

COVID-19 Situational Report in the ASEAN+3 Region

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COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Update

- Worldwide, there have been over 531 million cases and over 6 million deaths attributed to COVID-19.
- According to World Health Organization's (WHO) weekly epidemiological update, globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued the declining trend observed since a peak in January 2022. During the week of 16 through 22 May 2022, over 3.7 million cases were reported, a 3% decrease as compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths also continues to decline, with over 9,000 fatalities reported, representing an 11% decrease as compared to the previous week. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Region of the Americas (+13%) and in the Western Pacific Region (+6%), while decreasing trends were observed in the remaining four regions. The number of new weekly deaths increased in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+30%), remained stable in the Western Pacific and the Region of the Americas (both <1%), and decreased in the other three regions. As of 22 May 2022, over 522 million confirmed cases and over six million deaths have been reported globally. These trends should be interpreted with caution as several countries have been progressively changing COVID-19 testing strategies, resulting in lower overall numbers of tests performed and consequently lower numbers of cases detected. At the country level, the highest number of new weekly cases were reported from the United States of America (713,882 new cases; +18%), China (543,290 new cases; +39%), Australia (360,323 new cases; +8%), Germany (268,396 new cases; -35%), and Japan (249,210 new cases; -11%). The highest number of new weekly deaths were reported from the United States of America (1,957 new deaths; +2%), Italy (736 new deaths; -4%), Brazil (713 new deaths; +3%), the Russian Federation (680 new deaths; -6%), and Spain (564 new deaths; +118%).
- The number of new coronavirus cases and deaths are still falling globally after peaking in January, the World Health Organization (WHO) said. In its latest weekly assessment of the pandemic, the UN health agency said there were more than 3.7 million new infections and 9,000 deaths in the last week, drops of 3% and 11% respectively. COVID-19 cases rose in only two regions of the world: the Americas and the Western Pacific. Deaths increased by 30% in the Middle East, but were stable or decreased everywhere else. WHO said it is tracking all omicron subvariants as "variants of concern." It noted that countries which had a significant wave of disease caused by the omicron subvariant BA.2 appeared to be less affected by other subvariants like BA.4 and BA.5, which were responsible for the latest surge of disease in South Africa. Salim Abdool Karim, an infectious diseases expert at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, said it appeared that South Africa had passed its most recent wave of COVID-19 caused by the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants; the country has been on the forefront of the pandemic since first detecting the omicron variant last November. Karim predicted that another mutated version of omicron might emerge in June, explaining that the large number of mutations in the variant meant there were more opportunities for it to evolve. Meanwhile in Beijing, authorities in the Chinese capital ordered more workers and students to stay home and implemented additional mass testing Monday as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise. Numerous residential compounds in the city have restricted movement in and out, although lockdown conditions remain far less severe than in Shanghai, where millions of citizens have been under varying degrees of lockdown for two months. China is vowing to stick to a "zero-COVID" policy despite the fact that the WHO describes the policy as "unsustainable," given the infectious nature of omicron and its subvariants.

