



**COVID SITUATIONAL  
UPDATE  
BY COUNTRY**

**AS AT 04 JANUARY 2021**

# SINGAPORE BORDER CONTROL MEASURES

## For Singapore Residents and Long-term Pass Holders

Singapore's border and health control measures are updated in response to the evolving global COVID-19 situation. Travellers planning to enter Singapore must comply with the prevailing border control measures and public health requirements.

You may visit these websites for more COVID-19 related information in Singapore:

- [MOH Website](#) for updates on the COVID-19 local situation and the relevant advisories; and
- [MCI COVID-19 Info Bot](#) for summarised information from various government agencies.

Singapore does not impose any mandatory health requirements on travellers for departure to other countries. However, the following is advised:

- Check the [MFA website](#) for the latest travel advisories to other countries/regions
- Check with the immigration authority or embassy of the destination country/region on the relevant health requirements imposed on travellers from Singapore, such as Pre-Departure Tests to be taken

Singapore has arranged for Reciprocal Green Lanes (RGLs) with the following countries/regions for short term business and official travel.

- Brunei Darussalam
- China (Chongqing, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Tianjin and Zhejiang)
- Germany
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Republic of Korea

These RGLs have specific departure requirements and application processes and more details can be found [here](#).

## Singapore Covid situation update as of 04 January 2021

Confirmed cases 58,721

Recovered 58,497

Deaths 29

### Daily change

New cases ▼



Singapore ▼

All time ▼



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## Malaysia Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 121,000

Recovered cases 98,228

Deaths 501

- Malaysia is currently battling its third wave of COVID-19 during its recovery movement control order (RMCO) period and has registered four-digit daily increases for about two weeks.
- The recovery phase of Malaysia's movement control order (RMCO) has been extended until Mar 31, 2021. This decision was made following a risk assessment conducted by the Ministry of Health (MOH), which found that there was still a significant rise in COVID-19 cases nationwide, with a high infectivity rate.
- 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 ▾



All time ▾



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## Indonesia Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 772,000

Recovered 639,000

Deaths 22,911

- On 28 December 2020, Indonesia announced a temporary ban on the entry of all foreign nationals into Indonesia from 1 to 14 January 2021.
- The Indonesian government has notified MFA that this ban would also apply to foreign nationals travelling to Indonesia under all of Indonesia's Travel Corridor Arrangements (TCA) with other countries. Hence, Singapore residents would not be able to travel from Singapore to Indonesia under the Singapore-Indonesia Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL) / TCA during this period.
- Given the reciprocal nature of this travel arrangement, travellers will also not be able to apply to travel from Indonesia to Singapore under the Singapore-Indonesia RGL / TCA during this period. Travellers who have already received approval to enter Singapore under the Singapore-Indonesia RGL / TCA can continue to do so.

New cases ▾



Indonesia ▾

All time ▾



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## Philippines Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 479,000

Recovered 448,000

Deaths 9,263

- The Philippines will ban travellers from 19 countries and territories until mid-January as a measure to keep out a new variant of the coronavirus, its transport ministry said on Dec 29.
- The regulation took effect from midnight of Dec 29 to Jan 15 and covers Filipinos and foreigners arriving from the "flagged countries", the transport ministry told reporters in a group text message. The flagged countries include France, Australia, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Singapore and Japan.
- Partial coronavirus restrictions have been extended in the capital, Manila, until the end of January to prevent the spread of COVID-19 following Christmas and holiday festivities.
- The capital region of Davao City and eight other areas have been placed under partial quarantine measures for the entirety of January. Less stringent restrictions will be enforced for the rest of the country.

### Daily change

New cases ▾



Philippines ▾

All time ▾



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## Timor Leste Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 49

Recovered 37

Deaths 0

- The **state of emergency was renewed** by the President of the Republic. The state of emergency, now covers the entire national territory and is in force between January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 00.00 a.m. and February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 11.59 p.m.
- 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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## Thailand Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 8,966

Recovered 4,397

Deaths 65

- Large parts of the country, including the capital Bangkok, are under various lockdown restrictions, and the government said it will additionally restrict travel between virus-hit provinces to goods, cargo and necessary travel, and set up checkpoints on some roads.
- Thailand, which had largely controlled the virus by mid-2020, saw a second wave of outbreaks beginning in December.
- All foreign arrivals in Thailand must quarantine for 14 days in the country at a state-approved quarantine hotel. Travellers are also urged to download the country's mobile tracing application.

