

COVID SITUATIONAL UPDATE BY COUNTRY

AS OF 16 FEBRUARY 2022



SINGAPORE BORDER CONTROL MEASURES

For Singapore Residents and Long-term Pass Holders

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) will restore and extend the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) and put back on track its plans to reopen Singapore's borders safely. CAAS will lift the 50% cap on the daily number of VTL travellers entering Singapore by air and progressively restore the VTL quota from 5,000 to 15,000[1] by 4 March 2022, together with the cautious and calibrated expansion of the VTL to more countries/regions.

Singapore will be launching the first Vaccinated Travel Lane arrangement via sea (VTL (Sea)) from Batam and Bintan in Indonesia, as part of its efforts to gradually restore transport connectivity. Fully vaccinated travellers from Batam and Bintan may enter Singapore under the VTL (Sea) from 25 February 2022, and applications for the Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP (Sea)) will open on 22 February 2022. For a start, the VTL (Sea) will allow up to 350 travellers weekly from NIFT in Batam, and another 350 travellers weekly from BBTFT in Bintan to Singapore's Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal

The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) will be restoring the VTL (Land) quota and streamlining the border measures for VTL (Land). 2. The VTL (Land) quota will be fully reinstated from 22 February 2022 onwards. Sales for the additional bus tickets, for travel from 22 February 2022 onwards, will commence with immediate effect.

To tackle the COVID-19 situation, many countries have imposed entry restrictions and border closures. Please refer to the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\) Travel Centre website](#) when planning your travel routes.

- 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 Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 515K

Deaths 926

4.82M (**84.8%**) of population has been fully vaccinated to date.

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Malaysia Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 3.11M

Deaths 32,201

25.7M (79.5%) of population fully vaccinated to date.

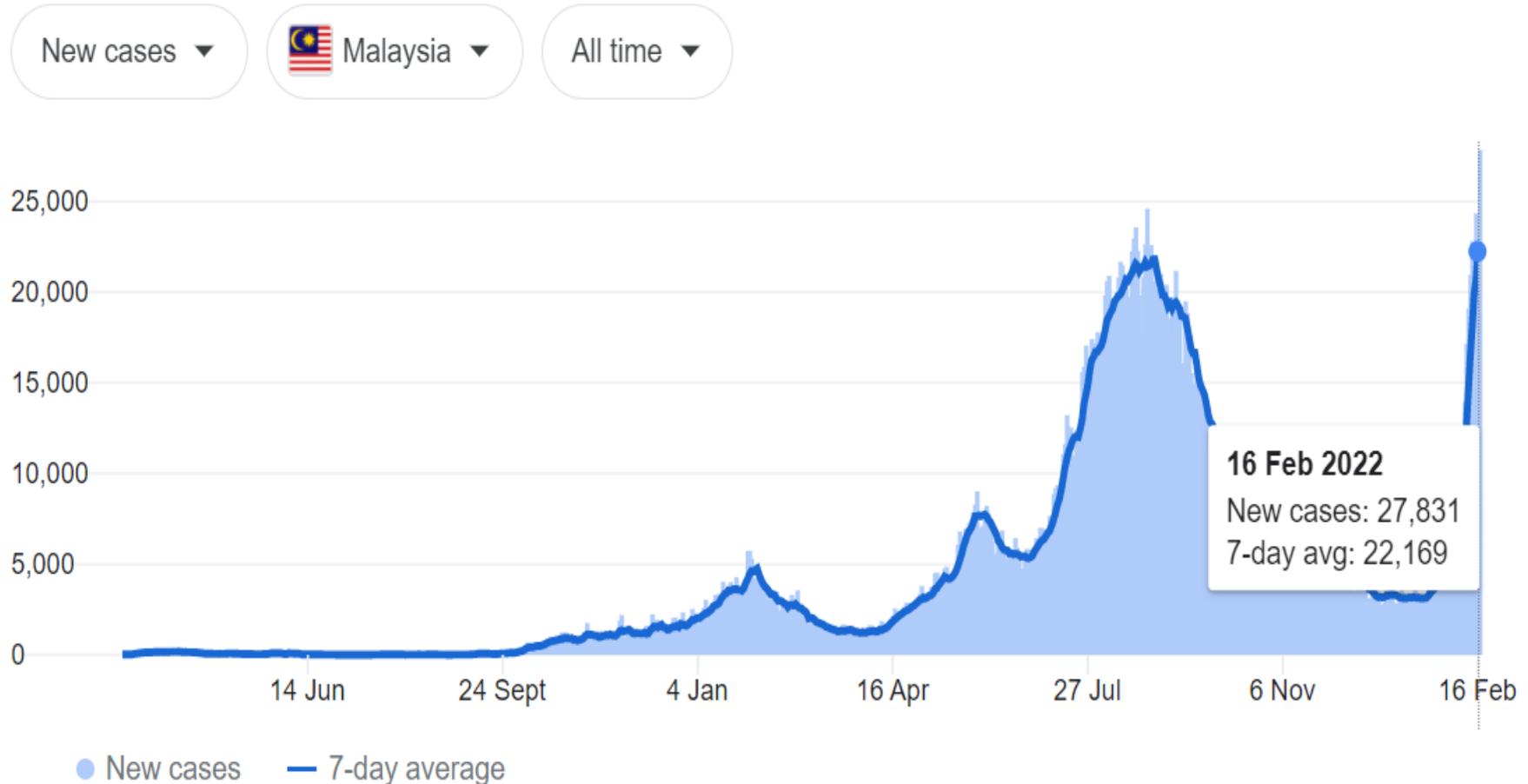
The vaccinated travel lane (land) quota will be fully reinstated from Feb 22, with sales of additional Singapore-Malaysia bus tickets for travel from this date commencing on Wednesday (Feb 16).

Only work permit holders and short-term visitors eligible to travel via VTL land will have to apply for a vaccinated travel pass (VTP) now. Other long-term pass holders will no longer have to apply for a VTP.

The travel history requirement will also be reduced from 14 to seven days. Travellers must have stayed in Singapore, Malaysia, or any other VTL or low infection country in the past seven days.

