

COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Update

- **Worldwide**, there have been over 570 million cases and over 6 million deaths attributed to COVID-19.
- According to the **World Health Organization's (WHO's)** Weekly Epidemiological Update, the number of weekly cases for the week of July 11–17, 2022, stayed constant after climbing over the previous five weeks, with slightly under 6.3 million new cases¹. With 11,000 fatalities reported, the number of new weekly deaths was comparable to the amount recorded the week before¹. [[Full Report](#)]

Regional Update

- **Cambodia**: Following nearly two months of COVID-free living, Cambodia today once more reported new COVID cases². The discovery of the first COVID-19 case linked to a brand-new antibody-avoiding subvariant, BA.2.75, in Thailand has sparked alarm today². The COVID-19 tale has recently taken a turn for the worse, putting Cambodia on high alert as a result of the frequent crossings of migrant Cambodian laborers from Thailand into Cambodia². [[Full Article](#)]
- **Philippines**: To facilitate pandemic response, the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 has announced the transfer of its responsibilities to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)⁴. Under the direction of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, the NTF was founded under the administration of former president Rodrigo Duterte to carry out the National Action Plan Against COVID-19 (IATF-EID)⁴. Mark Timbal, a spokesman for the NDRRMC, said on Thursday that since managing pandemic management programs is part of the organization's "regular activities," it won't require additional funding⁴. He stated that they will aid the Department of Health's initiatives to get booster shots to more people who have already been immunized⁴.
- **South Korea**: According to local media, South Korea reported over 70,000 new COVID-19 infections on July 21—for the third day in a row—as a highly infectious omicron subvariant spread quickly throughout the country⁷. The increase, which began in late June, was linked by the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency to the omicron subvariant BA.5⁷. [[Full Article](#)]
- **Japan**: On Thursday, the number of new coronavirus cases in the capital of Japan surpassed 30,000 for the first time since the epidemic started, setting a milestone that prompted officials to urge further monitoring⁸. A previous peak in February was considerably exceeded by Tokyo's 31,878 new infections, and many other locations also recorded highs⁸. A record number of 186,229 new illnesses were reported nationwide on Thursday⁸. Officials said hospitals were beginning to feel the burden from growing numbers despite few catastrophic illnesses and fatalities⁸. [[Full Article](#)]
- **China**: According to a Chinese health authority official, the COVID-19 situation has been oscillating at a low level throughout China since the beginning of July, with resurgences recorded in many locations within a few areas⁹. According to He Qinghua, a representative of the National Health Commission's disease control department, the outbreak has recently hit 78 cities across 21 provincial-level areas⁹. Overall, He said that resurgences in various areas had been effectively controlled in a short amount of time, and the impact of the epidemic was minimal⁹. He also noted that the effectiveness and capacity of local epidemic response had been significantly enhanced⁹. [[Full Article](#)]

Vaccine Update

- **Indonesia:** An increase in the third or booster COVID-19 vaccine coverage has been requested by Indonesia's Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin due to an increase in illnesses there³. On July 21, when visiting numerous schools in the Bogor area of West Java, he stated that those who have not had the booster injection may be 20 times more likely to contract COVID-19³. Only around 50 million Indonesians, or about 25% of the intended 208.26 million residents, have so far gotten the booster dosage, he said³. [\[Full Article\]](#)
- **Philippines:** Only 51.05% of the eligible population in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) has received a COVID-19 vaccination, according to data released on July 21 by the Department of Health (DOH)⁵. This was based on information from the National Vaccination Operations Center (NCOV), which revealed that as of July 21, only 1,584,124 people in BARMM had received vaccinations⁵. [\[Full Article\]](#)
- **Singapore:** A real-world study that was published yesterday in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that two doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine were 82.7% effective in preventing hospitalization during the Omicron variant surge in Singapore, 63.5% effective in preventing test-confirmed cases, and 36.8% effective in preventing all SARS-CoV-2 infections in 5- to 11-year-old children (NEJM)⁶. [\[Full Article\]](#)

Travel Advisories (new update/s)

ASEAN+3 Country	Published	Foreign 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	July 19, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* with booster dose certificate for 18 years old and above.	No	Yes – Subjected to a rapid antigen test upon arrival and an RT-PCR test on the day 3 at their own expense. Payment shall be done on this link .	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 .
Cambodia	July 12, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* certificate.	No	Yes – Passengers are subject to a COVID-19 rapid antigen test upon arrival at their own expense.	No	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 11, 2022	Yes	Yes – fully vaccinated* with booster dose certificate for 18 years old and above.	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR or rapid antigen test within 48 hours before departure for 18 years old and above.	Maybe subject to 5-day quarantine for NOT fully vaccinated or not boosted travelers and will be issued a digital Home Surveillance Order	No	Traveler is required to download and register at MySejahtera app within a week before departure.