Regional Update

- **Cambodia:** Today's official daily new COVID case total (diagnosed by PCR test) was 0, bringing the COVID case total to 136,262 cases. Cambodia also announced 0 new deaths, bringing the total to 3,056 direct deaths from COVID-19 in Cambodia. The Kingdom recorded 0 new community and 0 new imported cases of the new variant. Cambodia has now recorded 15,821 cases of Omicron – 1362 imported and 14420 community cases. There are now 0 (see *note above*) active COVID cases (diagnosed by PCR test) in The Kingdom. This unprecedented run of 19 zero cases days – the first no case days since the start of the 'February 20th incident' in 2021 – means that Cambodia is now inching closer to a state of 'COVID Zero', placing the country in the top ranks of countries that have recovered from the pandemic. The Prime Minister has previously stressed that Cambodia will fall into the COVID-19 trap if the right measures are not taken and the people do not participate. The Prime Minister has also reiterated the importance of vaccination, stressing that it will help ensure the sustainability of the recovery process, thus boosting the economic growth, improving people's living standard and alleviating poverty. Meanwhile, looking at the overall COVID picture via statistics, it appears that COVID cases, after travelling rapidly up due to Omicron, have now rapidly dropped again – as illustrated in the graph below (*please note results may be up to 2 days behind*). However, it is important to note that the Ministry of Health have said that the daily COVID figures are not representative of the number of current COVID cases in Cambodia.
- UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed has praised Indonesia for successfully controlling the COVID-19 pandemic. Speaking at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) held in Bali, Indonesia, Amina expressed the UN appreciation to Indonesia for its steps to handle and respond to the pandemic. She described the country's effort to vaccinate 217 million citizens against the pandemic as a great achievement. Amina affirmed that Indonesia is an important partner of the UN in disaster risk mitigation efforts. Meanwhile, Indonesian President Joko Widodo said his government implemented dynamic policies to handle COVID-19 and strike a balance between public health and economic interests. According to the president, Indonesia has administered 411 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines so far. Indonesia's daily COVID-19 cases have dropped drastically from 64,000 per day during the peak to 345 per day as of May 24. Meanwhile, the Southeast Asian country's economic growth could be maintained at 5.01 percent and inflation rate at 3.5 percent. Indonesian Deputy Health Minister Dante Saksono Harbuwono on May 24 said that it will take more than six months to monitor the situation and confirm that the COVID-19 pandemic is over in Indonesia. According to the Indonesian Health Ministry, the number of people with two-dose vaccinations against COVID-19 as of May 23 stood at 166.9 million out of the target of over 208 million.
- **Philippines:** The COVID-19 reproduction number in Metro Manila continues to increase, the Department of Health (DOH) reported yesterday. Based on DOH data, the COVID reproduction rate in the National Capital Region rose to 1.25 on May 23, up from 1.05 from May 13 to 19. The DOH said the slight rise in COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila is not yet a cause for alarm. "While we have seen an increase in COVID infections, the virus transmission remains slow and has not caused a surge in hospital admissions," the DOH said. The health department reminded the public to continue following COVID protocols.
- South Korea reported fewer than 20,000 COVID-19 cases for the second consecutive day Friday as the pandemic's grip on the country appears to be loosening. The country added 16,584 new infections, including 49 cases from overseas, bringing the total caseload to 18,053,287, the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA) said. The daily tally fell to a 17-week low for a Friday and declined around 34 percent from a week earlier, as the virus curve has turned downward since mid-March. South Korea's daily caseload peaked at over 621,000 on March 17, driven by the rapid spread of the omicron variant nationwide. The country added 40 deaths from COVID-

19, taking the total to 24,103. The fatality rate stood at 0.13 percent. The number of critically ill patients stood at 207, the KDCA said. Of the locally transmitted cases, Seoul accounted for 3,019 cases, with its surrounding Gyeonggi Province reporting 3,567 cases. There were also 576 additional patients from Incheon, 40 kilometers west of the capital city. As of midnight Thursday, 44.57 million, or 86.9 percent of the population, had completed the full two-dose vaccinations, and 33.28 million, representing 64.9 percent, had received their first booster shots. More than 3.97 million people had gotten their second booster shots, the KDCA said.

Vaccine Update

- Brunei: The Tutong District Community Hall Vaccination Centre will cease operations from May 30, and residents wishing to get the COVID-19 vaccination will have to book appointment at either a health centre in the district or at the Vaccination Unit of the Tutong District Health Office. This was announced by Minister of Defence II Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof as the Acting Minister of Health at the daily press conference yesterday. The minister said the closure was in view of the COVID-19 situation and taking into account the vaccination rate in the Sultanate. The public can book their vaccination appointment at the Vaccination Unit, Tutong District Health Office for catchment areas of Pekan Tutong. Meanwhile, COVID-19 vaccine booster rate has reached the 70% mark. Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi said as of Wednesday, 133 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were administered to children aged between five and 11, bringing the total number of first dose vaccinations administered to 34,074 or 79.4% of the age group. "Some 831 second doses of the vaccine were administered to children in the same age group, bringing the number of second dose administered to children to 18,053 or a coverage rate of 42.1%," he added.

Travel Advisories (new update/s)

- Japan has reopened its borders to foreign tourists for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The gradual reopening will start with small-scale test tours from a limited number of countries. In a controversial move, the number of visitors that can enter the country is currently capped at 50. These individuals will be split into small groups and their arrivals staggered. The Japanese Tourism Agency explains: "*The limited visits will be used to test coronavirus measures, including infection prevention and emergency response. Information will be sent to travel agencies, hotels, and other travel businesses. Visitors must be accompanied by a tour guide and can only go to areas where there is not a state of emergency and government officials have agreed to welcome them.*" Japan has been following a reopening plan since the start of 2022. In March, the country started to allow business travelers, technical intern trainees, and other non-tourist visitors to enter. This is the first time since the outbreak of coronavirus that tourists will be granted entry.

