# COVID SITUATIONAL UPDATE BY COUNTRY

AS OF 8 DECEMBER 2021

#### For Singapore Residents and Long-term Pass Holders

To minimise the public health risks associated with the border reopening, travellers arriving in Singapore may be required to observe the relevant health control measures such as **Covid-19 tests** and **Self-Isolation and Segregation Measures**.

As part of Singapore's efforts to reopen our borders safely, fully vaccinated Singapore Citizens (SCs) and Permanent Residents (PRs) departing for Singapore from the countries listed in VTL may return via the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) to enjoy quarantine-free measures on return to Singapore. Travellers must arrive in Singapore on a designated VTL flight in order to be eligible for the VTL

**From 18 October 2021, 2359hrs**, travellers to Singapore must have only been to one or more of the <u>VTL countries/regions</u> and/or Singapore, in the last 14 consecutive days before departing for Singapore.

To tackle the COVID-19 situation, many countries have imposed entry restrictions and border closures. Please refer to the <u>International Air</u> <u>Transport Association (IATA) Travel Centre website</u> when planning your travel routes. As the measures imposed could result in flight cancellations and reduction in flight frequency, you are advised to check with your airline or travel agency to ensure that your flight routes are still operating prior to departing for the airport.

•Check the <u>MFA website</u> 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 BORDER CONTROL MEASURES

## New cases and deaths



# **SOUTHEAST ASIA**

# COVID SITUATION UPDATE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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#### Malaysia Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 2.67M Deaths 30,718 25.4M **(78.6%)** of population fully vaccinated to date.

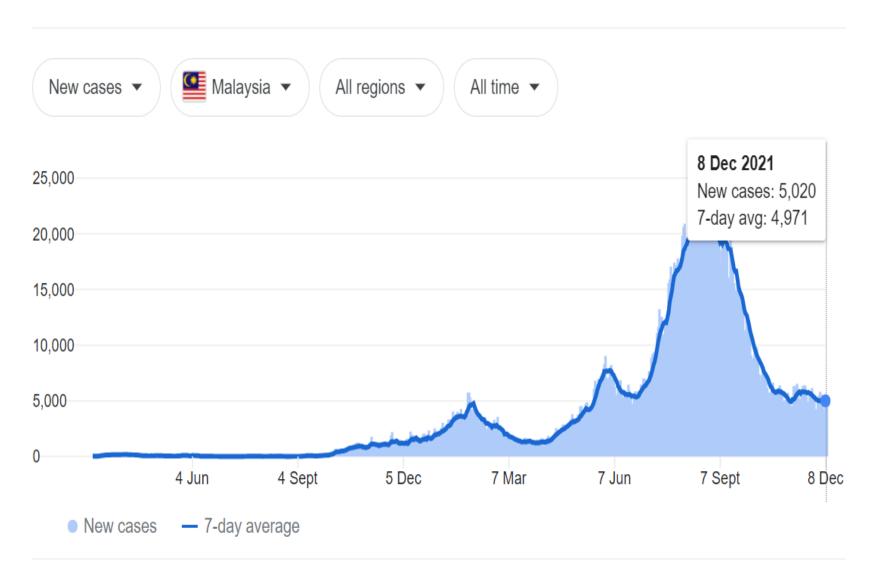
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- Singapore and Malaysia launched a vaccinated travel lane (VTL) between Changi Airport and Kuala Lumpur International Airport and across the causeway, allowing vaccinated travellers from each country to cross the border without the need for quarantine.
- For now, only citizens, permanent residents and long-term pass holders of the country they are entering can take the land VTL.
- Inbound travellers must present a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) swab test or antigen rapid test taken by a trained professional 48 hours before departure. They must then take another PCR test when they land in Singapore.

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#### Indonesia Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 4.25 M Deaths 144K

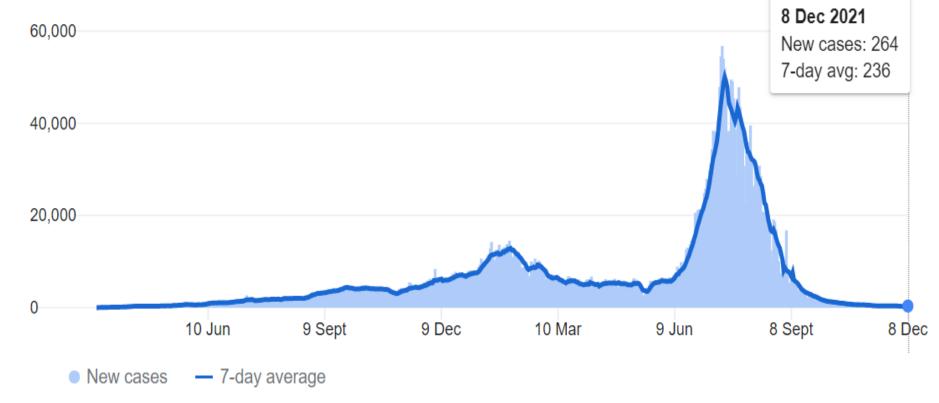
99.8M (**36.5%**) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- In a bid to prevent the spread of the Omicron variant, the Indonesian government has tightened regulations for the entry of international arrivals into Indonesia. This includes extending the quarantine requirements from **3 to 10 days**.
- Foreign nationals must be fully vaccinated before entering Indonesia and must show their vaccination certificate to immigration officials upon arrival.

