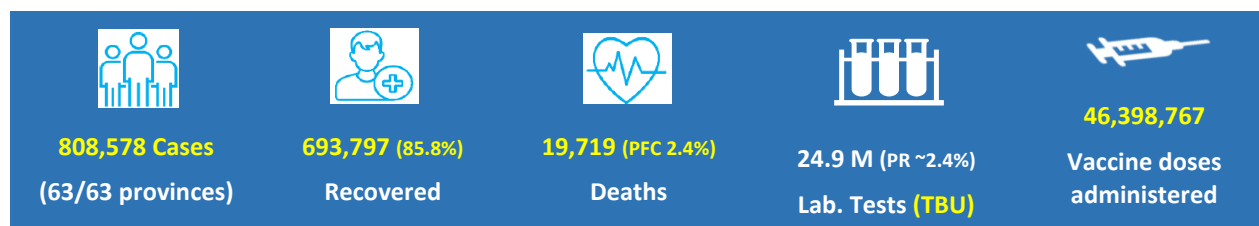


Viet Nam COVID-19 Situation Report #62

Epidemiological report as of 3 October 2021, 18:00

Situation Summary

Cumulative numbers from 23 Jan 2020 – 3 Oct 2021



Highlights from Current Community Outbreak (from 27 April to 3 October 2021)¹

- **Overall, decreasing trends in both daily number of new cases and deaths continued to be reported.**
- **During the week (from 20 – 3 Oct), a total of 51,889 new cases were reported including 1,135 deaths** from the country. These included 51,808 locally acquired cases and 81 imported cases. Of the 81 imported cases, there were one foreigner and 80 repatriated Vietnamese citizens.
- On average, **7,401 new locally acquired cases were reported per day, decreased 25.5%** compared to previous week; **162 new deaths were reported per day, decreased 23.9%** compared to previous week.
- Cumulatively **for this wave**, as of 26 Sep 2021 – **805,726 lab confirmed cases** have been reported **including 19,680 deaths (PFC 2.4%, 0.3% higher than global average PFC)** from **62 cities/ provinces** (Cao Bang remains the only province that has not reported cases in the current wave). Number of recovered cases is 690,980 (86%).
See Figures 1, 2, and 3.
- **Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) continues to be the epicentre** with its cumulative number of cases accounting for **approx. 50%** of the national tally. **Average daily case numbers** (3,693 cases) have shown a **26.4% decrease** compared to the previous week. **Daily average number of deaths continued to decrease** (by **29.8%** compared to previous week).
- **New cluster of cases in Ha Noi (Viet Duc hospital):** The **Index case** (#784177) is a 50-yro-male resident of Mỹ Hòa, Phù Lưu commune, Lộc Hà Dist., Hà Tĩnh who is a family caregiver of a hospital inpatient from 19 – 29 Sep. Upon hospital discharge on 29 Sep, he was tested positive with SARS-CoV-2, confirmed on 30 Sep. As of 3 Oct, there have been **33 cases had been reported (Ha Noi: 26; Ha Tĩnh: 3; Nam Dinh 2; Hung Yen 1; Hai Duong 1). Of those, 11 are patients; 16 are caregivers; 5 are hospital staff and 1 related case. Investigation and response are ongoing:** at least 16,026 samples have been collected of those 9,227 samples tested negative, 26 samples tested positive; the remaining with pending results. Around 140 F1 contacts have been transferred (in the same night) to centralized quarantine facility in Chuong My (Ha Noi). Viet Duc hospital and various streets in the neighbourhood have been put under lockdown.
- **Ongoing clusters of cases in Ha Nam province:** after 24 days without community cases reported in the province, on 19 Sep, two cases who are returnees from a Stage 3 province of Dong Nai were tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. **By 3 Oct, at least 356 confirmed cases have been reported which were linked to 15 transmission chains and among 4 groups** including schools, industrial parks, hospitals and community. There have been cases in various settings that have unknown epidemiological links; **investigation and response are ongoing.**
See Figure 4 for epi curves of HCMC, Ha Noi and Ha Nam, as of 3 Oct 2021.
- **The five (5) cities/ provinces with the highest case number** reported remain: **HCMC** 397,513cases, 15,023 deaths, PFC 3.8%); **Binh Duong** (215,643 cases, 2,065 deaths, PFC 0.96%); **Dong Nai** (50,663cases, 498 deaths, PFC 0.98%); **Long An** (32,767 cases, 429 deaths, PFC 1.35%); **Tien Giang** (14,120 cases, 380 deaths, PFC 2.7%).

¹ For updates before 27 Sep 2021, refer to previous Sitreps. While epidemiological figures are as of 3 Oct Sep, other information may cover beyond this cut-off date.



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for Viet Nam

Viet Nam

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report #62

5 October 2021

Report as of 3 October 2021



- **Twelve (12) provinces have passed at least 14 days** since the last local cases reported: Dien Bien, Hai Phong, Ha Giang, Hoa Binh, Thai Nguyen, Bac Kan, Yen Bai, Tuyen Quang, Lai Chau, Lang Son, Thai Binh and Lao Cai
- **Seven (7) provinces have not reported secondary transmission:** Quang Ninh, Vinh Phuc, Bac Giang, Phu Tho, Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Bac Ninh.
- **All of the 23 cities/provinces that applied PM's Directive No.16 have eased lockdown restrictions. HCMC started applying D-18 on gradual economic recovery from 1st Oct. Five (5) provinces shifted to implementing D-19 in the entire province (Hau Giang, Vinh Long, Ben Tre Phu Yen and Kien Giang); eight (8) cities/ provinces still applying to implement D-15 in the entire province (Ba Ria – Vung Tau, Ca Mau, Dong Thap, Long An, Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, Can Tho and Ha Noi); Nine (9) provinces continued relaxing PHSMs as per D-16, D-15 or D-19 based on risk level (An Giang, Bac Lieu, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, Da Nang, Dong Nai, Khanh Hoa, Soc Trang and Tay Ninh).**
- **For the remaining 40 provinces:** Cao Bang remains without cases; 17 provinces have lifted all lockdown areas; 19 provinces apply D-16, D-15 or D-19 depending on the risk level and 3 provinces apply D-15 in entire province.

For more details, visit:

[COVID-19 Dashboard](#) of the General Department of Preventive Medicine (GDPM)/MOH.

[MOH link](#) of the MOH for a more detailed and updated list of lockdown areas in Viet Nam.

Cumulatively from Jan 2020 to 3 Oct 2021, Viet Nam has reported a total cumulative number **808,578 laboratory confirmed cases (99.6% are locally transmitted)** from all 63 provinces including **19,719 deaths (PFC 2.4%)**; of those approximately **86% have recovered**. Three are currently **95,066 people being monitored and treated** of those **6,498 are severe cases including 26 patients are under ECMO**.

