Cumulative New Cases and Deaths

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<td>266,449,429 Cases</td>
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Source: Haver Analytics, sourced from Johns Hopkins University; and AMRO staff calculations.

Recent Developments

**Global News**

- Community transmission of the omicron variant has been confirmed in **England**.
- The omicron variant has spread to about one-third of states in the **US**, but the delta variant continue to account for the majority of COVID-19 infections in the country.
- Effective December 27, all private employees in **New York** need to be vaccinated before being allowed to return to work.
- **South Africa** is preparing its hospitals for more admissions as average daily cases breached 10,000, driven by the omicron variant.
- WHO’s chief scientist reiterates that there is no reason to panic over the omicron variant as many cases appear to be mild or without symptoms.

**Regional News**

- **Japan** aims to shorten the current eight-month interval to at least six months for fully vaccinated individuals to become eligible for booster doses.
- **Korea** will limit private gatherings to six people in metropolitan areas and eight people in other areas, in a bid to stem the rapid increase in cases.
- **Thailand** has detected its first case of the omicron variant in a foreign citizen who traveled to the country from Spain late last month.
- In **Vietnam**, under a two-week pilot scheme, students from the first, ninth and 12th grade can return to school on December 13, while kindergarteners can return a week later.

**Vaccine News**

- **South Africa**'s Biovac Institute will start producing Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in early 2022 after receiving the drug substance from Europe.
- A study by University of Oxford has found better immune response for individuals who receive a first dose of an Oxford-AstraZeneca or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine followed by Moderna’s vaccine nine weeks later.
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)

ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Vaccination Progress

(Percent of 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.

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