### Daily change

New cases ▾

 Thailand ▾

All time ▾



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## Vietnam Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 1,497

Recovered 1,339

Death 35

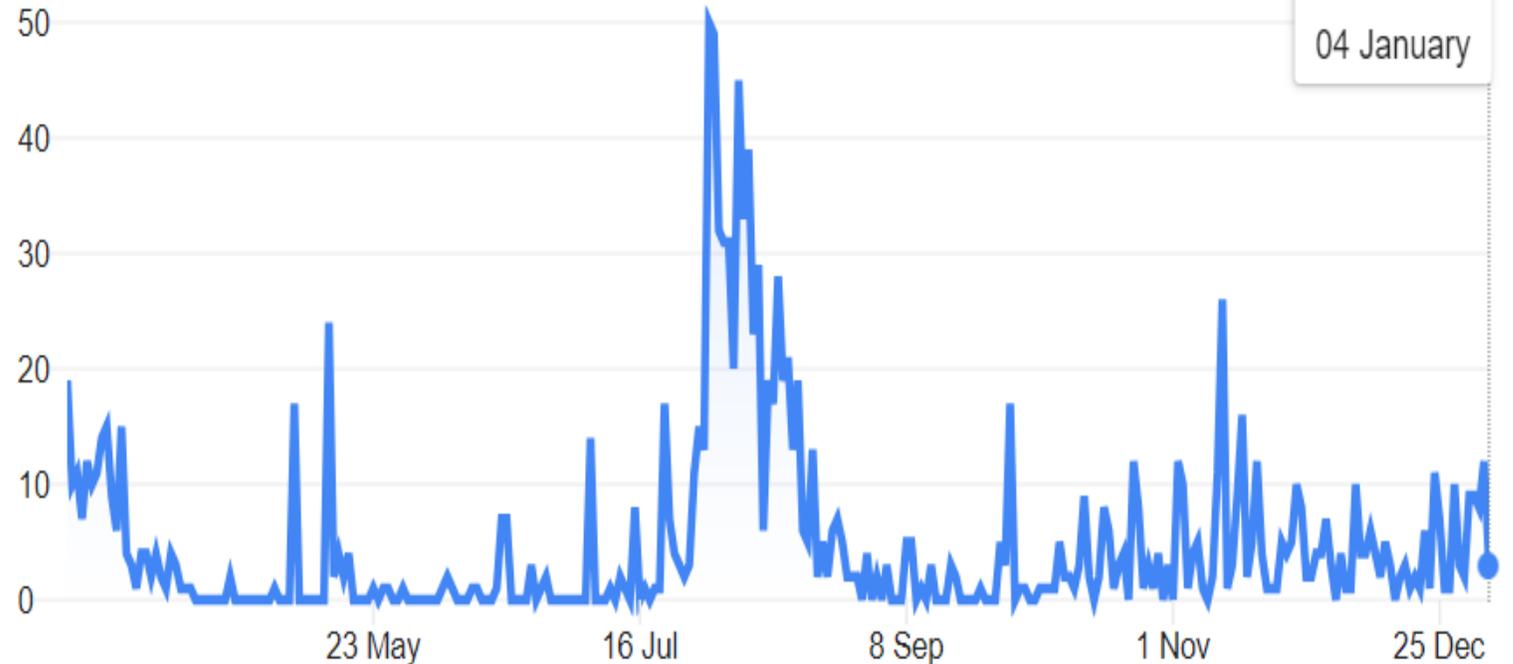
- Vietnam has suspended inbound flights from countries with [new COVID-19 variants](#), initially Britain and South Africa, the nation's health ministry said.
- Only Vietnamese nationals, foreigners on diplomatic or official business, and highly skilled workers are allowed to enter Vietnam at this time. Anyone entering Vietnam will need to undergo medical checks and 14-day quarantine upon arrival.
- 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.