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#### Philippines Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

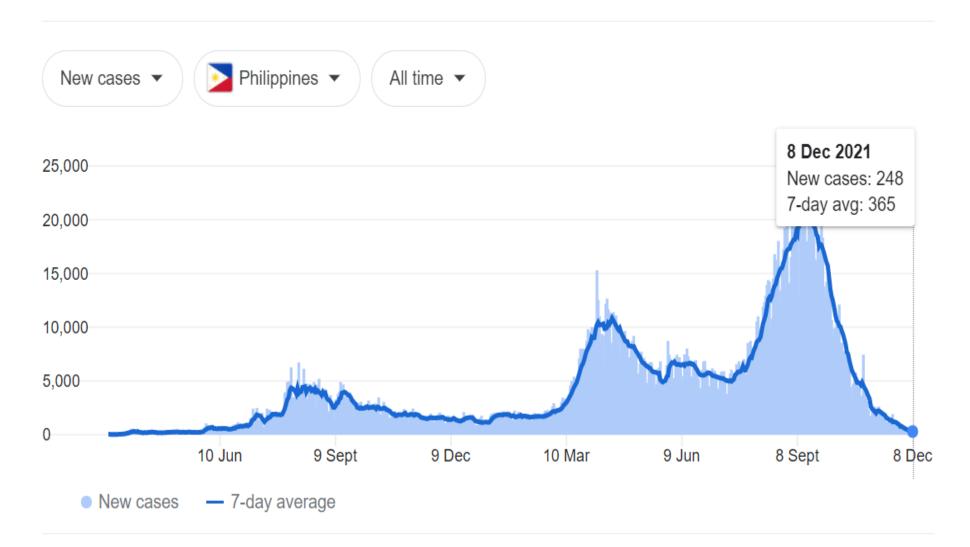
Confirmed cases 2.8M Deaths 44,621

38.7M (**35.3%**) people have been fully vaccinated to date.

- The Philippines is undergoing a phased reopening to fully vaccinated tourists undergoing a red/yellow/green traffic light system. ... For now, only fully vaccinated nationals, residents, permit holders, and those traveling for essential reasons from low-risk countries are now allowed entry.
- Effective 3 December 2021, all travellers must secure and present a negative predeparture RT-PCR test taken within 72h from their travel from an MOH-approved test providers.
- All travellers must undergo
  mandatory quarantine for 14
  days

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#### Timor Leste Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 19.799

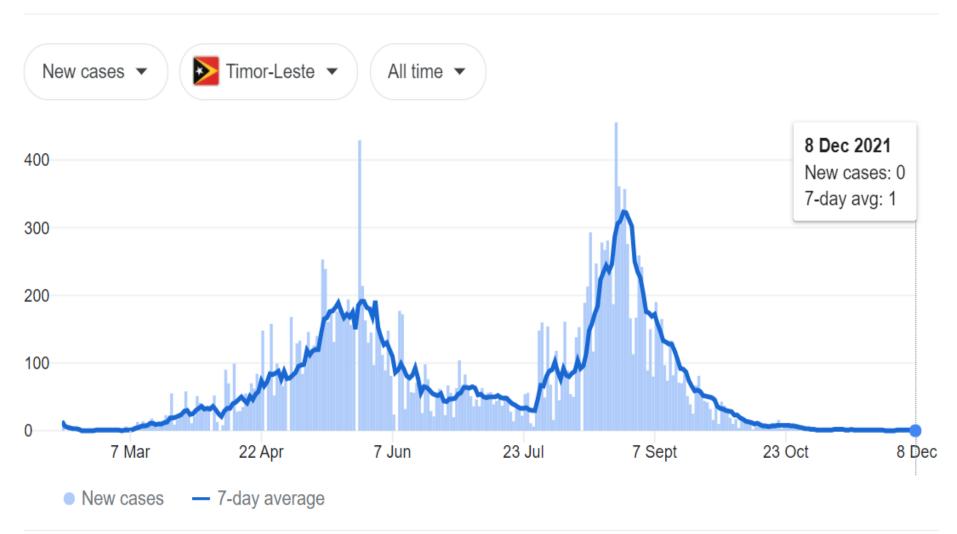
Deaths 122

465K (**35.3%**) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- The Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) has imposed temporary measures in response to COVID-19 until March 19, 2022.
- During this period, airports, ports and land borders will remain closed as there continues to be a significant number of COVID infections in the country. During the above mentioned period of closure exceptions will apply.
- Entry restrictions apply to all travellers (air, land and sea) and can change with little notice. Travellers must provide a negative COVID-19 test on arrival and be subject to mandatory quarantine at a location determined by authorities, likely at their own expense, and additional testing. Travellers may be asked to provide details on their vaccination status.

