regional bank OCBC, confirmed to CNA that they were following suit by maintaining present practices but being open to adapting as needed. Singapore's COVID-19 workplace laws were loosened in June when there were no longer any safe-distance limitations, allowing all employees to return to the office. Employees are permitted to remove their masks indoors even if they are still required to wear them as long as they are not interacting physically with people or working in locations where customers can see them.
- **South Korea:** According to statistics released on Wednesday, the BA.5 variation of the omicron virus is likely to overtake other COVID-19 viruses in South Korea as the number of cases linked to it has tripled in the last week. According to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency's weekly report, which was updated on Tuesday, the BA.5 variation showed up in 24.1% of sequenced samples during the final week of June, which is more than treble the 7.5% from the week before. In contrast, the BA.2.3 virus, which continues to be the most often reported infection, accounted up 39.5% of the total, down from 51.1% the week before. The share of BA.2 fell from 32.7% to 24.2% within the same period. In South Korea, BA.2 had been the prevalent variation from mid-March until BA.2.3 began accounting for more than half of sequenced cases in June. Senior KDCA official Lim Sook-young stated at a news conference on July 5 that BA.5's weekly growth rate indicated its "imminent supremacy" in this area.
- **Japan:** Concerns have been raised that Japan's seventh wave of COVID-19 infections has started as the virus is spreading across the country at an alarming rate, in part due of the more recent, immunity-escapement omicron subvariant BA.5. On Wednesday, the number of daily new infections nationwide exceeded 45,000, virtually tripling from

the previous week and matching the level of mid-May. The increase coincides with individuals beginning to plan their summer vacations and the resumption of significant in-person events. At the same time, there are an increasing number of heatstroke-related ambulance calls. The government has ruled out enacting quasi-emergency measures anytime soon, but it is debating whether to broaden its immunization program so that fourth injections, which are currently only provided to individuals at risk and citizens age 60 or older, may be made available to more people. To stop cluster infections on the front lines, several experts have also asked the government to quickly make the fourth dosage available to healthcare providers in the medical and nursing fields.

Vaccine Update

- **Philippines:** The Department of Health (DOH) reaffirmed on July 7 that the main vaccination series and the delivery of COVID-19 booster doses are still not required in the nation. This followed earlier reports (not from Manila Standard) stating that President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. had approved the Health Department's plan to need the first COVID-19 booster shot before a person could be considered fully protected against the illness. On Thursday, the Private Hospitals Association of the Philippines Inc. (PHAPI) expressed support for the proposal to require the first COVID-19 booster shot before someone is considered to be fully protected against the illness. PHAPI President Dr. Jose de Grano stated during the Laging Handa briefing that booster doses are required as the protection of people who had their first vaccine series may have already weakened.
- **China:** After authorities declared victory over the virus, two of China's largest cities, the capital Beijing and Shanghai, received around one month of relief from the severe COVID-19 restrictions, including complete and partial lockdowns. However, as of Thursday, both megacities were vying for control of outbreaks caused by the virus's extremely contagious Omicron subvariants. The nation's capital reported a cluster of BA.5.2 subvariant cases that, according to officials, began among hotel personnel at a quaint inn close to Beijing's fabled Great Wall region. Even though only a dozen illnesses had been identified as of Thursday, the neighborhood authority was not taking any risks. According to a representative of the Municipal Health Commission, Beijing has for the first time since the epidemic began asked all citizens visiting big public spaces, such as museums, theaters, and gyms, to present proof of vaccination. Seniors must now present immunization documentation in order to use communal facilities. In addition to the current regulations, which demand that everyone provide a COVID test result that was negative during the last 72 hours in order to attend any public space. The capital's local populace is effectively required under this limitation to undergo rolling PCR testing every three days.

Travel Update

- **China:** Hong Kong will put on hold its flight suspension mechanism from this week, with airlines no longer banned. The government said in a press release on July 7 (Thursday) that the ban on individual flight routes will be cancelled with immediate effect due to "social cost and more precise anti-epidemic measures", adding that the decision was based on careful examination of relevant data, considering it is the peak season for returning overseas students. Likewise, four routes which were prohibited are set to resume, however, incoming travellers will be required to take an additional nucleic acid test on day three of their arrival starting July 8 (Friday) in view of the adjustment.