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Indonesia Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 4.97 M
Deaths 146K

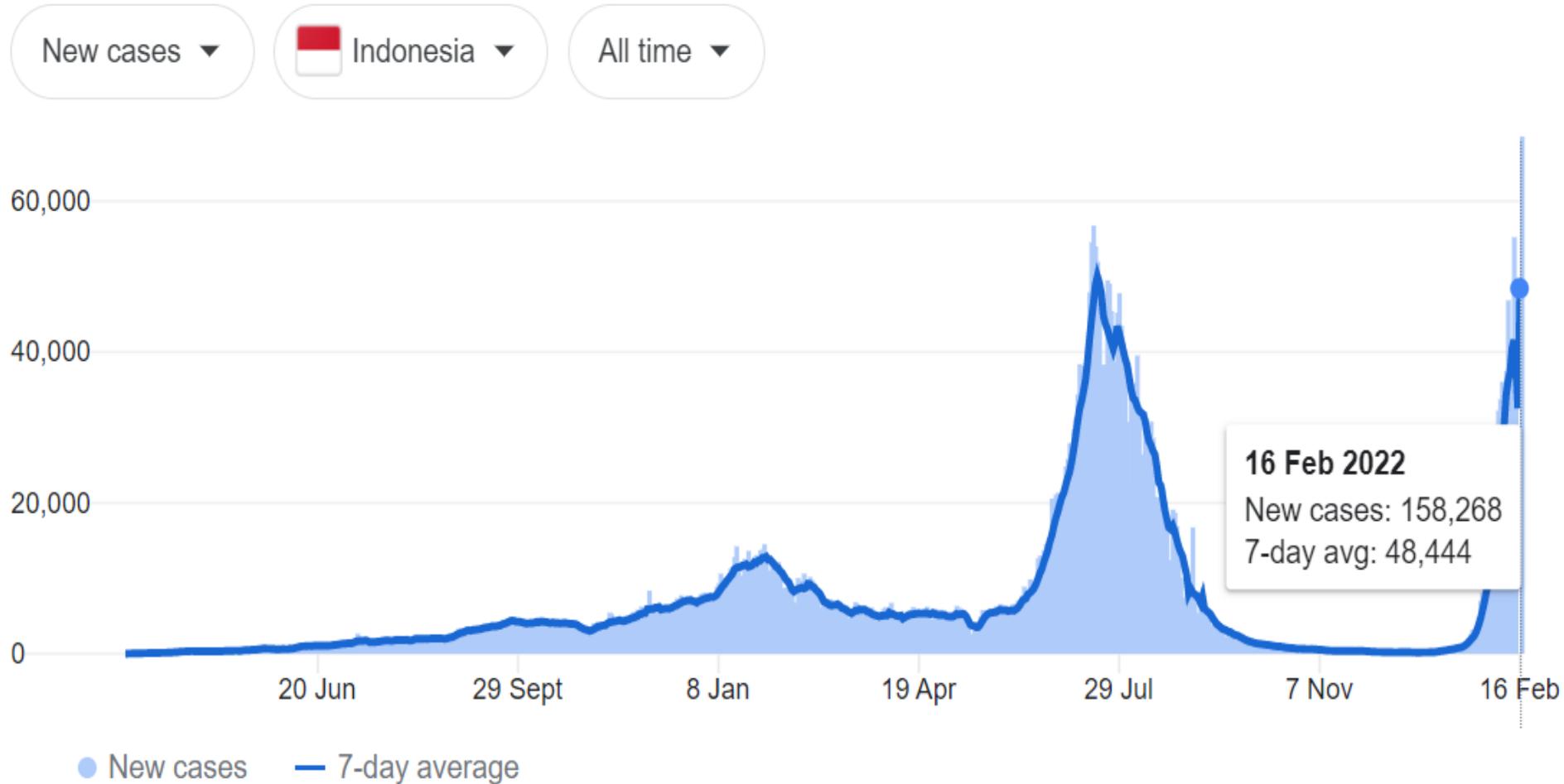
137M (50.3%) of population fully vaccinated to date.

From 2 February 2022, travellers from Singapore permitted to enter Indonesia will need to undergo a 5-day quarantine, with PCR tests done upon arrival at the airport and Day 4 of their quarantine.

They will also need to present a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to departure from Singapore.

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Philippines Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 3.65M
Deaths 55,330

61.6M (56.2%) people have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Travelers are required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result taken a maximum of 48 hours before departure from the origin country to the Philippines.
- Vaccinated travelers aged 12 years and older must have received all vaccine doses required at least 2 weeks before travel. Travelers must have a vaccination certificate that can be verified by Philippine authorities as valid or authentic.
- All travelers, including children, are required to register to the Bureau of Quarantine e-Health Declaration Card (e-HDC) up to 24 hours before their departure to the Philippines.

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Timor Leste Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 22,047

Deaths 124

566K (42.9%) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

International travel to Timor-Leste is permitted for vaccinated travelers. There are exemptions for nonvaccinated citizens and residents.

It is necessary to comply with requirements to ensure entry is allowed.

Travelers must present a valid international certificate for full vaccination against COVID-19, with the use of an approved vaccine.

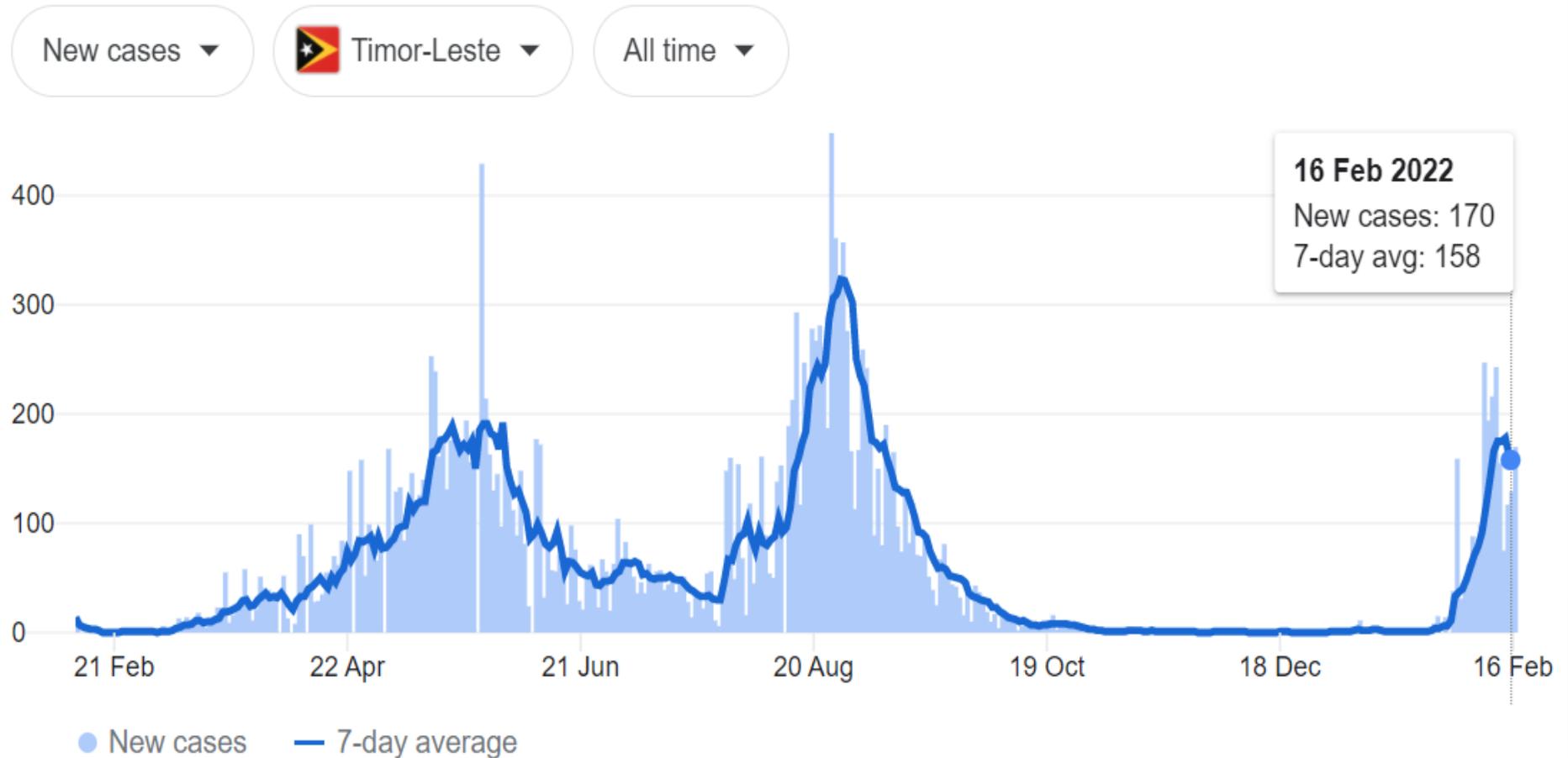
Those without proof of vaccination and testing will be subject to quarantine for 14 days.

