

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 system capacities and to 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 21 countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region within the past seven days: Australia 74 695, Brunei Darussalam 2168, Cambodia 43, China 334 933, Fiji 3 115, Guam 40, Japan 219 056, the Republic of Korea 147 059, Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) 122, Malaysia 11 108, Marshall Islands 70, Micronesia (Federated States of) 4548, Mongolia 511, New Zealand 11 019, Niue 2, Palau 21, Papua New Guinea 96, the Philippines 14 136, Singapore 40 923, Vanuatu 2, and Viet Nam 4729.
- Two Western Pacific countries or areas that had previously reported cases have reported no new cases within the past seven days: Tuvalu (49 days), and Pitcairn Islands (83 days). One Pacific Island country or area has not reported a case to date: Tokelau. American Samoa, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Northern Mariana Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Wallis and Futuna did not update the number of cases due to reporting issues.

Epi update COVID-19

Member States	Cases	Deaths
21	865 284	1 442
countries or areas reporting cases in the past 7 days	past 7 days	past 7 days
14	91 029 222	273 061
countries or areas reporting ZERO cases for more than 7 days	cumulative cases	cumulative deaths

Deployments COVID-19 response

560	500	19	13	28
total deployments	deployments completed	actively supporting country offices	actively supporting the Regional Office	currently supporting remotely

Supplies and logistics for health care workers shipped to 38 destinations in the Western Pacific Region (as of 12 October 2022)



23 226 474
surgical masks



4 555 804
particulate respirators



1 173 099
medical gowns



331 452
goggles



1 203 464
face shields



6 117 960
pairs of gloves



23 994
alcohol-based hand rub (100mL)



682 312
laboratory tests



1 845 254
point of care tests



3 601 510
swab kits



601
ICU ventilators



2 938
oxygen concentrators



28 835
pulse oximeters



213 240
rapid antigen tests

Weekly situation updates

- In the Region, 34 countries and areas have reported COVID-19 cases since December 2019. From 5 to 11 October 2022, a total of 865 284 cases with 1442 deaths were reported, for a cumulative 91 029 222 cases with 273 061 deaths (proportion of fatal cases (PFC) 0.3%) as of 12 October, 10:00 (GMT+8). Available data indicate that countries and areas in the Region have identified imported cases and/or localized community transmission, while subnational areas in some countries and areas have identified large-scale community transmission. Figure 1 shows the geographical distribution of cases reported in the last seven days.
- Globally, 619 275 497 COVID-19 cases with 6 538 033 deaths have been reported in 233 countries or areas (PFC 1.1%) as of 11 October 2022 10:00 (CEST). The number of newly reported weekly cases decreased or remained stable across all six regions. Conversely, the number of new weekly deaths decreased or remained stable in all regions except for the Region of the Americas.

Figure 1. Countries or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19 from 5 to 11 October 2022, as of 12 October 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

