

Overall strategy

The World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific (The Regional Office) encourages Member States to continue to suppress transmission of COVID-19 in order to avoid exceeding health systems capacities and protect vulnerable populations. A risk-based approach using the following tools is recommended: COVID-19 vaccination, calibrated public health and social measures, strengthened health system capacity, early detection and targeted response, and international border measures.

Key highlights

- New cases of COVID-19 were reported in 20 countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region (WPR) within the past seven days (Australia 224 144, Brunei Darussalam 55, Cambodia 57, China 1 586, Fiji 2 139, French Polynesia 92, Guam 207, Japan 4 478, the Republic of Korea 28 736, Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) 6 211, Malaysia 23 053, Mongolia 2 114, New Caledonia 207, New Zealand 414, Northern Mariana Islands 429, Palau 3, Papua New Guinea 59, the Philippines 22 069, Singapore 3 187, and Viet Nam 119 719).
- Seven countries or areas in the WPR that had previously reported cases have reported no new cases within the past seven days: (American Samoa (26 days), Marshall Islands (413 days), Samoa (22 days), Solomon Islands (7 days), Tonga (67 days), Vanuatu (22 days), and Wallis and Futuna (243 days)).
- Eight Pacific Island countries and areas have not reported a case to date: (Cook Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Pitcairn Islands, Tokelau, and Tuvalu).

Epi update

COVID-19

Member States
20
countries or areas reporting cases
in the past 7 days

Cases
438 959
past 7 days

Deaths
2 835
past 7 days

15
countries or areas reporting ZERO
cases for more than 7 days

11 605 208
cumulative cases

157 502
cumulative deaths

Deployments

COVID-19 response

391
total
deployments

343
deployments
completed

22
actively supporting
country offices

11
actively supporting
regional office

15
currently supporting
remotely

Supplies and logistics for health care workers shipped to 38 destinations in the Western Pacific Region (as of 05 January 2022)



14 620 900
surgical masks



3 923 174
particulate
respirators



977 830
medical gowns



330 844
goggles



1 145 749
face shields



4 212 500
pairs of gloves



23 940
alcohol-based
hand rub (100mL)



