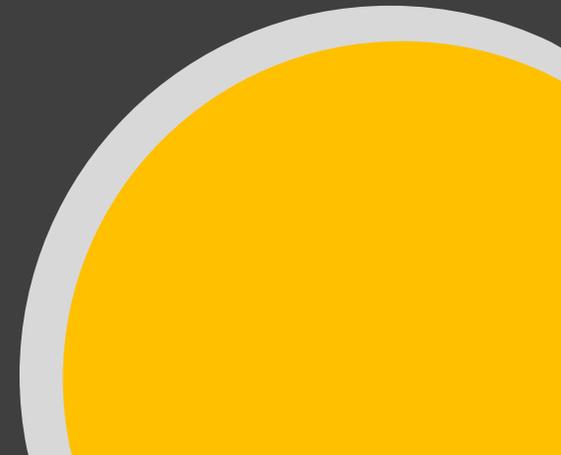


SITUATIONAL UPDATE BY COUNTRY

**AS AT 22 DECEMBER
2020**



SINGAPORE BORDER CONTROL MEASURES

For Singapore Residents and Long-term Pass Holders

As the global situation improves with countries/places at various stages of putting in place effective systems to control the COVID-19 infection, Singapore will implement progressive changes as we re-open to international travel. More information on Singapore's border control measures and public health requirements can be found at the [SafeTravel website](#).

Singapore residents are advised to defer all other forms of travel overseas. Travellers are advised to check the entry requirements imposed by the countries/regions they intend to travel to.

From 23 Nov, all travellers entering Singapore from Malaysia or Japan will have to serve a 14-day stay-home notice period at dedicated facilities, the Ministry of Health (MOH) said.

Travellers who are not Singaporeans or permanent residents entering Singapore from high-risk countries will need to take a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours before their departure.

However, travellers from low-risk territories are exempted from this requirement. These include individuals from: Brunei, New Zealand, Vietnam, Australia, Mainland China, Macao, Malaysia (except Sabah), and Taiwan.

A travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong for [leisure travel](#) has been further postponed to 2021 due to a surge in Covid 19 cases in Hong Kong.

