
The Coronavirus in Asia and ASEAN – Live Updates by Country

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ASEAN coronavirus updates (Live updates by country)

Details of COVID-19 availability in all ten ASEAN countries and another 30 Asian nations.

Due to the developing situation in China and Asia concerning the Coronavirus, we will be operating this article as a running live update service to keep businesses involved in ASEAN and Asia updated with the latest relevant regional news.

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Brunei

Brunei has joined the global Covax scheme and is expecting to have the COVID-19 vaccine in Q1 2021, having sourced enough supplies to cover 50% of the population. Discussions are on-going with other suppliers.

- Brunei reported one new case on January 12, bringing the total to 174.
- Brunei saw one new case on January 7, taking the total to 173.
- The country saw 15 new cases on January 3, taking the total to 172.
- Brunei recorded five new cases on December 30, bringing the total to 157.

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Cambodia

Cambodia is expected to import vaccines from both China and Russia. China's vaccines are still undergoing clinical trials while Russia has already commenced production. Australia has offered financial support to aid vaccine coverage in several southeast Asia countries including Cambodia.

- Cambodia reported one new case on January 11, taking the total to 392.
- Cambodia recorded four new cases on January 10, bringing the total to 391.
- The country recorded one new case on January 9, taking the total to 387.
- Cambodia saw one new case on January 8, taking the total to 386.

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Indonesia

Indonesia has commenced vaccinations with just over nine million doses being given to front line workers from last month. China's Sinovac is in discussions with Indonesia to provide supplies, however, the Government faces difficulties with a large population of 268 million and price sensitivity at Sinovac's estimated costs at 200,000 rupiah (US\$20) a dose. Indonesia's Health Ministry's Disease Control and Prevention Director-General Achmad Yurianto said that vaccinations would only be provided to citizens aged 18-59. The vaccine has also been required to pass halal certification prior to use and it is uncertain how the country can source enough vaccines to reach a sizeable part of its population. Australia has stated it will also provide financial support to solve these issues.

- Indonesia reported 10,047 new cases and 302 deaths on January 12, bringing the tallies to 846,765 cases and 24,645 deaths.
- Indonesia saw 8,692 new cases and 214 deaths on January 11, taking the totals to 836,718 cases and 24,343 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 9,640 new cases and 182 deaths on January 10, bringing the tallies to 828,026 cases and 24,129 deaths.
- Indonesia recorded 10,046 new cases and 194 deaths on January 9, taking the totals to 818,386 cases and 23,947 deaths.

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Laos

Laos has been trialing the Russian Sputnik V vaccine and is also in discussions with China about acquiring supplies.

- Laos saw two new cases on December 7, bringing the total to 41.
- Laos saw 14 new cases on November 25, taking the total to 39.
- The country saw one new case on November 17, taking the total to 25.
- One new case reported on October 21, taking the total to 24.
- One new case on September 12, taking the total to 23.
- Two new cases recorded on August 14, taking the total to 22.
- The country saw one new case on July 24, taking the total to 20.

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Malaysia

Malaysia is to provide vaccines free of charge to its nationals, but foreigners will need to pay for the treatment, according to the Malaysian Minister of Health, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who has signed a deal with Pfizer for 12.8 million doses. These will be administered in two stages of 6.4 million people each, with the program to commence in Q1 2021. The country aims to inoculate between 80-100% of its citizens.

- The country saw 3,309 new cases and four deaths on January 12, taking the totals to 141,533 cases and 559 deaths.
- Malaysia recorded 2,232 new cases and four deaths on January 11, taking the totals to 138,224 cases and 555 deaths.
- Malaysia reported 2,433 new cases and nine deaths on January 10, bringing the totals to 135,992 cases and 551 deaths.

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Myanmar

Myanmar is seeking assistance from the Gavi and Covax programs to acquire vaccines, while Australia is also providing financial relief. At present, the Government aims to treat 20 percent of the 'most at risk' in the country with vaccines. The Government is struggling with finances and logistics and is also under US sanctions, while cases are surging. The Government has banned the celebration of Christmas and other seasonal celebrations.