- ✓ Age and sex distribution of COVID-19 cases: Analysis from 757,832 cases shows that ages of cases range from 2 months to 100 years old. About 55.4% of all cases are in the 30-69 years old age group, 3.4% are above 70 years old, and the remaining 41.2% are under 30 years old. The proportion of male vs female is around 48.8% vs 51.2%. *See Figure 5.*
- ✓ From 27 Apr to 3 Oct: approximately **435,373 F1 contacts** have been identified and have been quarantined and tested in 62 affected cities/ provinces.

Other key highlights

- **A National Comprehensive Strategic Plan (NCSP) in a new normal context for COVID-19** is being developed and led by the Viet Nam Health Environment Management Agency (VIHEMA), in coordination with relevant Government stakeholders and with the support from WHO.
- **Enhancing risk communication:** To scale up communication on vaccination, Ministry of Health-Department of Communication will launch a vaccination communications campaign, in partnership with Facebook. The launch of the campaign called **"Get vaccinated, keep faith"** will be on 8 October 2021, with a back-to-back program and talk show to be livestreamed on Facebook. WHO continues to support MOH on communication related to vaccine safety and prevention measures.
- **Website <https://antoancovid.vn/>** continued to be updated which shows risk mapping from provincial to commune level based on risk assessment criteria as per the MOH Decision No. 2686 dated 31 May 2021.
- **PC-Covid application** was upgraded from the Bluezone application and would be a single mobility app that people would have to use when they travel within Viet Nam. This app includes information on the "COVID-19 card" Health declaration; domestic move declaration; vaccination information; test information; close contact tracing; infection trends; risk mapping, etc.
- **Close monitoring of public adherence to NPIs across the country especially in hotspot provinces alongside reviewing and adjusting public health measures** based on timely risk assessment are encouraged to be conducted by local authorities as per the MOH Decision No. 2686.
- **Continued accelerating vaccine supply and delivery** with support from international partners; ramping up vaccination process.

Vaccination *(See Annex 1)*

- **As of 3 Oct, a total of 61,317,266 doses** have arrived in Viet Nam including: Govt. COVAX; 1,499,940 Pfizer doses, Govt donation; Germany 2,599,400 AZ doses, AUS 300,000 AZ doses, Cuba 150,000 Abdala doses, Bilateral; 740,000 Sputnik V, 1M Sinopharm Hayat.

- **As of 03 Oct, a total of 45,496,123 doses (6.2M doses in a week) have been administered: 34,622,194 persons completed 1st dose (reached to 50.2% of pop >18yo, 35.9% of total pop) and persons completed 2nd doses has reached to 10,873,929 (15.8% of pop >18yo, 11.3% of total pop).**
- **COVAX:** 14,108,450 doses delivered. Coming vaccine supply:
 - ✓ AstraZeneca: Italy dose sharing 796,000 doses on 4-8 Oct, and 1,225,440 doses in early Oct.
 - ✓ Pfizer: 1,999,530 more doses as additional Round 5 allocation on 4-8 Oct (Total Round 5 allocation becomes 4,565,340 doses). 5,267,340 doses as Round 7 committed.
 - ✓ Moderna: 1,317,120 doses as Round 7 committed.
- **Donation from countries:** 10,525,710 doses delivered. Another 9.5M doses planned in 2021; ROK 1M AZ doses, China 4M Sinopharm, AUS 4.5M AZ/Pfizer.
- **Bilateral:** 36,683,106 doses delivered, 144M doses currently committed.
- **Vaccine Research:** Viet Nam started clinical trial of ARCT-154 vaccine, phases 2 and 3. More than 20,000 volunteers have registered to join phases 2 and 3 of the trial in Bac Ninh and Hung Yen provinces in the North and Vinh Long, Tien Giang and Dong Thap provinces in the South.
- **To date, eight vaccines in Emergency Use Authorization by NRA of Viet Nam:** AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), Sinopharm BIBP, Sputnik V, and Hayat-Vax COVID-19 (Sinopharm manufacturing site).

Government direction and key public health response measures

- **3 Oct-** MOH issued an official Dispatch No.8318/BYT-DP on laboratory testing and quarantine regulations for travellers between risk areas.
- **2 Oct –** At the Government meeting, the PM requested MOH to urgently finalize strategy on safe adaptation, flexible, and effective control of COVID-19, and MPI to develop a strategy on socio-economic recovery.
- **30 Sep –** DPM signed the Decision No.1644/QD-TTg on the expense for procurement, transportation and delivery of 5 million doses of Abdala vaccine produced by the Cuban Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.
- **29 Sep –** DPM signed the Decision on budget allocation for procurement of 20 million doses of COVID-19 Vero Cell vaccine of Sinopharm, China.
- MOH has issued an official Dispatch No. 8228/BYT-MT guiding production facilities and household businesses to conduct COVID-19 self-testing for their workers.
- MoH recommended not conducting periodical COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated people who received the last shot at least 14 days but not more than 12 months, or those who have recovered from COVID-19 within six months.

❖ Community lockdown and social distancing:

- Various Northern provinces including Lao Cai, Quang Ninh, Hai Phong and Bac Giang reopen tourist services for the local people. Southern and Central provinces shifted from implementing PM's D-16 to implementing PM's D-15 or PM's D-19. However, some Southern provinces (e.g. Ca Mau and Kien Giang provinces) delay shifting from implementing D-15 to D-19 as there are too many returnees from HCMC, Binh Duong and Dong Nai.
- **30 Sep-** HCMC issued a Directive No. 18 for relaxing social distancing and gradual reopening of economy from 6PM 30 Sep. Key information includes:
 - Allowing reopened eight groups of entities or services, including:
 - ✓ Governmental agencies and state organizations that need to have employees physically at work.
 - ✓ Foreign commissions, international organizations and foreign economic and cultural offices in the city.
 - ✓ Medical facilities, public and private trading facilities in pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment.
 - ✓ Manufacturing and trading facilities.
 - ✓ Religious organizations, resorts, hotels, motels, cultural and sporting services, weddings and funerals.
 - ✓ Education and training activities for fully vaccinated people.
 - ✓ Indoor conventions and seminars with 10 attendees at most; in case 90% of the attendees have been fully vaccinated, 60 people at most will be allowed.
 - ✓ Outdoor events with 15 attendees at most; in case 90% of the attendees have been fully vaccinated, 90 people will be allowed.Special cases/ circumstances must be approved by the competent agencies.
 - Other services would be still suspended:
 - ✓ Bars, beer clubs, pubs, spas, massage parlors, beauty services, dine-in services, cinemas, circuses, dance clubs, karaoke parlors and game parlors.
 - ✓ Makeshift markets, street vendors and lottery ticket sellers.

✓ Other activities except for eight groups of services allowed to reopen in accordance with this directive.

