

Overall strategy

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific (the Regional Office) encourages countries to improve detection of COVID-19 transmission, to respond to detection with quick and targeted measures, and to focus efforts on preventing transmission among the vulnerable.

Key highlights

- New cases of COVID-19 were reported in 19 countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region (WPR) within the past seven days (Australia 10 767, Brunei Darussalam 855, Cambodia 3 284, China 254, Fiji 1 437, French Polynesia 1 931¹, Guam 735, Japan 104 841, Republic of Korea 11 981, Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) 1 350, Malaysia 134 480, Mongolia 26 923, New Caledonia 7, New Zealand 186, Northern Mariana Islands 5, Papua New Guinea 104, the Philippines 131 515, Singapore 1 613 and Viet Nam 88 904).
- Six countries or areas in the WPR that had reported cases in the past have reported no new cases within the past seven days (Palau (16 days), Marshall Islands (294 days), Samoa (205 days), Solomon Islands (151 days), Vanuatu (184 days) and Wallis and Futuna (124 days)).
- Ten Pacific island countries and areas have not reported a case to date (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Pitcairn Islands, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu).

Epi update

COVID-19

Member States

19

countries or areas reporting cases in the past 7 days

Cases

521 172

past 7 days

Deaths

6 570

past 7 days

16

countries or areas reporting ZERO cases for more than 7 days

7 147 520

cumulative cases

96 981

cumulative deaths

Deployments

COVID-19

response

377

total
deployments

300

deployments
completed

31

actively supporting
country offices

14

actively supporting
regional office

32

currently supporting
remotely

Supplies and logistics for health care workers shipped to 38 destinations in the Western Pacific Region (as of 8 September 2021)



12 377 000
surgical masks



3 627 079
particulate
respirators



792 260
medical gowns



313 945
goggles



1 077 482
face shields



3 704 900
pairs of gloves



24 486
alcohol-based
hand rub
(100mL)



682 312
laboratory tests



408 880
point of care tests



1 939 940
swab kits



381
ICU ventilators



1 971
oxygen concentrators



18 303
pulse oximeters

¹ 3 110 cases were reported from French Polynesia as of 2 September, 1 179 of which are considered to have already been counted in previous reporting.

Weekly situation updates

- In the WPR, 25 countries and areas have reported COVID-19 cases since December 2019. Between 1 and 7 September 2021, a total of 521 172 cases with 6 570 deaths were reported, for a cumulative 7 147 520 cases with 96 981 deaths (proportion of fatal cases (PFC) 1.4%) as of 8 September 2021, 17:00 (GMT+8). Available data indicate that countries or areas in the WPR have identified imported cases² or localized community transmission, while subnational areas in some WPR countries and areas have identified large-scale community transmission. Figure 1 shows the geographical distribution of cases reported in the last seven days.
 - Countries and areas with large-scale community transmission:
 - Fiji (Central Division, Western Division), French Polynesia, Guam, Japan (Aichi, Chiba, Fukuoka, Gifu, Gunma, Hyogo, Kanagawa, Kyoto, Mie, Okinawa, Osaka, Saitama, Shizuoka, Tochigi, Tokyo), Malaysia (Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Kuala Lumpur, Malacca, Negeri Sembilan, Penang, Perak, Putrajaya, Sabah, Selangor), Mongolia (Arkhangai, Bayan-Ulgii, Bulgan, Darkhan-Uul, Dundogobi, Gobi-Altai, Khentii, Khovd, Orkhon, Selenge, Tuv, Ulaanbaatar, Uvs, Uvurkhangai, Zavkhan), Papua New Guinea (Madang, Morobe, National Capital District, Western Province), the Philippines (National Capital Region, Region 3, Region 4-A), and Viet Nam (Binh Duong, Dong Nai, Ho Chi Minh City, Long An).
 - Countries and areas with localized community transmission:
 - Cambodia (Banteay Meanchey, Kampong Cham, Kampong Speu, Kampot, Kandal, Oddar Meanchey, Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk, Prey Veng, Siem Reap, Svay Rieng, Takeo, Tbong Khmum), Japan (rest of 32 prefectures), the Republic of Korea, Malaysia (Labuan, Terengganu, Pahang, Perlis, Sarawak), Lao PDR (Bokeo, Champasak, Savannakhet, Vientiane Capital), Mongolia (Bayankhongor, Dornod, Gobisumber, Khuvsgul, Sukhbaatar), the Philippines (rest of 14 regions), and Viet Nam (An Giang, Bac Giang, Bac Ninh, Ba Ria – Vung Tau, Ben Tre, Binh Thuan, Can Tho, Da Nang, Dong Thap, Ha Noi, Khanh Hoa, Nghe An, Phu Yen, Soc Trang, Tay Ninh, Tien Giang, Tra Vinh, Vinh Long).