### Daily change

New cases ▾

 Vietnam ▾

All time ▾



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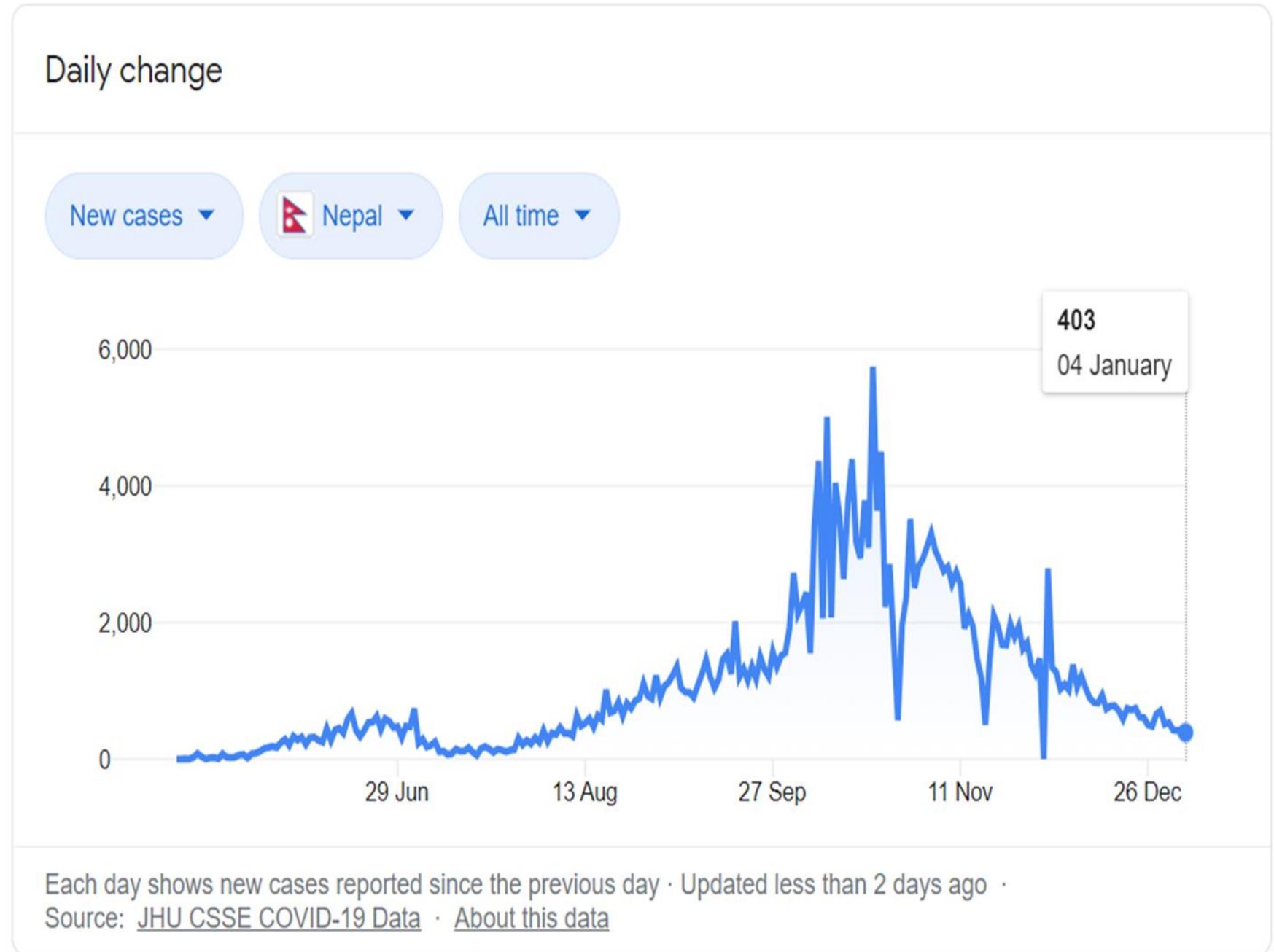
## Nepal Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 262,000

Recovered 255,000

Deaths 1,885

- A progressive approach to resuming flights has started. However, only Nepalis, international passengers from certain employment categories, and their dependants will be allowed to enter.
- 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.
- Land borders remain closed to foreigners.



## Myanmar Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 127,000

Recovered 110,000

Deaths 2,744

- Myanmar has extended COVID-19 measures through Jan. 31, 2021. Localized curbs are in place in some areas.
- The entry ban for most foreigners is in effect
- International commercial passenger flights remain suspended, though relief and cargo flights can continue operating.
- Additionally, authorities may also allow special flights to transport citizens to and from Myanmar on a case-by-case basis.