682 312
laboratory tests



1 677 480
point of care tests



3 146 440
swab kits



485
ICU ventilators



2 875
oxygen concentrators



25 681
pulse oximeters

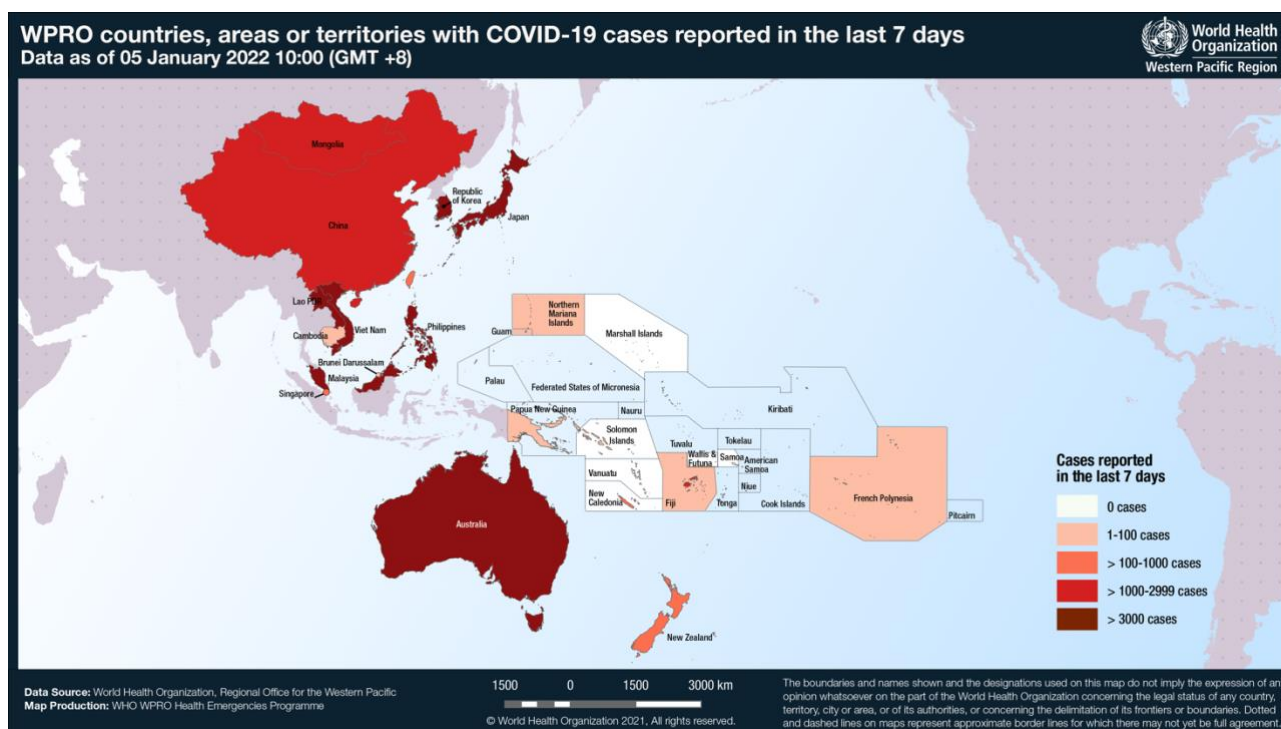


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Weekly situation updates

- In the WPR, 27 countries and areas have reported COVID-19 cases since December 2019. Between 29 December 2021 and 04 January 2022, a total of 438 959 cases with 2 835 deaths were reported, for a cumulative 11 605 208 cases with 157 502 deaths (proportion of fatal cases (PFC) 1.4%) as of 05 January 2022, 18:00 (GMT+8). Available data indicate that countries or areas in the WPR have identified imported cases 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. Updated information about transmission stage assessment (TSA)¹ in each Member State is available on the [TSA map dashboard](#).
- Globally, 293 750 692 COVID-19 cases with 5 454 131 deaths have been reported in 226 countries or areas (PFC 1.9%) as of 05 January 2022 17:00 (CEST). Recent daily new cases in all six regions are increasing, with a sharp increasing trend in cases in the European Region and Region of Americas, increasing trends in the South-East Asia Region and Eastern Mediterranean Region, and a stabilization of cases in the African Region.

Figure 1. Countries or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, covering the period from 29 December 2021 to 04 January 2022, as of 05 January 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)



¹ 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 2. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with the highest number of cases, as of 05 January 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