Travel Advisories (new update/s)

ASEAN+3 Country	Published	Travelers allowed	COVID-19 vaccination requirement	Required COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated	Required COVID-19 testing for NOT fully vaccinated	Quarantine upon arrival	Health insurance requirement	Arrival health declaration/ registration/ documents
Brunei	June 21, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* with booster dose certificate.	No	Yes – Subjected to a rapid antigen test upon arrival and an RT-PCR test on the day 3 at their own expense.	Self-quarantine at a private residence or hotel for NOT fully vaccinated until a negative result of RT-PCR is released. No quarantine requirement for fully vaccinated	Minimum coverage: BN\$20,000	Completed E-health Arrival Declaration Form on BruHealth app . For not fully vaccinated: Proof of medical exemption for COVID-19 vaccines.
Cambodia	June 2, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate.	No	No	7-day quarantine for NOT fully vaccinated. US\$2,000 deposit is required if you quarantine at a government designated hotel.	No	No
Indonesia	June 16, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 18 years old and above.	Maybe subjected to RT- PCR test upon arrival	Maybe subjected to RT- PCR test upon arrival	5-day quarantine for NOT fully vaccinated. No quarantine requirement for fully vaccinated	No	Traveler is required to download and register at PeduliLindungi app before departure.
Laos	May 9, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 12 years old and above.	No	Yes – Negative rapid antigen test within 48 hours before departure for 12 years old and above.	No	No	No
Malaysia	July 4, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* with booster dose certificate for 12 years old and above.	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure.	5-day quarantine for NOT fully vaccinated travelers and will be issued a digital Home Surveillance Order (HSO) on their MySejahtera app.	No	Traveler is required to download and register at MySejahtera app within a week before departure.

					No quarantine requirement for fully vaccinated		
Myanmar	June 15, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 12 years old and above.	Yes – printed negative RT-PCR result for 6 years old and above taken within 48 hours before arrival.	-	No	Coverage: US\$10,000 No
Philippines	June 20, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* with booster dose certificate for 12 years old and above.	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure or negative rapid antigen test within 24 hours before departure.	No	No Traveler is required to download and register at One Health Pass app before departure for those without visa.
Singapore	July 1, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 13 years old and above and vaccination status on the HealthHub app or TraceTogether app or acceptance letter issued by the Safe Travel Office (STO) or SGAC acknowledgment email.	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure for 13 years old and above.	No	No Traveler is required to download and register at SG Arrival Card app before departure.
Thailand	July 1, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate or certificate with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for 18	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR/rapid antigen test within 72 hours before departure for 18 years old above.	No	No No

		years old and above.		Does not apply to travelers below 8 years old accompanied by fully vaccinated parents or guardian; passengers younger than 18 years with COVID-19 vaccination certificate with at least one dose.			
Vietnam	May 16, 2022	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
China	July 5, 2022	No	-	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	June 13, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 12 years old and above.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure for 3 years old and above.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure for 3 years old and above.	Travelers are subject to medical screening upon arrival and quarantine for up to 14 days.	No
Macao	June 15, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate for 12 years old and above.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure.	Travelers are subject to medical screening upon arrival and quarantine for up to 17 days.	No
Japan	June 9, 2022	Limited	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours before departure for 6 years old and above. Travelers could be subject to COVID-19 test upon arrival.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours before departure for 6 years old and above. Travelers could be subject to COVID-19 test upon arrival.	Travelers could be subject to quarantine for 3 days.	No Traveler is required to download and register at MySOS app before departure.

South Korea	July 1, 2022	Yes	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure or negative rapid antigen test within 24 hours before departure for 6 years old and above and certified in English or Korean translation.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure or negative rapid antigen test within 24 hours before departure for 6 years old and above and certified in English or Korean translation.	No	No	Passengers with an A-1 visa, an A-2 visa, or a Self-Isolation Exemption Certificate must install the 'self-check mobile app' found at http://ncov.mohw.go.kr/selcheck before departure or upon arrival.
Taiwan	June 27, 2022	Yes	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure. Travelers are subject to RT-PCR test upon arrival.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure. Travelers are subject to RT-PCR test upon arrival.	Travelers are subject to quarantine for 3 days. Travelers must have confirmed booking of quarantine facility or hotel.	No	Traveler is required to download and register at Quarantine System for Entry Form before departure.

- Reference: IATA Travel Centre
- *Fully vaccinated – at least 14 days from 2nd dose for two-dose vaccine or 14 days from a single dose vaccine upon arrival.

Cases and Deaths as of 08 July 2022

- As of 08 July 2022 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **557,282,028** confirmed cases, including **6,374,790** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **1.2**.
- 65,788,569 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the **ASEAN +3** countries including **32,316,724 cases** in the ASEAN region and **33,471,845 cases** in the PLUS THREE countries, with CFR of **0.7**.