- The country saw 582 new cases and 12 deaths on January 11, taking the totals to 131,186 cases and 2,858 deaths.
- Myanmar recorded 555 new cases and 20 deaths on January 10, bringing the totals to 130,604 cases and 2,846 deaths.
- Myanmar reported 566 new cases and 14 deaths on January 9, bringing the totals to 130,049 cases and 2,826 deaths.

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Philippines

The Philippines aims to commence vaccinations from June 2021 and expects to inoculate about 25 million people (about 25 percent of its population) over the course of the year. The country has been badly affected by the virus and has the second-highest rate in Southeast Asia. The business community has reacted, more than 30 local companies signed an agreement to purchase at least 2.6 million vaccine doses from AstraZeneca in the country's first such deal to secure coronavirus vaccines, ten days ago. They plan to donate a large part of the doses to the government for its planned vaccination program and use the rest to inoculate their employees.

- The country reported 1,524 new cases and 139 deaths on January 12, bringing the totals to 491,258 cases and 9,554 deaths.
- The Philippines saw 2,052 new cases and 11 deaths on January 11, taking the totals to 489,736 cases and 9,416 deaths.
- The Philippines reported 1,906 new cases and eight deaths on January 10, bringing the totals to 487,690 cases and 9,405 deaths.
- The Philippines reported 1,952 new cases and 34 deaths on January 9, bringing the tallies to 485,797 cases and 9,398 deaths.

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Singapore

Singapore has been working on producing its own 'Lunar' vaccine, in a joint venture between the US company Arcturus together with the Duke-NUS medical school. It is a single dose, mRNA shot, developed from genetically engineering COVID-19 genes into an otherwise harmless virus. This technique is marginally safer than other vaccines which rely on dead Covid-19 material to provoke an immune response. The vaccine is

expected to be available from Q1 2021. High-risk personnel will receive the vaccine first in a process to be determined by the government.

- Singapore reported 17 new cases on January 12, taking the total to 58,946 amid 29 deaths.
- Singapore recorded 22 new cases on January 11, bringing the total to 58,929 cases amid 29 deaths.
- The country saw 42 new cases on January 10, taking the total to 58,907 amid 29 deaths.
- Singapore reported 29 new cases on January 9, bringing the total to 58,865 amid 29 deaths.
- Singapore recorded 23 new cases on January 8, taking the total to 58,836 amid 29 deaths.

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Thailand

Thailand is currently expecting vaccines to be delivered in mid-2021. The doses would cover 13 million people in a population of about 69 million. Thailand's National Vaccine Institute signed a non-refundable advance market commitment contract worth 2.38 billion baht (US\$79 million) with AstraZeneca to reserve the supplies. Discussions are also on-going with Oxford University in the UK to secure a vaccine that could be available in Q1 if trials are completed in time.

- Thailand recorded 287 new cases on January 12, taking the total to 10,834 amid 67 deaths.
- Thailand saw 249 new cases on January 11, bringing the total to 10,547 amid 67 deaths.
- Thailand reported 245 new cases on January 10, taking the total to 10,298 amid 67 deaths.
- The country reported 212 new cases on January 9, bringing the total to 10,053 cases amid 67 deaths.
- Thailand saw 205 new cases on January 8, bringing the total to 9,841 cases amid 76 deaths.
- Thailand reported 305 new cases and one death on January 7, bringing the tallies to 9,636 cases and 67 deaths.

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Vietnam

Vietnam's National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), a division of Vietnam's Ministry of Health, has signed an agreement with Medigen Vaccine, a Taipei, Taiwan-based vaccine company to secure the supply of 3 million to 10 million COVID-19 vaccine doses in 2021. Medigen is currently conducting Phase II studies of the vaccine, co-developed with the USA's National Institutes of Health (NIH), in Taiwan and Vietnam with a view to a Q1 2021 rollout.

Vietnam is also working on producing its own vaccine, with the Institute of Vaccines and Medical Biologicals (IVAC) in Nha Trang City, partnering with New York City-based Icahn School of Medicine and the global health non-profit organization PATH. Phase 1 trials are already underway in Vietnam, while Phases 2 & 3 will be conducted at the beginning of 2021. The institute plans to submit documents for approval to the health ministry as early as April next year and claims to be capable of producing 30 million doses a year, expecting that a national vaccine could be distributed to the general population in October 2021.