Cases and Deaths as of 27 May 2022

- As of 27 May 2022 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **531,179,034** confirmed cases, including **6,316,104** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **1.2**.
- 61,598,389 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the **ASEAN +3** countries including **31,771,865 cases** in the ASEAN region and **29,826,524 cases** in the PLUS THREE countries, with CFR of **0.7**.

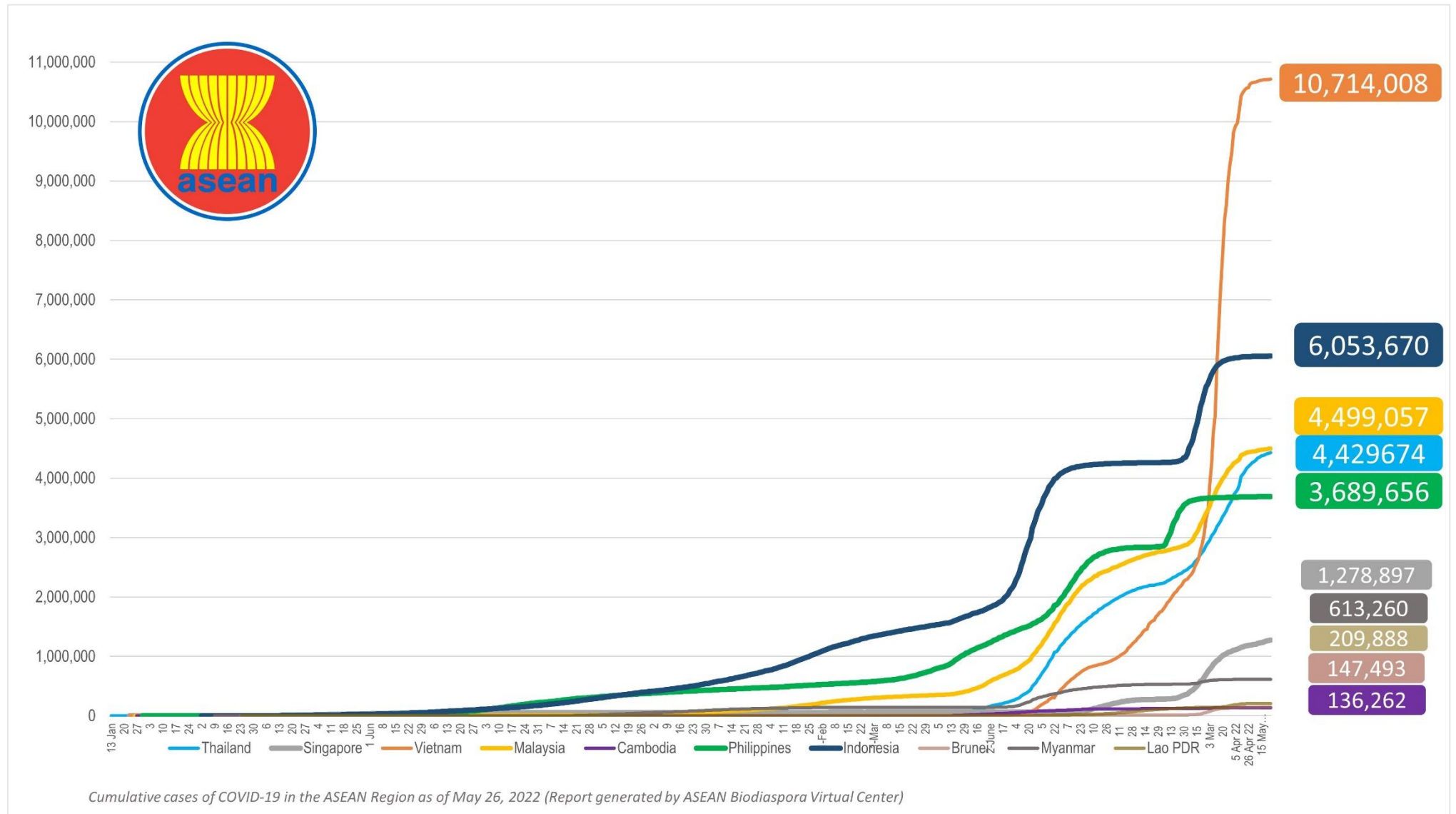
REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED CASE(S)	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS	CASE FATALITY RATE	CUMULATIVE CASES/ 100,000	NUMBER OF TESTS LAST 14 DAYS/ 100,000	CUMULATIVE VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE FULLY VACCINATED	CUMULATIVE BOOSTERED	FULLY VACCINATED / 100
ASEAN REGION	Brunei	10 Mar 20	26-May-22	147,493	222	223	1	0.2%	34,041		432,057	409,091	282,887	92.7
	Cambodia	27 Jan 20	26-May-22	136,262	-	3,056	-	2.2%	827	54	14,932,546	14,192,815	8,586,491	83.8
	Indonesia	02 Mar 20	26-May-22	6,053,670	246	156,556	3	2.6%	2,237	-	200,015,745	167,068,380	37,458,813	60.5
	Lao PDR	24 Mar 20	26-May-22	209,888	27	754	-	0.4%	2,928	20	5,800,702	5,028,733		68.2