Globally, 221 134 742 COVID-19 cases with 4 574 089 deaths have been reported in 224 countries or areas (2.1% PFC) as of 7 September 2021 17:00 (CEST). Recent daily new cases in the Region of the Americas appear to be increasing and remain high, however the trend of daily new cases of the European Region appears to have plateaued while a decreasing trend is reported in the African Region, Eastern Mediterranean Region, and South-East Asia Region.

² 0-No cases—no cases detected and no clear signals of transmission for at least 28 days (or two incubation periods); 1-Imported cases—cases reported in the past 28 days are imported or linked to importation within 3 generations, and there are no clear signals of local transmission; 2-Localized community transmission—cases reported in the past 28 days are localized and cannot be linked to importations, though most are linked to a cluster, and there are no clear signals of large-scale community transmission; 3-Large-scale community transmission—most cases reported in the past 28 days have no known link to a cluster and are spread across the area, and there are clear signals of increasing transmission and severe outcomes.

Figure 1. Countries or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, covering the period from 1 to 7 September 2021, as of 8 September 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

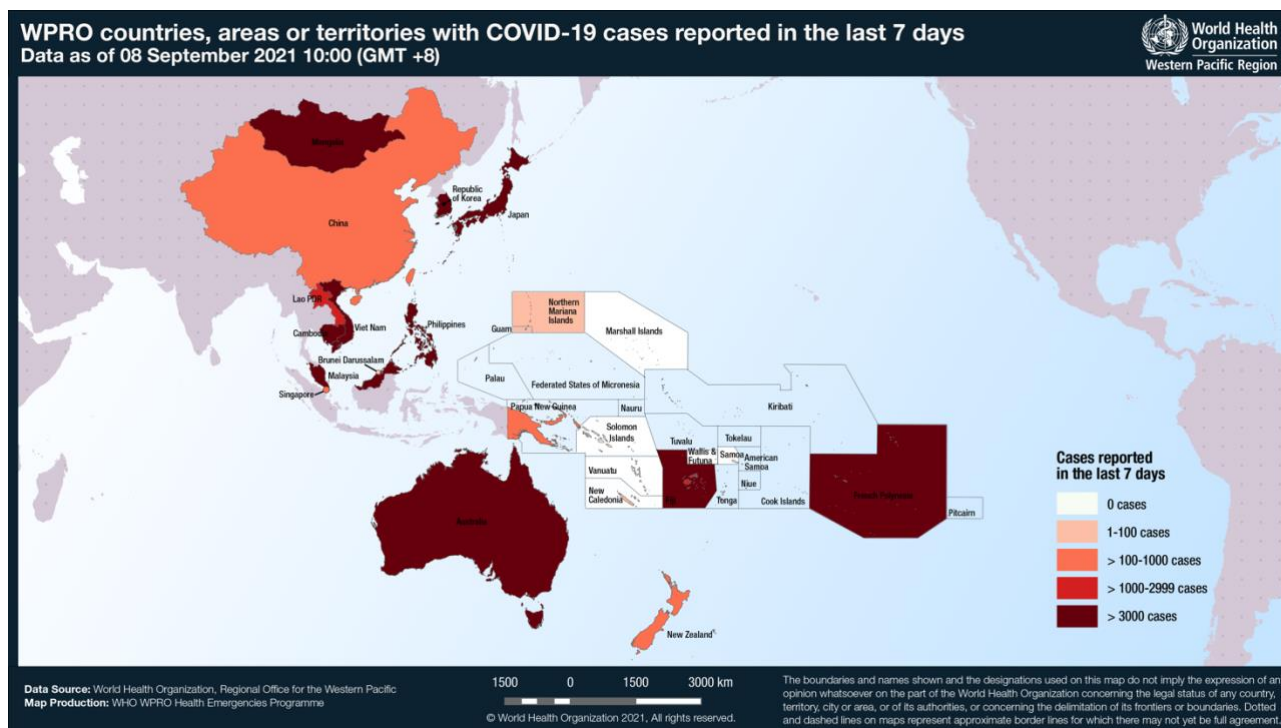


Figure 2. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with highest number of cases, as of 8 September 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

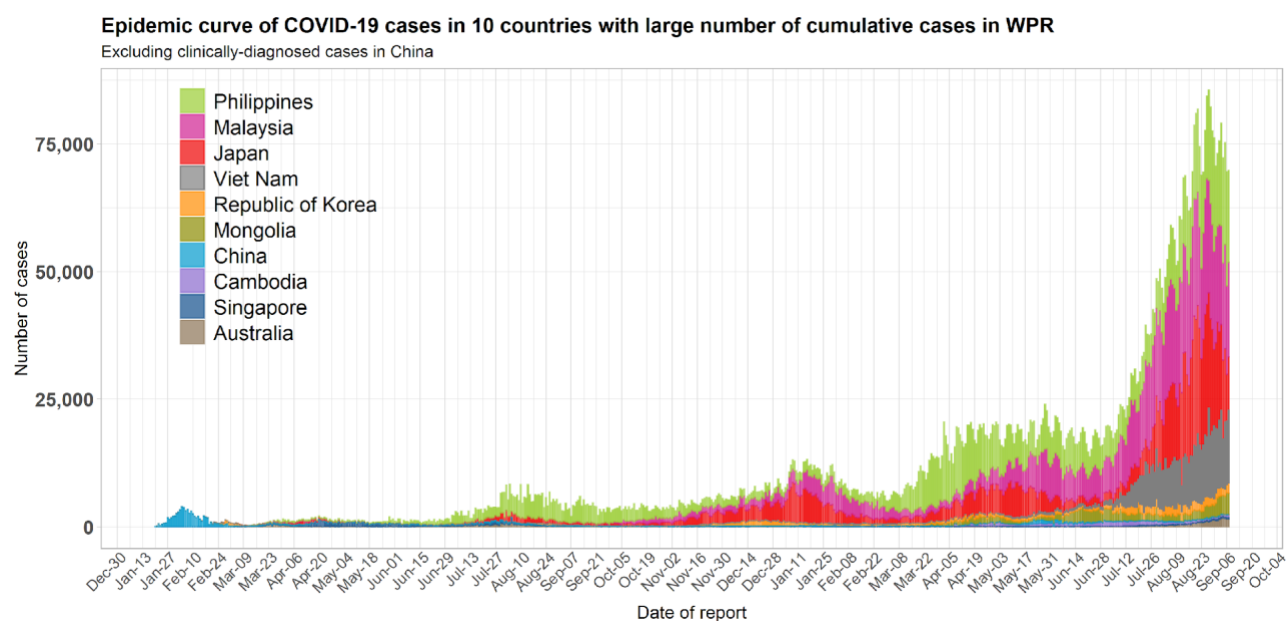


Figure 3. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with small number of cases, as of 8 September 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