Singapore Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 58,490

Recovered 58,321

Deaths 29

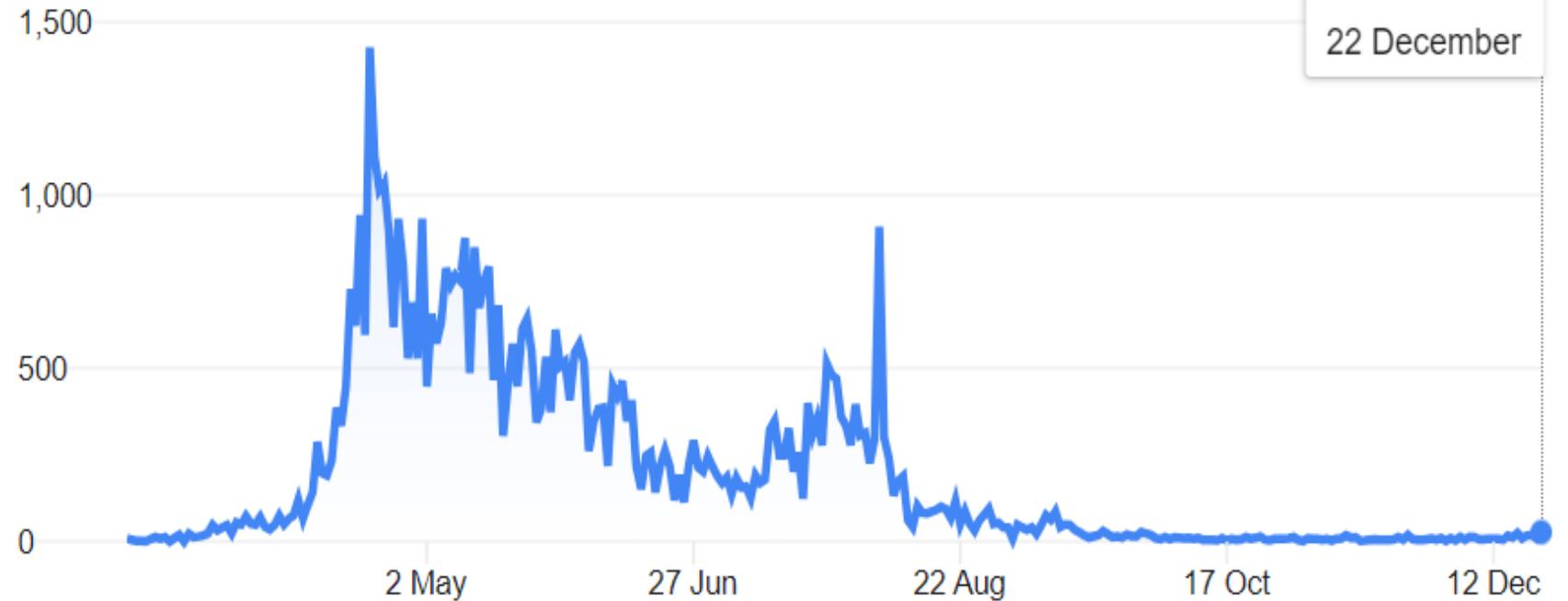
Daily change

New cases ▼



Singapore ▼

All time ▼



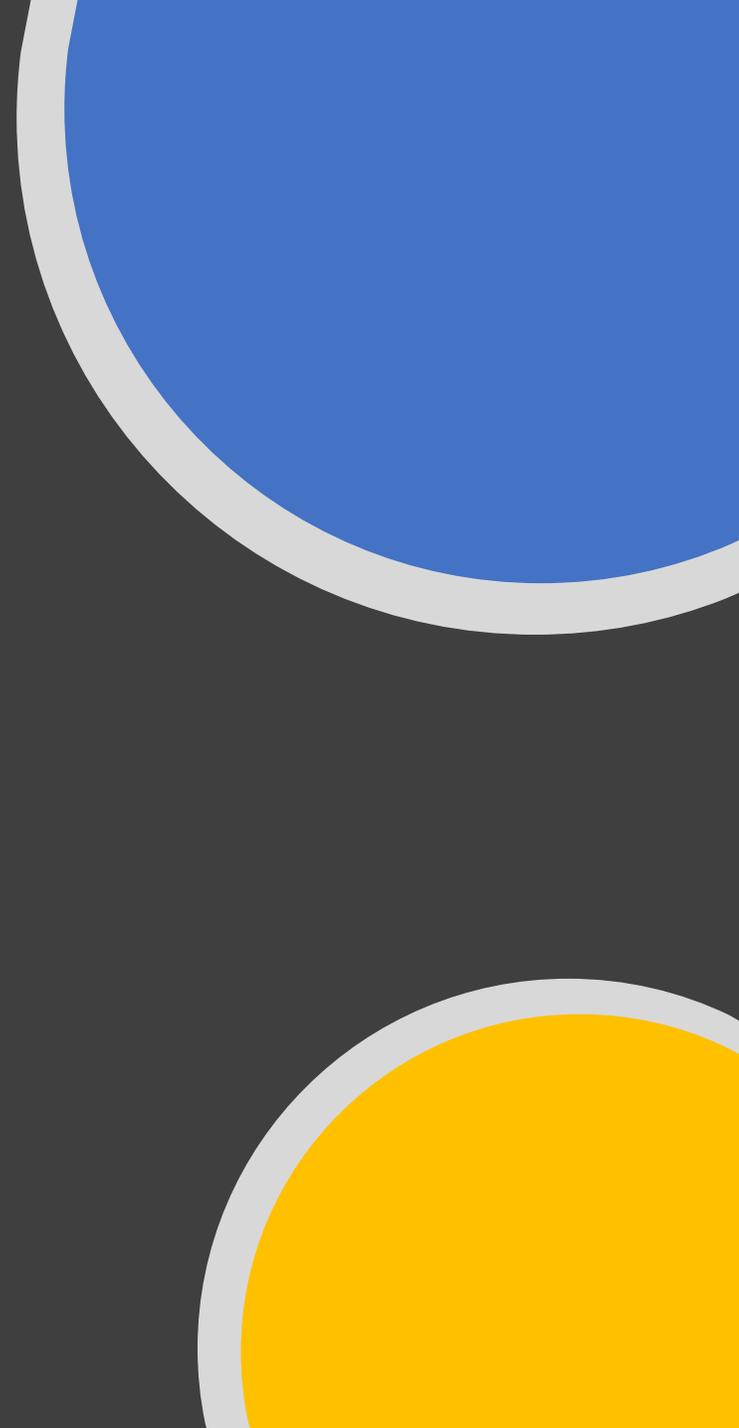
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SOUTH EAST ASIA

COVID SITUATION UPDATE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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Malaysia Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 99,451

Recovered cases 80,215

Deaths 440

- Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) Has been extended to 31 Dec by the Malaysian Prime Minister.
- From 10 Aug, Long-term pass holders and those on essential or official business will be allowed to enter Malaysia after taking Covid-19 swab tests and allowed to stay for 3 months before returning.
- Singaporeans and other tourists are not allowed to enter Malaysia on a social visit pass during the RMCO period.
- Flights between Singapore and Malaysia have been available from July. These flight support Malaysians and Singaporeans who are PRs, have Long Term Work pass or are approved to travel under the Green Lane.

Daily change

New cases ▾



Malaysia ▾

All time ▾



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Indonesia Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 684,347

Recovered 558,838

Deaths 20,429

- COVID-19 risk in Indonesia is high. CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential international travel to Indonesia.
- Indonesia will continue not to open its doors to foreign tourists until a new coronavirus vaccine is found and immunity can be provided, a government official said
- Only personnel with special permission such as those working on national strategic projects, are allowed to enter.
- There are limited flights between Singapore and Indonesia currently
- Jakarta plans to re-impose a partial lockdown in most of the city due to escalation in Covid infections, while public transport hours will be restricted.

Daily change

New cases ▾



All time ▾



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Philippines Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 464,310

Recovered 429,212

Deaths 9,085

- Foreign nationals are currently prohibited from entering the Philippines. This applies to the majority of foreigners outside the Philippines including those with most types of visas.
- Filipino authorities announced on Monday, November 30, that the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) has been extended in several regions of the country until at least December 31, due to a rise in coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases. Authorities announced that the rest of the country will remain under a modified GCQ.
- Foreign nationals permitted to enter must secure a pre-booked accredited quarantine facility and a pre-booked COVID-19 testing provider. They must cover their own costs of quarantine and/or testing.

