
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 recorded one new case on May 4, taking the total to 228 amid three deaths.
- Brunei saw three new cases on May 1, taking the total to 227 amid three deaths.
- The country saw one new case on April 28, taking the total to 224 cases amid three deaths.

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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 recorded 938 new cases and one death on May 4, bringing the totals to 16,299 cases and 107 deaths.
- Cambodia saw 841 new cases and three deaths on May 3, taking the tallies to 15,361 cases and 106 deaths.
- Cambodia reported 730 new cases and six deaths on May 2, taking the totals to 14,520 cases and 103 deaths.

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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 recorded 4,369 new cases and 188 deaths on May 4, taking the totals to 1,686,373 cases and 46,137 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 4,730 new cases and 153 deaths on May 3, taking the tallies to 1,682,004 cases and 45,949 deaths.
- Indonesia reported 4,394 new cases and 144 deaths on May 2, taking the totals to 1,677,274 cases and 45,796 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 reported 60 new cases on May 4, taking the total to 1,026.
- Laos recorded 33 new cases on May 3, taking the total to 966.
- Laos saw 112 new cases on May 2, taking the total to 933.

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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.

- Malaysia saw 3,120 new cases and 23 deaths on May 4, taking the totals to 420,632 cases and 1,574 deaths.
- Malaysia recorded 2,500 new cases and 18 deaths on May 3, bringing the tallies to 417,512 cases and 1,551 deaths.
- Malaysia saw 3,418 new cases and 12 deaths on May 2, taking the totals to 415,012 cases and 1,533 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 recorded four new cases on May 3, taking the total to 142,842 amid 3,209 deaths.
- Myanmar reported seven new cases on May 2, taking the total to 142,838 amid 3,209 deaths.
- Myanmar saw 14 new cases on May 1, taking the total to 142,831 cases amid 3,209 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 5,683 new cases and 97 deaths on May 4, taking the totals to 1,067,892 cases and 17,622 deaths.
- The Philippines recorded 7,255 new cases and 94 deaths on May 3, bringing the totals to 1,062,225 cases and 17,525 deaths.
- The Philippines saw 8,346 new cases and 77 deaths on May 2, taking the tallies to 1,054,983 cases and 17,431 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 May 4, taking the total to 61,252 cases amid 30 deaths.
- Singapore recorded 17 new cases on May 3, bringing the total to 61,235 cases amid 30 deaths.
- Singapore reported 39 new cases on May 2, taking the total to 61,218 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 1,763 new cases and 27 deaths on May 4, taking the tallies to 72,788 cases and 303 deaths.
- Thailand recorded 2,041 new cases and 31 deaths on May 3, taking the totals to 71,025 cases and 276 deaths.
- Thailand saw 1,940 new cases and 21 deaths on May 2, bringing the tallies to 68,984 cases and 245 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.

- As of May 4, 2021, Vietnam's Ministry of Health confirmed a total of 2,985 cases of COVID-19. However, 2,560 of the affected patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. Vietnam has also recorded 35 deaths due to the pandemic. The latest community transmission cases have been reported from Hanoi, Da Nang, Vinh Phuc, and Ha Nam.
- Vietnam reported 19 new cases on May 3, taking the total to 2,981 cases amid 35 deaths.
- Vietnam recorded 20 new cases on May 2, bringing the total to 2,962 cases amid 35 deaths.

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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.

- Afghanistan has 60,288 cases and 2,642 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Afghanistan has 60,122 cases and 2,637 deaths.
- Afghanistan has 59,942 cases and 2,631 deaths as of April 30.

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.

- As of May 3, Bangladesh has 763,682 cases and 11,644 deaths.
- Bangladesh has 761,943 cases and 11,579 deaths as of May 2.
- Bangladesh has 760,584 cases and 11,510 deaths as of May 1.

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 May 3, Bahrain has 180,462 cases and 657 deaths.
- Bahrain has 179,297 cases and 651 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Bahrain has 177,997 cases and 648 deaths.

China

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

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

- China reported 17 new cases on May 4, taking the total to 90,714.
- China reported 11 new cases on May 3, bringing the total to 90,697.
- China saw 15 new cases on May 2, taking the total to 90,686.

East Timor

East Timor is receiving assistance from the Gavi Institute.

- As of May 3, East Timor has 2,524 cases and four deaths.
- East Timor has 2,444 cases and four deaths as of May 2.
- As of April 30, East Timor has 2,276 cases and three deaths.

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.

- As of May 3, Hong Kong has 11,787 cases and 210 deaths.
- Hong Kong has 11,785 cases and 210 deaths as of May 2.
- Hong Kong has 11,783 cases and 210 deaths as of May 1.

India

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

- India has 20,275,543 cases and 222,383 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, India has 19,919,715 cases and 218,945 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 May 3, Iran has 2,555,587 cases and 72,875 deaths.
- As of May 2, Iran has 2,534,855 cases and 72,484 deaths.
- Iran has 2,516,157 cases and 72,090 deaths as of May 1.