Proof of a negative PCR test, taken within the previous 72 hours, must be provided on departure.

Although restrictions are gradually lifting, they may be re-introduced at any time and preventative health measures remain encouraged.

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Thailand Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 2.66M
Deaths 22,538

49.3M (70.6%) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

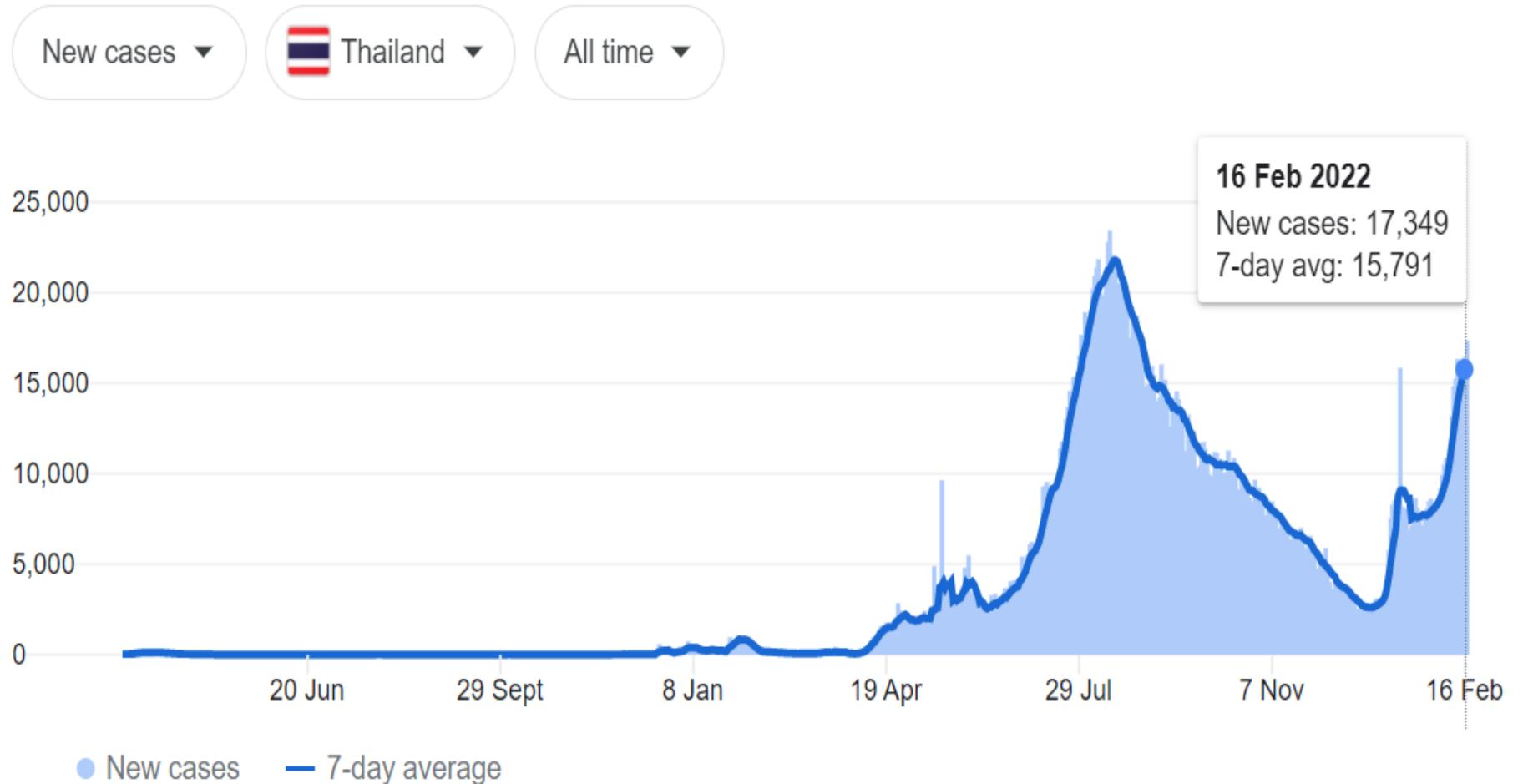
Fully vaccinated Singaporean citizens are eligible to enter and stay through quarantine-free Sandbox programs. Travelers from Singapore who prefer to have a quarantine-free stay upon arrival in Thailand are to book SHA+ hotel and stay there for at least 7 days.

Those Singaporean citizens who arrive in Bangkok or Pattaya are required to undergo a mandatory state quarantine or the Alternative State Quarantine (ASQ). They are required to stay for the required number of days depending on their vaccination status:

COVID-19 insurance is essential for the protection of passengers in the event of an emergency situation relating to Covid-19 occurring within Thailand. If a traveler is infected with the virus It will cover all of a traveler's medical expenses, including medicines, treatments, and professional care, as well as transportation.