- **5 Oct - HCMC has allowed buses, taxis, passenger cars and tech-based vehicles** with fewer than nine seats each to resume their operations.
- **30 Sep - Da Nang relaxed some restrictions.** Markets, hotels, outdoor sports, public beaches, and religious sites resumed in the central city through other restrictions would remain in 'red' or 'very high risk' areas

For a more detailed and updated list of lockdown areas in Viet Nam, see the [MOH link](#)

❖ **Hospital lockdown:**

- **30 Sep** - Viet Duc (Viet Nam - German Friendship) hospital has been under lockdown with at least 33 COVID-19 cases (as of 3 Oct) linked with the hospital cluster.
- **28 Sep:** Can Tho Heart Hospital is under locked down after a cluster of 7 COVID-19 cases (as of 3 Oct) were detected linked to the hospital.

❖ **School closure**

- **As of 4 Oct** - children are back to school in 25 North mountainous and Hong delta river provinces; 14 provinces have been applying semi-virtual teaching and learning methods, and 25 remaining provinces have been applying on-line teaching and learning.
- Seven (7) provinces including Da Nang, Phu Yen, Quang Ngai, Ben Tre, Binh Thuan, Kien Giang, and Tay Ninh where the outbreak situation is being brought under control consider bringing students back to school in Oct.

❖ **Travel restriction:**

- **The Ministry of Transport** has issued provisional guidelines for passenger transport, applicable from 1st Oct.
- **4 Oct** – HCMC, Binh Dinh, Gia Lai, Dien Bien, Khanh Hoa, and Phu Yen provinces sent a letter to Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam (CAAV) on agreement with CAAV' plan on reopening domestic commercial flights. In contrast, Hai Phong and Gia Lai provinces did not agree with CAAV's plan. Ha Noi provided comments on the plan as below:
 - o The passengers of the flights to/from Noi Bai airport should be coming from green areas, if they come from high (orange) and very high-risk (red) areas, they need to get approval from both departure and arrival local authorities;
 - o Temporary flights to/from Noi Bai airport restriction for people from HCMC, Binh Duong, Dong Nai and Long An;
 - o Provinces should develop plan for deposit and pick-up their local people at Noi Bai airport; and
 - o CAAV only reopens flights to/from Noi Bai airport when receiving the approval from MOT and MOH, and have a written agreement of Ha Noi People's Committee, and neighbouring provinces.
- **2 Oct** – CAAV sent a letter to People's Committee of Ha Noi, HCMC, Da Nang, Hai Phong, Can Tho and other provinces with major airports to get their ideas on the plan on reopening domestic commercial flights, tentatively 385 returned flights per day are planned, starting from 5 Oct.
- **1 Oct - Hai Phong allowed reopening tourist areas for local guests.** All tourists and tourism staff have to be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 certificate within 72h before arrival or a certificate of COVID-19 recovery.
- **MOH has issued an official Dispatch No.8318/ BYT-DP** regarding guidelines of testing and quarantine for individuals traveling between at-risk areas (Long An, HCMC, Dong Nai, Binh Duong). People traveling between cities and provinces will be tested and quarantined depending on vaccination status and levels of risk at their point of origin.

Laboratory testing

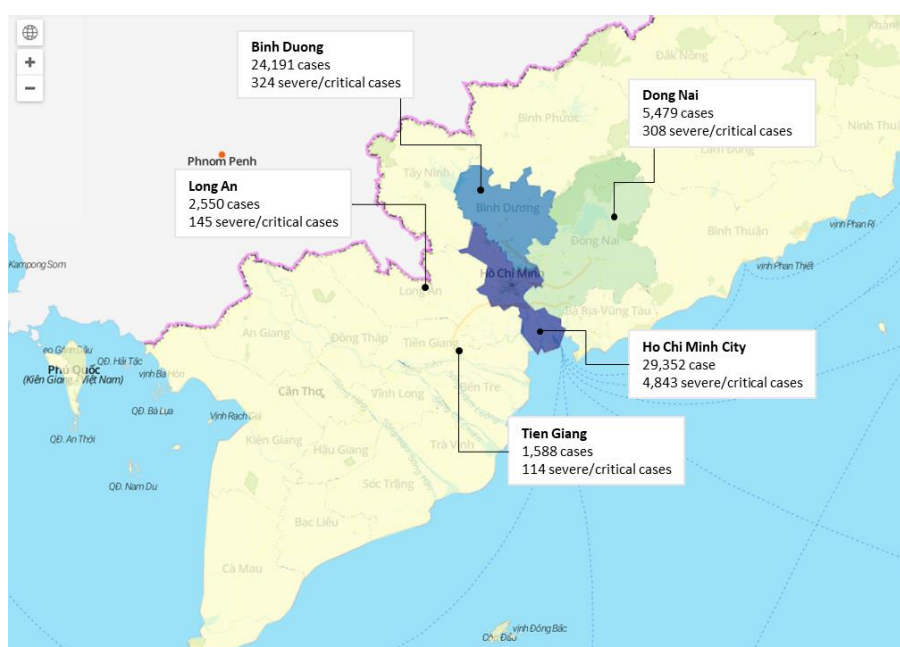
- A broad testing strategy continues to be followed, with laboratory testing of all F1, and F2 contacts in some locations, members of outbreak communities/localities as well as ad hoc testing in high-risk location in certain provinces.
- As of 3 Oct, approximately 24,355,551 RT-PCR tests (both single and pooled samples) have been conducted. For this 4th wave, 18,639,337 RT-PCR tests (both single and pooled samples) have been conducted.
- Currently, there are 249 confirmatory laboratories for COVID-19 by RT-PCR established in Viet Nam including 103 from Northern region, 28 from Central-coastal region, 4 from Central-highland region, and 114 from Southern region.
- **27 Sep** – MoH issued an official document No. 8114/BCĐ-VX which aims to effectively and properly use testing resources in epidemic prevention. It is emphasized that the serological test to detect antibodies are not used to

determine whether you are infected with the virus or the protective effect against COVID-19 disease, it is mainly applied for research, assessment and evaluation epidemiological.

- **28 Sep**– MoH issued an official document No. 8157/BYT-KHTC regarding rectification on implementation of charging for COVID-19 testing services. It is mentioned that sectors and localities continue to implement testing regimes according to the previous official document while waiting for the MoH Circular regulating the prices for collecting samples and conducting COVID-19 tests to suit the current actual situation.
- **30 Sep** – MoH issued an official document No. 8228/BYT-NT regarding guideline of SAR-CoV-2 testing for production and business establishments. It is mentioned that periodic testing for employees would not apply to people who have received the full dose of vaccine (last dose given at least 14 days in advance and not more than 12 months) or have recovered from COVID-19 within 6 months.
- **03 Oct**– MoH issued an official document No. 8318/BYT-DP which aims to test and quarantine for COVID-19 prevention and control with people moving between at-risk areas. The instruction relates to the people traveling from very high risk and high risk area to an equivalent or lower risk area; as well as people going from a risk area to an equivalent risk area or a new normal.
- The National Center of Technology for COVID-19 prevention has coordinated to deploy the platform to support sampling and return test results in the electronic form online in some provinces such as Tay Ninh; Binh Duong; Bac Giang; Dong Nai; Dong Thap; Can Tho; Vinh Long; Ba Ria - Vung Tau, etc... and 26 other provinces are in the process of training to prepare for deployment.

