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# COVID-19 Vaccine Roll Outs in ASEAN & Asia – Live Updates by Country

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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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## ASEAN coronavirus updates (Live updates by country)

### 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 April 3, taking the total to 214 cases amid three deaths.
- As of March 31, Brunei has 213 cases amid three deaths.
- Brunei saw one new case on March 21, bringing the total to 206 amid three deaths.

[Read more on Brunei](#)

### 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 saw 72 new cases and one death on April 6, bringing the tallies to 2,824 cases and 22 deaths.
- Cambodia reported 63 new cases and two deaths on April 5, taking the totals to 2,752 cases and 21 deaths.
- Cambodia reported 44 new cases on April 4, taking the total to 2,689 cases amid 19 deaths.

[Read more on Cambodia](#)

## 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 saw 4,549 new cases and 162 deaths on April 6, bringing the tallies to 1,542,516 cases and 41,977 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 3,712 new cases and 146 deaths on April 5, taking the totals to 1,537,967 cases and 41,815 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 6,731 new cases and 427 deaths on April 4, bringing the tallies to 1,534,255 cases and 41,669 deaths.

[Read more on Indonesia](#)

## Laos

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

- Laos reported one new case on March 17, bringing the total to 49.
- As of March 13, Laos has 48 cases.
- Two new cases reported on March 5, taking the total to 47.

[Read more on Laos](#)

## 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.

- Malaysia saw 1,300 new cases and five deaths on April 6, bringing the tallies to 353,329 cases and 1,300 deaths.
- Malaysia reported 1,070 new cases and seven deaths on April 5, bringing the totals to 352,029 cases and 1,295 deaths.
- Malaysia recorded 1,349 new cases and two deaths on April 4, taking the tallies to 350,959 cases and 1,288 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.

- Myanmar saw 14 new cases on April 5, taking the total to 142,511 cases amid 3,206 deaths.
- Myanmar recorded 18 new cases on April 3, bringing the total to 142,497 cases amid 3,206 deaths.
- Myanmar reported 13 new cases on April 2, taking the total to 142,479 cases amid 3,206 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 Philippines reported 9,373 new cases and 382 deaths on April 6, bringing the totals to 812,760 cases and 13,817 deaths.
- The country saw 8,355 new cases and 10 deaths on April 5, taking the tallies to 803,398 cases and 13,435 deaths.
- The Philippines reported 11,028 new cases and two deaths on April 4, taking the totals to 795,051 cases and 13,425 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 24 new cases on April 6, bringing the total to 60,519 cases amid 30 deaths.
- The country reported 17 new cases on April 5, taking the total to 60,495 cases amid 30 deaths.
- Singapore reported 10 new cases on April 4, bringing the total to 60,478 cases amid 30 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 reported 250 new cases on April 6, bringing the total to 29,571 amid 95 deaths.
- Thailand saw 194 new cases on April 5, taking the total to 29,321 cases amid 95 deaths.
- Thailand reported 96 new cases on April 4, taking the totals to 29,127 cases and 95 deaths.

[Read more on Thailand](#)

## **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.

- As of April 6, 2021, Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 2,637 cases of COVID-19. However, 2,416 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. Vietnam has also recorded 35 deaths due to the pandemic. The latest cases were all imported and quarantined on arrival.

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- The country saw five new cases on April 4, bringing the total to 2,631 cases amid 35 deaths.

## 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.

- Afghanistan has 56,873 cases and 2,512 deaths as of April 6.
- Afghanistan has 56,779 cases and 2,512 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Afghanistan has 56,720 cases and 2,508 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 651,652 cases and 9,384 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Bangladesh has 644,439 cases and 9,318 deaths.
- Bangladesh has 637,364 cases and 9,266 deaths as of April 4.

### 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.

- As of April 5, Bahrain has 149,791 cases and 541 deaths.
- Bahrain has 148,817 cases and 536 deaths as of April 4.
- As of April 3, Bahrain has 147,770 cases and 531 deaths.

## China

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

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

- China saw 24 new cases on April 6, taking the total to 90,329.
- China saw 32 new cases on April 5, bringing the total to 90,305.
- China reported 21 new cases on April 4, taking the total to 90,273.

## East Timor

East Timor is receiving assistance from the Gavi Institute.

- As of April 6, East Timor has 779 cases and one death.
- As of April 5, East Timor has 766 cases.
- East Timor has 714 cases as of April 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.

- Hong Kong has 11,532 cases and 205 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Hong Kong has 11,525 cases and 205 deaths.
- Hong Kong has 11,509 cases and 205 deaths as of April 4.

## India

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

- India has 12,684,477 cases and 165,577 deaths as of April 5.
- India has 12,587,920 cases and 165,132 deaths as of April 4.
- 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 April 6, Iran has 1,963,394 cases and 63,506 deaths.
- Iran has 1,945,964 cases and 63,332 deaths as of April 5.
- Iran has 1,932,074 cases and 63,160 deaths as of April 4.