				Passengers are subject to COVID-19 test upon arrival at their own expense for 18 years old and above.	(HSO) on their MySejahtera app. No quarantine requirement for fully vaccinated and boosted travelers.		
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	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR/rapid antigen test within 72 hours before departure for 18 years old	No	No No

		COVID-19 vaccine for 18 years old and above.		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 20, 2022	Yes	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure or negative rapid antigen test within 24 hours before	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure or negative rapid antigen test within 24 hours before	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/s

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Taiwan	July 18, 2022	Yes	No	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure. Travelers are subject to RT-PCR test upon arrival at their own expense.	Yes – Negative RT-PCR test within 48 hours before departure. Travelers are subject to RT-PCR test upon arrival at their own expense.	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 22 July 2022

- As of 22 July 2022 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **570,561,506** confirmed cases, including **6,399,983** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **1.2%**.
- 67,832,004 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the **ASEAN +3** countries including **32,661,621 cases** in the ASEAN region and **35,170,383 cases** in the PLUS THREE countries.
- The Case Fatality Rate in the **ASEAN +3** region is range between **0.1 to 3.2%**

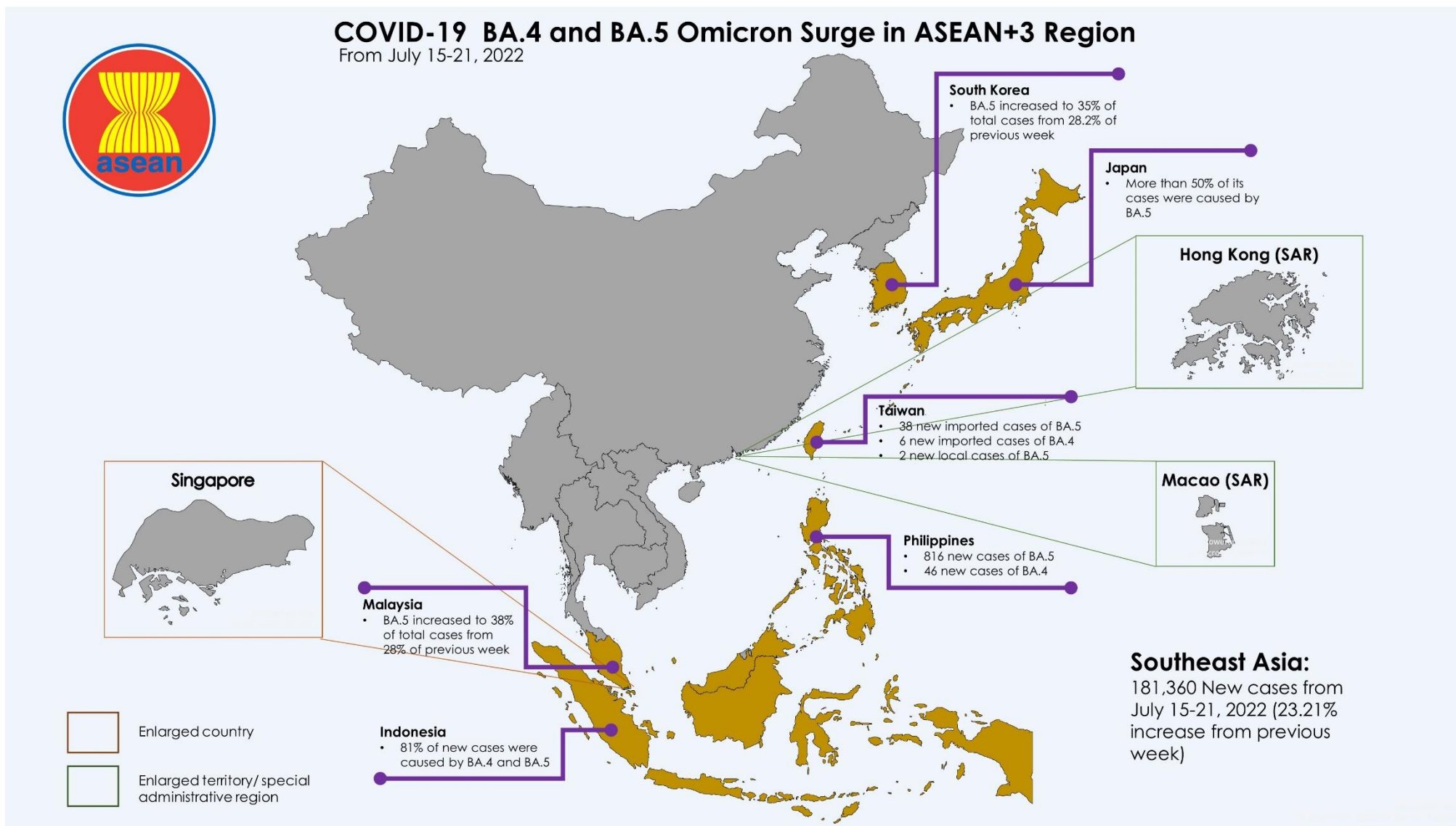
REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED CASE(S)	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	NUMBER OF TESTS LAST 14 DAYS/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTERED	FULLY VACCINATED/ 100