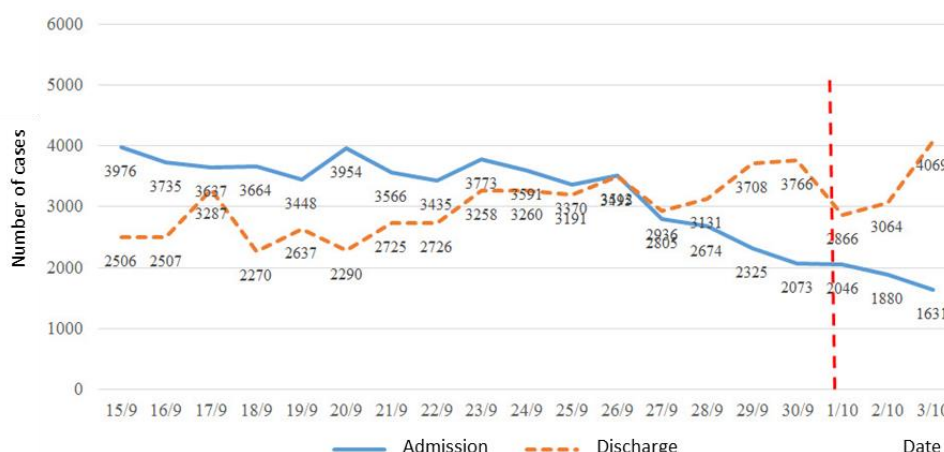
Case management

- As of **3 October**, there were **95,063** people infected with COVID-19 being isolated, monitored or treated in the country, which is 54.8% decrease from 210,176 cases last week. During the week, **1,131 additional deaths** were reported (an average of 162 deaths reported per day). **19,715 cumulative deaths (PFC 2.4% - 20 deaths per 100,000 population [source](#))** have been reported since Jan 2020.
- Among cumulative deaths, HCMC (15,023 deaths, PFC 3.8%) and neighbouring provinces of Binh Duong (2,065 deaths, PFC 0.96%), Dong Nai (498 deaths, PFC 0.98%), Long An (429 deaths, PFC 1.35%), Tien Giang (380 deaths, PFC 2.69%) accounted for highest proportions of fatal cases. ([Source](#))



Number of COVID-19 cases are being treated in hospitals as of 3rd October 2021 in 5 Southern provinces with highest number of cumulative cases in this current wave (from 27th April 2021) ([Source](#))

- Data from HCMC shows positive signals, from after 26 Sep the daily number of patients discharged started to be higher than number of patients admitted. Last week on average 2,204 patients were admitted per day, reduced 39% compare to previous week (3,614 patients per day).



Daily number of COVID-19 cases admitted and discharged in hospitals in HCMC from 15th Sep to 3rd Oct 2021
(Source)

- **Current capacity of the Health care facilities:** No updates. For updates before 26 Sep, see previous Sitreps.
- **Government response:** No updates. For updates before 26 Sep, see previous Sitreps.

Risk communication

- Viet Nam received an additional 1,499,940 doses of COVID-19 vaccines on 2 October 2021 from the COVAX Facility and the US Government. A handover ceremony was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hanoi, with representatives from the UN, WHO, UNICEF and US Embassy. Social media update was provided in this link: <https://www.facebook.com/WHOVietnam/posts/6298682036841140>
- Ministry of Health-Department of Communication will launch a vaccination communications campaign, in partnership with Facebook, on 8 October 2021. The campaign called “**Get vaccinated, keep faith**” will also have a talk show to be livestreamed on Facebook on the same date. WHO is participating both in the launch and the talk show.
- Government continues to provide timely and transparent communication, advice and guidance to the public, in multiple channels, on various public health measures and actions by the Government. These are disseminated in local media as well as in social media platform, such as the MOH Facebook page: [VNM MOH Sức khỏe Việt Nam](#) as well as WHO Facebook page: [World Health Organization Viet Nam](#).
- WHO continues to provide technical and capacity development support to the MOH and counterparts in outbreak communications, as well as on vaccine safety communications.
- Media agencies are provided timely and regular updates on outbreak situation and Government action for content in media reports to the public. Current topics of interest for the media and social media (based on media inquiries and reports) are on vaccination for children, transition to new normal, public health and social measures in Hanoi, situation and risk assessment and 5K messaging.
- New communication materials developed and disseminated this week include the following:

On Outbreak Response

- ❖ [Keeping schools safe \(Science in 5 video, with Vietnamese sub-title\)](#)
- ❖ [Explainer on various COVID-19 tests](#)
- ❖ [Avoid 3Cs -- stay in ventilated spaces to prevent COVID-19](#)
- ❖ [Keep safe while shopping](#)
- ❖ 5K messaging: [keep safe, practice 5K](#); [5K Reminders](#): A reminder to people as Hanoi re-opens malls and allows outdoor exercise; [5K + Vaccine](#)
- ❖ [Do it All to protect everyone from COVID-19](#)
- ❖ Solidarity messages: [Empathy during COVID-19](#); [Do not discriminate](#)
- ❖ [Preventing domestic violence during and after the pandemic](#)
- ❖ [Homecare for COVID-19](#)
- ❖ [Supporting each other -- we are a community](#)
- ❖ [Mental health during COVID-19](#)



World Health Organization

Representative Office
for Viet Nam

Viet Nam

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Report #62

5 October 2021

Report as of 3 October 2021



- ❖ Continue preventive measures (5K) even after vaccination: [avoid crowded places](#); [keep safe distance](#); [wear mask](#); [Proper way to wear mask for children](#)
- ❖ [Safe maternal and newborn care on World Patient Safety Day](#)
- ❖ [Suicide Prevention Messages](#)

On COVID-19 Vaccination

- ❖ Vaccine prioritization: [Why should we prioritize vulnerable groups](#); [Why should we prioritize the elderly for vaccination](#)
- ❖ Vaccine confidence: [Rigorous process in vaccine development](#); [WHO approved vaccines are effective and safe](#); [Get vaccinated when it's your turn](#)

On WHO's Guidance and OpenWHO Training

- ❖ [OpenWHO Course: Clinical management of patients with COVID-19 \(in Vietnamese\)](#)
- ❖ [National deployment and vaccination plan for COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Other communication products and campaign materials on COVID-19, visit the [World Health Organization Viet Nam](#).

