Recent Developments

Global News

- The US reported more than 133,000 cases in the past week, the highest since early-February. Paediatric hospitalization hit a record high of 1,902, mainly in southern states.
- 16-17 year olds in the UK will be offered Covid vaccine. The Government has warned that daily cases are likely to breach 100,000 due to the delta variant, and a surge in social interactions after “freedom day”.

Regional News

- After 457 days without any community infections, average daily cases in Brunei rose to 54 in the past week. More than 8,000 people have been identified as close contacts of recently confirmed cases. Tightened social distancing restrictions remain in place.
- Hong Kong classified 15 more nations, including US, France and Spain, as “high risk”. From Aug 20, tourists and unvaccinated residents will be denied entry, while vaccinated returnees must serve 21 days of hotel quarantine, triple the previous duration.
- Japan will extend the current state of emergency until Sept 12. Seven more prefectures have been added, with a total of 13 areas currently placed under state of emergency.
- Indonesia extends mobility restrictions in parts of Java and Bali, while restrictions are eased in places with declining cases. The reopening roadmap will focus on accelerating vaccination, stepping up testing and tracing, while enforcing mask mandates.
- Singapore plans to introduce pilot travel programs next month. Economies that are being considered include the US, UK, Korea and Australia.

Vaccine News

- Pfizer-BioNTech has applied for US authorization for a booster dose, claiming higher neutralizing antibodies against initial COVID-19 virus, as well as beta and delta variants.
- Turkey is offering two doses of mRNA vaccines to residents who have been fully vaccinated with Sinovac vaccines to enable them to travel to the US and Europe.
### ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Deaths

**Source:** Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

1/ Values show the 7-day average.


### ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Total Vaccines Administered

**Source:** Haver Analytics, sourced from Our World in Data; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Single vaccination doses only. This does not measure the number of people vaccinated, as two doses are required with most available vaccines. Data is reported at irregular intervals; numbers show latest available.

### ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccinations and Aspired Population Coverage

**Source:** Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; various media sources; Economist Intelligence Unit; and AMRO staff estimates and calculations.

Note: Percent of population vaccinated shows total administered doses divided by two to reflect the two-dose regime of most vaccines—it does not necessarily reflect the actual number of fully vaccinated people. Aspired 2021 targets and completion dates of widespread vaccination are goals, forecasts, or estimates.