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# **INDOCHINA**

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#### Thailand Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 1.97 M Deaths 19,717

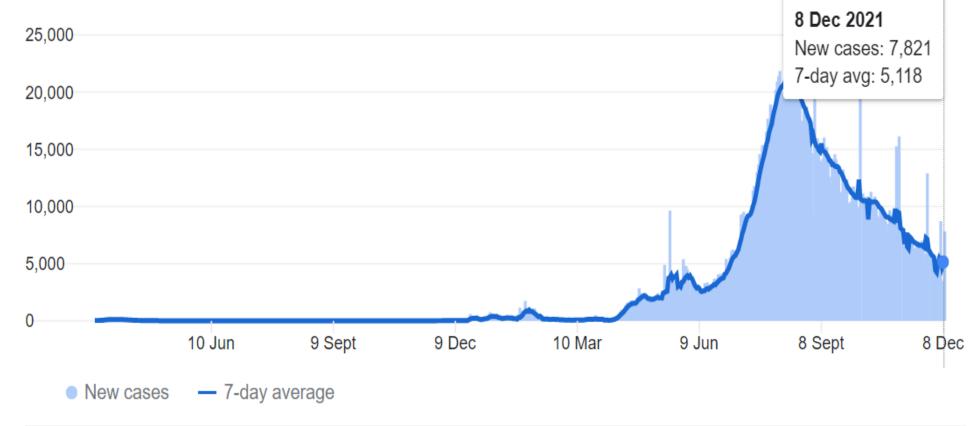
42.5M **(60.9%)** of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- From November 1, Thailand began allowing vaccinated international travelers who have resided in one of 63 countries and territories for at least 21 days to enter without having to enter into a lengthy quarantine.
- They do, however, need to stay in a governmentapproved hotel for one night while they await the results of their Covid-19 test.
- Travelers who have not been fully vaccinated are required to quarantine in an approved hotel for 10 days.

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# Vietnam Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

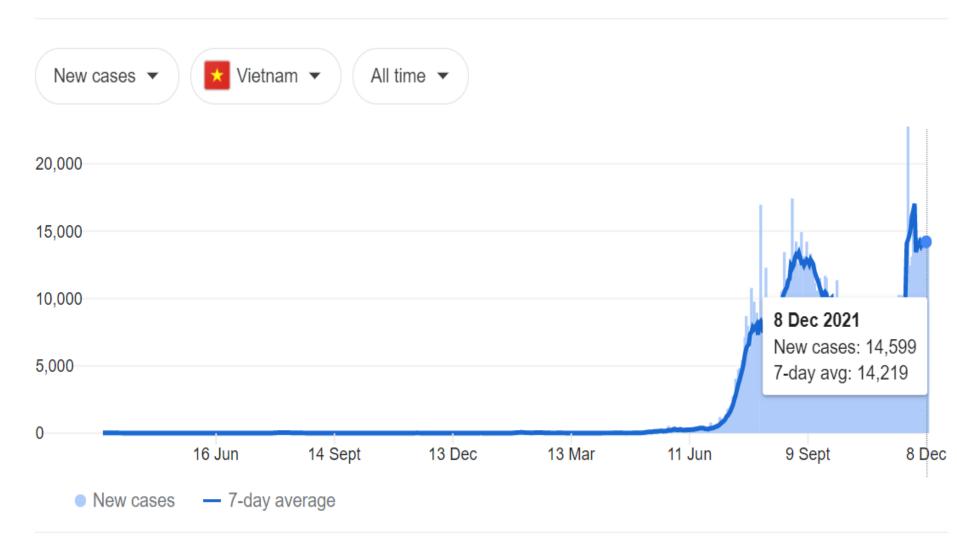
Confirmed cases 976.6 K Death 22,592

55M (**56.5%**) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Vietnam has temporarily suspended entry of all foreigners and overseas Vietnamese via commercial flights into Vietnam. Vietnam may grant entry visas to foreigners with diplomatic and official passports; and certain investors, business managers, experts and high-skilled workers, on a case-by-case basis.
- Vietnam plans to allow fully vaccinated foreign tourists in a three-phase plan beginning in November at specific locations such as Phu Quoc, Da Nang, Hoi An, Nha Trang, and others. The second phase would begin in January 2022 with further locations added to the list with a full reopening expected sometime in June or July 2022.