## **Iraq**

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

- Iraq has 879,991 cases and 14,502 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Iraq has 873,568 cases and 14,463 deaths.
- Iraq has 868,200 cases and 14,430 deaths as of April 3.

## **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.

- Japan has 485,325 cases and 9,231 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Japan has 482,867 cases and 9,221 deaths.
- Japan has 480,165 cases and 9,213 deaths as of April 3.

## **Jordan**

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

- Jordan has 639,444 cases and 7,283 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Jordan has 632,907 cases and 7,201 deaths.
- Jordan has 626,875 cases and 7,130 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 256,837 cases and 3,129 deaths as of April 6.

- As of April 5, Kazakhstan has 255,028 cases and 3,110 deaths.
- Kazakhstan has 253,107 cases and 3,092 deaths as of April 4.

## **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.

- Kuwait has 238,549 cases and 1,365 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Kuwait has 237,192 cases and 1,353 deaths.
- Kuwait has 235,989 cases and 1,339 deaths as of April 3.

## **Kyrgyzstan**

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

- Kyrgyzstan has 89,277 cases and 1,509 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Kyrgyzstan has 89,153 cases and 1,507 deaths.
- Kyrgyzstan has 89,014 cases and 1,506 deaths as of April 4.

## **Lebanon**

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

- Lebanon has 480,502 cases and 6,443 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Lebanon has 479,501 cases and 6,409 deaths.
- Lebanon has 477,113 cases and 6,379 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 48 cases as of February 5.
- 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.

- As of April 5, the Maldives has 24,908 cases and 67 deaths.
- As of April 4, the Maldives has 24,783 cases and 67 deaths.
- The Maldives has 24,651 cases and 67 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 11,651 cases and 13 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Mongolia has 10,820 cases and 12 deaths.
- Mongolia has 10,218 cases and 11 deaths as of April 4.

## **Nepal**

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

- Nepal has 278,470 cases and 3,036 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Nepal has 278,210 cases and 3,036 deaths.
- Nepal has 277,944 cases and 3,032 deaths as of April 4.

## **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 165,480 cases and 1,728 deaths as of April 6.
- Oman has 164,274 cases and 1,722 deaths as of April 5.
- Oman has 163,157 cases and 1,690 deaths as of April 4.

## **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 696,184 cases and 14,924 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Pakistan has 692,231 cases and 14,821 deaths.
- Pakistan has 687,908 cases and 14,778 deaths as of April 4.

## **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.

- Palestine has 253,922 cases and 2,716 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Palestine has 251,288 cases and 2,706 deaths.
- Palestine has 248,482 cases and 2,681 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 April 5, Qatar has 184,334 cases and 306 deaths.
- Qatar has 183,424 cases and 303 deaths as of April 4.
- Qatar has 182,548 cases and 301 deaths as of April 3.

## **Russia**

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

- Russia has 4,597,868 cases and 101,106 deaths as of April 6.
- As of April 5, Russia has 4,589,540 cases and 100,717 deaths.

- 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 April 5, Saudi Arabia has 393,377 cases and 6,704 deaths.
- Saudi Arabia has 392,682 cases and 6,697 deaths as of April 4.
- Saudi Arabia has 392,009 cases and 6,690 deaths as of April 3.

## **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.

- South Korea has 106,230 cases and 1,752 deaths as of April 6.
- South Korea has 105,752 cases and 1,748 deaths as of April 5.
- South Korea has 105,279 cases and 1,744 deaths as of April 4.

## **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 April 5, Sri Lanka has 93,595 cases and 581 deaths.
- Sri Lanka has 93,436 cases and 581 deaths as of April 4.
- Sri Lanka has 93,295 cases and 575 deaths as of April 3.

## **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.

- Taiwan has 1,050 cases and 10 deaths as of April 6.
- Taiwan has 1,048 cases and 10 deaths as of April 5.
- As of April 4, Taiwan has 1,047 cases and 10 deaths.

## **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 April 5, Turkey has 3,529,601 cases and 32,456 deaths.
- Turkey has 3,487,050 cases and 32,263 deaths as of April 4.
- Turkey has 3,445,052 cases and 32,078 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 April 5, the UAE has 472,148 cases and 1,512 deaths.
- The UAE has 470,136 cases and 1,510 deaths as of April 4.
- The UAE has 468,023 cases and 1,504 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 April 5, Uzbekistan has 83,802 cases and 631 deaths.
- Uzbekistan has 83,623 cases and 631 deaths as of April 4.
- Uzbekistan has 83,435 cases and 630 deaths as of April 3.

## **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 April 5, Yemen has 4,881 cases and 955 deaths.
- Yemen has 4,798 cases and 946 deaths as of April 4.
- Yemen has 4,697 cases and 932 deaths as of April 3.

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