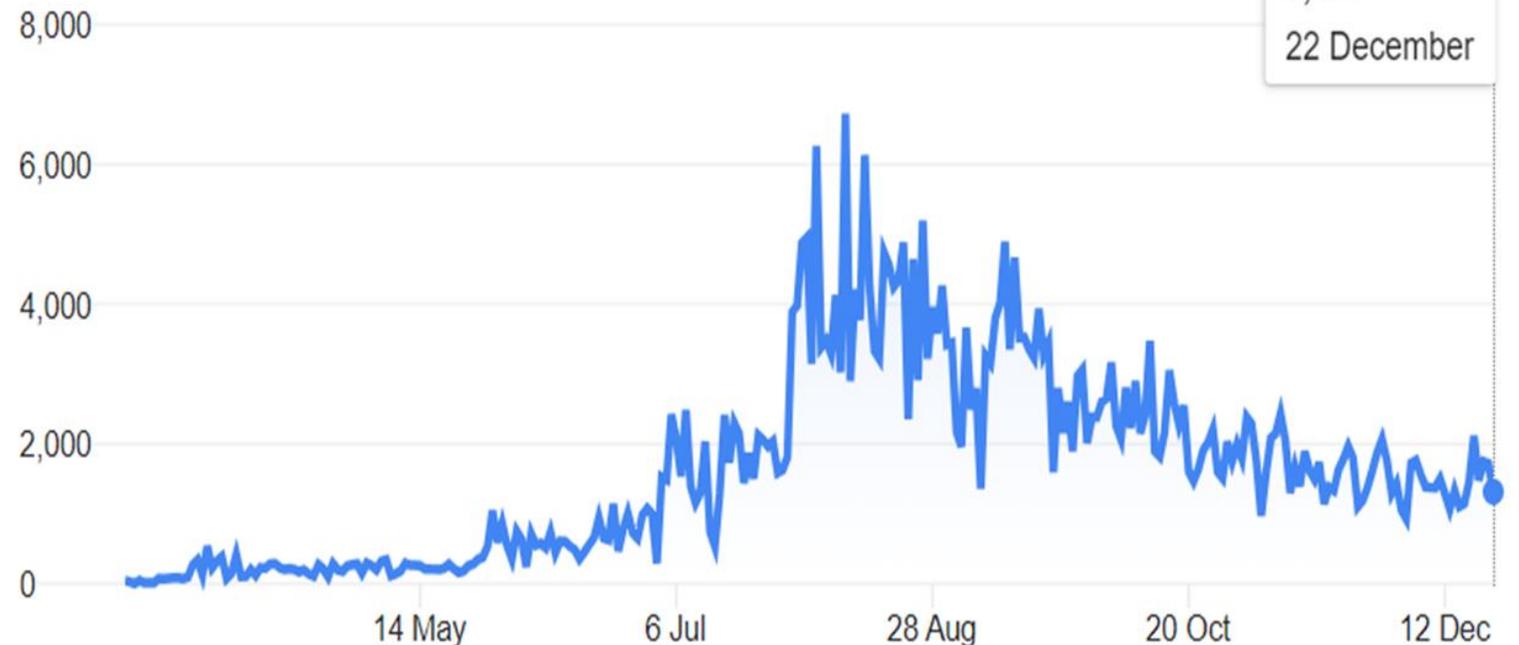
Daily change

New cases ▼



Philippines ▼

All time ▼



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Timor Leste Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 31

Recovered 31

Deaths 0

- The state of emergency was lifted and the country has reopened its international borders — including its land border with the Indonesian province of East Nusa Tenggara, with the proviso that there would be a two-week quarantine for incoming passengers
- Reconsider travel to Timor-Leste due to **COVID-19**. Exercise increased caution in Timor-Leste due to crime and civil unrest.
- No flights to Timor from Singapore are available.

Daily change

New cases ▼

 Timor-Leste ▼

All time ▼

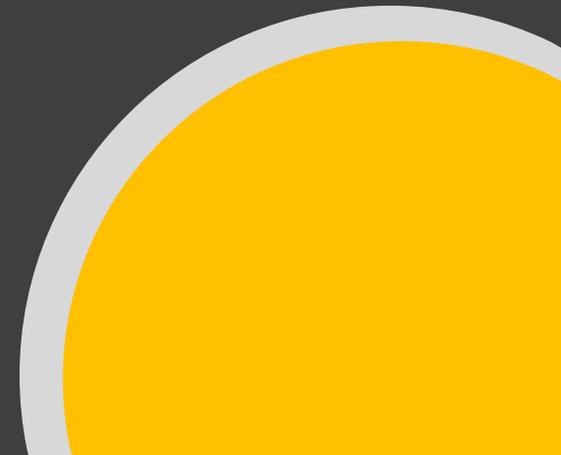


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INDOCHINA

COVID SITUATION UPDATE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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Thailand Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 5,716

Recovered 4,078

Deaths 60

- Thailand has eased travel restrictions for citizens from 56 countries in a bid to boost the country's pandemic-hit tourism industry, though visitors will be required to undergo a mandatory two-week hotel quarantine.
- While in quarantine, arrivals would undergo three COVID-19 tests, up from two required previously
- Limited Flights to Bangkok from Singapore.