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#### Nepal Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

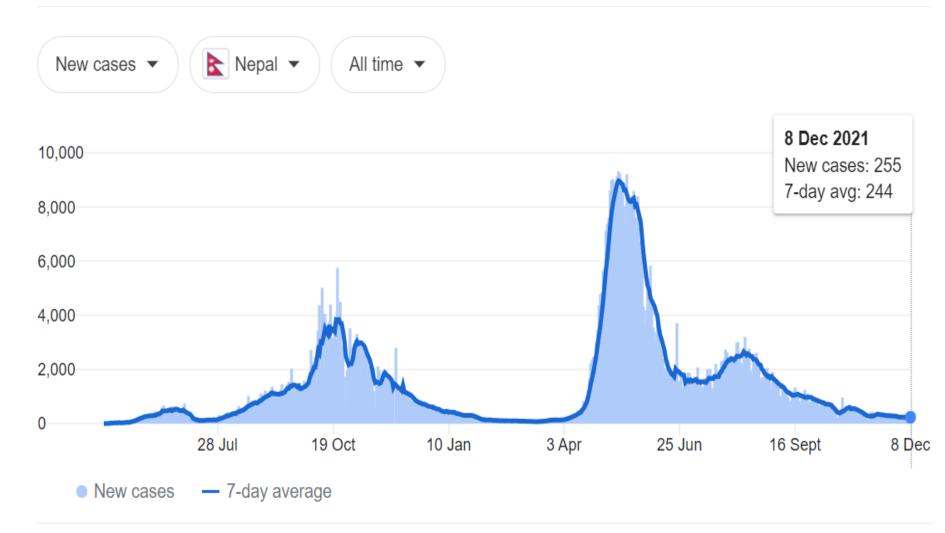
Confirmed cases 815K Deaths 11,457

8.44M (**29%**) of the population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- In view of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, all travellers entering Nepal are required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or produce a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test completed no more than 72 hours prior to departure.
- Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated passengers are also required to show a pre-approved visa and proof of a hotel booking that allows at least ten days of quarantine in Nepal.
- Travellers are required to purchase travel insurance that covers health, immediate crisis, or rescue for the duration of travel, and complete an online International Travel Arrival form.

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#### Myanmar Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

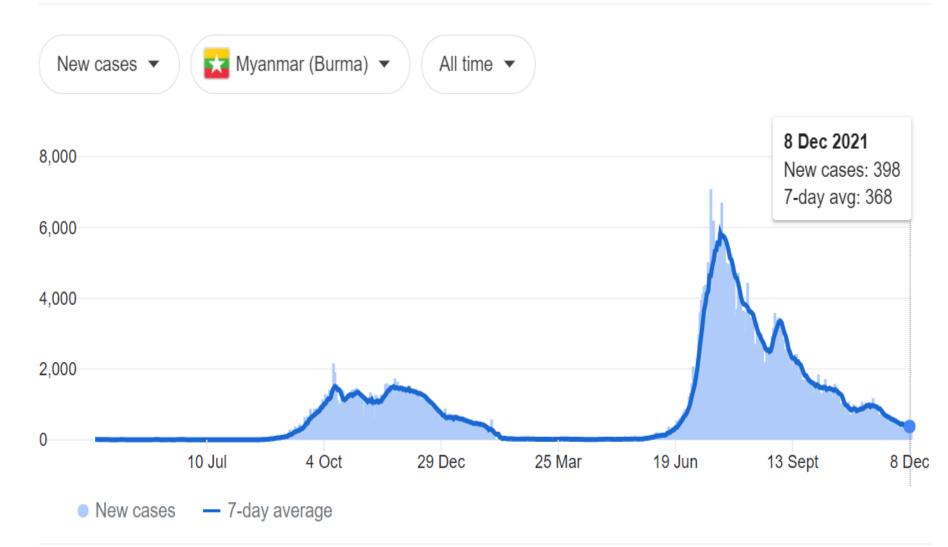
Confirmed cases 507.8K Deaths 18,838

11.6M **(21.3%)** of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Myanmar has announced that it hopes to begin welcoming international tourists in early 2022.
- While most nations that closed their borders over the past two years did so solely to prevent the spread of Covid-19, but Myanmar is also still dealing with the aftereffects of a February 2021 coup in which a military junta overthrew the country's democratically elected government.
- Meanwhile, some international travelers are being warned by their own governments to stay away, due to both Covid concerns and instability in the wake of the coup.