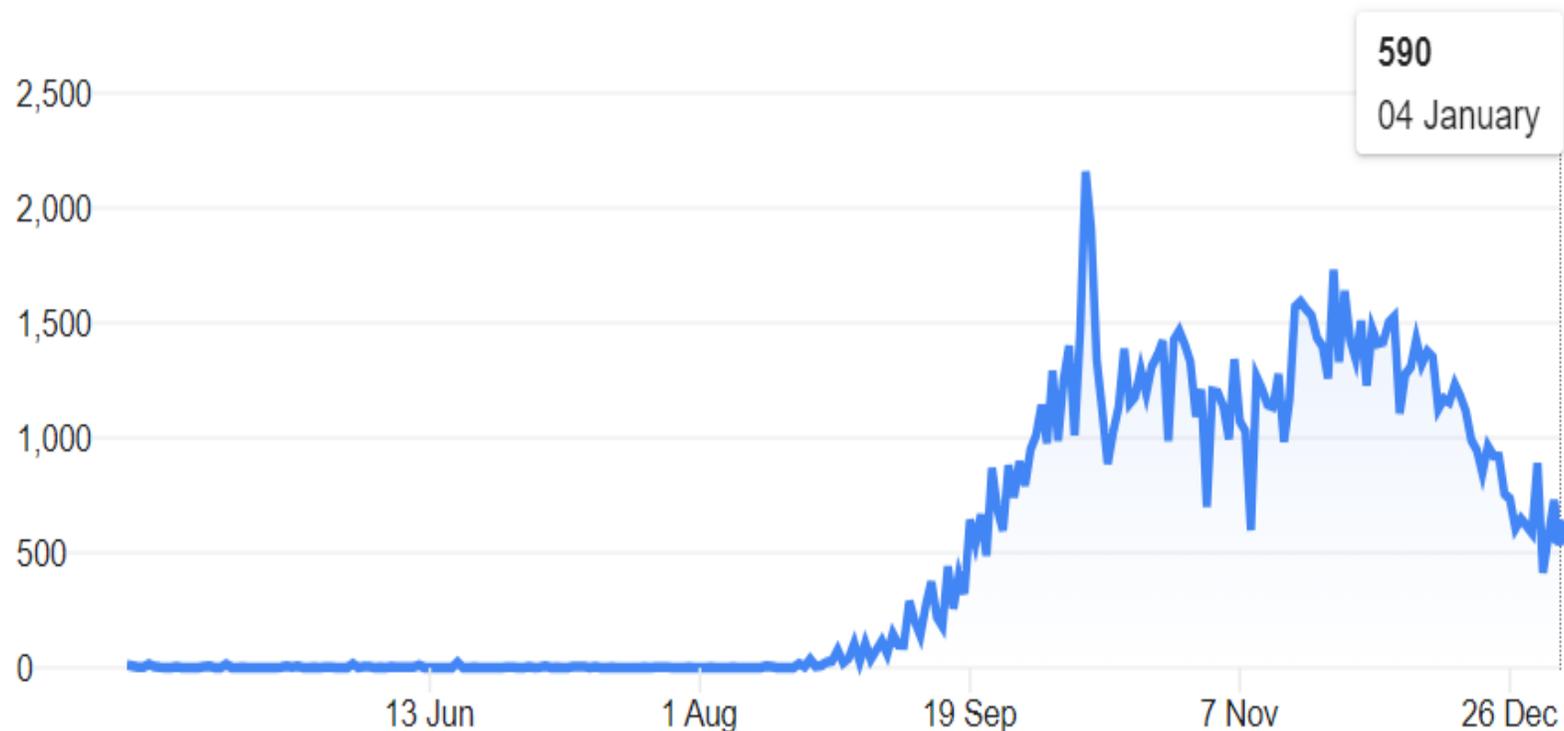
### Daily change

New cases ▾



Myanmar (Burma) ▾

All time ▾



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## Cambodia Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 382

Recovered 362

Deaths 0

- All foreigners arriving in Cambodia will now be subject to a COVID-19 test on arrival (as well as requiring a COVID negative test before flying). They will need to remain at a hotel or government facility until the results are known, which may include an overnight stay.
- The government is now imposing charges on foreign arrivals for lab testing, medical treatment and accommodation under health measures to prevent a second wave of COVID-19 transmission in Cambodia.
- All foreign passengers need to deposit US\$2000 for the COVID-19 service charges at the airport upon their arrival. Once deductions for services have been made, the remainder of the deposit will be returned.

