**COVID Monitor**

*Data as of December 13, 2021*

Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

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<td>270,778,107 Cases</td>
<td>16,787,556 Cases</td>
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<td>5,312,062 Deaths</td>
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Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

**Recent Developments**

**Global News**

- The **WHO** has cautioned that the omicron variant is more transmissible than the delta strain and reduces vaccine efficacy but causes less severe symptoms.
- The omicron variant accounts for about 40 percent of all infections in London. The **UK** has raised its COVID-19 alert level to level 4, indicating high or rising level of transmission. Eligible individuals are urged to receive their booster doses.
- **Australia** will shorten the wait time for COVID-19 boosters from six months to five months, following a rise in cases of the omicron variant.

**Regional News**

- **China** confirmed its first omicron case, in Tianjin. The individual, who does not have symptoms, arrived from overseas.
- Bed shortages have reached critical levels at hospitals across **Korea**, with more than 80 percent of intensive care beds filled up as at Saturday afternoon as daily cases continue to reach record-highs.
- **Indonesia** will start vaccinating children aged 6 to 11 today. The Sinovac vaccine will be used. It remains the only vaccine that Indonesia has approved for use among minors.
- **Singapore** is preparing to ramp up healthcare capacity amid potential omicron surge. From January 1, 2022, 50 percent of vaccinated workers may return to the workplace.

**Vaccine News**

- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine is the "optimal care" but two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or one of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine remains the US government's official definition of fully vaccinated.
- Moderna has set up one of its largest manufacturing facilities outside the US and Europe in **Australia**. The plant is expected to produce up to 100 million vaccine doses annually when it begins operating in 2024.
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: 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: Cumulative Vaccines Administered

(Per 100 population)

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: Vaccination Progress

(Percent of population)

Sources: Our World in Data via Haver Analytics; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Percent of fully vaccinated population shows the number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol (e.g. one dose of a single-dose vaccine, or two doses of a two-dose vaccine). The number in the gray box is the percentage of the population that has received at least one vaccine dose.