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#### Cambodia Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

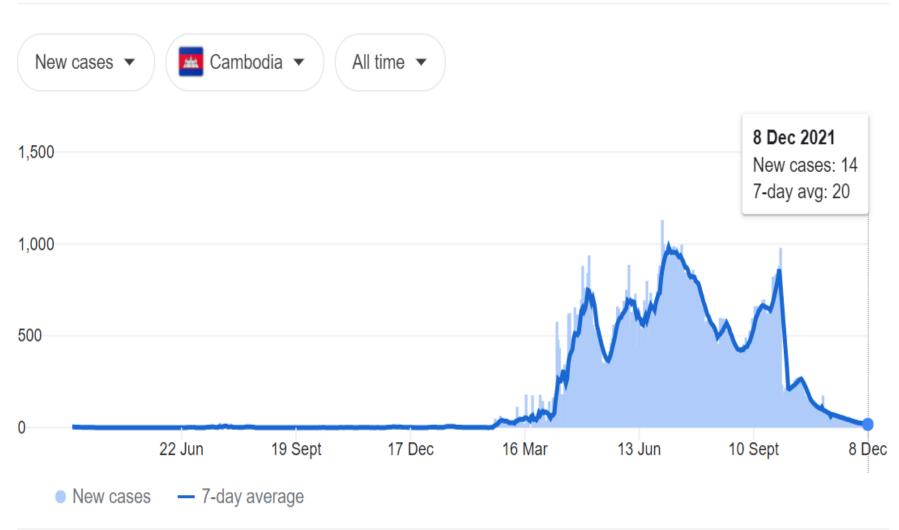
Confirmed cases 119K Deaths 2,834

13.4M (**80.2%**) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Cambodia has resumed visa exemptions for Singaporeans for up to 30 days. Those who intend to stay in Cambodia for longer periods are required to apply for a visa online.
- <u>Fully vaccinated</u> travellers should present proof of vaccination, including dates and types of vaccinations taken
- Purchase of COVID-19 medical insurance is strongly encouraged, although not mandatory.
- <u>Fully vaccinated</u> travellers will take a COVID-19 antigen test upon arrival in Cambodia, and will have to wait about 15 to 20 minutes for the test results.
- Once a negative test result is obtained no quarantine is needed.

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# **SOUTH ASIA**

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#### India Covid situation update as of 7 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 34.4M Deaths 461.2K

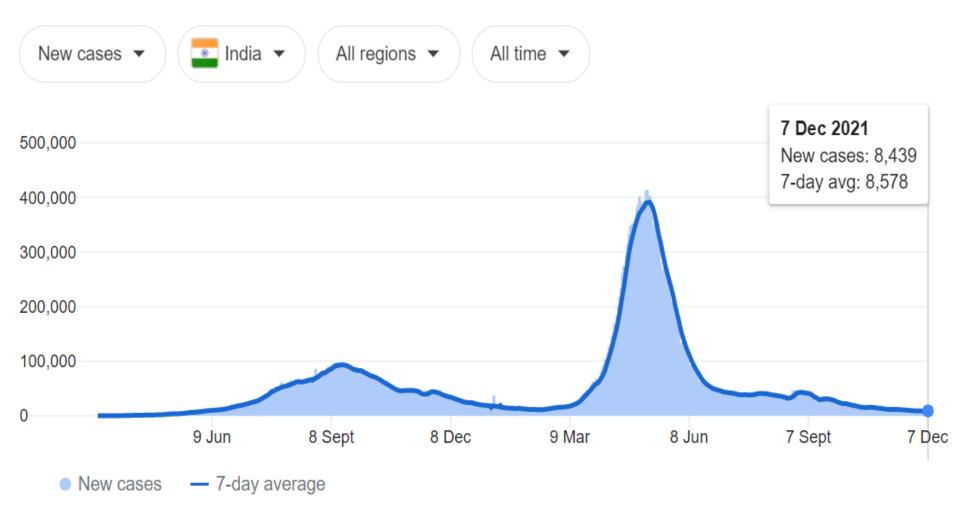
# 487M (**35.3%**) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- India requires all arrivals to submit an online self-declaration form and have proof of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure for India.
- Since 1 December 2021, India has also required arrivals from Singapore to undergo a self-paid COVID RT-PCR test at the airport and be tested negative before they can leave the airport. Those who test positive will be taken to an appropriate medical facility for isolation and treatment.
- Given that travel guidelines can change regularly, and there may be additional state-level requirements imposed, travellers to India are advised to check the entry requirements imposed by the Indian authorities at the official website of the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

at https://www.mohfw.gov.in.