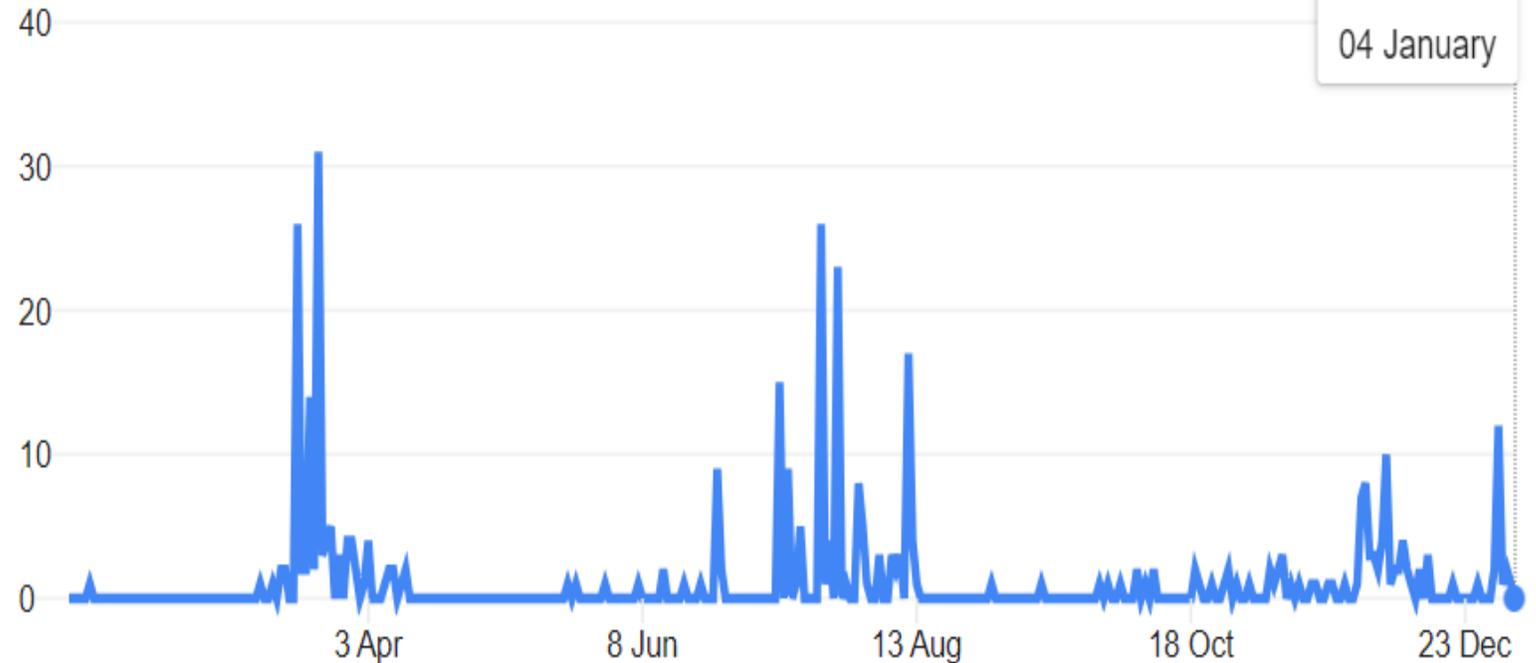
### Daily change

New cases ▾



Cambodia ▾

All time ▾



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## India Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 10,400,000

Recovered 9,980,000

Deaths 150,000

- 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 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 45,242

Recovered 37,817

Deaths 215

- Following a nine-month-long travel ban imposed due to the pandemic, Sri Lanka reopened its borders to international visitors on December 28, with the first arrivals being a group of Ukrainians in a series of charters initially under a pilot project before the country opens fully for commercial travellers.
- The charter flights will operate till January 19, after which the authorities will review the progress of the scheme before deciding when to reopen the borders for visitors from other countries.
- Tourists will also be required to stay in one resort for one week before being allowed to move to another resort or hotel if their stay extends beyond that period. They will be allowed to move around in restricted areas which have been cleared by the authorities.