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 May 3, Iraq has 1,079,998 cases and 15,566 deaths.
- Iraq has 1,074,930 cases and 15,536 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Iraq has 1,070,366 cases and 15,498 deaths.

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 May 3, Japan has 602,862 cases and 10,361 deaths.
- Japan has 597,225 cases and 10,296 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Japan has 591,602 cases and 10,229 deaths.

Jordan

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

- As of May 3, Jordan has 714,173 cases and 8,925 deaths.
- Jordan has 712,901 cases and 8,897 deaths as of May 2.
- Jordan has 712,077 cases and 8,871 deaths as of May 1.

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.

- As of May 3, Kazakhstan has 327,995 cases and 3,733 deaths.
- Kazakhstan has 325,499 cases and 3,717 deaths as of May 2.
- Kazakhstan has 322,695 cases and 3,699 deaths as of May 1.

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 May 3, Kuwait has 277,832 cases and 1,590 deaths.
- Kuwait has 276,586 cases and 1,578 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Kuwait has 275,270 cases and 1,569 deaths.

Kyrgyzstan

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

- As of May 3, Kyrgyzstan has 96,337 cases and 1,622 deaths.
- As of May 2, Kyrgyzstan has 96,060 cases and 1,619 deaths.
- Kyrgyzstan has 95,752 cases and 1,612 deaths as of May 1.

Lebanon

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

- Lebanon has 528,457 cases and 7,345 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Lebanon has 528,208 cases and 7,324 deaths.
- Lebanon has 527,508 cases and 7,302 deaths as of May 1.

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.

- As of April 10, Macao has 49 cases.
- Macao has 48 cases as of February 5.
- The number of cases has reached 45 as of July 24.

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 May 3, the Maldives has 31,330 cases and 74 deaths.
- The Maldives has 30,745 cases and 74 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, the Maldives has 30,237 cases and 73 deaths.

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.

- As of May 3, Mongolia has 39,381 cases and 119 deaths.
- Mongolia has 38,470 cases and 117 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Mongolia has 37,285 cases and 115 deaths.

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.

- As of May 3, Nepal has 343,418 cases and 3,362 deaths.
- Nepal has 336,030 cases and 3,325 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Nepal has 328,893 cases and 3,298 deaths.

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 196,900 cases and 2,053 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Oman has 195,807 cases and 2,043 deaths.
- Oman has 193,253 cases and 2,010 deaths as of April 29.

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.

- As of May 3, Pakistan has 834,146 cases and 18,149 deaths.
- Pakistan has 829,933 cases and 18,070 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Pakistan has 825,519 cases and 17,957 deaths.

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 May 3, Palestine has 298,203 cases and 3,283 deaths.
- As of May 2, Palestine has 297,638 cases and 3,272 deaths.
- Palestine has 296,462 cases and 3,249 deaths as of April 30.

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 May 3, Qatar has 207,592 cases and 480 deaths.
- Qatar has 206,948 cases and 472 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Qatar has 206,302 cases and 465 deaths.

Russia

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

- Russia has 4,831,744 cases and 111,198 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Russia has 4,823,255 cases and 110,862 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.

- Saudi Arabia has 420,301 cases and 6,992 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Saudi Arabia has 419,348 cases and 6,979 deaths.
- Saudi Arabia has 418,411 cases and 6,968 deaths as of May 1.

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 124,269 cases and 1,840 deaths as of May 4.
- As of May 3, South Korea has 123,728 cases and 1,834 deaths.
- South Korea has 123,240 cases and 1,833 deaths as of May 2.

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.

- Sri Lanka has 113,676 cases and 709 deaths as of May 3.
- Sri Lanka has 111,753 cases and 687 deaths as of May 2.
- As of May 1, Sri Lanka has 109,862 cases and 687 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 May 3, Taiwan has 1,145 cases and 12 deaths.
- Taiwan has 1,137 cases and 12 deaths as of May 2.
- Taiwan has 1,132 cases and 12 deaths as of May 1.

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.

- Turkey has 4,900,121 cases and 41,191 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Turkey has 4,875,388 cases and 40,844 deaths.
- As of May 1, Turkey has 4,849,408 cases and 40,504 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.

- The UAE has 525,567 cases and 1,596 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, the UAE has 523,795 cases and 1,593 deaths.
- The UAE has 521,948 cases and 1,591 deaths as of May 1.

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 May 3, Uzbekistan has 92,006 cases and 653 deaths.
- Uzbekistan has 91,643 cases and 652 deaths as of May 2.
- Uzbekistan has 91,250 cases and 650 deaths as of May 1.

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.

- Yemen has 6,363 cases and 1,239 deaths as of May 3.
- As of May 2, Yemen has 6,341 cases and 1,233 deaths.
- Yemen has 6,325 cases and 1,229 deaths as of May 1.

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