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## Sri Lanka Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

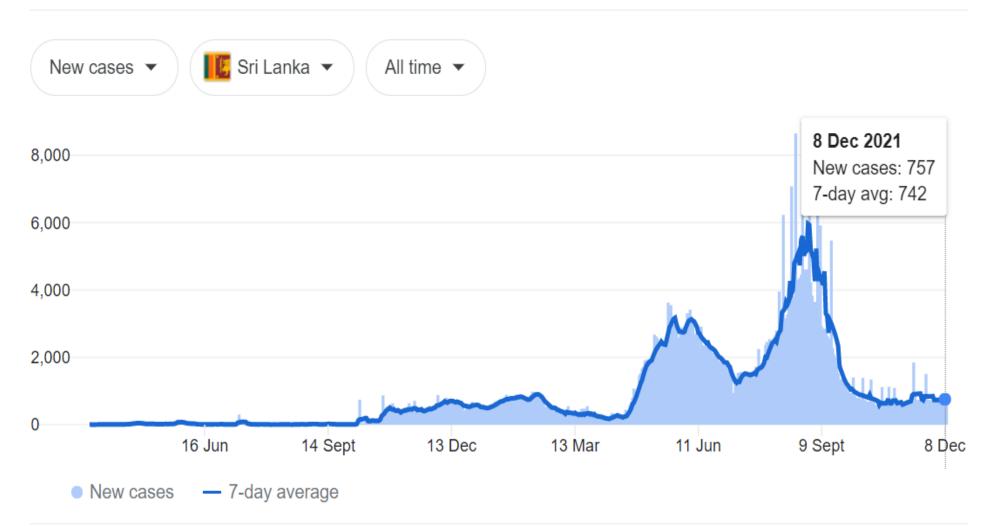
Confirmed cases 545.6K Deaths 13,871

13.8M (**62.8%**) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- All visitors to Sri Lanka are to apply for a visa online through eta.gov.lk prior to departure.
- Travelers must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. The test must be taken a maximum of 72 hours before departure.
- Fully vaccinated travelers are not required to quarantine on arrival.
- Non-vaccinated travellers are required to pre-pay for mandatory on-arrival PCR tests at <u>visitsrilanka.gov.lk</u> and are permitted to stay at approved hotels and are permitted to visit approved tourist sites.

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# EAST ASIA

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#### Mongolia Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

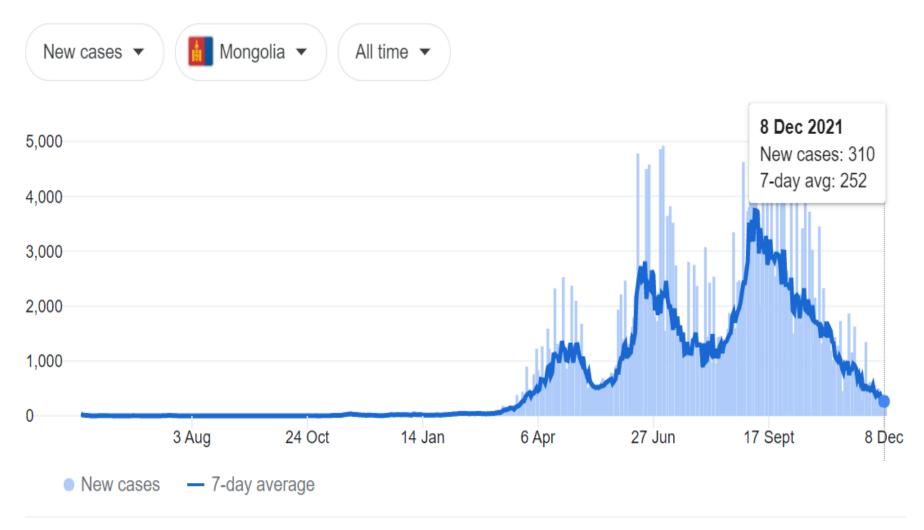
Confirmed cases 367.4K Deaths 1,825

2.15M (**65.7%**) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- Travelers are allowed to enter Mongolia.
- On arrival in Mongolia, one must present a negative COVID-19 (PCR) test result taken within 72 hours and then quarantine in a hotel for 7 days at your own expense, followed by a further seven days of self-isolation at home. Fully vaccinated persons are subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival and self-isolation for 14 days;
- Movement restrictions between Ulaanbaatar and the provinces are in place. Current restrictions are in place until 31 December.

