Global News

- World Health Organization says measures put in place and experience gained in dealing with the delta variant should remain the foundation for fighting the omicron variant.
- The omicron variant has been reported in multiple states in the US, including in individuals with no recent travel history, suggesting domestic transmission.
- India reported its first two cases of omicron variant in the southern state of Karnataka. One of the cases has no recent travel history. Both cases had mild symptoms.
- Australia reports its first community transmission of the new omicron variant. Amid hopes that the omicron variant will be milder than previous strains, authorities plan to continue to reopen the economy.

Regional News

- Korea will impose a 10-day quarantine on all inbound travellers beginning December 3, 2021, after confirming its first five cases of the omicron variant. Travellers from Singapore under the Vaccinated Travel Lane arrangement are exempted.
- Malaysia and Singapore have reported first imported cases of the omicron variant.
- Vietnam will ramp up monitoring measures to guard against the omicron variant, including closely checking inbound visitors who have traveled to or changed planes in countries that have reported omicron cases.

Vaccine News

- Novavax plans to begin commercial production of a vaccine tailored for the omicron variant in January and is evaluating the efficacy of its current vaccine against the variant.
- A UK study tested seven different Covid-19 vaccines as booster doses and found most of them increased antibodies. The combination of doses from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech boosted immunity the most.
- Moderna could have a COVID-19 booster shot targeting the omicron variant tested and ready to file for authorization in the US as soon as March 2022.
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: Vaccinations and Aspired Population Coverage

(Percent of population)

Sources: 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.
World: New Cases by Region
(7-day average; thousand cases)

ASEAN+3: Daily New Cases
(7-day average)

Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.
ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Covid Cycle and Healthcare Indicators

Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from John Hopkins University; World Health Organization; and AMRO staff calculations.


**Selected ASEAN+3: Aggregate Non-Residential Mobility**
(Percentage change from baseline; 5-day moving average)

Sources: Haver Analytics, sourced from Google COVID-19 Community Mobility reports; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Baseline refers to the median value of the corresponding day in the period Jan 3–Feb 6, 2020. “Non-residential” refers to the aggregated mobility data for places such as groceries and pharmacies, retail and recreation facilities, transit station and workplaces. ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore. CLMV = Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

**World and Selected ASEAN+3: Weekly Scheduled Flight Seats**
(Percent year-over-year)

Sources: Official Aviation Guide; and AMRO staff calculations.

Note: Scheduled seat capacity data until November 2020 are on monthly basis, and on weekly basis thereafter.