Daily change

New cases ▾



All time ▾



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Vietnam Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 1,426

Recovered 1,293

Death 35

- The Vietnam government has temporarily suspended entry of all foreigners and overseas Vietnamese via commercial flights into Vietnam.
- Only Vietnamese nationals, foreigners on diplomatic or official business, and highly skilled workers are allowed to enter Vietnam at this time. Anyone entering Vietnam will need to undergo medical checks and 14-day quarantine upon arrival.
- Vietnamese authorities will charge a quarantine fee for anyone entering Vietnam from September 1.
- All travellers entering Vietnam need to submit mandatory health declarations on arrival. Passengers are subject to medical screening and quarantine for 14 days at centralised facilities.
- No flights to Vietnam from Singapore are available.

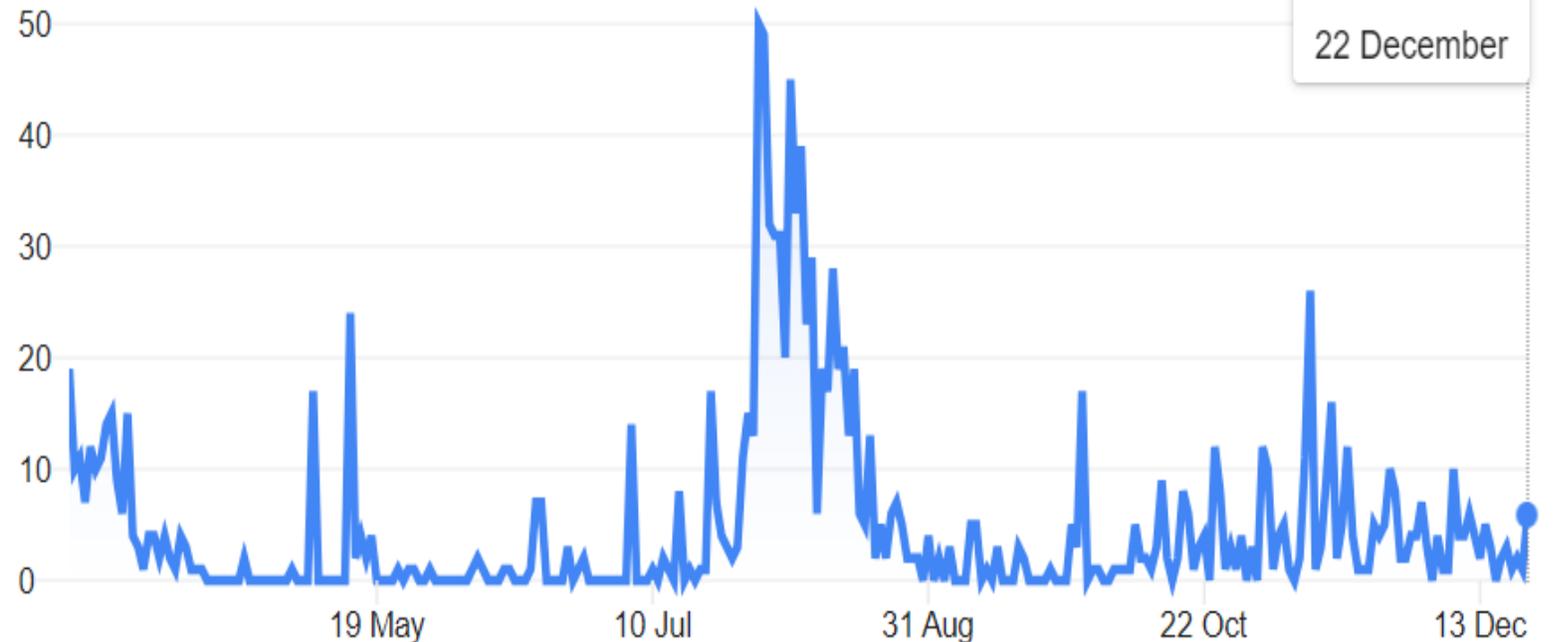
Daily change

New cases ▾



Vietnam ▾

All time ▾



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Nepal Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 255,722

Recovered 246,966

Deaths 1,801

- The government of **Nepal** loosened the **lockdown** in the Kathmandu Valley and ended the alternating day even/odd system for the movement of private vehicles. Limited long-range public bus transportation is allowed to operate at 50% capacity and is subject to strict **COVID** mitigation measures.
- COVID-19 risk in Nepal is high. CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential international travel to Nepal.
- Nepal is still under lockdown. However, it is opening up to trekkers, but with strict measures. Visitors will need a negative Covid-19 PCR test within 72 hours of travelling. They will then have to quarantine in a hotel for seven days at their own expense. On day five, at the government's expense, they will have another test, and assuming that is negative they will be able to leave and continue with their plans on day seven.
- Flights to Nepal are available only to diplomats and VIPs.
- This does not apply to medical and repatriation flights.
- Passengers are subject to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Daily change

New cases ▾

 Nepal ▾

All time ▾

6,000

4,000

2,000

0

25 Jun

7 Aug

19 Sep

1 Nov

14 Dec

722

22 December

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Myanmar Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 118,964

Recovered 98,953

Deaths 2,503

- Myanmar has maintained lockdown measures in Yangon as covid numbers continue to escalate.
- All commercial flights have been prohibited from landing in Myanmar since April to prevent imported cases of COVID-19 into Myanmar. International commercial flights will continue to be suspended until December 31.

