



## Situation Summary

### Highlights of Current Situation Report

- A total of 5,730 COVID-19 cases including 177 deaths were reported in the last 7 days. Of the 5,730 cases, 45.9% (2,628/5,730) were imported and 54.1% (3,102/5,730) were locally acquired.
- As of 26 July 2021, a total of 114 samples have been sequenced as Delta VOC
  - ❖ 26 among community samples from selected provinces collected between 14/07/2021 and 20/07/2021
  - ❖ 84 among migrants returning to Cambodia across land borders
  - ❖ Genomic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 specimens is conducted by Institute Pasteur du Cambodge (IPC)
- As of 26 July 2021, 10 am ICT, 73,701 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,305 deaths have been reported from Cambodia, of which 65,950 have recovered. A total of 9,152 (12.4%) cases were acquired overseas.
- Since January 2020, a total of 1,158,071 individuals have been tested using real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), with a positivity rate of 4.9%. As of 26 July 2021, a total of 1,492,290 tests have been performed using RT-PCR.

## Upcoming Events and Priorities

### Surveillance

- MOH with WHO support is conducting weekly transmission stage, situation assessments and analyses to understand the effectiveness of interventions using multisource surveillance at subnational level.
- WHO is providing support on monitoring ICU bed capacity (bed occupancy) at subnational level.
- WHO has technically supported MOH to develop, review and update a COVID-19 surveillance strategy to inform the response.
- WHO will be supporting CDC to strengthen capacity for multisource surveillance, contact tracing and risk assessment in a further 6 provinces

### Laboratory

- NIPH, IPC, WHO, and partners are providing technical and coordination support to CCDC and COVID-19 laboratories.
- Establishment of COVID-19 testing at newly constructed Regional laboratories in Siem Reap and Battambang is ongoing.

### Healthcare delivery and pathways

- Clinical management guidance (v4) is being finalized by MOH.
- MOH with support from WHO is finalizing the training material for oxygen therapy.
- WHO support MOH in developing guidance on increasing ICU bed capacity and maintaining essential services.

### Risk communication and community engagement

- The RCCE strategy has been updated to be in line with recent findings from WHO-MOH joint provincial field mission and perceptions and behavioral insight survey by WPRO in May 2021.
- WHO has provided technical support to MOH in developing COVID-19 awareness campaign plan aiming at promoting new normal and new norms and reinforcing COVID-19 appropriate messaging.

- WHO is developing a SOP for engagement of Faith Leaders to strengthen community ownership and empowerment to make right choices to save lives.
- WHO has developed Facebook campaign materials such as creative animations, GIFs, posters, etc. targeting youths. This will be posted by CDC-MOH.
- WHO and MOH continue to provide media and press updates on COVID-19 situation and to increase mass awareness to reinforce preventive behaviours and social measures.
- WHO and partners continue to proactively engage communities, focusing on high risk settings, to reduce transmission of COVID-19 virus.
- WHO continues to provide technical assistance to other UN agencies and (I)NGOs in strengthening RCCE interventions including development of need based materials.

## Transmission Assessment

The current multi-source surveillance assessment indicates Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk, Kampong Speu, Kandal, Takeo, Kampot, Banteay Meanchey, Svay Rieng, Tbong Khmum and Siem Reap is in stage 2 transmission (localized community transmission), the other 15 provinces (Prey Veng, Koh Kong, Kampong Cham, Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Thom, Battambang, Kep, Kratie, Pailin, Pursat, Preah Vihear, Mondul Kiri, Oddar Meanchey, Stung Treng, and Ratanak Kiri) with cases are in Stage 1 transmission.