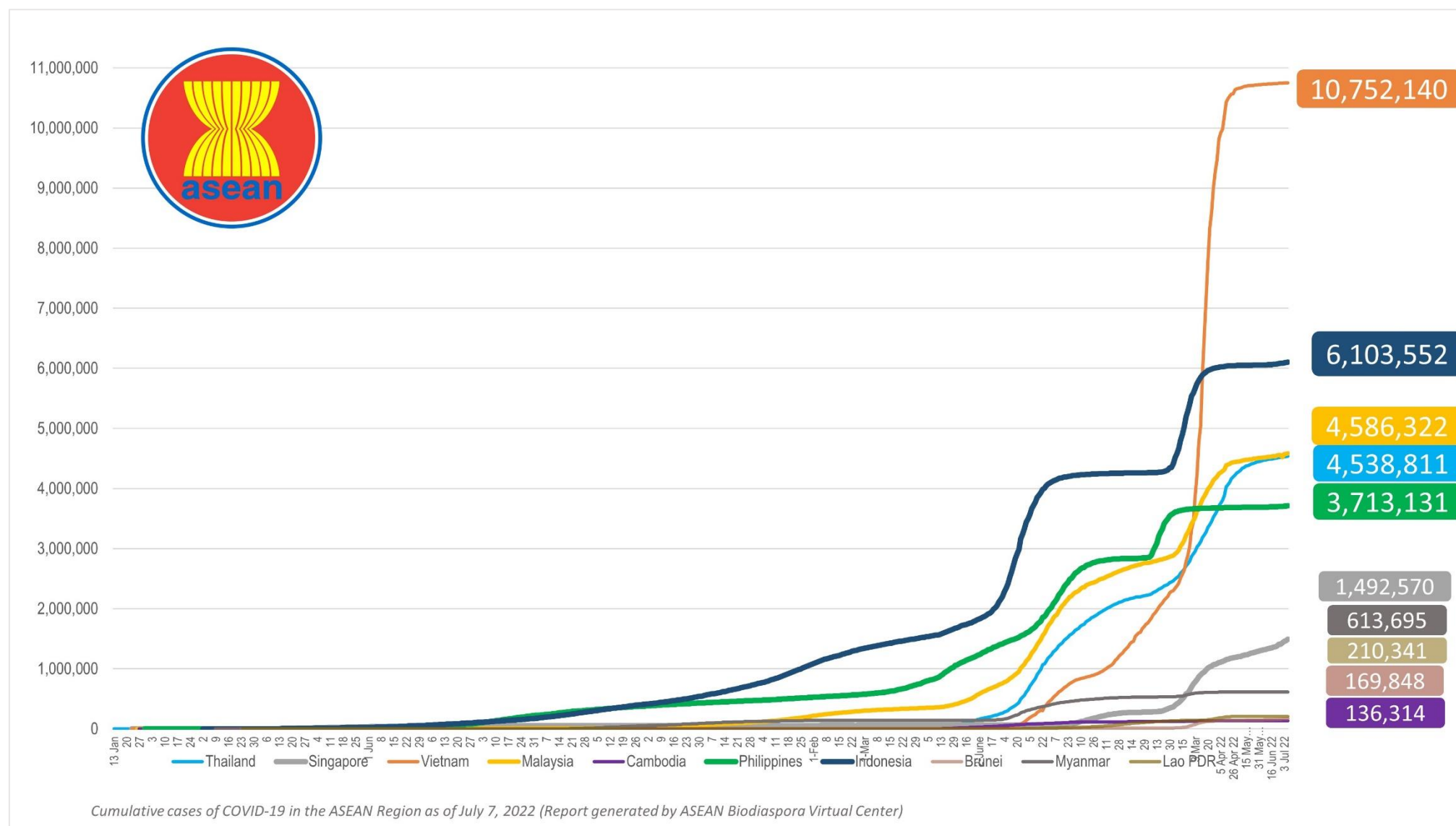
REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED CASE(S)	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS	CASE FATALITY RATE	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	NUMBER OF TESTS LAST 14 DAYS/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTERED	FULLY VACCINATED / 100
ASEAN REGION	Brunei	10 Mar 20	7-Jul-22	169,848	1,088	225	-	0.1%	39,200	-	444,293	426,764	301,719	96.7
	Cambodia	27 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	136,314	6	3,056	-	2.2%	827	-	15,078,410	14,377,340	9,435,373	84.8
	Indonesia	02 Mar 20	7-Jul-22	6,103,552	2,881	156,776	6	2.6%	2,255	-	201,223,231	168,544,951	49,209,513	61.0
	Lao PDR	24 Mar 20	7-Jul-22	210,341	10	757	-	0.4%	2,934	-	5,817,695	5,076,787		68.8
	Malaysia	25 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	4,586,322	4,020	35,795	3	0.8%	14,355	-	28,045,793	27,308,369	16,150,510	83.3
	Myanmar	23 Mar 20	7-Jul-22	613,695	12	19,434	-	3.2%	1,136	-	33,004,742	27,027,467	2,227,351	49.3
	Philippines	30 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	3,713,131	1,863	60,625	3	1.6%	3,434	-	75,654,809	70,845,546	14,880,868	63.8
	Singapore	23 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	1,492,570	9,989	1,423	2	0.1%	26,169		5,020,113	4,998,069	4,224,108	91.7
	Thailand	13 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	4,538,811	2,366	30,781	20	0.7%	6,519	-	56,732,533	52,948,586	29,602,288	75.7
	Vietnam	23 Jan 20	7-Jul-22	10,752,140	913	43,089	-	0.4%	11,146	-	86,510,260	81,361,930	64,733,958	82.9
	ASEAN COUNTRIES			32,316,724	23,148	351,961	34	1.1%			507,531,879	452,915,809	190,765,688	
ASEAN PLUS THREE	South Korea	20-Jan-20	7-Jul-22	18,451,862	18,503	24,593	10	0.1%	35,684	-	45,070,658	44,632,843	37,858,634	87.0
	Japan	16-Jan-20	7-Jul-22	9,535,390	47,977	31,108	17	0.3%	7,552	-	103,762,546	102,388,498	80,118,624	81.2
	China	31-Dec-19	7-Jul-22	5,484,593	34,621	21,963	106	0.4%	34,366	-	1,322,594,934	1,287,180,352	812,394,992	86.0
	PLUS THREE COUNTRIES			33,471,845	101,101	77,664	133	0.2%			1,471,428,138	1,434,201,693	930,372,250	
	ASEAN +3			65,788,569	124,249	429,625	167	0.7%			1,978,960,017	1,887,117,502	1,121,137,938	