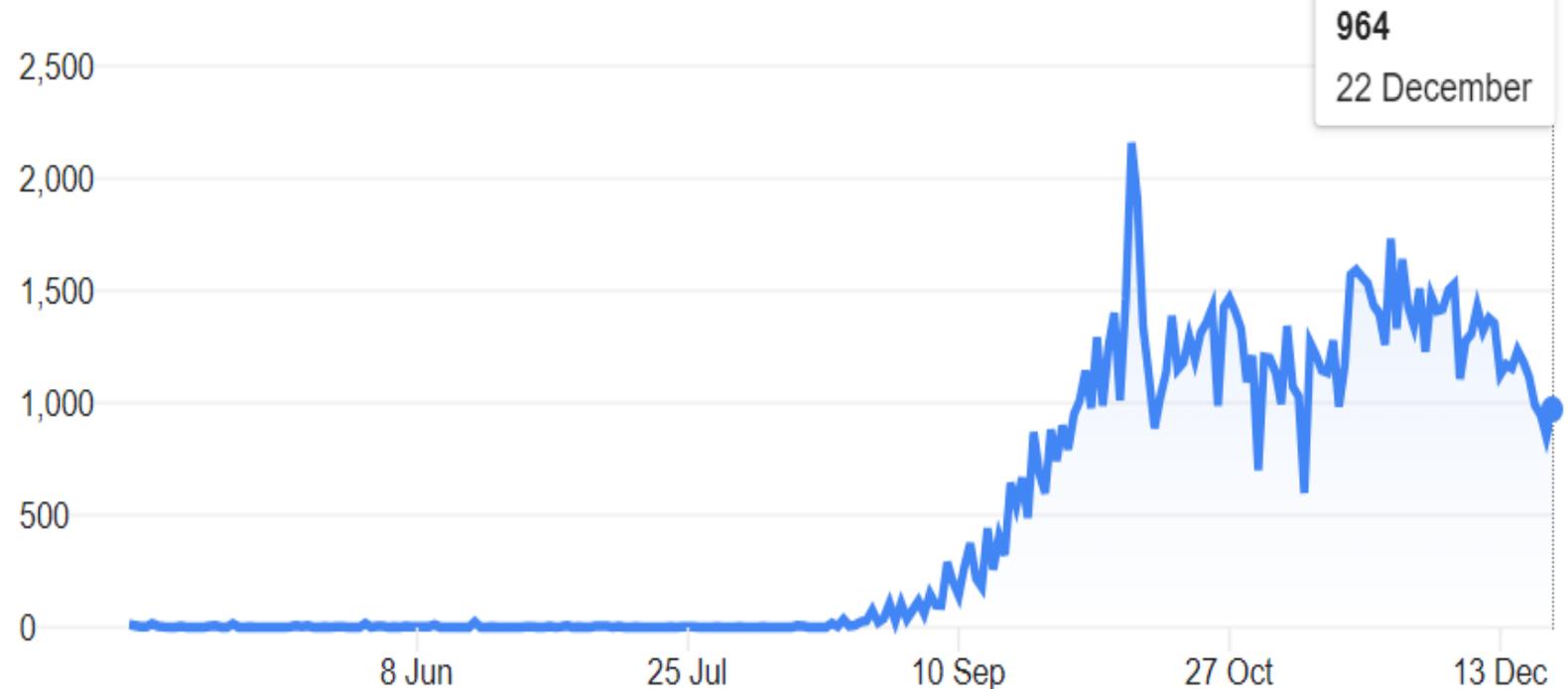
Daily change

New cases ▾



Myanmar (Burma) ▾

All time ▾



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Cambodia Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 363

Recovered 351

Deaths 0

- COVID-19 risk in Cambodia is high. CDC recommends travelers avoid all nonessential international travel to Cambodia.
- Although Cambodia is not closed to tourists, there are limited flights from Singapore.
- Cambodia has imposed the following entry restrictions on all incoming travellers:
- Passengers must have a medical certificate with a negative Coronavirus (COVID-19) test result issued at most 72 hours before arrival.
- Passengers are subject to medical screening and quarantine for 14 days.

Daily change

New cases ▾



Cambodia ▾

All time ▾

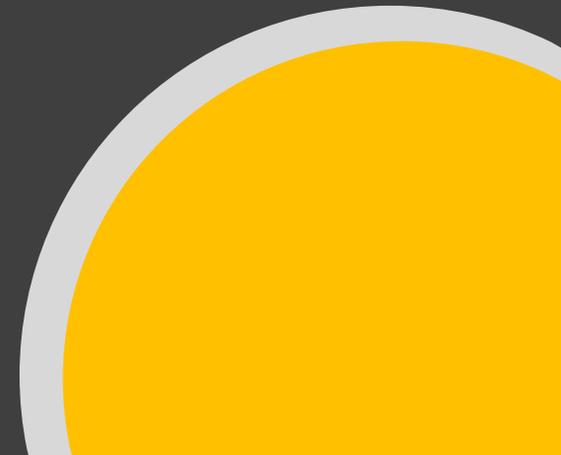


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SOUTH ASIA

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India Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 10,123,950

Recovered 9,686,895

Deaths 146,333

- The Indian Ministry of Home Affairs has issued new guidelines to regulate activities in this period. Other restrictions vary between states and zones
- Despite escalating Covid infections in India, the government has eased restrictions and permitted states to open schools and movie theatres.
- In view of the ongoing
- COVID-19 situation, all regularly scheduled international flights remain suspended except for international repatriation flights.

