

COVID-19 Situational Report in the ASEAN Region

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COVID-19: Highlights and Situation Overview

Global Update

- Worldwide, there have been over 201 million cases and over 4 million deaths attributed to COVID-19.

Regional Update

- Malaysia crossed the 20,000-mark of new COVID-19 cases for the first time on Thursday (August 5), as the country set a record number of daily cases for a second consecutive day. According to the data released by the Ministry of Health on August 5, Malaysia reported 20,596 new COVID-19 cases including 34 imported cases. 33 new clusters were also reported, bringing the number of active clusters in the country to 1,177.
- Laos has increased the quarantine period for those entering state quarantine centers from 14 days to 28 days following cases of community spread by those leaving quarantine. Laos' COVID-19 National Taskforce said that quarantine centers in some provinces will be expanded in order to better accommodate the large volumes of returning migrant workers. He added that all returnees who test positive for COVID-19 are immediately isolated and sent to hospitals or medical centers for treatment. The country now has 79 quarantine centers and 44 quarantine hotels with some 13,398 people under quarantine.
- Vietnam has reduced the centralized quarantine period for fully vaccinated foreign arrivals to 7 days from the previous 14 days. Arrivals must also test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours before arrival and would then be required to self-monitor for another 7 days after the quarantine period. In addition, those infected with COVID-19 and have certificates that they have recovered from the virus within six months would also have their quarantine period reduced. The government is yet to provide further details and date for implementation. Vietnam's Immigration Department has announced another automatic stay extension for foreigners stranded in Vietnam due to the pandemic until August 31, 2021. The measure applies to those who entered since March 1, 2020, allowing them to leave the country without any penalty or official procedures. Those that have entered prior to March 1, 2020, are also eligible provided they show documents by their embassies or by Vietnamese authorities to confirm they were quarantined or treated for COVID-19. Meanwhile, Hanoi authorities extended social distancing measures under Directive 16 for another 15 days until August 22. Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 189,066 cases of COVID-19 as of August 5. 58,040 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. Vietnam has also recorded 2,720 deaths due to the pandemic. The latest community transmission cases have been reported from Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong, Long An, Tien Giang, and Dong Nai among others.

Vaccine Update

- Malaysia's Ministry of Health on Thursday (August 5) said it has granted conditional approval for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use. According to Health Director-General, the ministry will continue to evaluate the quality, safety and effectiveness of the vaccine to ensure that its benefits outweigh the risks. Malaysia reported on August 5 a total of 514,674 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were given across the country. COVID-19 Immunizations Task Force (CITF) reported that 20,839 individuals received their first dose, while 293,835 were given their second dose. Among the states and federal territories, Sabah recorded the highest number of daily first dose at 34,166,

followed by Johor (30,685), Selangor (28,875), and Perak (20,966). For the second dose, Selangor led the country with 81,159 shots, Kuala Lumpur with 47,389 shots and Sarawak (23,089). This brings the total cumulative doses of vaccines administered in Malaysia to 23,161,255 doses. 15,162,424 received their first dose and 7,998,831 received the second dose or have completed the vaccination regimen.

- Vietnam's Ministry of Health reported on Friday (August 6) that more than 8 million shots of COVID-19 vaccine have been given to people in the country as of the Thursday (August 5), with over 820,000 having been given two doses. As of August 5, Ho Chi Minh City, the country's current COVID-19 epicentre, had given jabs to more than 2 million people, with 28.92% of adults receiving at least one vaccine dose, the second highest rate in the country so far. The capital city of Ha Noi has administered 1,198,036 doses, with 20.85% of the adult population receiving at least one dose. The vaccination campaign is currently entering the fifth phase according to the Ministry of Health's plan.

Travel Advisories (new update/s)

- Singapore: Singapore will soon allow travellers from Taiwan to take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test upon arrival and to go about their activities in Singapore if the PCR test result is negative. The Ministry of Health (MOH) said on Thursday (August 5) that travellers will not need to serve a 14-day stay-home notice, adding that the COVID-19 situation in Taiwan has improved. From 11:59PM on Saturday (August 7), all travellers entering Singapore with travel history to Taiwan within the last 21 days before departure will undergo a PCR test on arrival in Singapore. If they test negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore. Short-term visitors with travel history to Taiwan in the 21 days before their departure for Singapore can apply for an Air Travel Pass with immediate effect, for entry into Singapore on or after August 12.