WHO's support

WHO continues to support the MOH in various technical areas, such as providing technical advice with scientific evidence, supporting data management, reporting and information sharing, supporting the review and revision of technical guidelines, supporting ongoing efforts on COVID-19 vaccine development and deployment as well as distribution plans and effective communication (e.g., reinforcement of preventive measures, media engagement and communications on vaccine safety); **development of a National Comprehensive Strategic Plan (NCSP) for COVID-19 response in a new normal context**, etc. A provision of additional COVID-19 supplies and equipment to support Viet Nam's outbreak response has been actively distributed since August which included PPEs and medical equipment.

For updates before 27 Sep - See *previous Sitreps*

Transmission Stage Assessment

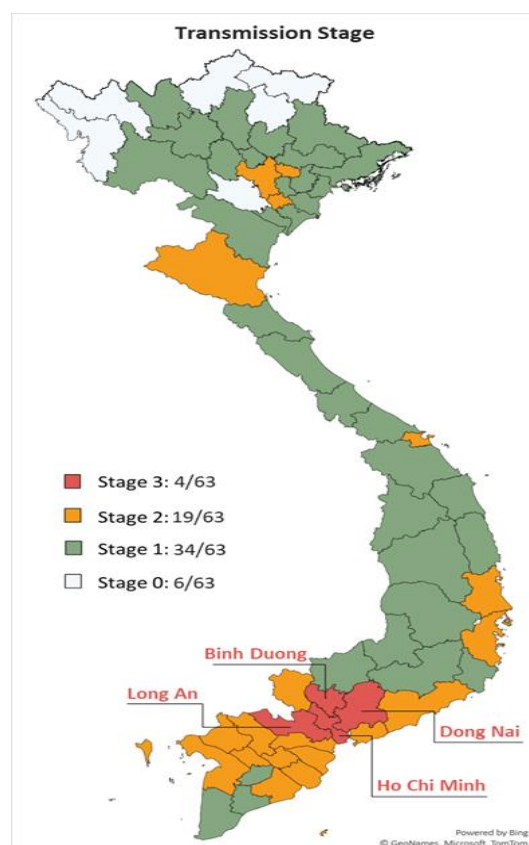
Overall assessment – As of the week ended on 3 Oct 2021, 62/63 cities and provinces have reported COVID-19 cases in the current wave. **Six (6) provinces are in Stage 0; 34 provinces are in Stage 1; 19 provinces remain in Stage 2; and 4 provinces remain in Stage 3.** There might be a risk of some provinces moving upward in their transmission stage in the coming days, especially if lacking vigilance while relaxing PHSMs are being implemented in many provinces.

Sub-national level

- **Four (4) provinces remain in Stage** – HCMC, Binh Duong, Dong Nai and Long An where large-scale community transmission persist, although the situation continued to improve, except in Dong Nai.
- **Nineteen (19) provinces remain in Stage 2** – these included Ha Noi, Bac Ninh, Nghe An, Da Nang, Binh Thuan, Phu Yen, Khanh Hoa, Tay Ninh, Dong Thap, Can Tho, Vinh Long, Ben Tre, Soc Trang, An Giang, Tra Vinh, Tien Giang, Ba Ria – Vung Tau, Kien Giang and Ha Nam. No clear signals of large-scale community transmission have been yet documented.
- **Thirty-four (34) provinces are in Stage 1** – The remaining provinces. Thai Nguyen has moved to Stage 1 from Stage 0 having imported cases reported from overseas.
- **Six (6) provinces are in Stage 0** – These included Cao Bang province that has not reported any cases in the current outbreak; Dien Bien, Bac Kan, Lai Chau, Ha Giang, and Hoa Binh that have passed at least 28 days since the last cases (either domestically or internationally imported) reported.

Additional cases might be expected, especially among the ongoing clusters in Stage 2 provinces of Ha Nam and Ha Noi. However, a **risk for wider community transmission in these two provinces is low** given the vigorous contact tracing and response measures in place. **Currently, 4 provinces are in Stage 3; 19 provinces are in Stage 2; 34 provinces are in Stage 1, and 6 provinces are in Stage 0.**

With strict PHSMs being applied in the past three months, the situation in **HCMC continues improving** especially with **daily fatal cases gradually decreasing** in the past consecutive weeks; the positivity rates has dropped from 0.4% (22 Sep) to 0.2% (25 Sep) as the City maintains the testing efforts. The city started opening various activities and services from 1st October, entering a *new normal*. After almost months under strict PHSMs, **Ha Noi shifted to implementing the PM's Directive No.15 since 21 Sep.** while on standby to respond to possible community clusters including the ongoing one in Viet Duc hospital. **High number of new cases might still persist in coming days in hotspot provinces, while case fatality is expected to continue decreasing.**



Transmission Stage Assessment

- Stage 0 - No cases**
No new cases for at least 28 days. The risk of infection for most people in this area is minimal.
- Stage 1 - Imported cases**
Cases detected in the past 14 days are all imported or are linked to imported cases. No clear signals of further locally acquired transmission. Minimal risk of infection for the general population. The risk of infection for most people in this area is very low.

*Data may be incomplete for the current day or week

- Stage 2 - Localized community transmission**
Cases and clusters detected in the past 14 days are locally acquired but are mostly limited to places or population sub-groups. No clear signals of large-scale community transmission. Low risk of infection for the general population. The risk of infection for most people in this area is low but increased if interacting with places or population sub-groups with known transmission.
- Stage 3 - Large-scale community transmission**
Cases and clusters detected in the past 14 days are locally acquired and not limited to place or population sub-groups. Moderate to high risk of infection for the general population.

Assessment done by WHO Viet Nam with concurrence from the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.

Epidemiology

Epi Update COVID-19

Tests (TBU)	Cases	Deaths	ICU Admissions
1,346,604	51,889	1,135	4,321
NAT Tests past 7 days (+95.6% 7-day)	New cases past 7 days (-25.5% 7-day)	Deaths past 7 days (-23.9% 7-day)	Current ICU admissions
24,355,551	808,578	19,719	At least 19,000 (TBU)
Cumulative NAT Tests	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Deaths	Cumulative ICU Admissions
<hr/>			
0.1%	At least 12,700	At least 281	79 (TBU)
Imported Cases in past 28 days (312)	Cases in past 28 days with no link (TBU)	Active Clusters (TBU)	Active clusters with >3 generations

Health Service Provision COVID-19

Most of national hospital staff	n.a.	51,889	16,000	30,000 (TBC)
Health care workers trained in COVID19 Case Management	Healthcare worker cases reported past week (Total: 2,868)	Hospitals admitting/ under monitoring COVID-19 past week	ICU beds in total estimated nationwide (ICU bed occupancy in HCMC 93%; in other affected provinces) (TBU)	Non-ICU Hospital beds for COVID-19 patients (As of 29 Aug – at least 35 field hospitals set up across the country; ICU centres/ beds set ready in HCMC and other provinces)