Daily change

New cases ▼



All time ▼



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Sri Lanka Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 38,487

Recovered 29,918

Deaths 185

- Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, has gone back into lockdown from 30 Oct following a surge in coronavirus cases.
- Entry to Sri Lanka is currently prohibited for all foreign nationals, and tourist visas are not being issued for travelers.
- Arrivals must fill out a Health Declaration Form, take a PCR test on arrival and will have temperatures checked at the airport.
- 14-day quarantine is mandatory for all those travelling into Sri Lanka, followed by 14 days self-isolation at home
- Flights to Sri Lanka are still suspended.

Daily change

New cases ▾



Sri Lanka ▾

All time ▾

1,000

800

600

400

200

0

18 May

9 Jul

30 Aug

21 Oct

12 Dec

428

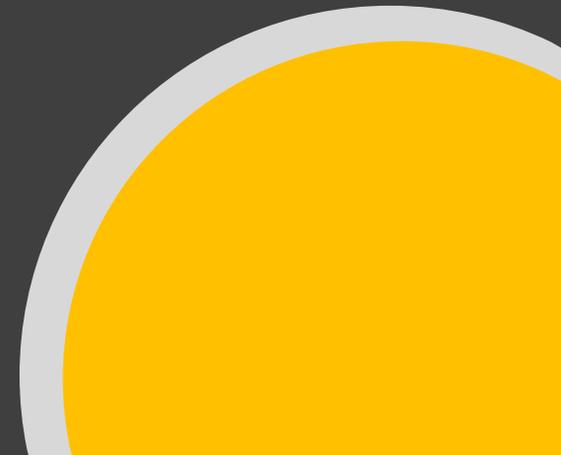
22 December

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EAST ASIA

COVID SITUATION UPDATE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

as of 22 DECEMBER 2020



Mongolia Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 1,120

Recovered 541

Deaths 0

- Mongolia has reimposed stay at home orders in the capital of Ulaanbaatar and various provincial centers and limited in-country transportation options and business operations.
- Mongolia maintains an almost total ban on the entry of foreigners and has limited incoming air traffic to government-controlled charter flights which have become inconsistent.
- Passengers are subject to quarantine for 21 days at designated facilities. They are also subject to self-isolation for an additional 14 days.

Daily change

New cases ▾



All time ▾



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Japan Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 206,658

Recovered 170,829

Deaths 2,291

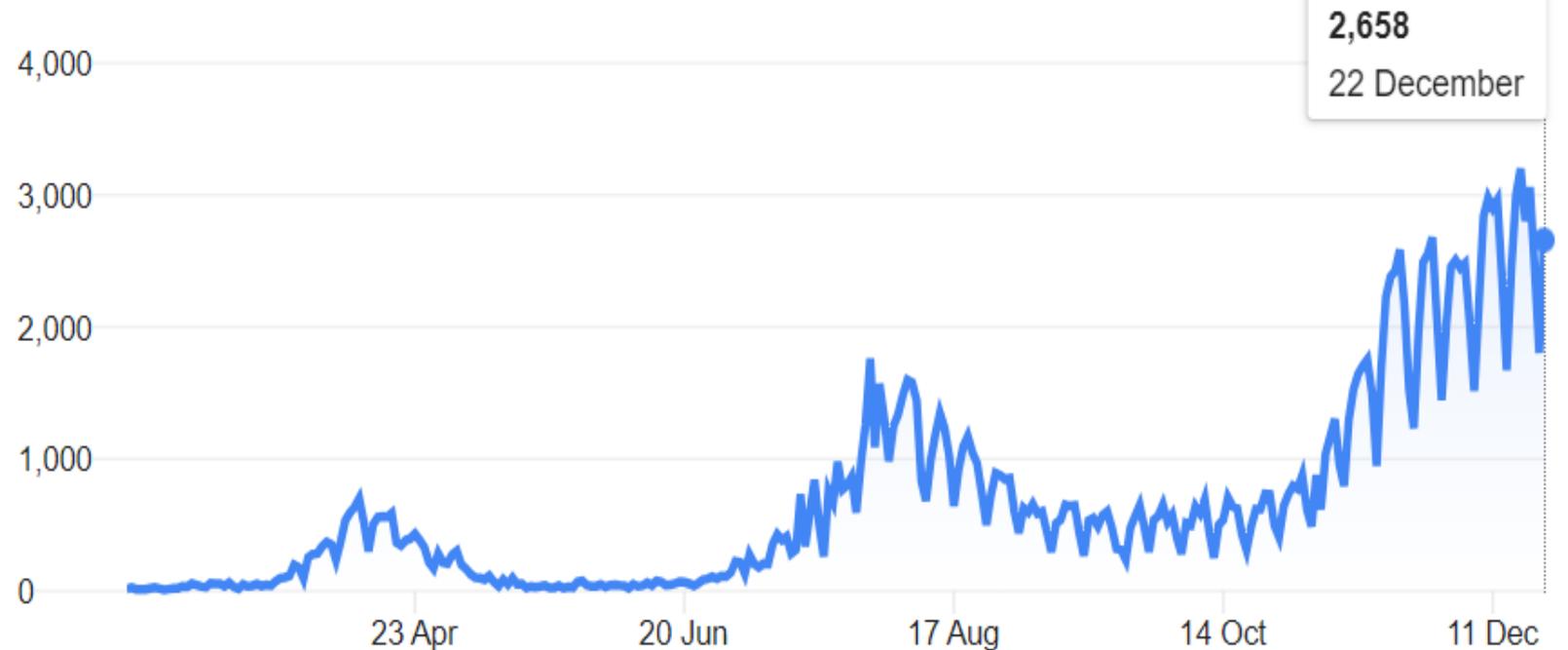
- Entry ban implemented for travelers from most countries is still in place.
- However, The Reciprocal Green Lane for essential business and official travel between Singapore and Japan has been permitted since 18 September 2020.
- Travelers from Singapore must have been tested for Covid 19, 72 hours before departure and have a medical certificate to prove negative test result.
- All inbound travelers have to serve 14 days quarantine