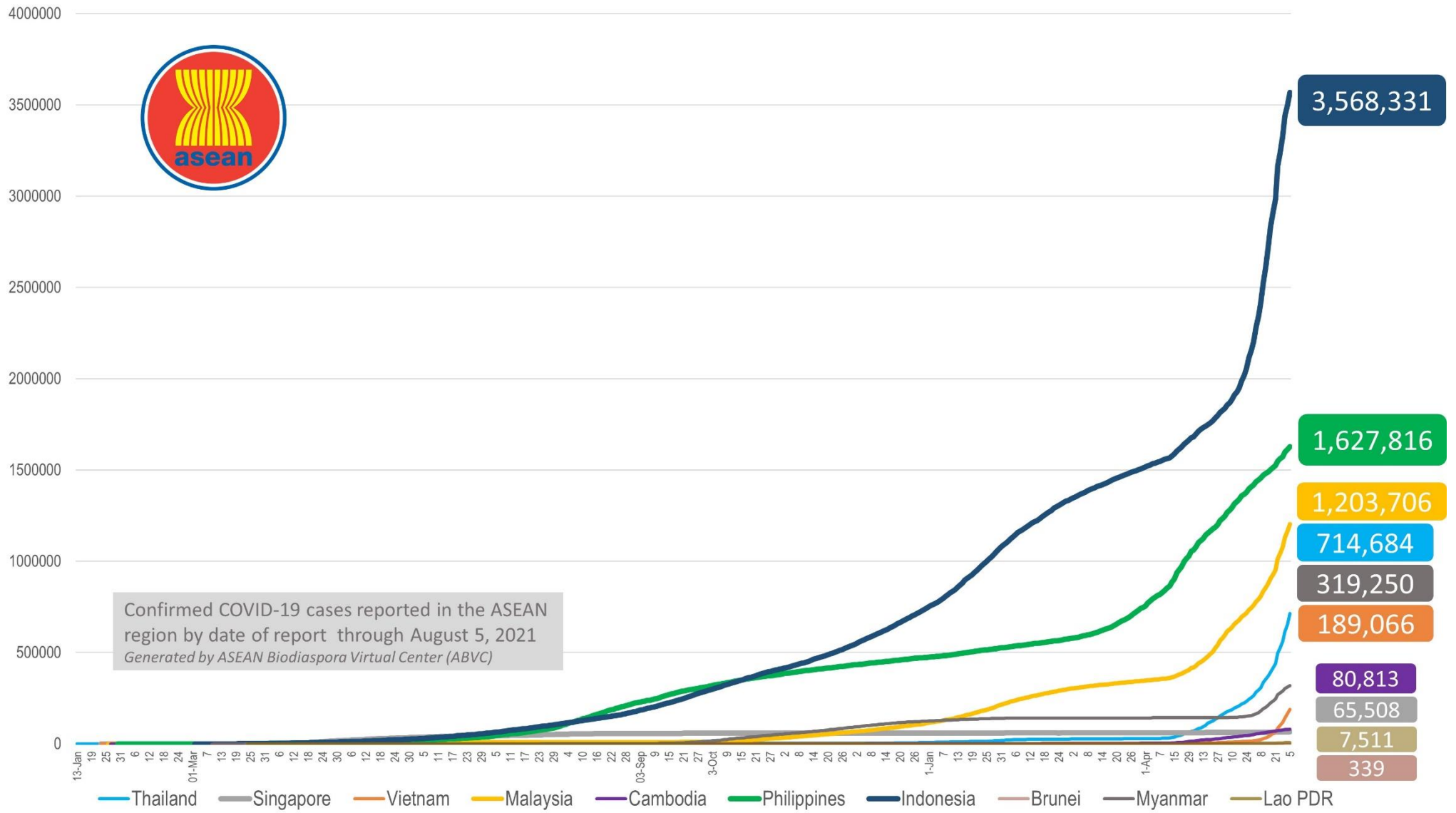
Cases and Deaths as of 06 August 2021

- As of 06 August 2021 (2PM, GMT+8), worldwide, there were **201,984,402** confirmed cases, including **4,284,905** deaths. Globally, Case Fatality Rate (CFR) was **2.1**.
- **7,777,024 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 have been reported in the ASEAN region with a total of **161,958 deaths**, with a CFR of **2.1**.

REGION	COUNTRY	FIRST CONFIRMED CASE(S)	LATEST REPORT ON CONFIRMED CASE(S)	TOTAL CONFIRMED CASES	NEW CASES (7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE)	TOTAL DEATHS	NEW DEATHS (7-DAY ROLLING AVERAGE)	CASE FATALITY RATE
ASEAN REGION	Brunei	10 Mar 20	02-Aug-21	339	-	3		0.9%
	Cambodia	27 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	80,813	588	1526	19	1.9%
	Indonesia	02 Mar 20	05-Aug-21	3,568,331	35764	102375	1739	2.9%
	Lao PDR	24 Mar 20	05-Aug-21	7,511	206	7		0.1%
	Malaysia	25 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	1,203,706	20596	10019	164	0.8%
	Myanmar	23 Mar 20	05-Aug-21	319,250	4132	10988	293	3.4%
	Philippines	30 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	1,627,816	7992	28427	196	1.7%
	Singapore	23 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	65,508	98	39	1	0.1%
	Thailand	13 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	714,684	21379	5854	191	0.8%
	Vietnam	23 Jan 20	05-Aug-21	189,066	7310	2720	393	1.4%
				7,552,842		155,716		2.1%

COVID-19 Epi curve among ASEAN Countries

as of 5 August 2021



Re-opening Tracker

as of 4 August 2021

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%).	
	% of High risk population with one dose	Projected Completion Date	% of Total population with one dose	Projected Completion Date	Daily cases/100,000	Test positivity last 14 days
Brunei	69.5	Oct 2021	30.6		0.528	
Cambodia	>80.0	Jun 2021	47.2	>12 mos	4.325	5.7
Indonesia	71.2	Nov 2021	19.2	> 12 mos	14.458	27.2
Lao PDR	51.3	Nov 2021	15.8		3.595	
Malaysia	>80.0	Jul 2021-	45.6	Sep 2021	52.307	10.4
Myanmar	13.6	-	3.8	-	8.760	37.2
Philippines	46.4	Nov 2021	12.5		6.466	12.4
Singapore	>80.0	May 2021	76.7	Jul 2021	2.312	0.2
Thailand	49.8	Oct 2021	18.5	Dec 2021-	24.214	
Vietnam	23.3	Jan 2022-	6.4	-	8.167	3.2



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