### Epi Update COVID-19

#### Tests

**66,873**

NAT Tests past 7 days

**1,492,290**

Cumulative NAT Tests

#### Cases

**5,730**

New cases past 7 days  
(7.7% 7-day)

**73,701**

Cumulative Cases

#### Deaths

**177**

Deaths past 7 days  
(13.5% 7-day)

**1,305**

Cumulative Deaths

**6,832**

Imported cases in the past  
28 days

### Health Service Provision COVID-19

**27**

Hospitals admitting  
COVID-19 patients

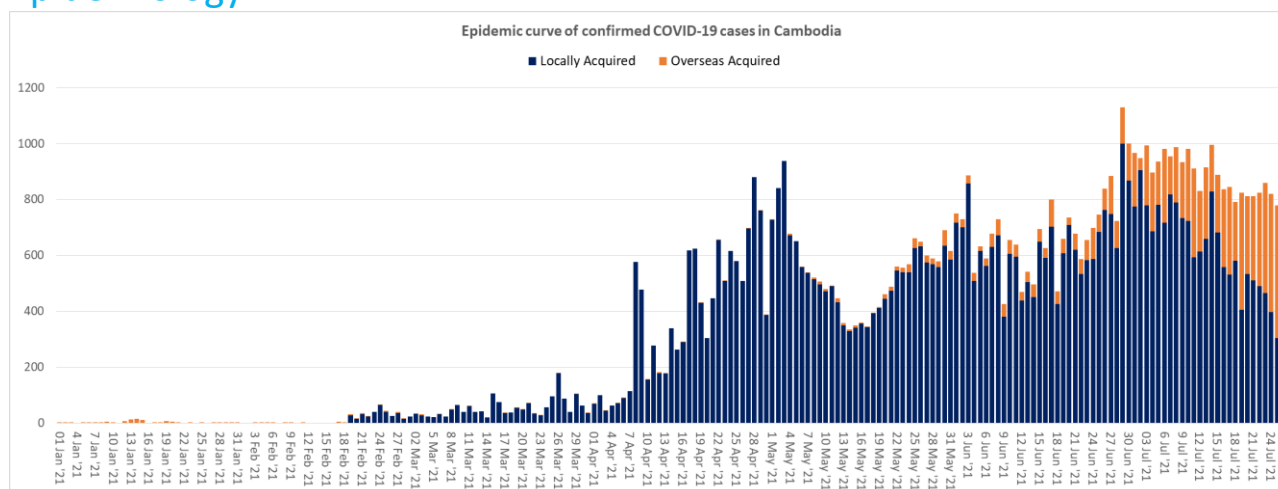
**13,782**

Total public hospital  
beds

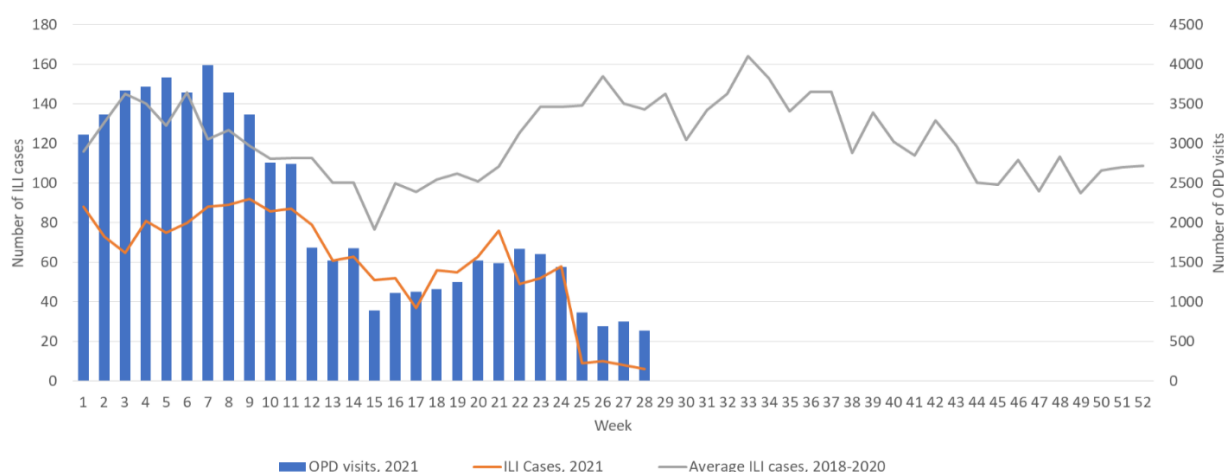
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Number of hospitals with  
experience in COVID-19 case  
management (includes 10  
repurposed HCF)