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- The country saw one new case on January 10, taking the total to 1,514.
- Vietnam saw one new case on January 9, bringing the total to 1,513.
- As of January 8, 2021, Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 1,512 cases of COVID-19. However, 1,353 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. Vietnam has also recorded 35 deaths due to the pandemic.

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Other Asian countries and Regions

Afghanistan

Afghanistan faces two pandemics at the same time, Covid-19 and Polio. UNICEF is currently embarking on an urgent Polio vaccination program while the country is in talks with both China and Russia oversupplying COVID-19 vaccines. Government-imposed lockdowns increased conflict with the Taliban, and an overall lack of awareness of the disease has prevented many Afghani's from obtaining treatment of either.

- As of January 11, Afghanistan has 53,584 cases and 2,301 deaths.
- Afghanistan has 53,522 cases and 2,288 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Afghanistan has 53,489 cases and 2,277 deaths.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh will receive 68 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from Gavi, which is committed to ensuring at least 20 percent of populations are inoculated. Each complete dose will cost about 200 Taka (US\$2). The country is also in discussions with India concerning a further 30 million doses from the Serum Institute at about 450 Taka (US\$5). Vaccinations are expected to commence in Q1 2021.

- Bangladesh has 523,302 cases and 7,803 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Bangladesh has 522,453 cases and 7,781 deaths.
- Bangladesh has 521,382 cases and 7,756 deaths as of January 9.

Bahrain

Bahrain has begun COVID-19 vaccinations for front line personnel using a joint Chinese-UAE Sinopharm product. Roll out among the general population is expected in Q1 2021.

- Bahrain has 95,879 cases and 356 deaths as of January 11.
- Bahrain has 95,558 cases and 356 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Bahrain has 95,317 cases and 355 deaths.

China

For specific updates concerning China, please click [here](#).

For a complete overview of China's vaccine availability please go [here](#).

- China saw 55 new cases on January 12, taking the total to 87,591.
- China saw 103 new cases on January 11, bringing the total to 87,536.
- The country reported 69 new cases on January 10, taking the total to 87,433.

East Timor

East Timor is receiving assistance from the Gavi Institute.

- The country has 49 cases as of January 4.
- East Timor has 46 cases as of January 3.
- East Timor has 41 cases as of December 25.
- East Timor has 31 cases as of December 3.

Hong Kong

Hong Kong will provide COVID-19 vaccines free to all residents, with a vaccine being delivered in stages. The government has said it may take most of 2021 to reach 100 percent coverage for all citizens.

- The region has 9,284 cases and 159 deaths as of January 11.
- Hong Kong has 9,243 cases and 158 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Hong Kong has 9,212 cases and 157 deaths.

India

For a complete overview of India's vaccine availability please go [here](#).

- India has 10,479,913 cases and 151,364 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, India has 10,467,431 cases and 151,198 deaths.
- Our new India specific updates can be found [here](#).

Iran

Iran is jointly producing a COVID-19 vaccine with Russia, and the product has entered trials. National inoculation is expected to commence in September 2021.

- As of January 11, Iran has 1,292,614 cases and 56,262 deaths.
- Iran has 1,286,406 cases and 56,171 deaths as of January 10.
- Iran has 1,280,438 cases and 56,100 deaths as of January 9.

Iraq

Iraq is currently in discussions with US company Pfizer concerning supplies of a COVID-19 vaccine. Supplies are expected in Q2 2021.

- As of January 11, Iraq has 603,739 cases and 12,906 deaths.
- Iraq has 602,938 cases and 12,895 deaths as of January 10.
- Iraq has 602,331 cases and 12,881 deaths as of January 9.

Japan

Japan is sourcing 145 million doses of vaccine from the United States and the UK and will be delivering them free of charge to all citizens commencing Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Japan has 286,752 cases and 4,044 deaths.
- Japan has 280,775 cases and 3,996 deaths as of January 10.
- Japan has 273,154 cases and 3,932 deaths as of January 9.

Jordan

Jordan is sourcing vaccines from Pfizer and expects to commence vaccinations from Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Jordan has 308,670 cases and 4,043 deaths.
- Jordan has 307,209 cases and 4,024 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Jordan has 305,959 cases and 4,009 deaths.

Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan has been developing its own vaccines with 'Quazcovid' being admitted by the WHO as a safe candidate. These are currently undergoing trials with a roll out expected in Q2 2021.

- Kazakhstan has 163,019 cases and 2,319 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Kazakhstan has 162,273 cases and 2,319 deaths.
- Kazakhstan has 161,493 cases and 2,319 deaths as of January 9.

Kuwait

All citizens, including expatriates, will receive COVID-19 vaccines for free. Kuwait is importing one million vaccines from Pfizer, 1.7 million from Moderna, and three million doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines and will commence a nationwide program from January.

- As of January 11, Kuwait has 154,841 cases and 945 deaths.
- As of January 10, Kuwait has 154,314 cases and 943 deaths.
- Kuwait has 153,900 cases and 942 deaths as of January 9.

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan is sourcing vaccines from Russia with the Sputnik V vaccine expected to be rolled out in Q2 2021.

- Kyrgyzstan has 82,380 cases and 1,371 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Kyrgyzstan has 82,273 cases and 1,369 deaths.
- Kyrgyzstan has 82,138 cases and 1,367 deaths as of January 9.

Lebanon

Lebanon is sourcing vaccines from Pfizer and is expected to take deliveries from mid-February 2021.

- As of January 11, Lebanon has 222,391 cases and 1,629 deaths.
- Lebanon has 219,296 cases and 1,606 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Lebanon has 215,553 cases and 1,590 deaths.

Macao

Macao is part of the Covax scheme and is expected to receive 1.4 million doses of vaccine. The product will cost Pataca 300 (US\$40). Roll out is expected in late Q1 2021.

- Macao has 46 cases as of July 27.
- The number of cases has reached 45 as of July 24.

- Macao records a single infection, bringing the total to 43.

Maldives

The Maldives will receive vaccines under the Covax program and will receive enough products to reach 20 percent of its population. Roll out is expected in Q2 2021.

- The Maldives has 14,159 cases and 49 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, the Maldives has 14,109 cases and 49 deaths.
- The Maldives has 14,065 cases and 49 deaths as of January 9.

Mongolia

Mongolia is in discussions with Astra-Zeneca to purchase COVID-19 vaccines and is also part of the Covax scheme. Roll out is expected in Q2 2021.

- Mongolia has 1,442 cases and two deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Mongolia has 1,429 cases and two deaths.
- Mongolia has 1,408 cases and two deaths as of January 9.

Nepal

Nepal will source COVID-19 vaccines under the Covax program and will also purchase supplies from India. Roll out is expected from Q2 2021.

- Nepal has 265,268 cases and 1,927 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Nepal has 264,780 cases and 1,917 deaths.
- Nepal has 264,521 cases and 1,912 deaths as of January 9.

North Korea

North Korea is expected to receive Covid-19 vaccines from China, with rumors that North Korean Leader Kim Jong-Un has already received treatment as part of medical trials.

- North Korea has reported its first case on July 25, the city of Kaesong is under lockdown.

Oman

Oman has sourced COVID-19 vaccines from Gavi and is buying additional supplies from Astra-Zeneca and Pfizer. Roll out will commence from January 2021 with each shot costing 10 Rial (US\$24).

- Oman has 130,780 cases and 1,508 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Oman has 130,608 cases and 1,508 deaths.
- Oman has 130,070 cases and 1,505 deaths as of January 7.

Pakistan

Pakistan is also suffering from a Polio epidemic and is struggling with dealing with both. However, it has stated it will provide the vaccine for free with national inoculations to start from April 2021.

- Pakistan has 504,293 cases and 10,676 deaths as of January 11.
- As of January 10, Pakistan has 502,416 cases and 10,644 deaths.
- Pakistan has 499,517 cases and 10,598 deaths as of January 9.

Palestine

Israel is currently negotiating with the UAE to provide 1.5 million doses of vaccine to Palestine. The product is expected to be the Russian Sputnik V treatment and should be available to Palestinians in Q2 2021.

- As of January 11, Palestine has 148,171 cases and 1,614 deaths.
- As of January 10, Palestine has 147,400 cases and 1,604 deaths.
- Palestine has 146,701 cases and 1,583 deaths as of January 9.