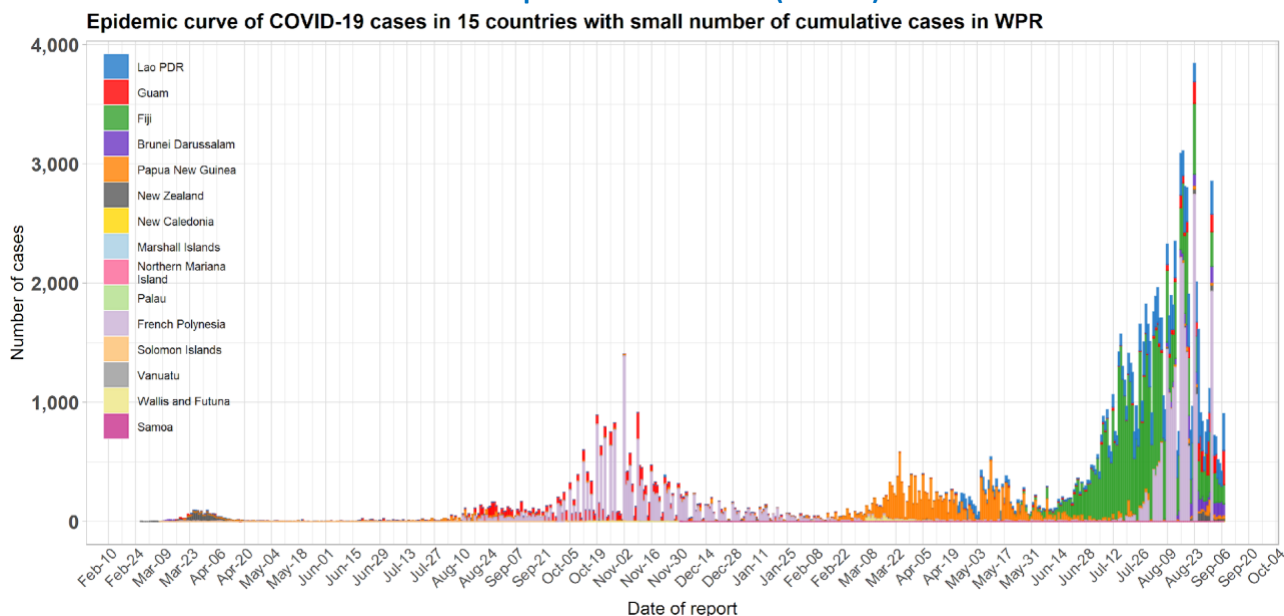


Table 1. Countries or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths, covering the period from 1 to 7 September 2021, as of 8 September 2021 10:00 (GMT+8) (n = 7 147 520)

Country or area	New cases (cumulative)	New deaths (cumulative)	Change in 7-day average	Days since last reported case
American Samoa	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Australia	10 767 (64 596)	47 (1 053)	381.57	0
Brunei Darussalam	855 (3 567)	5 (14)	18.00	0
Cambodia	3 284 (96 339)	78 (1 981)	48.00	0
China	254 (123 322)	2 (5 685)	-5.29	0
Cook Islands	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Fiji	1 437 (48 153)	29 (525)	-112.71	0
French Polynesia	1 931 (42 109)	99 (522)	275.86	0
Guam	735 (10 855)	4 (153)	-18.86	0
Japan	104 841 (1 590 994)	395 (16 436)	-6 028.14	0
Kiribati	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Korea, Republic of	11 981 (265 421)	42 (2 334)	-3.43	0
Lao PDR	1 350 (16 365)	2 (16)	-101.14	0
Malaysia	134 480 (1 880 734)	2138 (18 802)	-2 596.00	0
Marshall Islands	0 (4)	0 (0)	0.00	294
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Mongolia	26 923 (240 938)	39 (976)	1 392.71	0
Nauru	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
New Caledonia	7 (143)	0 (0)	0.86	0
New Zealand	186 (3 473)	1 (27)	-42.57	0
Niue	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-

Country or area	New cases (cumulative)	New deaths (cumulative)	Change in 7-day average	Days since last reported case
Northern Mariana Islands	5 (248)	0 (2)	-1.29	3
Palau	0 (2)	0 (0)	0.00	16
Papua New Guinea	104 (18 296)	2 (194)	-17.57	0
Philippines	131 515 (2 121 254)	1 050 (34 498)	1 613.00	0
Pitcairn Islands	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Samoa	0 (1)	0 (0)	0.00	205
Singapore	1 613 (69 233)	0 (55)	97.86	0
Solomon Islands	0 (20)	0 (0)	0.00	151
Tokelau	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Tonga	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Tuvalu	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Vanuatu	0 (3)	0 (0)	0.00	184
Viet Nam	88 904 (550 996)	2 637 (13 701)	-560.14	0
Wallis and Futuna	0 (454)	0 (7)	0.00	124
Total	521 172 (7 147 520)	6 570 (96 981)	-5 659.29	0

Note: Data continues to be collected and may change according to Member States' daily reports.