Daily change

New cases ▾

 Japan ▾

All time ▾



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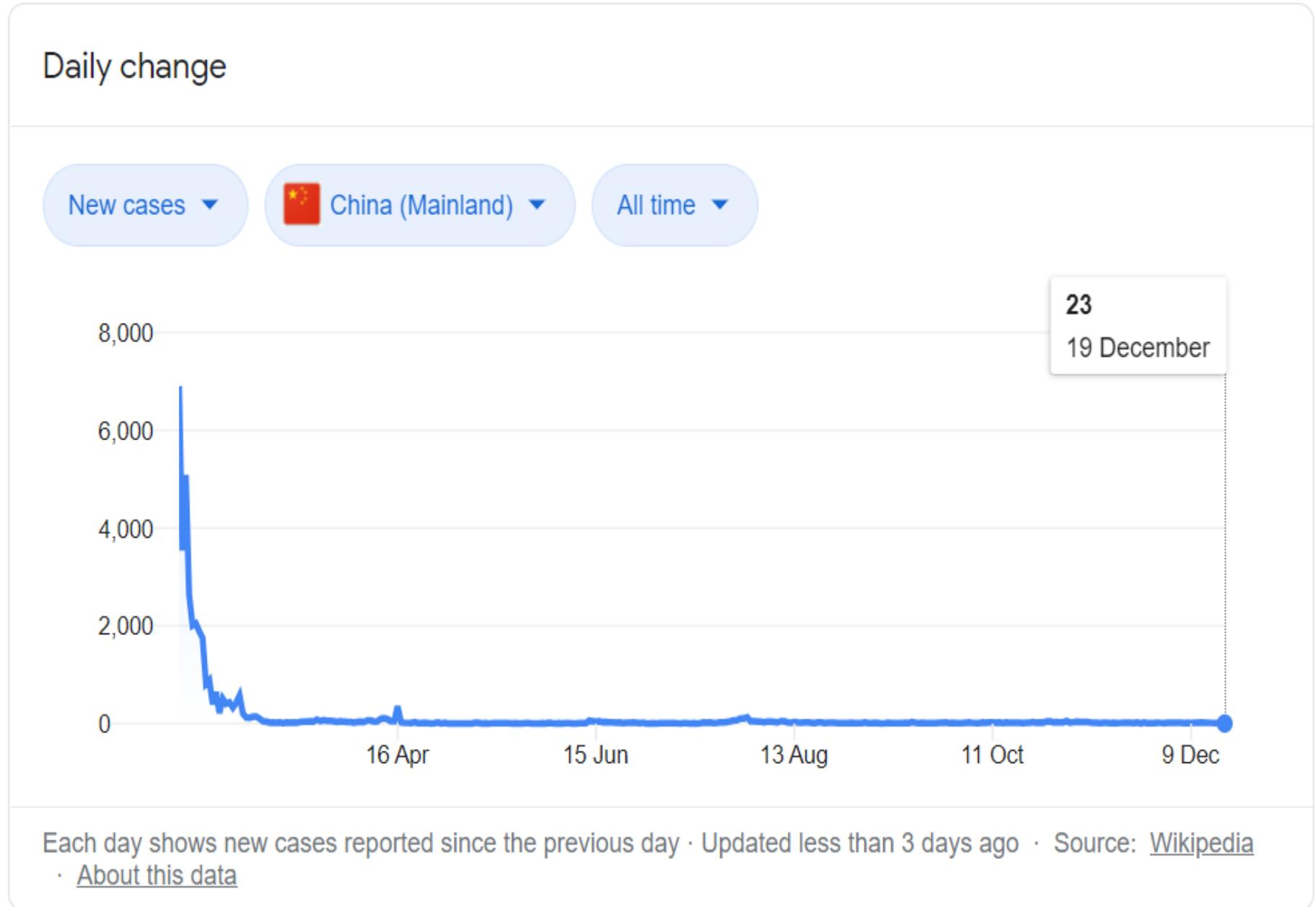
Mainland China Covid situation update as at 19 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 86,829

Recovered 81,886

Deaths 4,634

- From 6 November 2020, Singapore has lifted our border restrictions for visitors from Mainland China. Singaporeans and residents of Singapore may travel to Mainland China, although travellers are still advised to check the entry requirements imposed by China and take the necessary precautionary measures.
- The PRC Embassy in Singapore has also announced that with effect from 8 November 2020, all travellers from Singapore to China will be required to take a nucleic acid test and an IgM antibody test for COVID-19 within 2 days before boarding.
- From 1 December 2020, travellers from Singapore to China must apply for a green health declaration code with the “HDC” mark from the PRC Embassy. They may do so by declaring their health condition and submitting the nucleic acid and IgM antibody test certificates, together with the biodata page of their passports, via the web-based Health Declaration Certificate system, at <https://hrhk.cs.mfa.gov.cn/H5/>.