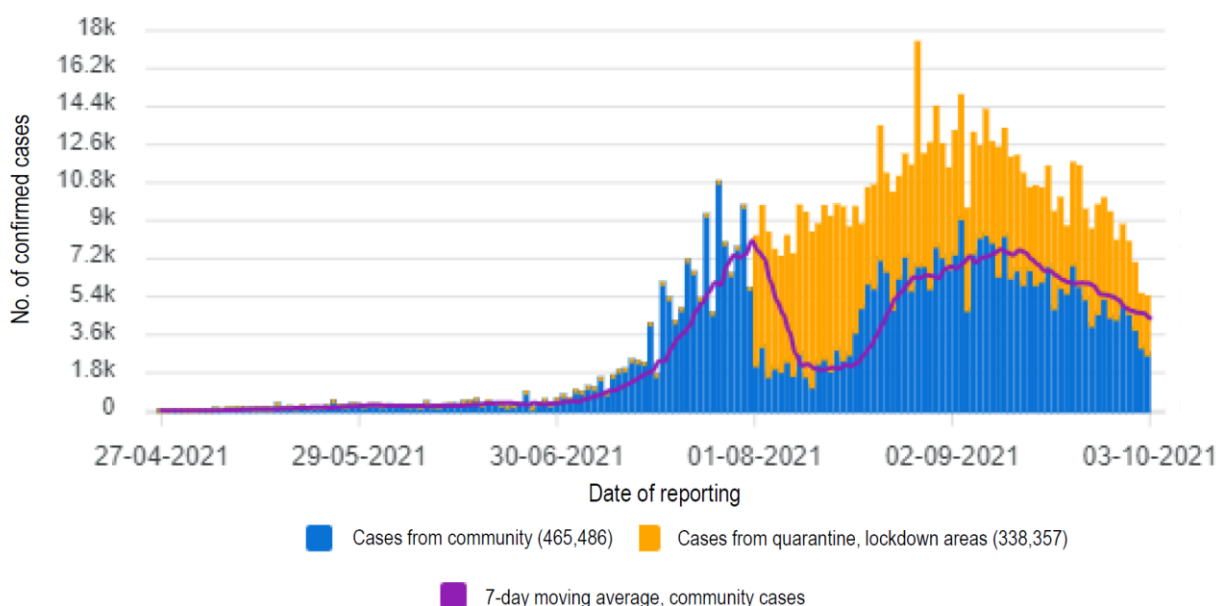


Figure 1. Epidemic curve of COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases with category of detection, by date of reporting for the current outbreaks, from 27 Apr – 3 Oct 2021, Viet Nam

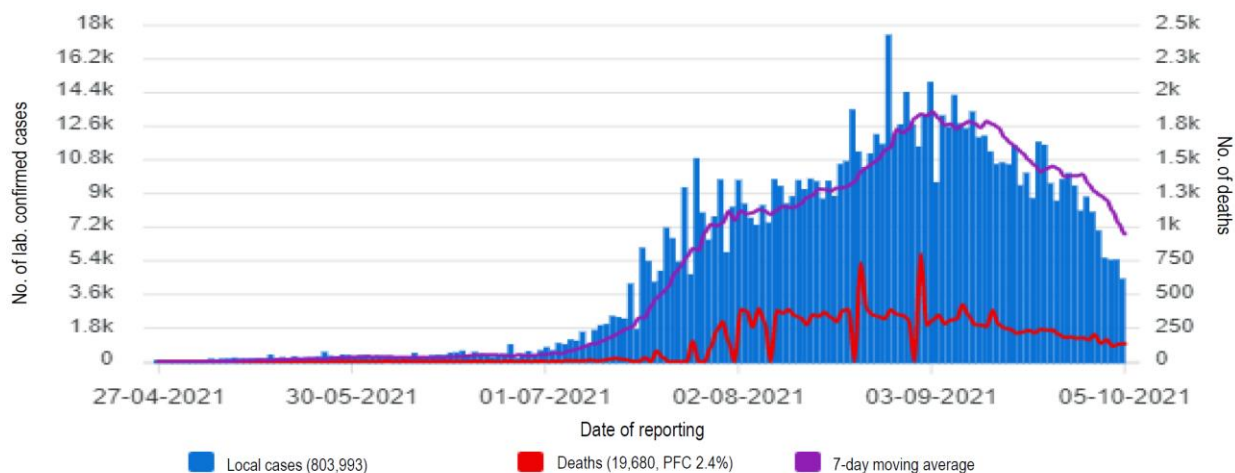


Figure 2. Epidemic curve of COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases and deaths by date of reporting for the current outbreaks, from 27 Apr – 3 Oct 2021, Viet Nam

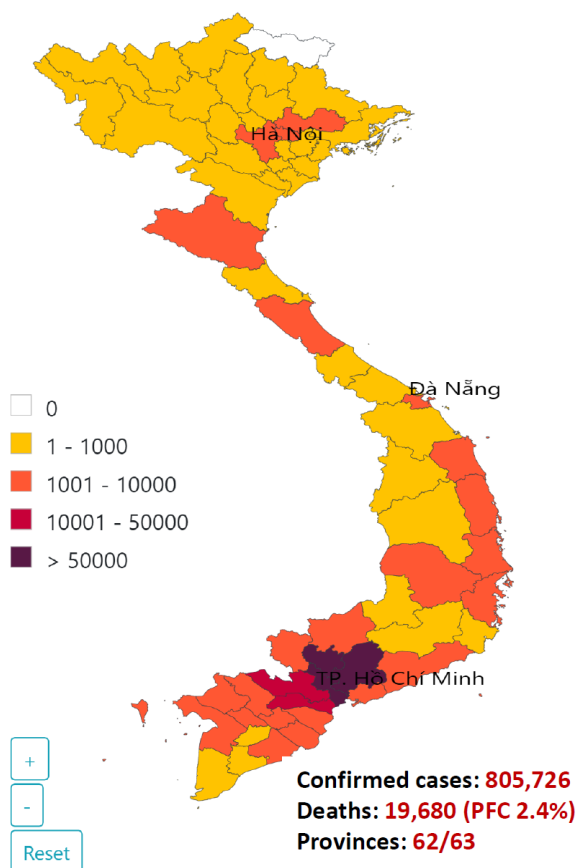


Figure 3. Distribution of COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases in the current outbreaks by province, 27 Apr – 3 Oct 2021, Viet Nam