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#### Japan Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

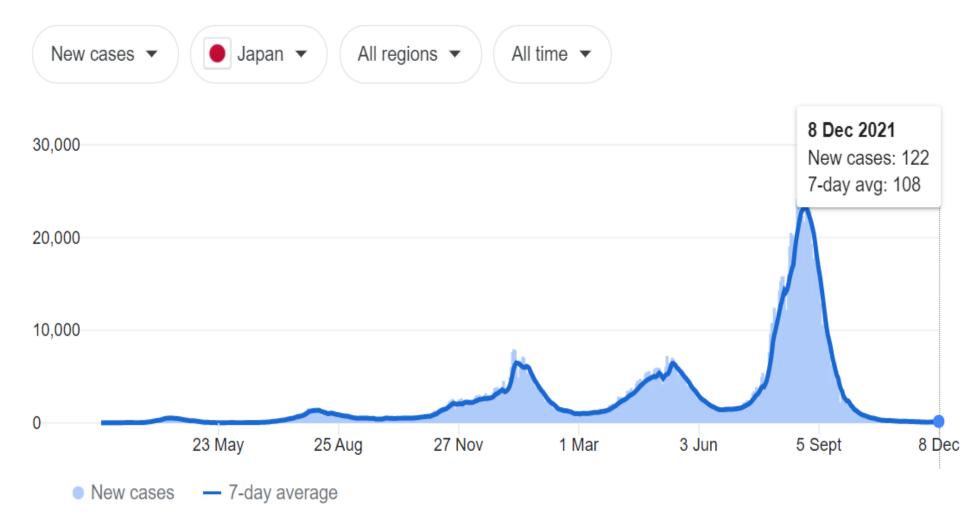
Confirmed cases 1.72M Deaths 18,306

97.8M (**77.7%**) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- Due to the spread of the omicron variant of the coronavirus, Japan closed its borders to all new foreign arrivals again from November 30 until December 31, 2021.
- It is undecided when regular tourists will again be able to enter the country.

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#### Mainland China Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

Confirmed cases 99,371 Deaths 4,636 (as at 1 Feb)

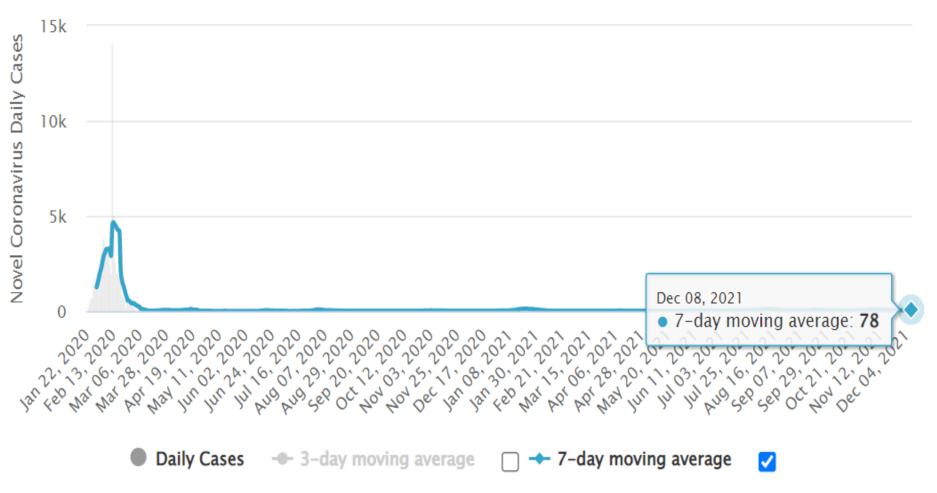
1.11B of the population have been fully vaccinated to date.

# Daily New Cases in China

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Cases per Day Data as of 0:00 GMT+0

- 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.
- Travellers from
  Singapore to China are
  required to apply for a
  green health declaration
  code with the "HDC"
  mark from the PRC
  Embassy. They are also
  required to upload the
  vaccination records
  generated from Health
  Hub as well as their
  nucleic acid and N
  protein antibody test or
  IgM antibody test



#### Taiwan Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

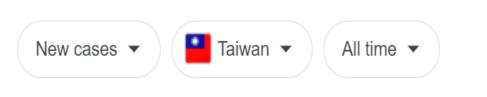
Confirmed cases 16.446 Deaths 847

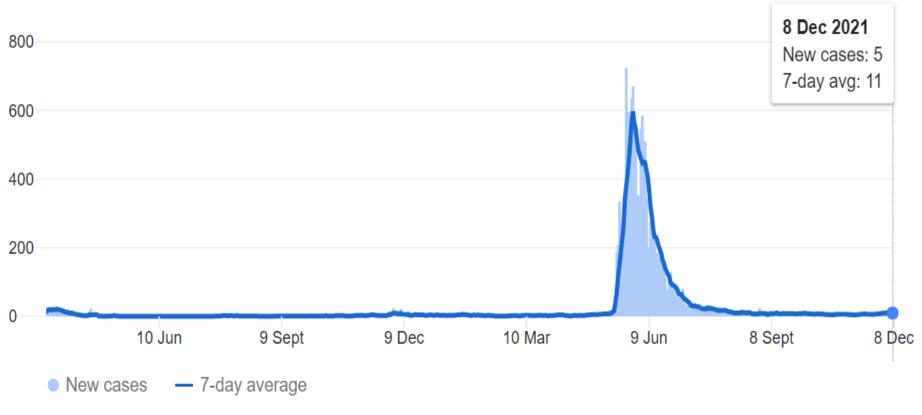
14.5M (**61.7%**) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Taiwan's Centres for Disease Control announced a temporary ban on all foreign nationals entering, or transiting in Taiwan with the exception of residents.
- All passengers (Taiwanese nationals or foreign nationals with ARC) coming to Taiwan are required to provide a certificate of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result issued within three days (flight schedule time) prior to boarding the flight to Taiwan.
- There will be an additional 7 days of self-health management after the 14-day quarantine.