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Vietnam Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 2.61M
Death 39,188

76.2M (78.3%) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- Vietnam lifted restrictions on the frequency of regular international flights from February 15 as per the Civil Aviation Authority of Vietnam.

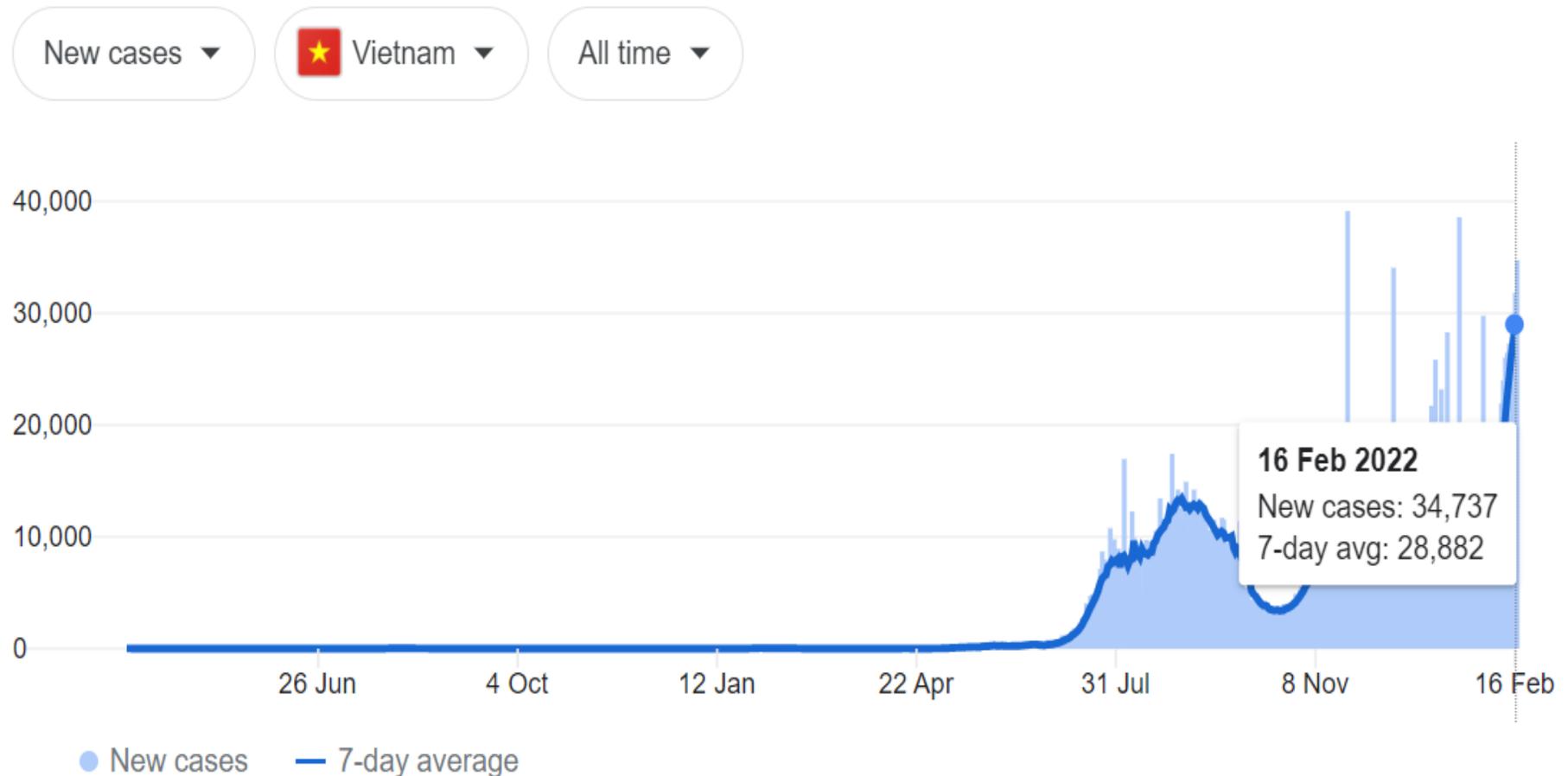
- The government has agreed to reopen Vietnam for international tourism from March 15.

Travelers coming from countries that have detected the Omicron variant will have to undergo a quick test for COVID-19 before boarding and when they arrive in Vietnam at their own cost.

Vietnam has reduced quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated international arrivals from January 1, 2022. Arrivals with negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test results would only need to self-quarantine at home or their places of accommodation for three days when they enter Vietnam.

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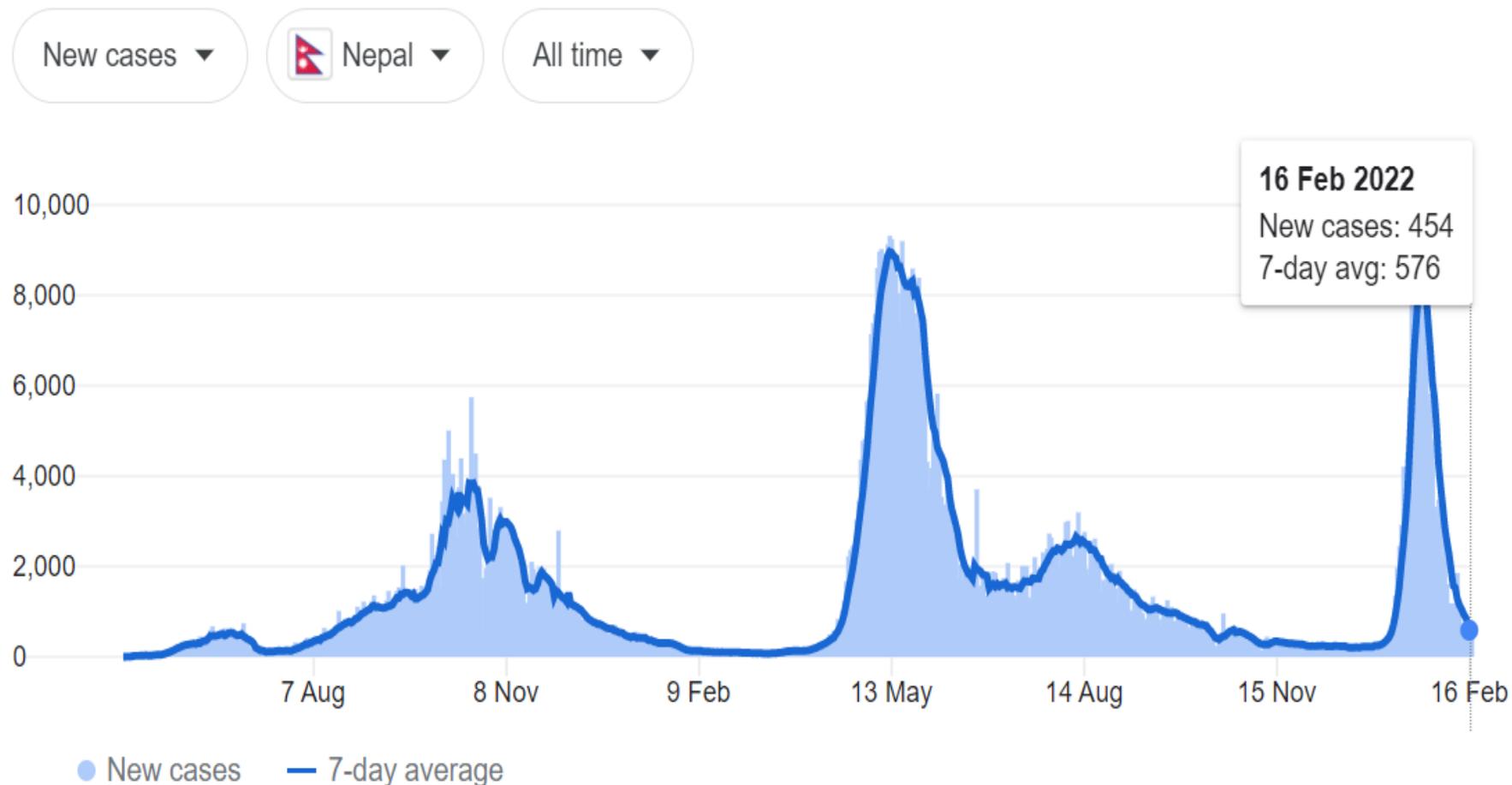
Confirmed cases 974K
Deaths 11,905