	Malaysia	25 Jan 20	26-May-22	4,499,057	1,845	35,656	3	0.8%	14,082	1,458	27,945,034	27,021,862	16,087,068	82.4
	Myanmar	23 Mar 20	26-May-22	613,260	4	19,434	-	3.2%	1,135	219	30,994,375	24,329,862	1,665,569	44.4
	Philippines	30 Jan 20	26-May-22	3,689,656	199	60,455	-	1.6%	3,413	-	70,173,137	69,084,132	13,899,727	62.2
	Singapore	23 Jan 20	26-May-22	1,278,897	4,167	1,380	2	0.1%	22,423		5,015,471	4,987,927	4,085,464	91.5
	Thailand	13 Jan 20	26-May-22	4,429,674	4,924	29,884	37	0.7%	6,362	-	56,433,521	52,254,028	27,561,209	74.7
	Vietnam	23 Jan 20	26-May-22	10,714,008	1,275	43,078	-	0.4%	11,107	7	84,086,721	78,849,132	56,860,465	80.3
ASEAN COUNTRIES				31,771,865	12,909	350,476	46	1.1%			495,829,309	443,225,962	166,487,693	
ASEAN PLUS THREE	South Korea	20-Jan-20	26-May-22	18,036,720	18,797	24,063	34	0.1%	34,881	3,286	45,050,715	44,572,344	37,214,361	86.9
	Japan	16-Jan-20	26-May-22	8,714,377	31,008	30,285	42	0.3%	6,902	1,279	103,506,253	101,971,260	73,555,243	80.9
	China	31-Dec-19	26-May-22	3,075,427	82,273	16,257	107	0.5%	23,329	5,618	1,316,481,032	1,280,669,308	790,567,988	84.2
	PLUS THREE COUNTRIES				29,826,524	132,078	70,605	183	0.2%			1,465,038,000	1,427,212,912	901,337,592
ASEAN +3				61,598,389	144,987	421,081	229	0.7%			1,960,867,309	1,870,438,874	1,067,825,285	