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#### Hong Kong Covid situation update as of 8 Dec 2021

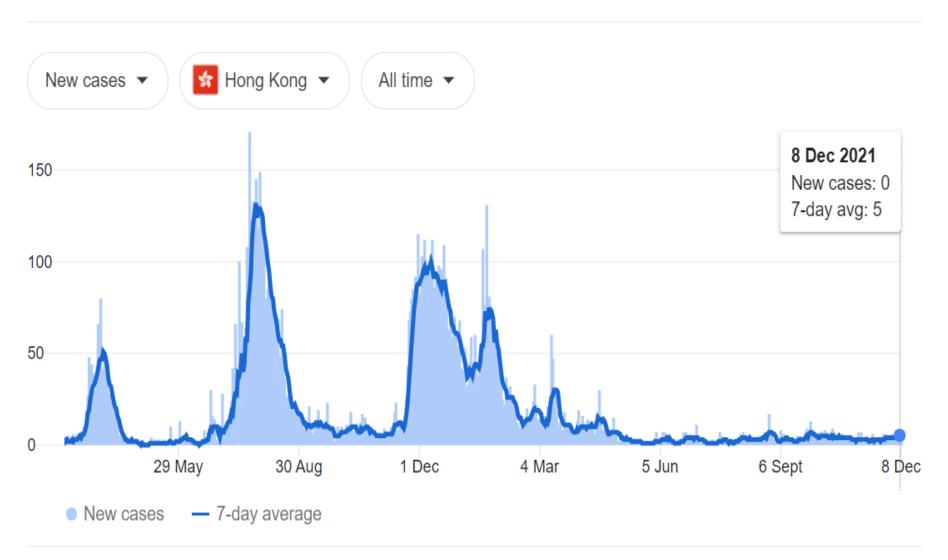
Confirmed cases 12,369 Deaths 213

4.56M (**60.9%)** of total population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Hong Kong tightened coronavirus travel restrictions to bring it more into line with the Chinese mainland,
- Hong Kong residents and non-• Hong Kong Residents who have been fully undergó vaccinated will compulsory quarantine for 14 days а designated in quarantine hotel. They will have to undergo four tests during compulsory quarantine and self-monitor for the subsequent seven days.
- Non-Hong Kong residents travelling from Singapore, and who have not been fully vaccinated, are not allowed to board flights for Hong Kong.

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# **Summary as of 8 December 2021**

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

- In living with Covid-19, Singapore is taking concerted steps to open travel lanes with more places where people can travel to and from without quarantine. The experience to date with the Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTLs) has shown that Singapore can open up air travel in a safe way. The government will further simplify travel protocols to safely and seamlessly reconnect with the rest of the world.
- Covid cases have dipped in Malaysia, but even more in Indonesia, the Philippines and in Timor Leste over the past week. However, Singapore's cases have not returned to pre-September numbers and are hovering around a weekly average of about 750. Although Singapore and Malaysia remain high in vaccination rates, the rate in the other SEA countries remains low, around 35 per cent.
- In Indochina, the spread is mainly on a downward. However, it remains high in Thailand and has shot up to over 14 thousand in Vietnam this past week. Cases have fallen sharply in Nepal, with a downward trend in Myanmar and Cambodia. Except fofor Cambodia which has a vaccination rate of about 80% of the population, and Thailand and Vietnam with 60% and 56% of the population fully vaccinated respectively, the other countries in Indochina have very low vaccination rates for their populations.
- In South Asia, the spread in India is plateauing to a daily average at around 8 thousand cases, while in Sri Lanka cases have dropped to a daily average of around 700, this past week. Vaccination rate in India remains low at about 35% for the large population. However, Sri Lanka has picked up the vaccination rate and has vaccinated more than 62% of the population.
- In East Asia, the spread in Mongolia is on a downward trend averaging daily at around 250 cases. Japan has seen a good recovery and is now averaging around 100 cases daily. In Taiwan and Hong Kong cases have plateaued to single digit numbers while in China, cases are averaging below 80 cases daily this past week. Taiwan has caught up with countries in the region and is doing well in their vaccination exercise.

For detailed information click here.