### Daily change

New cases ▾



Sri Lanka ▾

All time ▾

1,000

800

600

400

200

0

23 May

16 Jul

8 Sep

1 Nov

25 Dec

468

04 January

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## Mongolia Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 1,308

Recovered 884

Deaths 1

- 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 ▾



Mongolia ▾

All time ▾

60

40

20

0

4 Jul

17 Aug

30 Sep

13 Nov

27 Dec

22

04 January

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## Japan Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 249,000

Recovered 201,000

Deaths 3,472

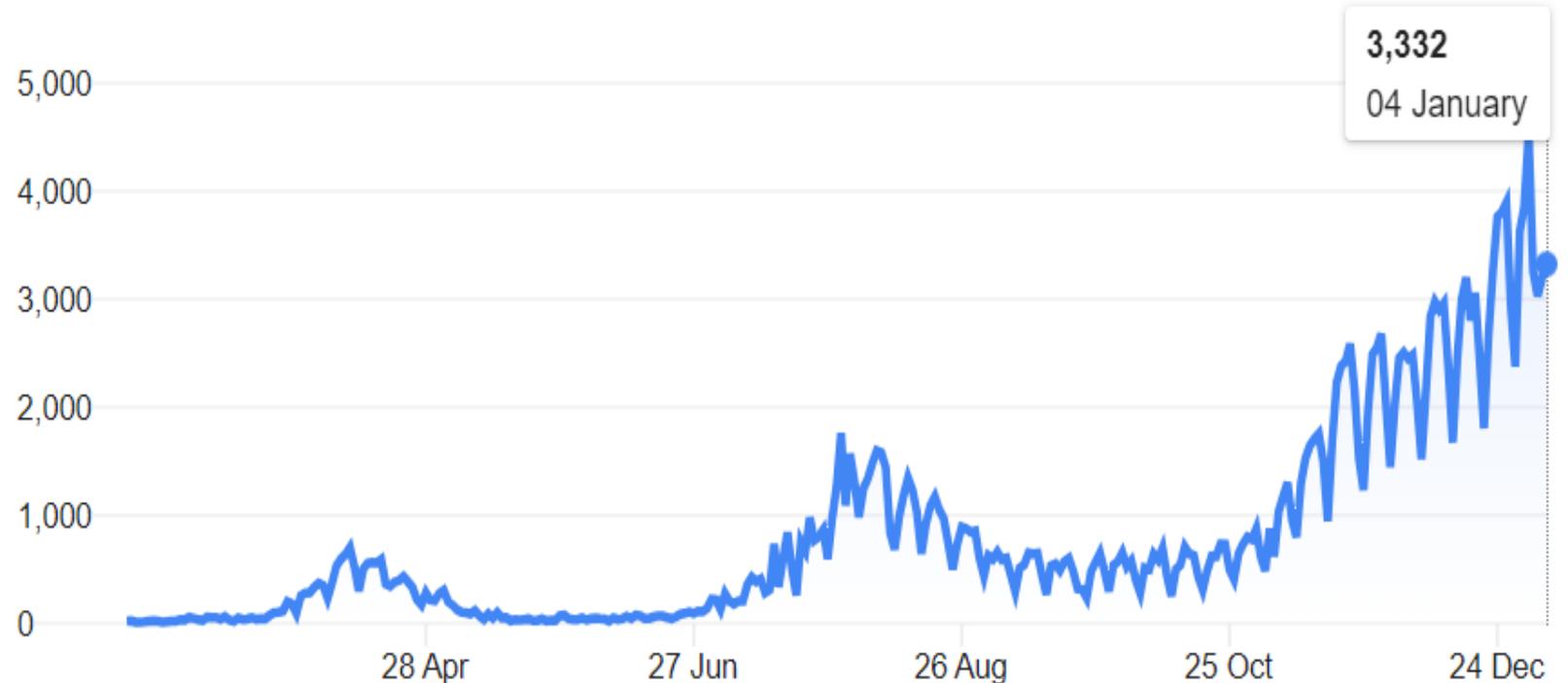
- The country's borders remain closed to international tourists, and there are no signs that the borders will be opened to considerable numbers of tourists in the near future.
- Due to the spread of the new, more contagious strain of the virus, **Japan is closing its borders from December 28 to January 31** to all new foreign arrivals except foreign residents of Japan and business travelers from a small number of countries.
- However, Japan will lift its entry ban on foreign travelers from China, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, Brunei, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam this month for non-tourist arrivals as all of these countries have largely brought their Covid-19 outbreaks under control.
- 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 31 Dec 2020

Confirmed cases 87,183

Recovered 82,117

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/>.