- 469,580,645 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	12,351,283	4,429	255,759	49	1.0	232,136	16,112	310,382,607	237,058,207	24,101,338
AMERICAS	159,104,909	57,898	2,774,657	182	0.8	1,014,165	70,443	800,543,844	706,149,022	378,382,382
ASIA PACIFIC	76,037,498	163,830	734,352	112	0.2	349,806	37,632	1,410,096,129	1,248,013,844	121,799,464
EUROPE	201,231,837	108,317	1,897,037	550	0.6	1,765,219	89,390	558,042,739	530,121,191	314,944,694
MIDDLE EAST	20,855,118	4,848	233,218	13	0.3	190,392	62,264	141,472,204	126,889,714	55,221,402
TOTAL	469,580,645	339,322	5,895,023	906	1.3%			3,220,537,523	2,848,231,978	894,449,280

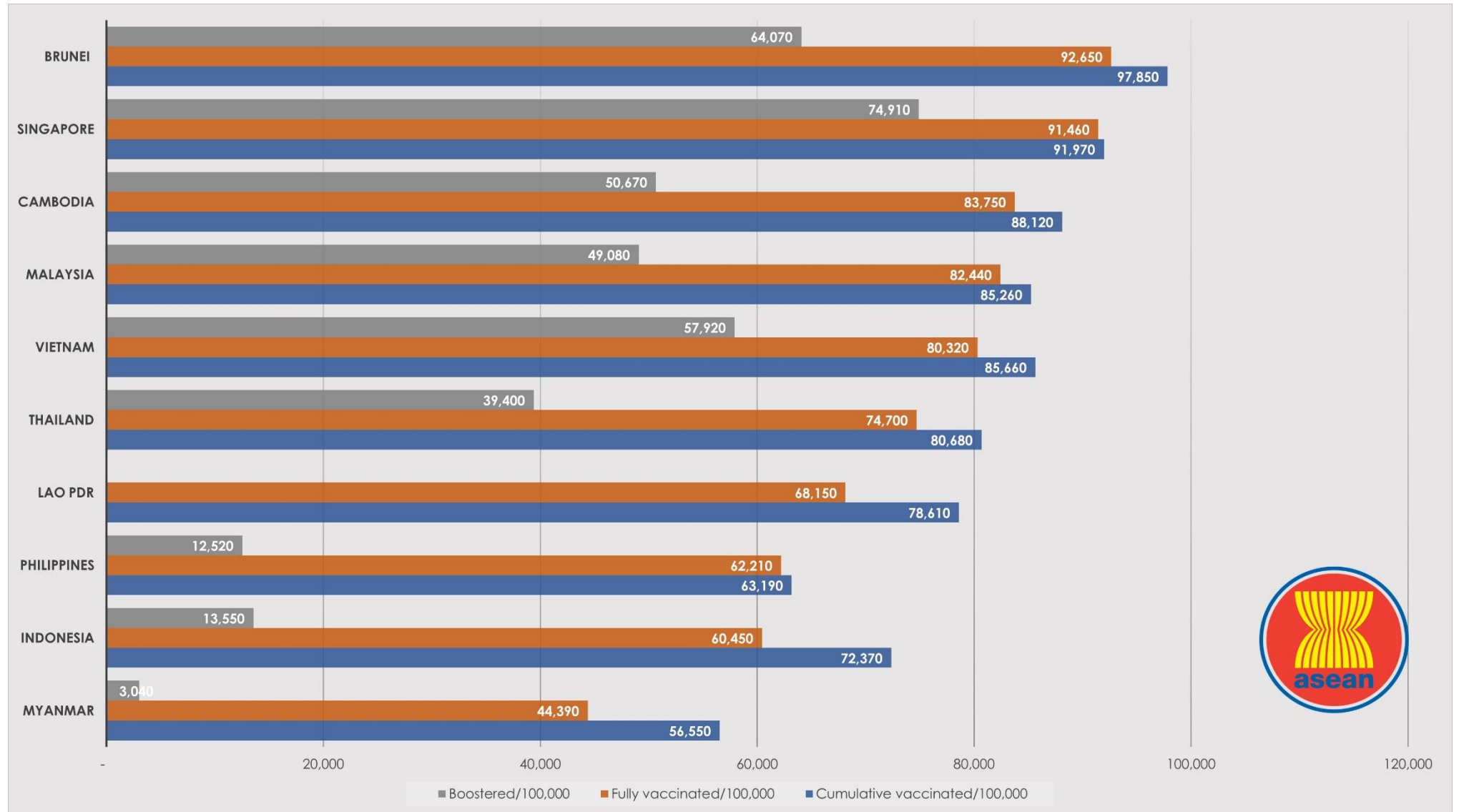
COVID-19 Epi curve among ASEAN Countries:

From January 1, 2021 to May 26, 2022




COVID-19 Vaccination Status

as of 26 May 2022



COVID-19 Outlook Assessment

as of 24 May 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)	
	% of High risk population fully vaccinated	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	≥90.0	Unknown	≥90.0/64.1	Unknown	57.69	Unknown	65.5/100	0.0
Cambodia	≥90.0	0%/day	≥90.0/50.7	Unknown	0.00	0.7	31.3/100	0.0
Indonesia	≥90.0	0%/day	63.9/13.6	0.04%/day	0.10	Unknown	57.7/100	+4.8
Lao PDR	≥90.0	0%/day	74.4/ND	Unknown	0.61	46.3	62.9/100	0.0
Malaysia	≥90.0	0%/day	82.9/49.1	0.03%/day	6.22	4.5	64.0/100	0.0
Myanmar	≥90.0	0%/day	46.0/3.0	Unknown	0.02	0.1	65.5/100	+2.4
Philippines	≥90.0	0%/day	66.9/12.5	Unknown	0.18	Unknown	56.5/100	0.0
Singapore	≥90.0	0%/day	88.5/74.9	0.0%/day	76.24	Unknown	58.9/100	-11.9
Thailand	≥90.0	0%/day	75.8/39.3	0.06%/day	7.41	Unknown	56.3/100	+8.3
Vietnam	89.1	0.01%/day	84.9/57.6	0.01%/day	1.62	100	43.5/100	-12.5



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