- 491,493,459 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in **5 continents** (other than ASEAN +3 countries):

CONTINENT	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS	CASE FATALITY RATE	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	NUMBER OF TESTS LAST 14 DAYS/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTERED
AFRICA	12,582,167	4,684	257,013	45	1.0	237,599	685	344,911,415	270,896,019	30,790,597
AMERICAS	167,335,101	43,362	2,802,040	157	0.7	1,080,961	2,565	806,475,409	713,520,989	429,897,588
ASIA PACIFIC	80,223,896	93,055	737,789	136	0.2	393,118	-	1,422,252,084	1,290,086,018	174,731,263
EUROPE	210,040,709	104,572	1,914,323	160	0.6	1,833,515	17,071	559,285,264	531,283,082	327,532,282
MIDDLE EAST	21,311,586	18,577	234,000	30	0.3	197,866	16,291	142,340,841	127,683,859	55,445,085
TOTAL	491,493,459	264,250	5,945,165	528	1.2%			3,275,265,013	2,933,469,967	1,018,396,815

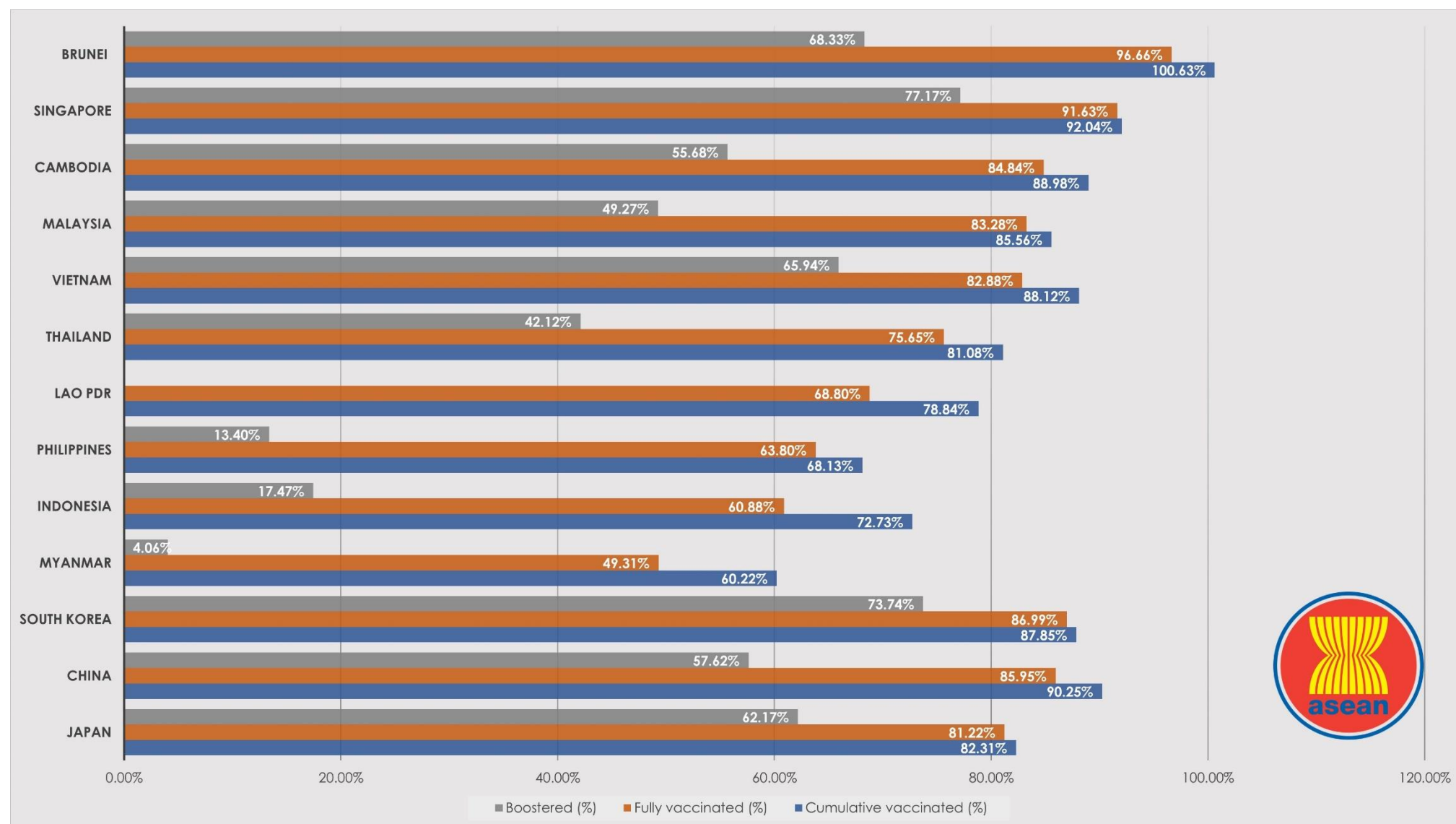
COVID-19 Epi curve among ASEAN Countries:

From January 1, 2021 to July 7, 2022




COVID-19 Vaccination Status

as of 07 July 2022



COVID-19 Outlook Assessment

as of 05 July 2022

 ASEAN MEMBER STATE	REQUIREMENT						
	At least 80% of the high-risk population has been vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.	At least 65% of the total population has a level of immunity to COVID-19; either recovered from COVID-19 or have been vaccinated with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.		