## Epidemiology

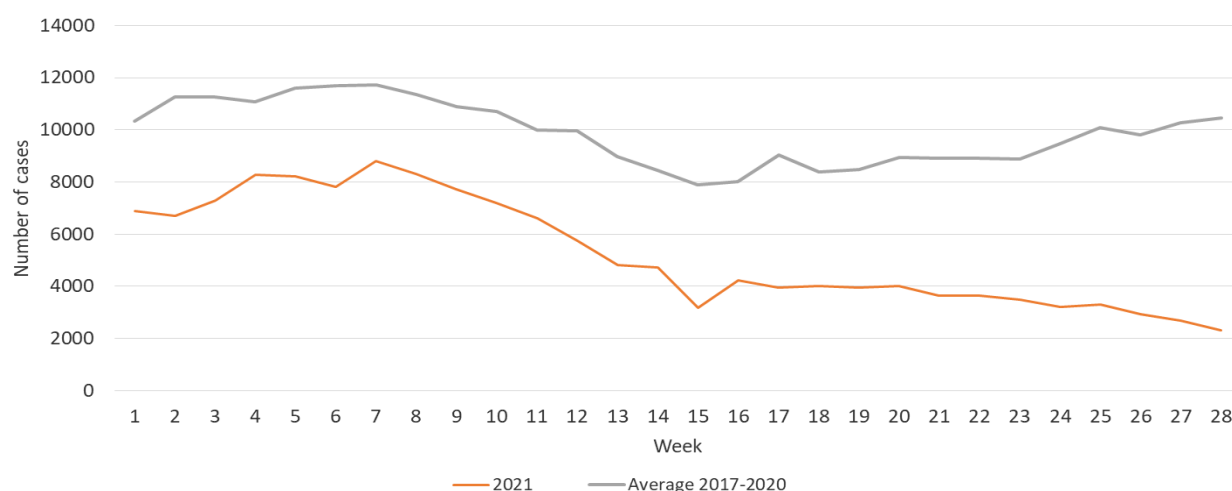


**Figure 1. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases by date of report**



**Figure 2. Number of ILI cases from ILI sentinel sites (n=7) by week, 2021 and 2018-2020\***

\*Delayed reporting for some sentinel sites in recent weeks



**Figure 3. Number of patients with severe respiratory illness by week, 2021 and 2018-2020**

## Strategic Approach

### National and Provincial Public Health Response

#### Incident Management Systems

- National COVID-19 Committee (CCC), chaired by Samdech Prime Minister
- Standing committee of CCC, Chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance
  - ❖ Municipal-Provincial COVID-19 committees, chaired by Municipal-Provincial Governors
  - ❖ Ad Hoc committee on national COVID-19 vaccination
  - ❖ Ad-Hoc committee in charge of COVID-19 vaccine procurement
- Inter-Ministerial Committee, chaired by the Minister of Health, with Secretaries of State
- Sub-committee for Evaluation, Planning, and Strategy, chaired by Secretary of State of the Ministry of Health
- Sub-Committee for Management at Points of Entry and Quarantine, chaired by Director-General of the General Department of Intelligence, Ministry of National Defense
- Sub-Committee for Rapid Response and Investigation into Persons with COVID-19, chaired by Deputy National Police Commissioner, Ministry of Interior
- Technical and Treatment Sub-Committee, chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Health
- Sub-Committee for Laboratory Services, chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Health
- Sub-Committee for Education, Training and Public Affairs, chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Health
- Sub-Committee for Supplies and Finance chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Health
- Sub-Committee on Technology and Data chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
- Sub-Committee for Construction and Repair chaired by Deputy Commissioner of National Police, Ministry of Interior
- Sub-Committee for Management and Handling of Bodies of Persons with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 chaired by Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior
- Committee on Economic and Financial Policy (CEFP)/ Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) of four Working Groups to address the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19.

#### System and Policy Development

- On 5 March 2021, the draft law “Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and other Dangerous Infectious Diseases” was approved by the National Assembly.
- State of Emergency legislation was promulgated into law on 29 April 2020; has not been enacted.
- Go.Data Platform used as a surveillance database including laboratory and contact tracing information.
- NIPH and CDC databases have been adjusted to allow for a multisource dataset on testing and surveillance.