Qatar

Qatar has signed an agreement with Moderna to provide Covid-19 vaccines and has also signed deals with Pfizer and BioNTech. These will be made available from late Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Qatar has 146,068 cases and 246 deaths.
- Qatar has 145,865 cases and 246 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Qatar has 145,672 cases and 246 deaths.

Russia

A complete overview of the availability and production of Russian Covid-19 vaccines and costs can be found [here](#).

- As of January 11, Russia has 3,425,269 cases and 62,273 deaths.
- Russia has 3,401,954 cases and 61,837 deaths as of January 10.
- Our new Russia-specific updates [here](#).

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Pharmaceutical Industries and Medical Appliances Corp. (SPIMACO) said last week that it had signed an agreement with the German biopharmaceutical company CureVac to provide Covid-19 vaccine. It plans to cover 70 percent of its population by the end of 2021 with treatment being available for free. The initial roll out is expected to be at the end of Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Saudi Arabia has 363,949 cases and 6,295 deaths.
- Saudi Arabia has 363,809 cases and 6,291 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Saudi Arabia has 363,692 cases and 6,286 deaths.

South Korea

South Korea has reached a deal with AstraZeneca to purchase its coronavirus vaccine candidate and is in final talks with global drug-makers including AstraZeneca, Pfizer Inc, and Johnson & Johnson over their vaccines. It launched a preliminary review of AstraZeneca's product in October for potential fast-track approval. Roll out is expected in Q1 2021.

- As of January 12, South Korea has 69,651 cases and 1,165 deaths.
- South Korea has 69,114 cases and 1,140 deaths as of January 11.
- South Korea has 68,664 cases and 1,125 deaths as of January 10.

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is to receive 4.2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from Gavi, enough to cover 20 percent of the population. It has not yet released information on when these will be made available.

- As of January 11, Sri Lanka has 48,949 cases and 240 deaths.

- Sri Lanka has 48,380 cases and 229 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Sri Lanka has 47,840 cases and 229 deaths.

Taiwan

Taiwan has been developing its own vaccine and is also part of the Covax scheme. It has stated it will be able to manufacture enough of its own product for 50 percent population coverage with roll-out expected in Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Taiwan has 834 cases and seven deaths.
- Taiwan has 828 cases and seven deaths as of January 9.
- Taiwan has 825 cases and seven deaths as of January 8.

Turkey

Turkey has purchased 50 million doses of China's Cornavac, manufactured by Sinopharm. These will be made available for free to the most at-risk population, inoculations start on December 11. Other treatments will be purchased and made available via medical outlets during the year and sold at cost price, and are likely to include products from Pfizer and Russia.

- As of January 11, Turkey has 2,336,476 cases and 22,981 deaths.
- Turkey has 2,326,256 cases and 22,807 deaths as of January 10.
- As of January 9, Turkey has 2,317,118 cases and 22,631 deaths.

United Arab Emirates

The UAE is expected to authorize the use of China's Sinopharm vaccine which is nearing the end of its clinical trials in the Emirates. The UAE's Prime Minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum was inoculated as part of the testing. Roll out is expected in Q1 2021. The UAE is also manufacturing the vaccine and hopes to produce between 75-100 million doses during the year.

- As of January 11, the UAE has 232,982 cases and 711 deaths.
- The UAE has 230,578 cases and 708 deaths as of January 10.
- The UAE has 227,702 cases and 702 deaths as of January 9.

Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan has been trailing China's Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical vaccine in addition to vaccines made by China's Sinopharm and Russia's Sputnik V. Roll out is expected in Q1 2021.

- As of January 11, Uzbekistan has 77,611 cases and 617 deaths.
- Uzbekistan has 77,572 cases and 617 deaths as of January 10.
- Uzbekistan has 77,530 cases and 616 deaths as of January 9.

Yemen

Yemen is suffering from war and diseases such as diphtheria, while local politicians have made wild claims that the country will develop its own COVID-19 vaccine. It is a member of the Gavi program and relief is likely to come from humanitarian sources.

- As of January 10, Yemen has 2,104 cases and 611 deaths.
- Yemen has 2,101 cases and 610 deaths as of January 1.
- As of December 31, Yemen has 2,099 cases and 610 deaths.

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