15.8M (54.2%) 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 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 554K

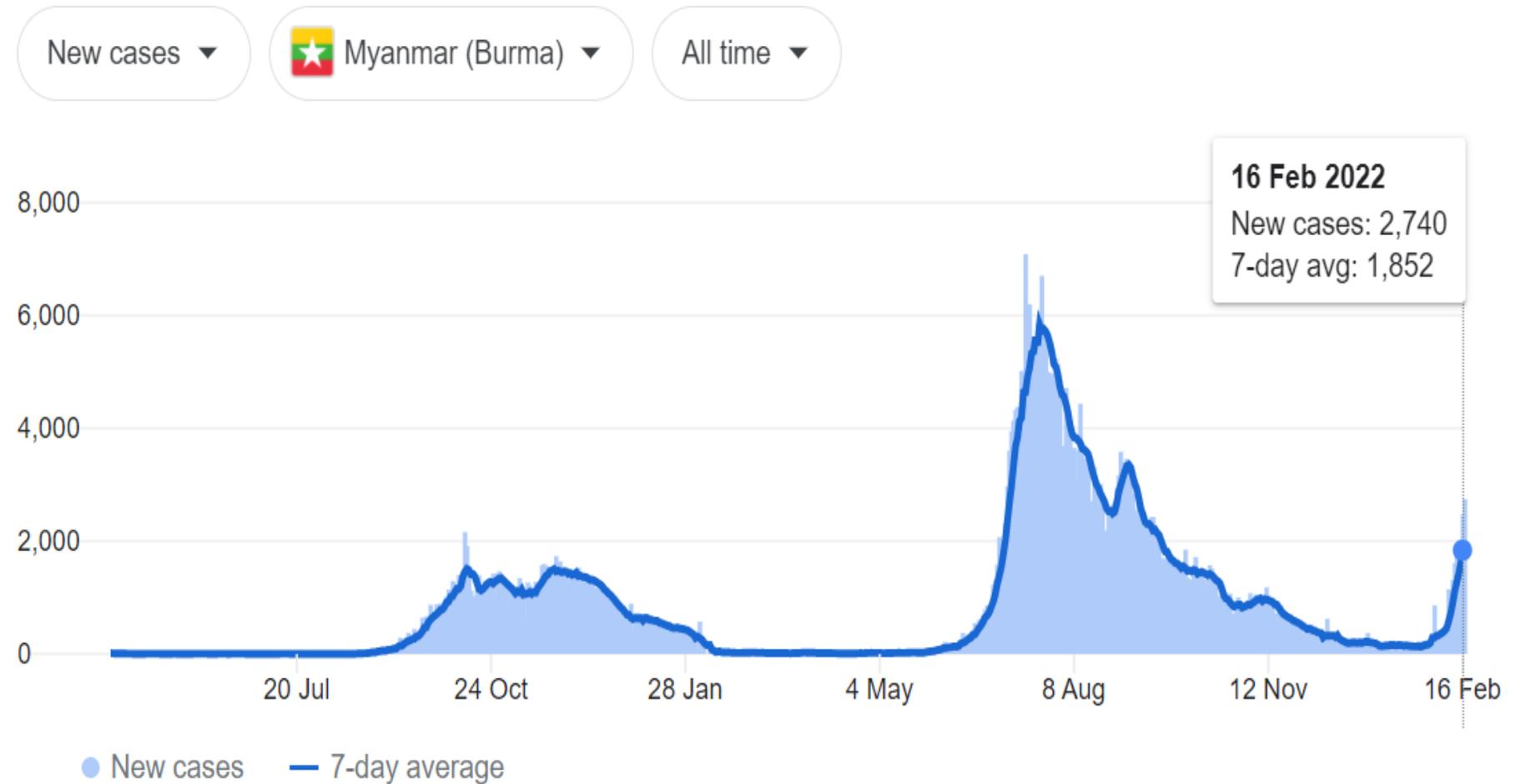
Deaths 19,318

19.2M (35.3%) of population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, Myanmar has suspended all visa-free privileges and issuance of visas.
- International commercial passenger flights to and from Myanmar remain banned. Only relief flights, all-cargo flights, medical evacuation flights and special flights approved by the Myanmar Department of Civil Aviation are exempted.
- Myanmar has also closed all land borders to foreign tourists.