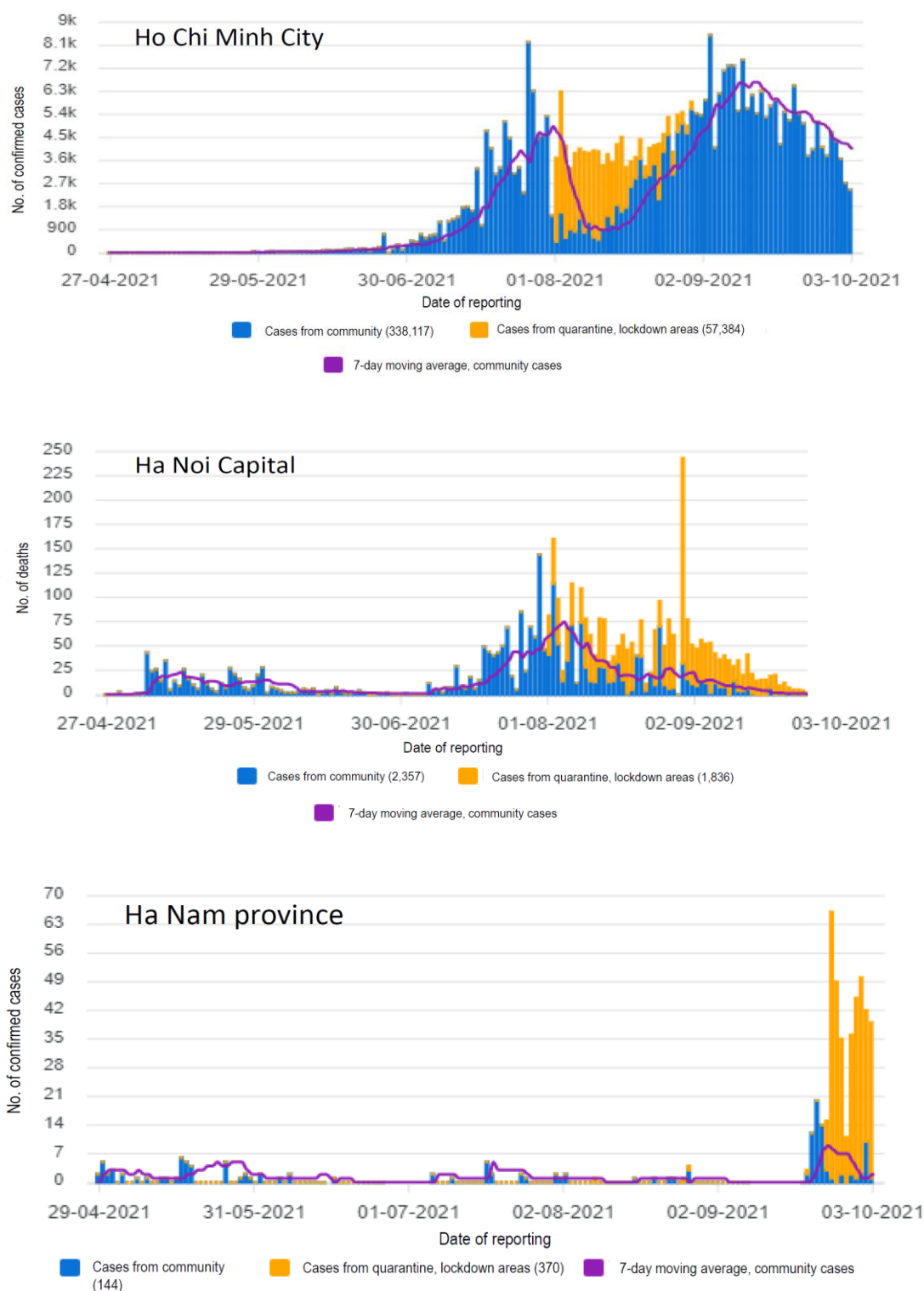


Figure 4. Epi curves of COVID-19 laboratory confirmed cases with category of detection, by date of reporting, from 27 Apr – 3 Oct 2021, HCMC, Ha Noi and Ha Nam