Table 2. Countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region that have reported variants of concern, as of 8 September 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

Country or area	Variant detected			
	B.1.1.7 (Alpha)	B.1.351 (Beta)	P.1 (Gamma)	B.1.617.2 (Delta)
Australia	X	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam	X	X		
Cambodia	X	X		X
China	X	X	X	X
Fiji				X
French Polynesia	X	X	X	X
Guam	X	X	X	X
Japan	X	X	X	X
Lao PDR	X			X
Malaysia	X	X		X
Mongolia	X			X
New Caledonia	X			X
New Zealand	X	X	X	X
Northern Mariana Islands				X
Papua New Guinea				X
Philippines	X	X	X	X
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X
Singapore	X	X	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X		X
Wallis and Futuna	X			

New Guidance

- On 31 August 2021, WHO HQ published an updated technical document on [How to manage COVID-19 vaccines without VVM at vaccination service points?](#) This resource explains how WHO emergency use listing (EUL) COVID-19 vaccines without vaccine vial monitor (VVM) should be handled at the vaccination site. This is to ensure that safe and effective vaccines are administered.

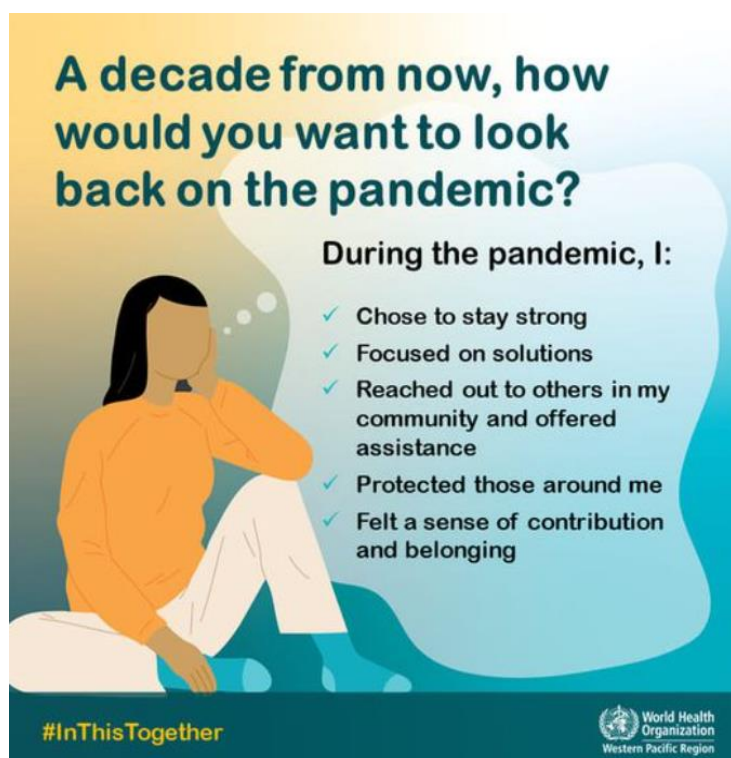
New communications materials



A lot remains uncertain at this critical point in the [#COVID19](#) pandemic.

Dr Takeshi Kasai, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, encourages all of us to stay on the course and work together to protect ourselves and each other.

[View the video post on Facebook.](#)



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Key information and announcements

Information and planning

- The Regional Office continues to monitor COVID-19 incidence and transmission levels within countries and areas across the Region. Updated information is available on the [dashboard for the Western Pacific Region](#).

Strategic communication

- The Philippines country office published a news release: [Minimizing the impact of the Delta variant in the Philippines](#).