### Daily change

New cases ▼



China (Mainland) ▼

All time ▼



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## Taiwan Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

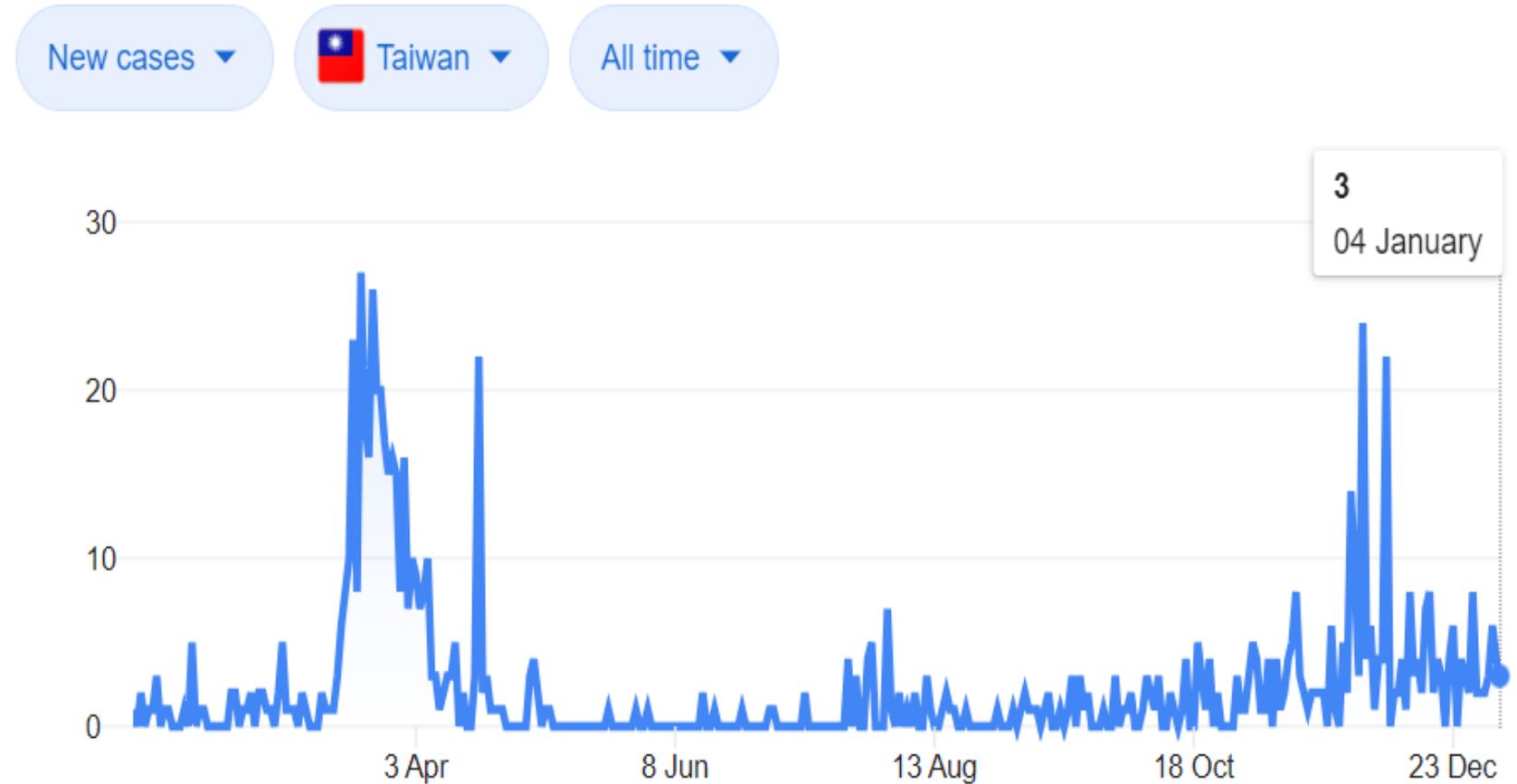
Confirmed cases 815

Recovered 696

Deaths 7

- Taiwan imposed entry restrictions and quarantine measures for non-R.O.C. nationals starting from January 1, 2021, and will tighten quarantine measures for travelers coming to Taiwan starting on January 15, 2021
- 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



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## Hong Kong Covid situation update as at 04 Jan 2021