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Cambodia Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

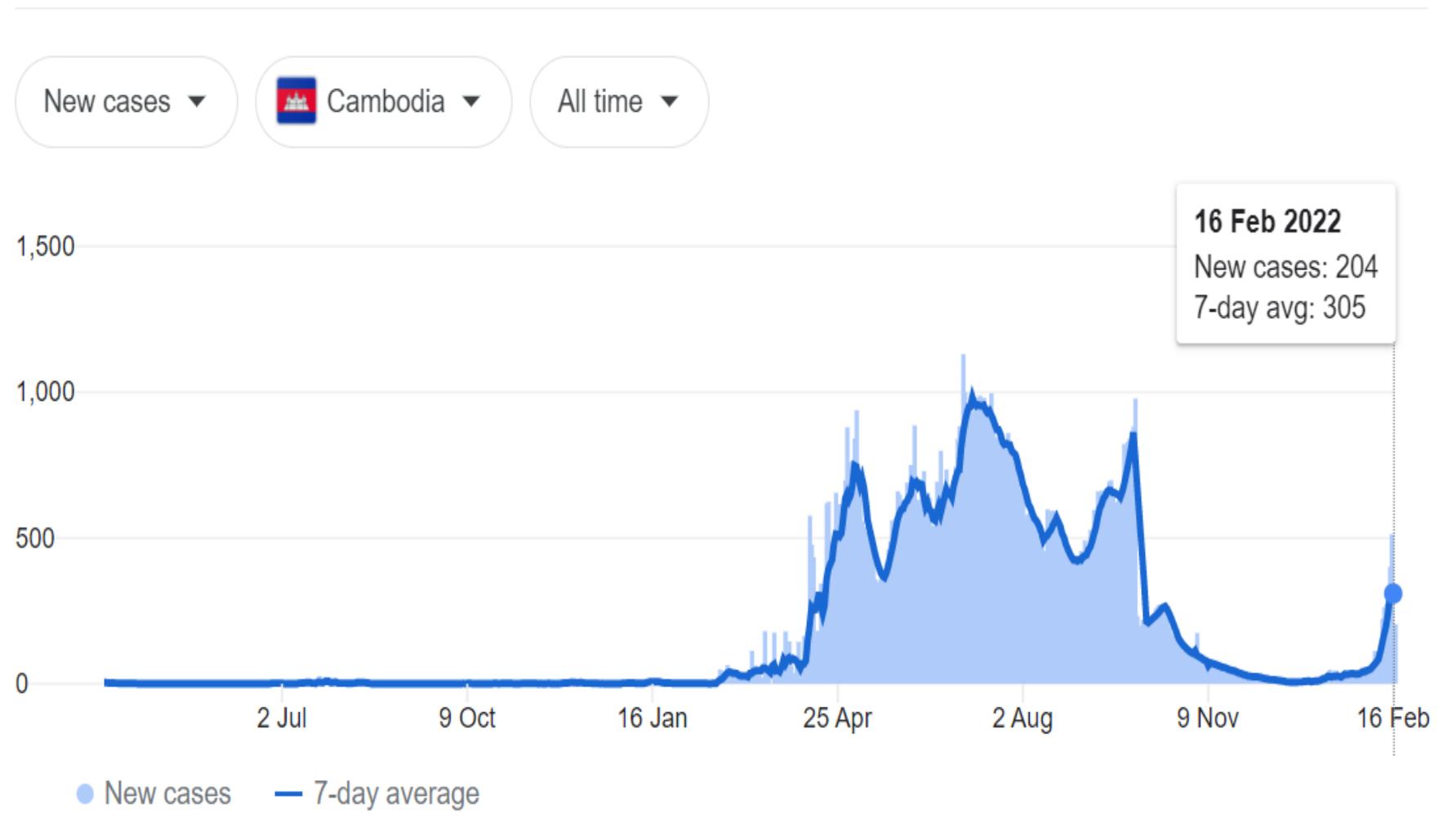
Confirmed cases 124K
Deaths 3,015

13.8M (**82.6%**) 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.
- Fully vaccinated 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.
- Fully vaccinated 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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India Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