ASEAN REGION	Brunei	10 Mar 20	21-Jul-22	191,774	1,871	225	-	43,440	-	444,293	426,764	301,719	96.7
	Cambodia	27 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	136,545	13	3,056	-	828	-	15,078,410	14,377,340	9,435,373	84.8
	Indonesia	02 Mar 20	21-Jul-22	6,154,494	5,410	156,880	5	2,270	-	201,223,231	168,544,951	49,209,513	61.0
	Lao PDR	24 Mar 20	21-Jul-22	210,719	43	757	-	2,937	-	5,817,695	5,076,787		68.8
	Malaysia	25 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	4,640,235	4,587	35,888	10	14,491	-	28,051,234	27,343,401	16,322,653	83.4
	Myanmar	23 Mar 20	21-Jul-22	613,887	16	19,434	-	1,136	-	33,004,742	27,027,467	2,227,351	49.3
	Philippines	30 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	3,741,987	2,828	60,641	-	3,457	-	75,654,809	70,845,546	14,880,868	63.8
	Singapore	23 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	1,636,109	9,749	1,466	3	28,033	-	5,020,113	4,998,069	4,224,108	91.7
	Thailand	13 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	4,570,885	2,424	31,101	25	6,554	-	56,757,897	53,003,411	29,869,968	75.8
	Vietnam	23 Jan 20	21-Jul-22	10,764,986	1,292	43,091	-	11,157	-	86,510,260	81,361,930	64,733,958	82.9
ASEAN COUNTRIES				32,661,621	28,233	352,539	43	1.1%			507,562,684	453,005,666	
ASEAN PLUS THREE	South Korea	20-Jan-20	19-Jul-22	18,861,593	73,537	24,765	12	36,476	-	45,072,986	44,636,702	37,935,520	87.0
	Japan	16-Jan-20	19-Jul-22	10,469,266	66,745	31,370	28	8,292	-	103,786,339	102,419,622	81,475,568	81.3
	China	31-Dec-19	19-Jul-22	5,839,524	30,626	22,936	41	36,290	-	1,324,191,809	1,288,738,811	815,845,451	86.3
	PLUS THREE COUNTRIES				35,170,383	170,908	79,071	81			1,473,051,134	1,435,795,135	935,256,539
ASEAN +3				67,832,004	199,141	431,610	124			1,980,613,818	1,888,800,801	1,126,462,050	