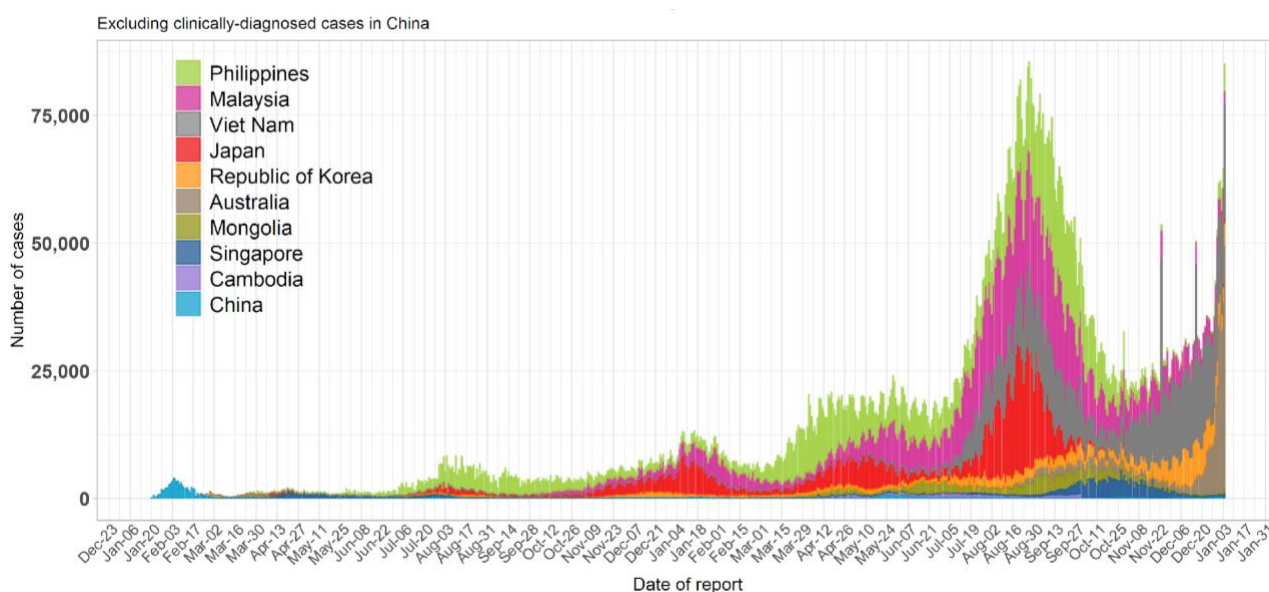


Figure 3. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with the lowest number of cases, as of 05 January 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

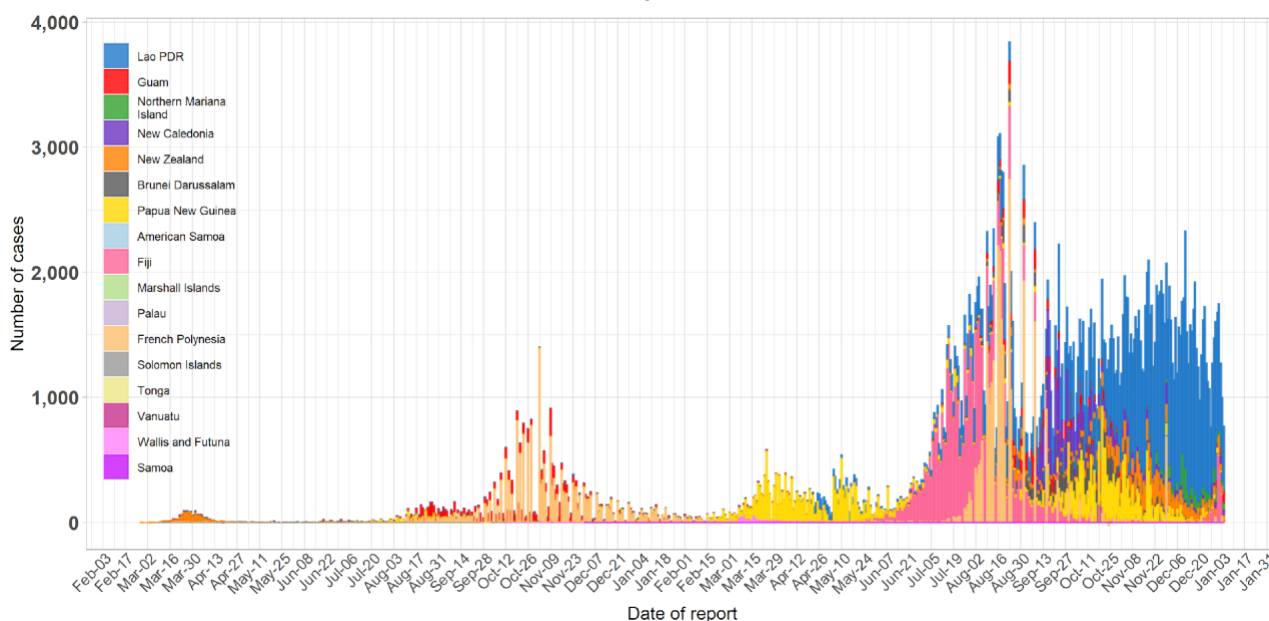


Table 1. Countries or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths, covering the period from 29 December 2021 to 04 January 2022, as of 05 January 2022 10:00 (GMT+8) (n = 11 605 208)