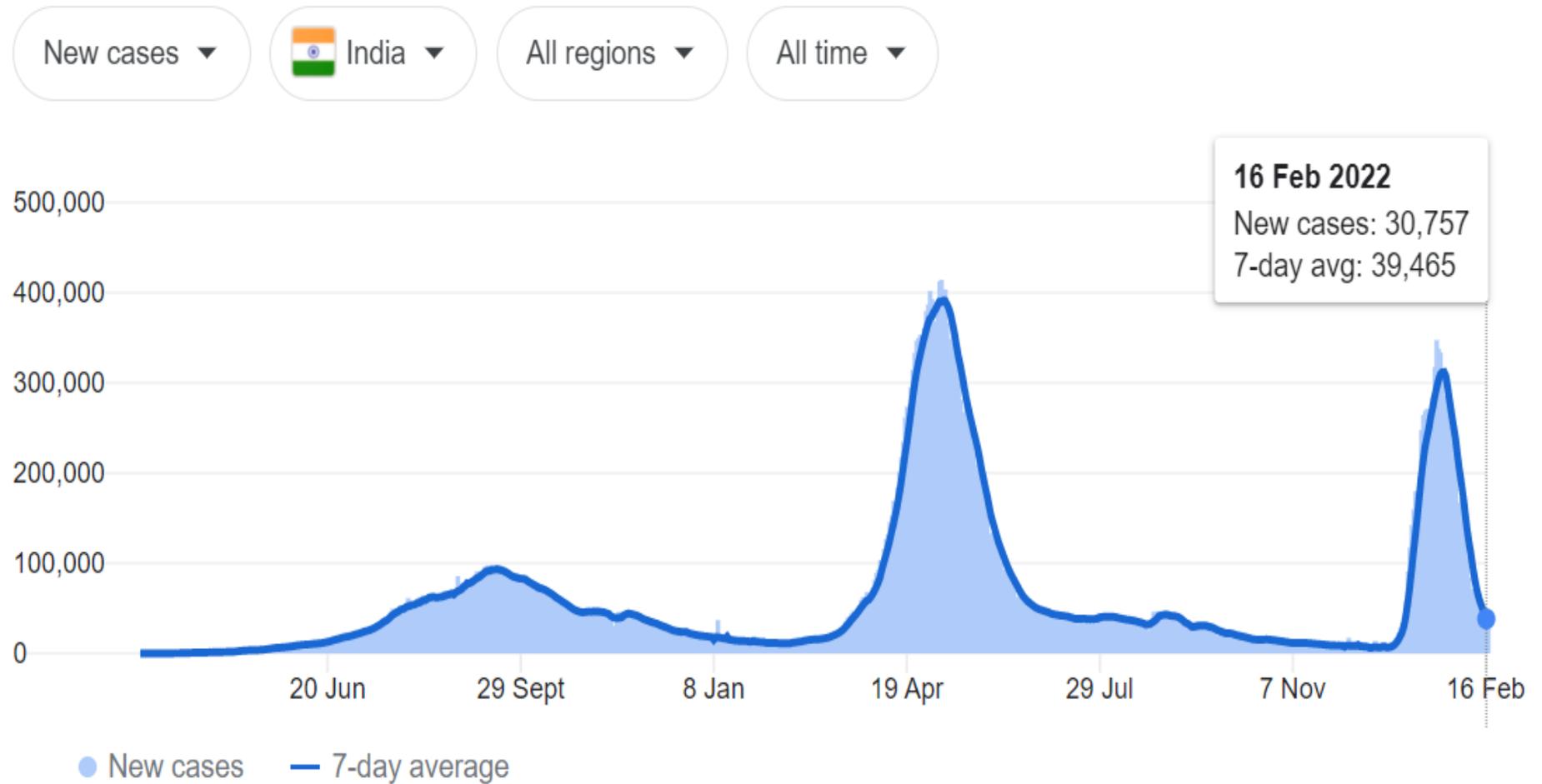
Confirmed cases 42.8M
Deaths 510K

761M (55.2%) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- Travellers from Singapore will be able to fly into India without having to serve quarantine, thus reinstating quarantine-free travel for vaccinated travellers between the two countries.
- Fully vaccinated travelers from a country with approved vaccination certificates must provide a vaccination certificate issued in one of these countries to be exempt from presenting proof of a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test result.
- Fully vaccinated travelers are required to complete an Air Suvridha self-declaration form online a maximum of 72 hours before departure to India. Travelers must upload their COVID-19 vaccination certificate during the process.
- 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 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 632K
Deaths 15,899

14M (64.1%) 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.
- Fully vaccinated travellers are not subject to on-arrival PCR tests or quarantine.
- Non-vaccinated travellers are required to pre-pay for mandatory on-arrival PCR tests at visitsrilanka.gov.lk and are permitted to stay at approved hotels and are permitted to visit approved tourist sites.
- Non-vaccinated travellers are limited to a stay not exceeding 13 nights, or 14 days.

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, you may wish to refer to the website of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB) at <https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/> for information on entry restrictions.

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Mongolia Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

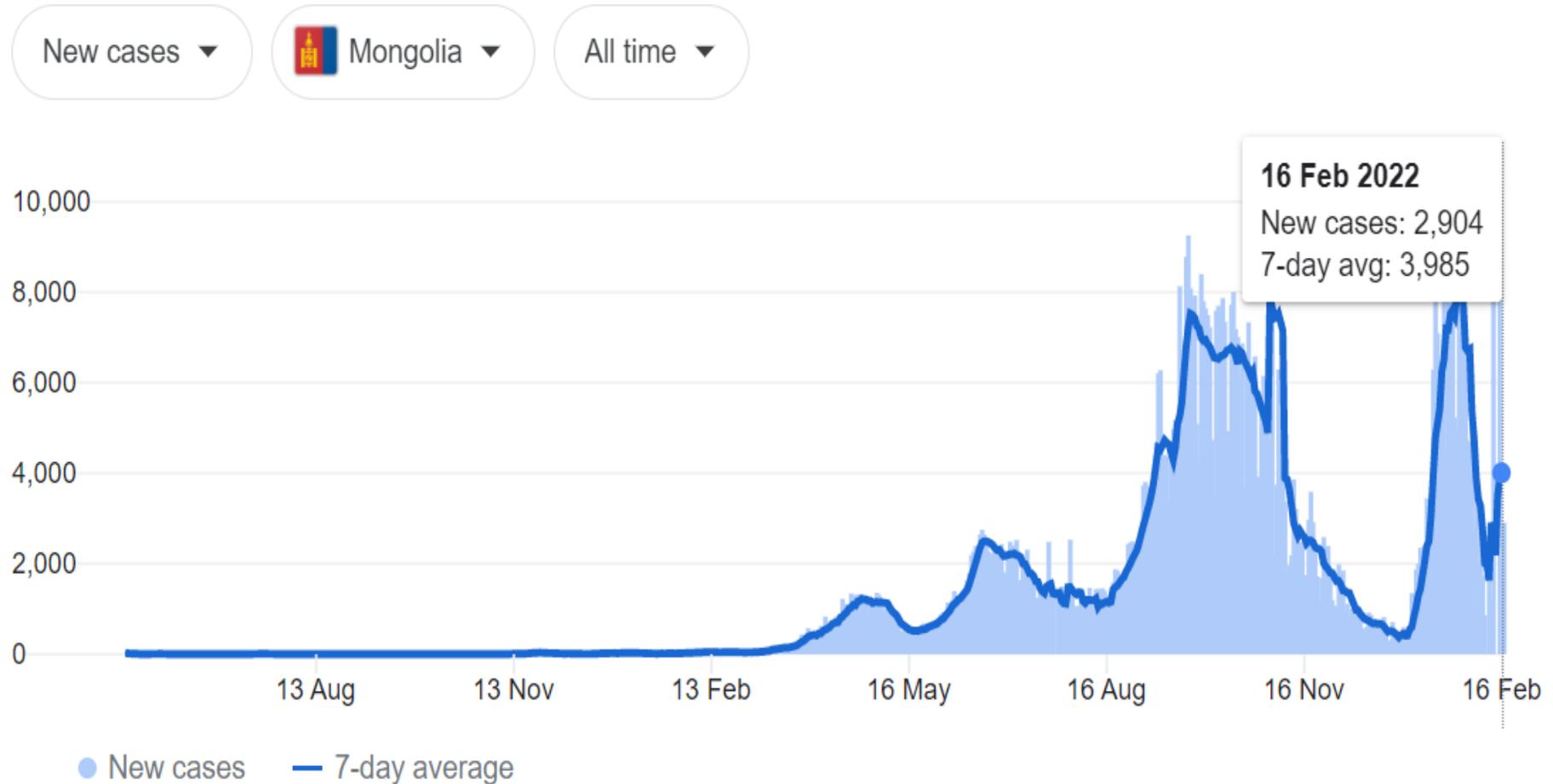
Confirmed cases 891K
Deaths 2,152

2.17M (66.2%) of population fully vaccinated to date.

- Mongolia has reopened its borders to fully vaccinated international travellers, rolling back coronavirus curbs that had kept the country isolated for two years.
- Travelers must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result. The test must be taken a maximum of 72 hours before arrival in Mongolia.
- Vaccinated travelers must have a vaccination certificate showing they have been fully vaccinated at least 14 days before their arrival.
- Travelers must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival at Chinggis Khan and Ulaanbaatar International Airports.
- Travelers who test negative are not required to quarantine on arrival. Travelers who test positive may be required to quarantine at a local hospital until medical authorities deem them non-contagious.

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Japan Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 1.76M
Deaths 18,399

100M (79.5%) of population
fully vaccinated to date.

- Japan will allow the entry of some foreigners from March 1.
- The ban will be relaxed only for work and study - not for leisure.
- The approach involves a three-tier quarantine system for arrivals of either zero, three or seven days, depending on the departure country, vaccination status, and a negative Covid-19 test result.
- 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 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 107K
Deaths 4,636 (as at 1 Feb 21)

1.23B (87%) of the population have been fully vaccinated to date.