- 502,729,502 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	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	NUMBER OF TESTS LAST 14 DAYS/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTERED
AFRICA	12,684,546	2,696	257,434	20	240,151	-	345,803,351	272,030,087	31,047,003
AMERICAS	170,352,133	4,125	2,812,993	15	1,103,606	-	807,025,282	714,122,972	433,892,896
ASIA PACIFIC	81,197,880	78,576	739,267	133	403,094	-	1,423,272,268	1,293,904,277	179,355,783
EUROPE	216,809,409	291,884	1,924,210	664	1,880,040	-	559,454,597	531,508,536	329,224,567
MIDDLE EAST	21,685,534	19,458	234,469	50	202,480	-	142,341,915	127,685,658	55,453,490
TOTAL	502,729,502	396,739	5,968,373	882			3,277,897,413	2,939,251,530	1,028,973,739

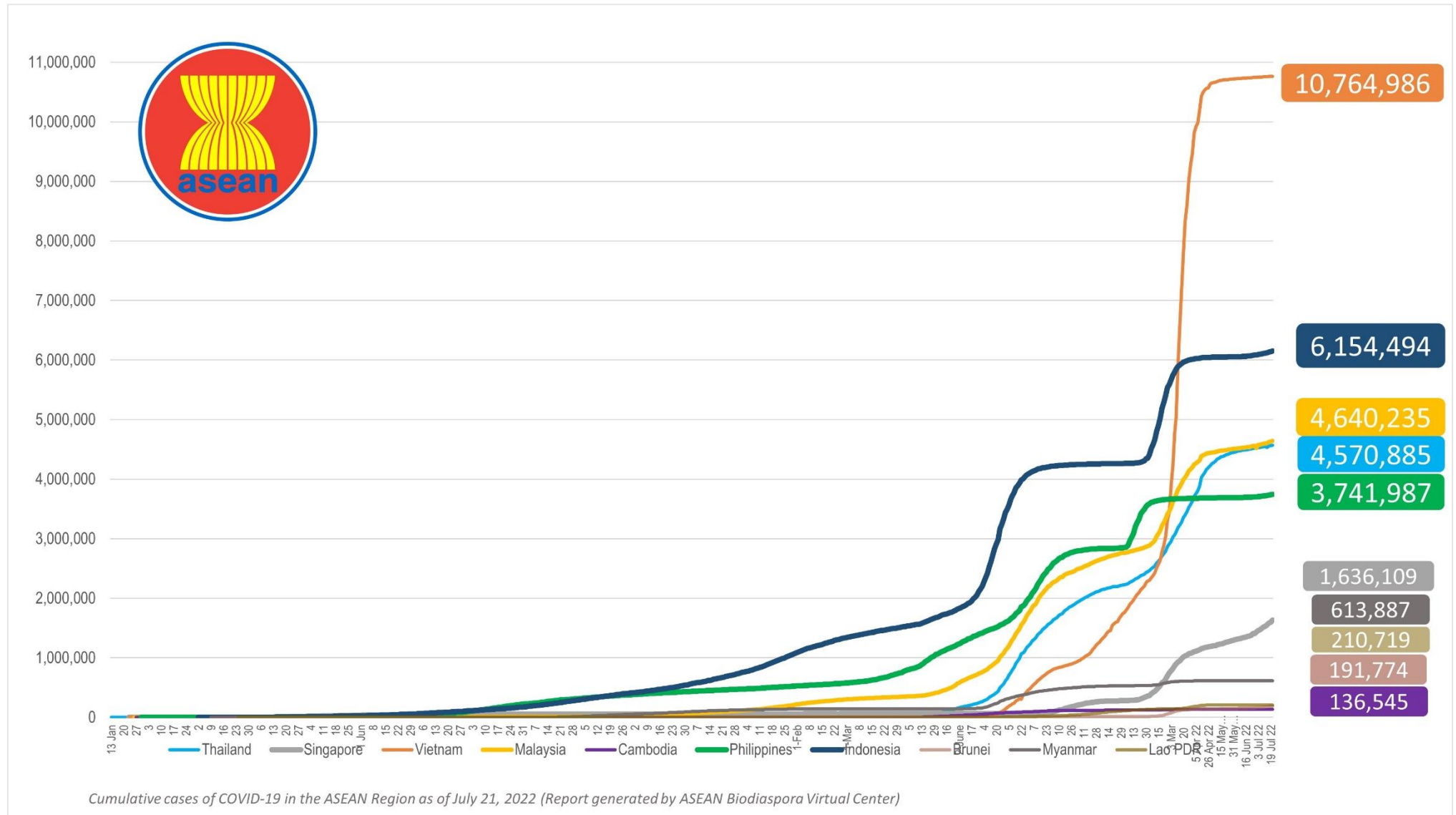
COVID-19 BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron Surge in ASEAN+3 Region:

As of July 21, 2022



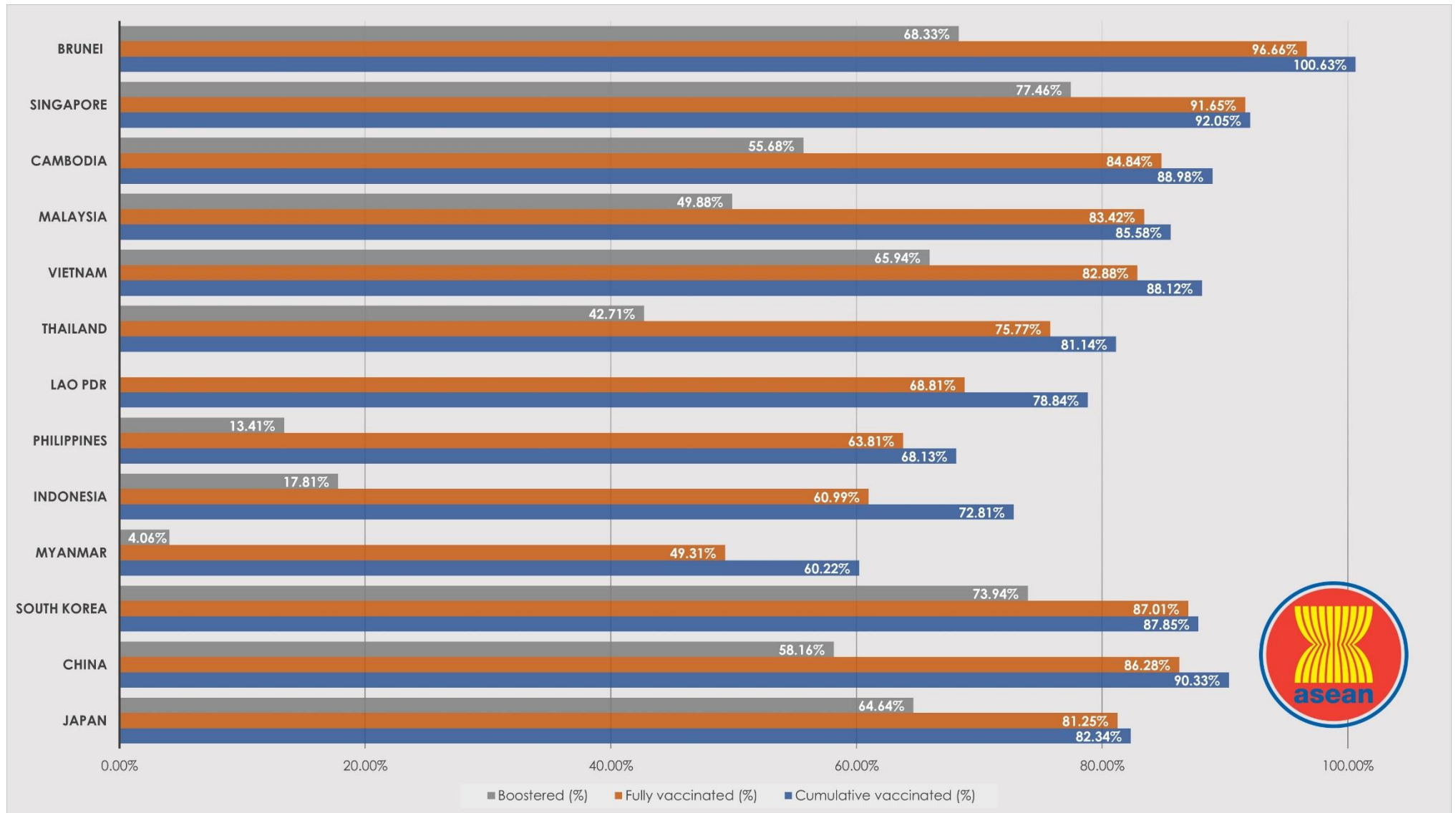
COVID-19 Epi curve among ASEAN Countries:

From January 1, 2021 to July 21, 2022




COVID-19 Vaccination Status

as of 21 July 2022



COVID-19 Outlook Assessment

as of 19 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 <i>(7-day average)</i>	% of Total population fully vaccinated / boosted	Population vaccinated/ day <i>(7-day average)</i>	Daily cases/ 100,000	Test positivity last 14 days	Containment and health index score - <i>Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)</i>
Brunei	0%/day	≥90.0/68.3	Unknown	254.50	Unknown	38.1/100	0.0
Cambodia	0%/day	≥90.0/55.7	Unknown	0.10	Unknown	31.3/100	+7.7
Indonesia	0%/day	64.5/17.8	Unknown	1.34	Unknown	50.6/100	-0.6
Lao PDR	0%/day	75.1/ND	Unknown	0.34	Unknown	58.0/100	0.0
Malaysia	0%/day	83.9/49.8	0%/day	10.99	Unknown	51.8/100	-1.8
Myanmar	0%/day	51.1/4.1	Unknown	0.03	Unknown	65.5/100	+3.6
Philippines	0%/day	68.6/13.4	Unknown	2.03	Unknown	55.4/100	0.0
Singapore	0%/day	88.6/77.5	0.01%/day	164.66	Unknown	58.9/100	0.0
Thailand	0%/day	77.0/42.7	0.01%/day	2.87	Unknown	31.5/100	-12.5
Vietnam	0.03%/day	87.8/65.9	0.03%/day	0.90	Unknown	43.5/100	0.0
Japan	0%/day	80.9/64.6	0%/day	75.94	Unknown	42.9/100	0.0
South Korea	0%/day	86.4/73.9	0%/day	72.80	Unknown	38.1/100	-2.4
China	Unknown	≥90.0/54.9	Unknown	0.009	Unknown	84.5/100	0.0

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