Country or area	New cases (cumulative)	New deaths (cumulative)	Change in 7-day average	Days since last reported case
American Samoa	0 (11)	0 (0)	0.00	26
Australia	224 144 (547 339)	69 (2 271)	22 875.29	0
Brunei Darussalam	55 (15 516)	0 (57)	1.71	0
Cambodia	57 (120 526)	5 (3 015)	2.14	0
China	1 586 (132 901)	0 (5 699)	37.00	0
Cook Islands	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Fiji	2 139 (55 277)	5 (702)	237.00	0
French Polynesia	92 (46 474)	0 (636)	12.14	0
Guam	207 (15 508)	3 (273)	22.43	0
Japan	4 478 (1 736 847)	8 (18 397)	349.14	0
Kiribati	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Korea, Republic of	28 736 (649 666)	456 (5 838)	-1 305.00	0
Lao PDR	6 211 (113 951)	61 (403)	-143.57	0
Malaysia	23 053 (2 769 886)	199 (31 591)	129.14	0
Marshall Islands	0 (4)	0 (0)	0.00	413
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Mongolia	2 114 (390 880)	11 (1 992)	130.14	0
Nauru	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
New Caledonia	207 (13 033)	0 (281)	7.29	0
New Zealand	414 (14 030)	1 (51)	2.29	0
Niue	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Northern Mariana Islands	429 (3 392)	6 (18)	6.57	0
Palau	3 (13)	0 (0)	0.14	3
Papua New Guinea	59 (36 196)	0 (590)	-7.57	0
The Philippines	22 069 (2 860 970)	391 (51 604)	2 955.86	0
Pitcairn Islands	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Samoa	0 (2)	0 (0)	0.00	22
Singapore	3 187 (281 596)	7 (832)	166.14	0
Solomon Islands	0 (24)	0 (0)	-0.57	0
Tokelau	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Tonga	0 (1)	0 (0)	0.00	67
Tuvalu	0 (0)	0 (0)	-	-
Vanuatu	0 (7)	0 (0)	0.00	22
Viet Nam	119 719 (1 800 704)	1 613 (33 245)	1 502.00	0
Wallis and Futuna	0 (454)	0 (7)	0.00	243
Total	438 959 (11 605 208)	2 835 (157 502)	26 979.71	

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 05 January 2022 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)	B.1.1.529 (Omicron)
Australia	X	X	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam	X	X		X	X
Cambodia	X	X		X	X
China	X	X	X	X	X
Fiji				X	X
French Polynesia	X	X	X	X	X
Guam	X	X	X	X	
Japan	X	X	X	X	X
Lao PDR	X			X	
Malaysia	X	X		X	X
Mongolia	X			X	
New Caledonia	X			X	
New Zealand	X	X	X	X	X
Northern Mariana Islands				X	
Papua New Guinea				X	
The Philippines	X	X	X	X	X
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X	X
Singapore	X	X	X	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X		X	X
Wallis and Futuna	X				

New guidance

- On 28 December 2021, WHO headquarters published a series of posters for healthcare workers, biomedical engineers and staff of health care facilities in charge of cleaning, decontaminating and sterilizing respiratory medical equipment in hospitals and health facilities. They include checklists to ensure optimal infection prevention and control during their use and between patients:
 - [Care, cleaning and disinfection of respiratory equipment in sterile services department](#)
 - [Medical equipment related to oxygen therapy – Cleaning – task sequence](#)
 - [Checklists for care, cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of respiratory devices](#)

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](#).