- 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.
- As China moves into its third year of the pandemic, it is [firmly sticking to its zero-Covid-19 policy](#), ordering lockdowns and mass testing in a bid to completely eliminate the virus.
- 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 results

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Taiwan Covid situation update as of 16 Feb 2022

Confirmed cases 19,732
Deaths 852

17.7M (75.2%) 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.
- In response to rapid spread of Omicron variant, COVID-19 RT-PCR test reports required for inbound passengers must be issued within two days which is based on specimen collection date
- There will be an additional 7 days of self-health management after the 14-day quarantine.

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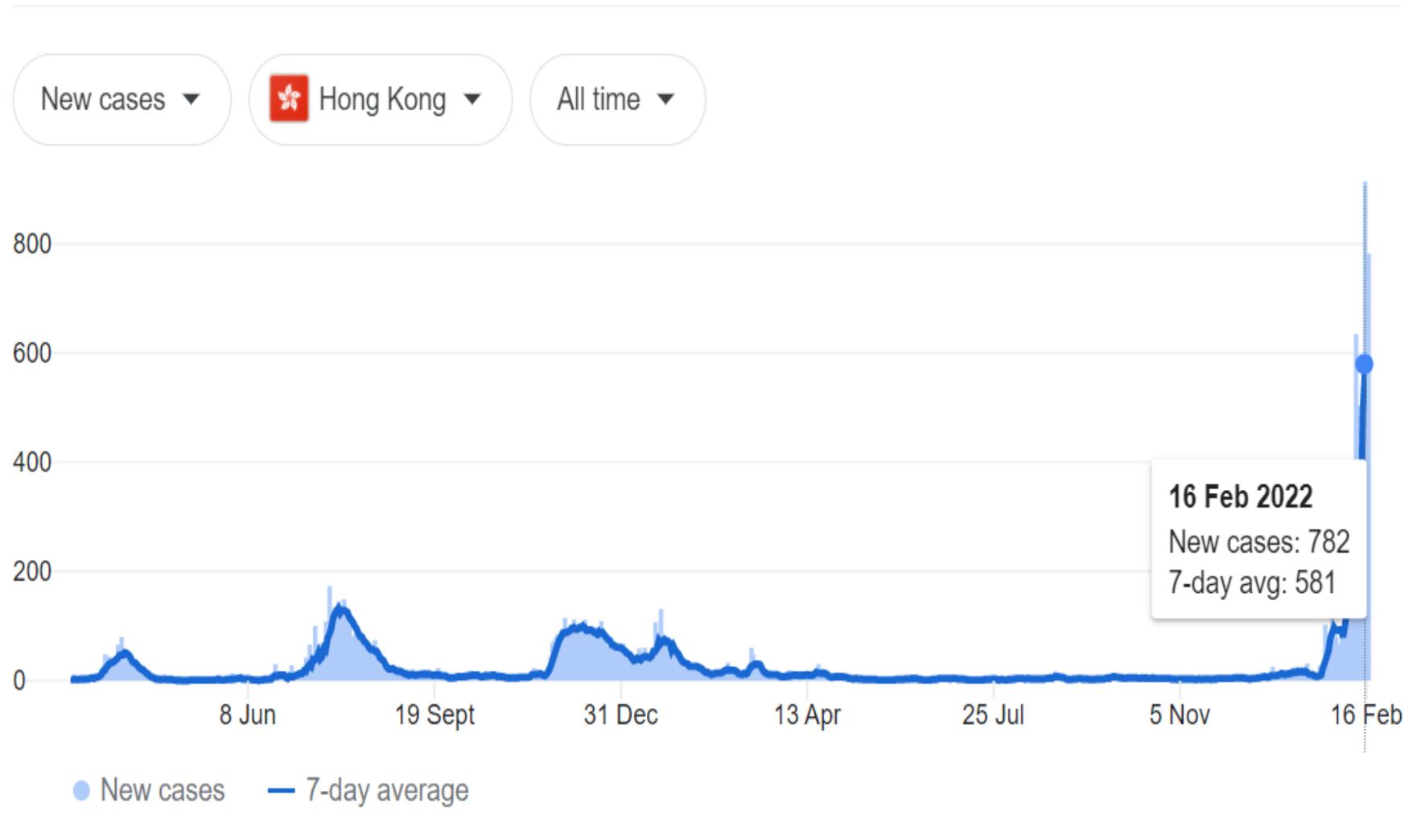
Confirmed cases 19,881
Deaths 227

4.99M (66.7%) 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 vaccinated will undergo compulsory quarantine for 14 days in a designated 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 16 February 2022

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

- Singapore is committed to reopening its economy and borders to the rest of the world. The continued opening of the vaccinated travel lanes (VTLs) for quarantine-free travel with more than 20 countries in spite of the global surge in Covid-19 cases reflects this commitment. The country will also extend VTLs to more countries when the situation permits. Singapore is committed to do our part to resume global air travel as many countries are relaxing travel restrictions
- With the full reinstatement of the VTL with Malaysia from 22 February and the streamlining of VTL measures, sale of bus tickets have commenced. However, Covid cases have been escalating in Malaysia, Indonesia and Timor Leste, but have drastically declined in the Philippines in the last week. Singapore's cases too have spiked to an average of above 12 thousand cases daily for the past week. Singapore and Malaysia remain high in vaccination rates while other SEA countries have at least 50 per cent of their respective populations vaccinated.
- In Indochina, except for Nepal where cases have fallen to an average of about 500 cases this past week, the covid spread has been escalating, particularly in Thailand (weekly average of 15 thousand) and Vietnam (weekly average of 28 thousand). Vaccination rate for all countries in the region have risen except for Myanmar which has recorded only 35 per cent the population being fully vaccinated.
- In South Asia, the spread in India has dipped to a daily average of about 40 thousand cases in the past week, from hitting over 300 thousand on 23 January. However, in Sri Lanka cases are escalating with a daily average of about 1,200 this past week. Vaccination rate in India are around 55 per cent for this large population whereas in Sri Lanka the vaccination rate is now 64 per cent of the population.
- In East Asia, the spread in Mongolia has fallen to a daily average of 4,000 cases while in Japan has seen a spike to over 82,000 cases daily, this past week. In Taiwan cases have plateaued to about 63 daily average cases but in Hong Kong cases have risen to a daily average of about 600 cases this past week. In China, cases are averaging below 90 cases daily this past week although several cities have seen lockdowns due to rising Omicron numbers. All countries in the region and is doing well in their vaccination exercises.

For detailed information click [here](#).