Taiwan Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 774

Recovered 637

Deaths 7

- Visitors are slowly being permitted to enter Taiwan for tourism and regular social visits.
- Upon entering Taiwan, all foreign nationals must present an English-language certificate of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of boarding the flight to Taiwan.
- Taiwan unilaterally reduced the quarantine period for essential business travellers from Singapore to just five days.
- After entry: all non-essential business must undergo a 14-day self-quarantine period.

Daily change

New cases ▼



Taiwan ▼

All time ▼



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Hong Kong Covid situation update as at 22 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 8,363

Recovered 7,080

Deaths 133

- Hong Kong saw a spike in the number of cases at the end of November which prompted authorities to once again shut down dining in restaurants after 6pm and close gyms and beauty salons. The measures will be in place until at least Jan 6
- The launch of the much-anticipated travel bubble to facilitate leisure travel between Singapore and Hong Kong has been further delayed to next year, amid a rising number of Covid-19 cases in Hong Kong.
- However, travellers will need to test negative on mutually recognised COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests. They will also be required to go on flights dedicated for those travelling under the bubble.

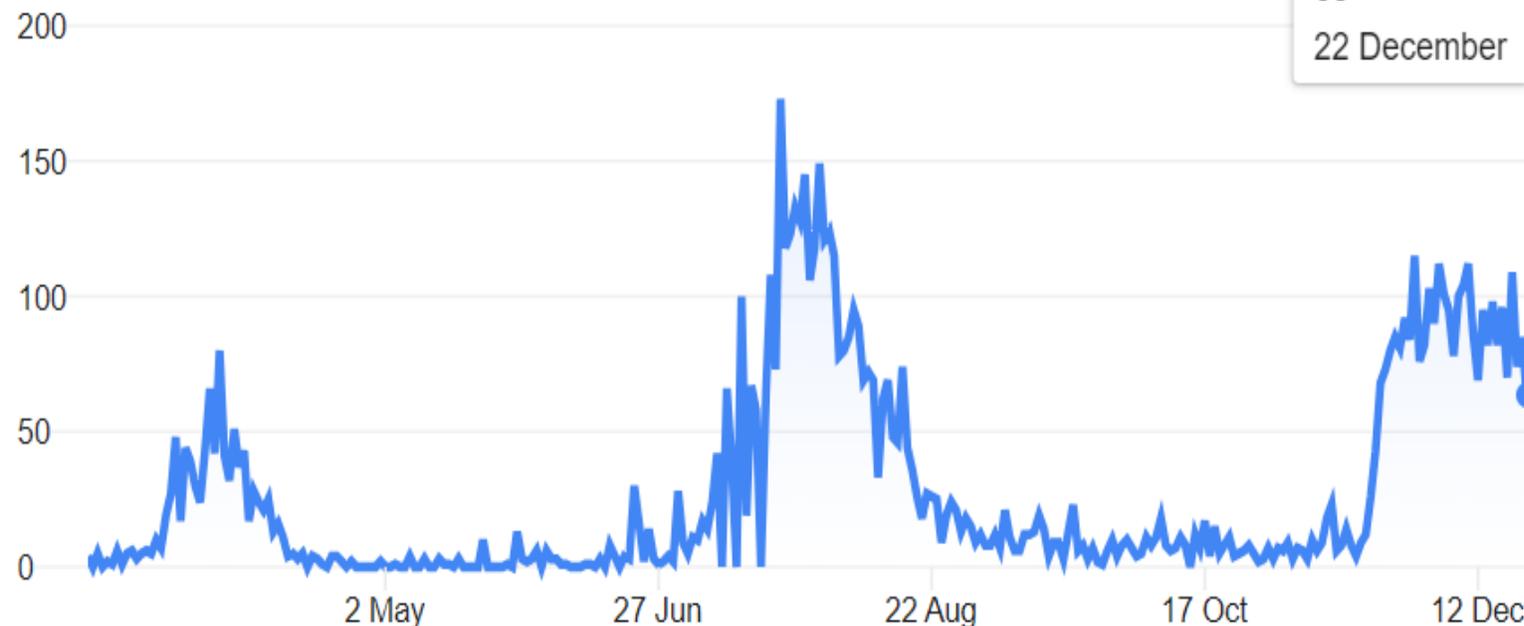
Daily change

New cases ▾



Hong Kong ▾

All time ▾



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Summary as of 22 December 2020

Based on the current spread of Covid 19 in the various regions, we have made the following observations:

1. In SEA, except for the spread flattening in Singapore and Timor Leste, infections in Malaysia are suddenly spiking and still on the increase. In Indonesia the case numbers are high, exceeding 6,000 cases daily, while in the Philippines it is spiking periodically with case numbers around 2,000 daily.
2. In Indochina, the spread has suddenly spiked for the past week in Thailand and erratic in Myanmar. However, there has been a downward trend in case numbers in Nepal, Vietnam and Cambodia.
3. In South Asia, the spread is still very high in India with case numbers around 20,000 daily, although the curve is moving downward. In Sri Lanka, there is a sudden erratic spiking on an increasing trend, inching its way towards the high hundreds daily.
4. In East Asia, the spread in Japan has suddenly begun to spike since mid October, with current daily infections reaching 3000. There are also sudden spikes in Mongolia, Taiwan and Hong Kong since the beginning of December. However, in China the numbers are flattening out although there is an expected resurgence in the winter months in some cities.