#### Key Priorities

- WHO have supported MOH to conduct joint field missions to the provinces throughout June to support local preparedness and response for COVID-19.
- A survey of clinical management and infection prevention and control training is being implemented by MOH/DHS to support the development of a national curriculum for COVID-19.

- Number of health system readiness assessments on hospital readiness, ICU capacity, oxygen, staffing, etc. are currently being conducted by MOH/DHS.
- National programs are developing specific COVID-19 preparedness and response plans.
- The laboratory expansion strategy and molecular diagnostics training plan are being implemented to ensure sustained testing for COVID-19 at the National and Regional level.
- A survey on use of AgRDTs is ongoing with all provinces.
- Strengthening local preparedness in case of a potential localized outbreak in the future and minimizing disruptions to the delivery of essential health services.

### Strategic Approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection, and Control

- *Testing strategy and contact tracing system in place*  
A broad testing strategy is being implemented nationwide, including testing all suspect cases meeting case definition, active surveillance for pneumonia cases in hospitals, testing at POEs at day 1 and day 13 of 14-day quarantine, and testing ILI and SARI samples from sentinel sites for COVID-19. Targeted testing of high-risk populations is also being implemented as necessary.
- *Risk communication and community engagement*  
A strategy for surveillance using community engagement has been developed and will be piloted for case detection at the health center level and in the community. The Ministry of Interior is reinforcing the monitoring of quarantine through follow-up and fines for individuals who do not follow guidelines.
- *NPIs (recorded in table at end of report)*

## Best Practices / Lessons Learned

### Factors Contributing to Strong Response

- **Strong leadership and coordination**
  - ❖ Whole-of-government, whole-of-society response led by the Prime Minister, with public health actions led by Minister of Health.
  - ❖ National Master Plan for COVID-19 developed with a budget of \$62 million for the first year.
  - ❖ On 01 July 2021, Samdech Prime Minister introduced six COVID-19 response strategies that are aimed at preventing the importation of new variants, reducing cases, providing effective and standard treatment, strengthening contact tracing and management, handling of bodies and vaccination.
- **Past investments have built a functional public health system**
  - ❖ Multisource surveillance for COVID-19, including event-based surveillance (with 115 hotline) and expanded ILI/SARI surveillance.
  - ❖ Almost 3,000 RRT members across the country conduct case investigation and contact tracing.
- **Risk communication and community engagement**
  - ❖ Timely messages disseminated through TV, radio, and social media, regular press releases, press conferences, and media briefings.

- ❖ Risk-based approach for the development of targeted communication materials for at-risk groups, including migrants and garment factory workers, markets, prisons, restaurants/pubs, etc.
  - ❖ Community engagement strategy being rolled out to encompass all aspects of surveillance and response for COVID-19, particularly in the event of community transmission.
  - ❖ Close coordination and collaboration with other UN agencies, INGOs, and other stakeholders on RCCE implementation, monitoring, adapting, and reinforcing.
- **International solidarity and cooperation**
    - ❖ Open and transparent health system response in the country.
    - ❖ Close technical and operational cooperation between UN agencies and other development partners.
    - ❖ High-level participation in international meetings, including regular coordination between National International Health Regulations (IHR) Focal Point.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

As of 26 July 2021:

- Royal Government of Cambodia received 17,356,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines :
  - ❖ 14,500,000 (83%) doses procured by Royal Government of Cambodia from China
  - ❖ 2,200,000 (13%) doses donated by government of China and
  - ❖ 656,000 (4%) doses from government of Japan / COVAX Facility's supported
- A total of 6,839,109 (Female: 50%) and 4,540,445 (Female: 49%) target individuals received the first dose and second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, respectively. The coverage among the total target population for the first dose is 68%, and for the second dose is 45%.
- 161 AEFI cases reported from 20 provinces and four national hospitals and AEFI reporting rate per 100,000 doses = 1.41:
  - ❖ AEFI reporting rate per 100,000 doses for Sinovac vaccine = (71 cases) 1.00
  - ❖ AEFI reporting rate per 100,000 doses for Sinopharm vaccine = (61 cases) = 1.54
  - ❖ AEFI reporting rate per 100,000 doses for AZ COVISHIELD vaccine= (29 cases) = 8.97
  - ❖ AEFI reporting rate per 100,000 doses for AZ Japan vaccine= (0 case) = 0.00

## Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)

- On 26 July 2021, Minister of Health and Chair of the Inter-Ministerial Committee to Combat COVID-19, Mam Bun Heng advised authorities across the country to launch a public awareness campaign aimed at educating people about the ongoing dangers of Covid-19 and adapting to the new normal lifestyle
- On 24 July 2021, Ministry of Health introduced measures for the general public, food industry, managers and staff to prevent health problems caused by food and frozen food in the context of COVID-19
- On 23 July 2021, Phnom Penh Capital Hall extended closure of all employment, occupation and business activities at risk of COVID-19 transmission in Phnom Penh for another 14 days from 24 July to 06 August. Those high-risk businesses include: schools entertainment businesses, including KTVs, discotheques, beer gardens, and casinos; resorts, museums and parks; massage parlours; cinemas, theatres, gyms and sporting centres
- On 23 July 2021, Phnom Penh Capital Hall instructed all construction owners and managers to strengthen implementation of administrative, health, environmental, and education measures for preventing and combating the spread of COVID-19. The Capital Hall



recommended owners and managers to make accommodation, COVID-19 rapid test and quarantine or mild COVID-19 treatment arrangements for their staff and workers and asked department of land management, urban planning and construction and all khan administrations to monitor and enforce the measures

- On 22 July 2021, Ministry of Health launched hotel reservation service to do quarantine for travelers entering Cambodia through Phnom Penh International Airport. Passengers who do not use the booking service are required to go through a normal process and deposit a \$2,000 deposit for expense guarantee
- Over the past week:
  - ❖ Five markets in Phnom Penh and Kampong Speu, Preah Vihear, Kampong Chhnang and Kratie were reopened, while four markets in Siem Reap, Kampong Chhnang, Takeo and Prey Veng were closed
  - ❖ Three villages in Preah Vihear Province were reopened, while six villages in Svay Rieng, Takeo and Preah Vihear were closed
  - ❖ Svay Rieng and Preah Sihanouk extended alcohol sales ban for another seven days and 14 days respectively
  - ❖ Preah Sihanouk Provincial Administration established its provincial committee, sub-committee and working groups to combat COVID-19 in the province, while Preah Vihear Provincial Administration assigned officers from its provincial health department to assume responsibility for levying transitional fines for individuals and entities violating health measures
  - ❖ Oddar Meanchey began implementing temporary administrative measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the province for two weeks, whereas Kampong Cham, Siem Reap and Banteay Meanchey extended their temporary administrative measures for another two weeks
- On 15 July 2021, Minister of Health and Chair of the Inter-Ministerial Committee to Combat COVID-19 requested Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs to inform all foreign embassies, UN agencies and international organizations in Cambodia about the requirement for diplomats and officers of UN agencies and international organizations holding visa type A to quarantine at separate residences or houses
- On 13 July 2021, the Royal Government of Cambodia temporarily suspended border crossings with Viet Nam for a month starting 18 July 2021.
- On 13 July 2021, Takeo Provincial Administration instructed concerned authorities to strengthen control at checkpoints, cooperation with Viet Nam's counterparts as well as investigation and contact tracing and strictly enforce administrative and health measures for combating the spread of COVID-19

**Table 2. NPI implementation and lifting dates**

NPI	Monitoring status					
	Date first implemented	Date last modified	Implementation		Partial lift	Lifted
			Geographical (national or sub-national)	Recommended or Required	Lifted for some area	Lifted for all areas
Wearing Face Masks, Hand Hygiene, Respiratory Etiquette	None	03 May 2021	National	Required		No
School Closure	16 March 2020	19 June 2021	National	Required	No	No
Workplace Closure	None	None				
Mass Gatherings	3 April 2020	19 June 2021	National	Required	No	No
Stay at Home	Government recommends staying home if possible	None				
Restrictions on Internal Movement (within country)	9 April 2020	13 June 2021	Subnational	Recommended	Yes	No
Restrictions on International Travel	27 March 2020	11 November 2020	National	Required	Yes	No
Others; specify in narrative	None	None	-	-	-	-