Case levels are generally low (a 7-day rolling average number of daily new cases that is <10 cases per 100,000, with each day's past-14-day test positivity is consistently <5%).		Government Policy on containment and health (strictness and comprehensiveness in COVID-19 related government policies)	
	Population vaccinated/ day (7-day average)	% of Total population fully vaccinated / boosted	Population vaccinated/ day (7-day average)	Daily cases/ 100,000	Test positivity last 14 days	Containment and health index score - Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)	Change over the past 30 days
Brunei	0%/day	≥90.0/68.3	Unknown	223.97	Unknown	38.1/100	-3.6
Cambodia	0%/day	≥90.0/55.7	Unknown	0.03	Unknown	33.3/100	+9.5
Indonesia	0%/day	64.5/17.8	Unknown	0.79	Unknown	57.7/100	+3.0
Lao PDR	0%/day	75.1/ND	Unknown	0.10	Unknown	58.0/100	0.0
Malaysia	0%/day	83.8/49.3	0.02%/day	9.06	5.1	57.7/100	+4.2
Myanmar	0%/day	51.1/4.1	Unknown	0.02	0.1	61.9/100	0.0
Philippines	0%/day	68.6/13.4	Unknown	1.15	Unknown	55.4/100	-1.2
Singapore	0%/day	88.6/77.5	0.01%/day	153.76	Unknown	58.9/100	0.0
Thailand	0%/day	76.9/42.3	0.01%/day	3.26	Unknown	44.0/100	0.0
Vietnam	0.08%/day	87.8/65.9	0.08%/day	0.84	100	43.5/100	0.0
Japan	0%/day	80.9/63.0	0%/day	17.45	9.1	42.9/100	-3.6
South Korea	0%/day	86.4/73.7	0%/day	18.34	8.3	38.1/100	-4.2
China	Unknown	≥90.0/54.7	Unknown	0.004	Unknown	84.5/100	0.0