Confirmed cases 9,017

Recovered 8,055

Deaths 153

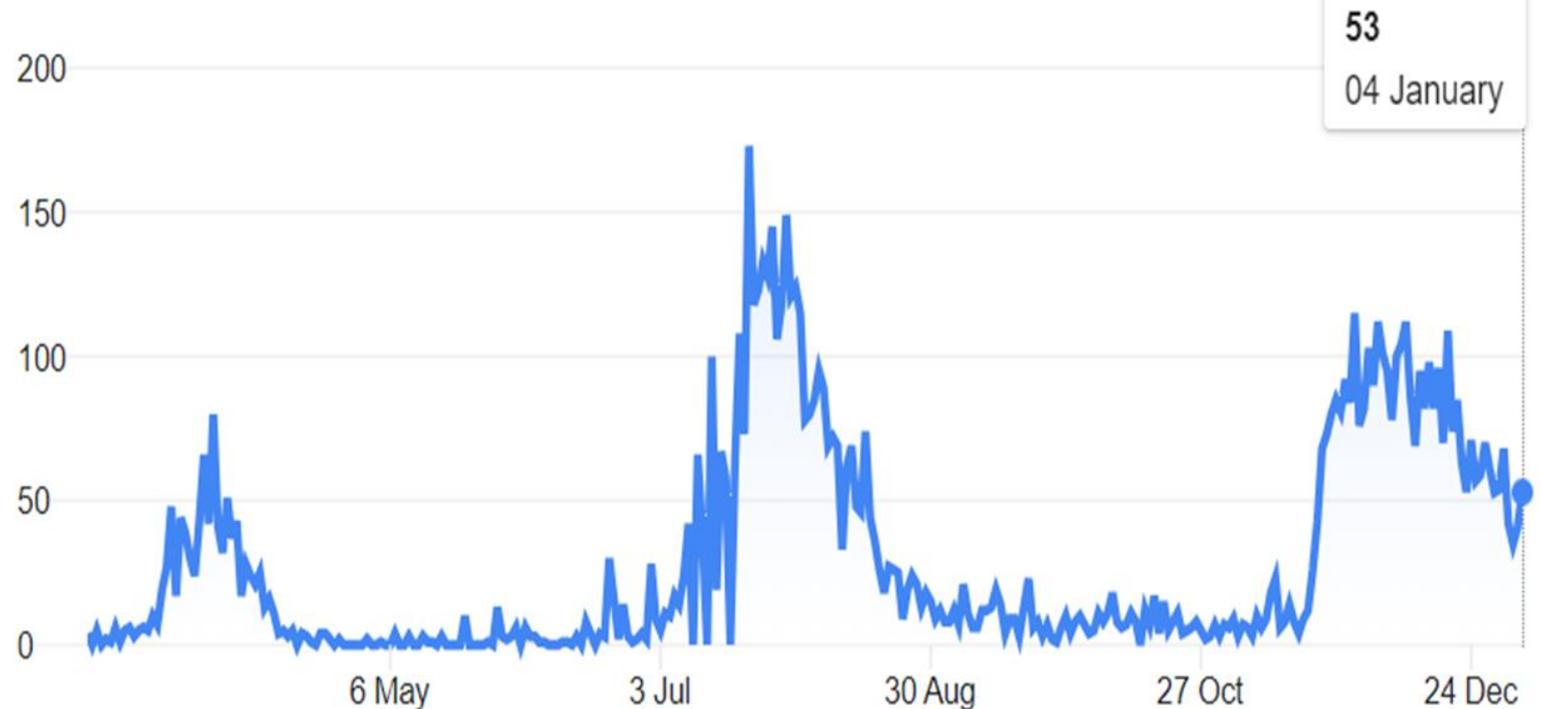
- To reduce the chance of cross-infection between guests undergoing quarantine and other local guests, all persons arriving at Hong Kong (either via the airport or land boundary control points) will have to undergo compulsory quarantine for 21 days in designated quarantine hotels.
- Those arriving Hong Kong will be required to proceed for COVID-19 testing immediately upon arrival.
- All inbound travellers are required to submit a health declaration form.

### Daily change

New cases ▾

 Hong Kong ▾

All time ▾



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# Summary as of 04 January 2021

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, infections in Malaysia and Indonesia are still on the increase. In Timor Leste the cases are suddenly spiking, while in the Philippines it is on a downward trend.
2. In Indochina, the spread has suddenly spiked in Thailand and erratic in Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia. However, there has been a downward trend in case numbers in Nepal.
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 exceeding 4000. 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.