COVID Monitor

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Statistics

- **8,448 new cases** were reported across the **ASEAN+3 region** yesterday, remaining below 9,000 for four straight days.
- **Indonesia** recorded **4,267 new cases** for a total of more than 373,000 confirmed cases.
- **Malaysia**, **Myanmar**, and the **Philippines** each recorded more than 100 cases less than the previous day.
- **Cases in other parts of the world continue to rise.** With more than 2,000 new cases, **South Africa** reported its highest increase in one month. **Iran** reported a new record of 5,616 new cases, and **Russia** reported more than a record 15,000 new cases for three straight days.
- New cases in several European countries, including **Belgium**, **Germany** and **Italy**, reached new records. **Spain** became the first country in Western Europe with more than 1 million confirmed cases in total.
- The **United States** reported **62,466 new cases**, topping 60,000 for the third time in the last week, levels last observed in July. At the same time, the number of Covid-19 patients in US hospitals has topped 40,000 for the first time since August.

News

- **In Thailand**, the first Chinese visitors on a Special Tourist Visa have arrived. They are now undergoing a 14-day quarantine and will be allowed to stay for up to 90 days. The visa is renewable twice. The visitors are the first foreign tourists arriving in Thailand since March.
- **China** will continue to suspend outbound group tours. Both domestic and outbound tours had been suspended in January, but domestic tours were allowed to resume in July as local cases remained low.
- The **European Union’s “White List” of countries whose residents are allowed to visit**, implemented in July, will be updated to include **Singapore**, while removing Canada, Tunisia and Georgia. The other remaining countries on the list are Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand and Uruguay.
- Several European countries are implementing partial lockdowns. **Greece**, which originally weathered the crisis well but is now experiencing a stronger second wave, has locked down two cities/regions and placed several others on high alert. The **Czech Republic** has closed all non-essential shops and banned people from leaving their homes aside from buying essentials or going to work as hospital bed capacity is reaching its limits.
Overview of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

Source: Neeve Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University, AMRO staff calculations.
Notes: New cases since previous day. %Δ refers to percentage change since previous day. Fatality rate measured as deaths per confirmed infections.
2/ Resolved cases (i.e. non-active cases) to total cases; serves as a proxy for the stage of the cycle.
Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from John Hopkins University; AMRO staff calculations.