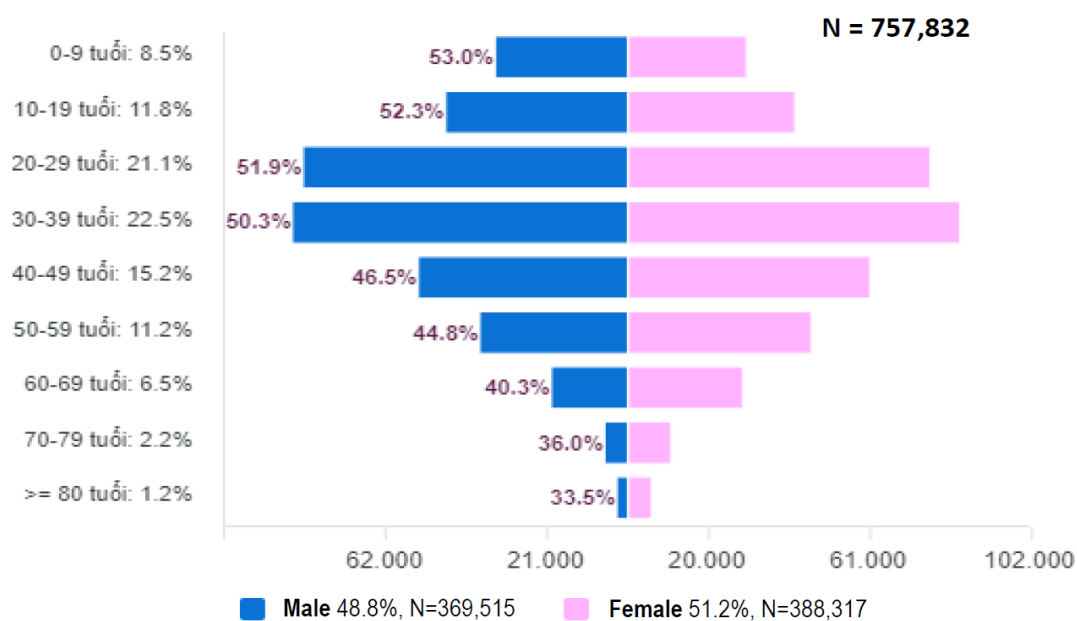
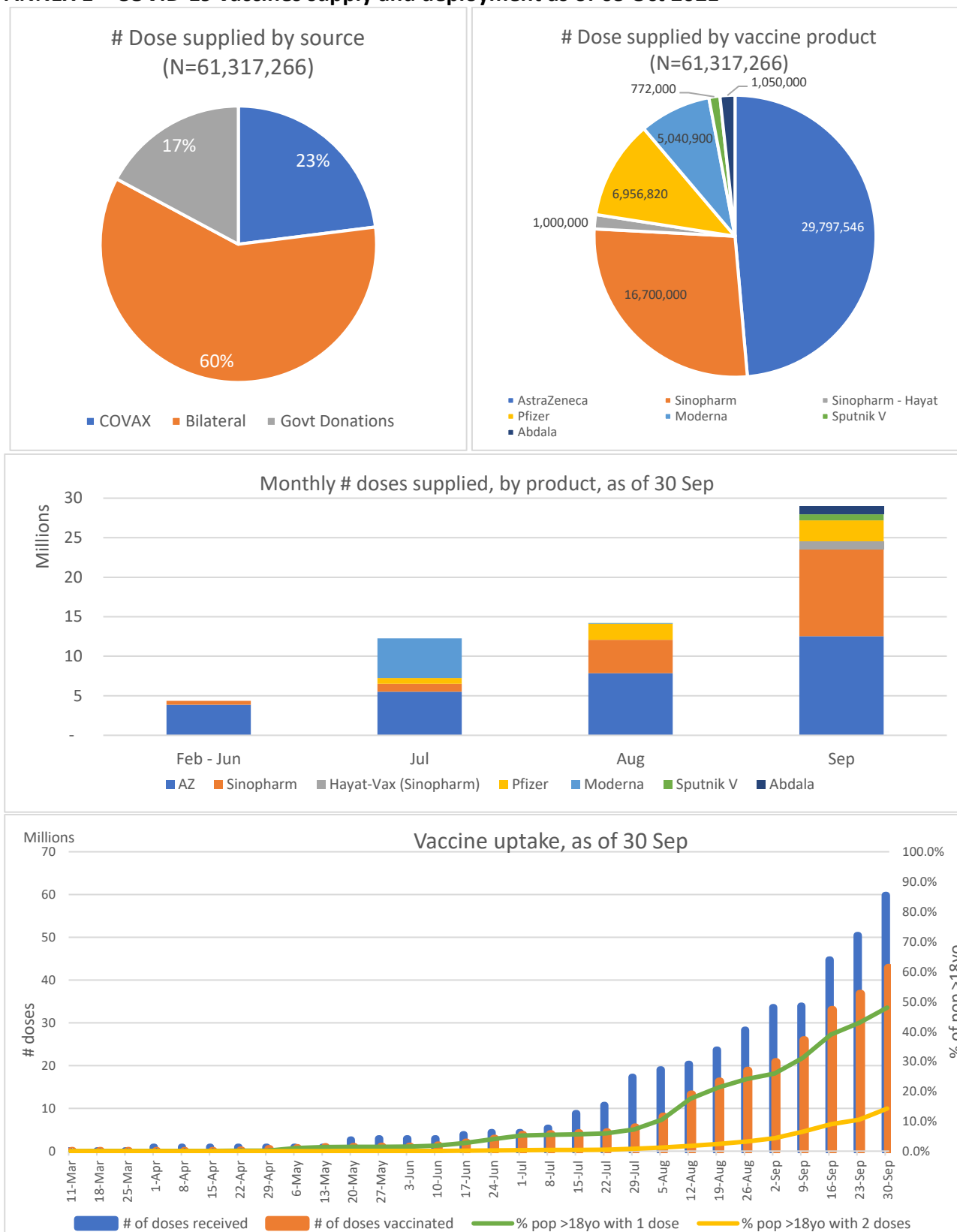


Figure 5. Distribution of COVID-19 cases by age group and sex, current community outbreak as of 3 Oct 2021

ANNEX 1 – COVID-19 vaccines supply and deployment as of 03 Oct 2021



ANNEX 2 – NPIs measures at provincial and district levels in some provinces as of 4 Oct

No	Province	Date implementation started	NPI measures	Lifted/ changed
Southern provinces/cities				
1	HCMC	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until end of Sep	30 Sep: started implementing City's D-18
2	Dong Nai	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until 20 Sep	1 Oct
3	Tien Giang	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until 15 Sep	25 Sep: Shifted to implement D-15.
4	Dong Thap	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until 15 Sep	1 Oct.
5	Tay Ninh	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until 15 Sep	4 red and 12 orange areas implement D-16 56 yellow areas implement D-15, and 468 green areas implement “new normal”
6	Can Tho	9 Jul	Continued implementing D-16 until 18 Sep	30 Sep: Shifted to implement D-15.
7	Binh Duong	9 Jul	Shifted to implement D-15 in 4 Dists, the remaining district/cities continued with D-16.	1 Oct
8	Long An	9 Jul	Shifted to implement D-15 in 9 districts, the remaining 6 district/cities continued with D-16 until 20 Sep.	29 Sep: shifted to implement D-15.
9	Kien Giang	9 Jul	Shifted to implement D-15 in 9 districts, the remaining 6 district/cities continued with D-16 until 20 Sep.	30 Sep: Shifted to implement D-19.
10-19	Other provinces	9 Jul	Shifted to implement D-15 or D-19 depending on the situation.	29 Aug
Northern provinces/cities				
20	Ha Noi	6 Sep	Zone 1 continued implementing D-16 until 21 Sep, zones 2 and 3 shifted to implement D-15.	21 Sep: shift to implement D-15 28 Sep: reopen more services
21	Nam Dinh	1 Sep	Started implementing D-16 in 4 communes and D- 15 in the remaining 20 communes in Hai Hau Dist.	15 Sep
22	Thanh Hoa	6 Sep	Continued implementing D-16 until 15 Sep	25 Sep: new normal
23	Nghe An	20 Aug	Shifted to implement D-15 in Vinh City	2 Oct
Central provinces/cities				
24	Quang Binh	8 Sep	Continued implementing D-16 in Bo Trach district, Dong Hoi city, and several communes of Quang Ninh and Tuyen Hoa districts.	3 Oct: implementing D-16 in several villages of Tuyen Hoa and Ba Don district, implementing D-15 in several villages, and remaining areas implementing D-19.
25	Da Nang	22 Jul	Implement “stay at home” order in red areas, travel pass required for going out in yellow zones, going to traditional markets allowed once every 5 days in green zones	30 Sep: new normal
26	Binh Dinh	25 Aug	Continued implementing D-15 until further notice	1 Oct: shifted to implement D-19.
		18 Sep	Started implementing D-16 in a commune of Quy Nhon City	
27	Phu Yen	26 Aug	Continued implementing D-16 in 3 cities/districts, shifted to implement D-15 in the remaining districts	19 Sep: Implementing D-16 in 2 communes in 2 districts.
28	Khanh Hoa	9 Jul	Relaxed social distancing in green and yellow zones	7 Sep
29	Binh Thuan	9 Sep	Continued with D-16 in La Gi Dist. until 15 Sep.	4 Oct: shifted to implement D-15
		4 Oct	4 communes in Phan Thiet City started implementing D-16.	
Central-highland provinces				
30	Gia Lai	28 Aug	Lifted implementing D-16 in Pleiku city	9 Sep
31	Dak Lak	28 Aug	Shifted to implement D-16 in Buon Ma Thuot city	11 Sep