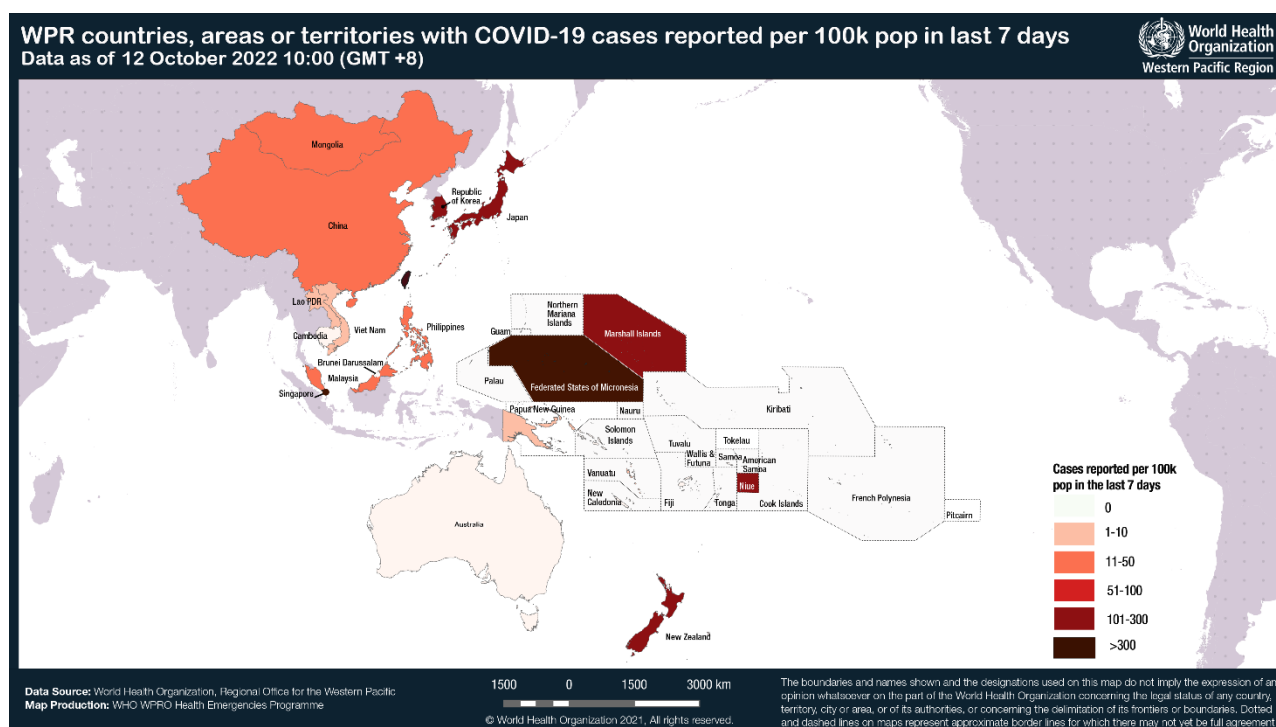


Figure 2. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with the highest number of cases, as of 12 October 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

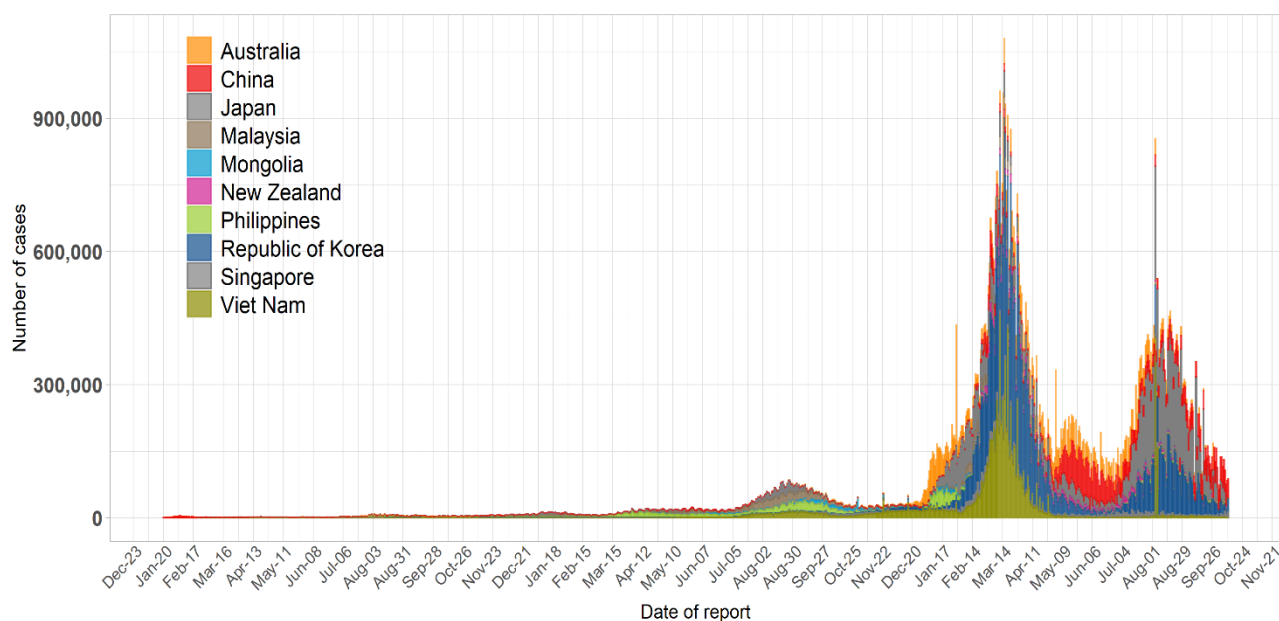


Figure 3. Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in countries or areas with the lowest number of cases, as of 12 October 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

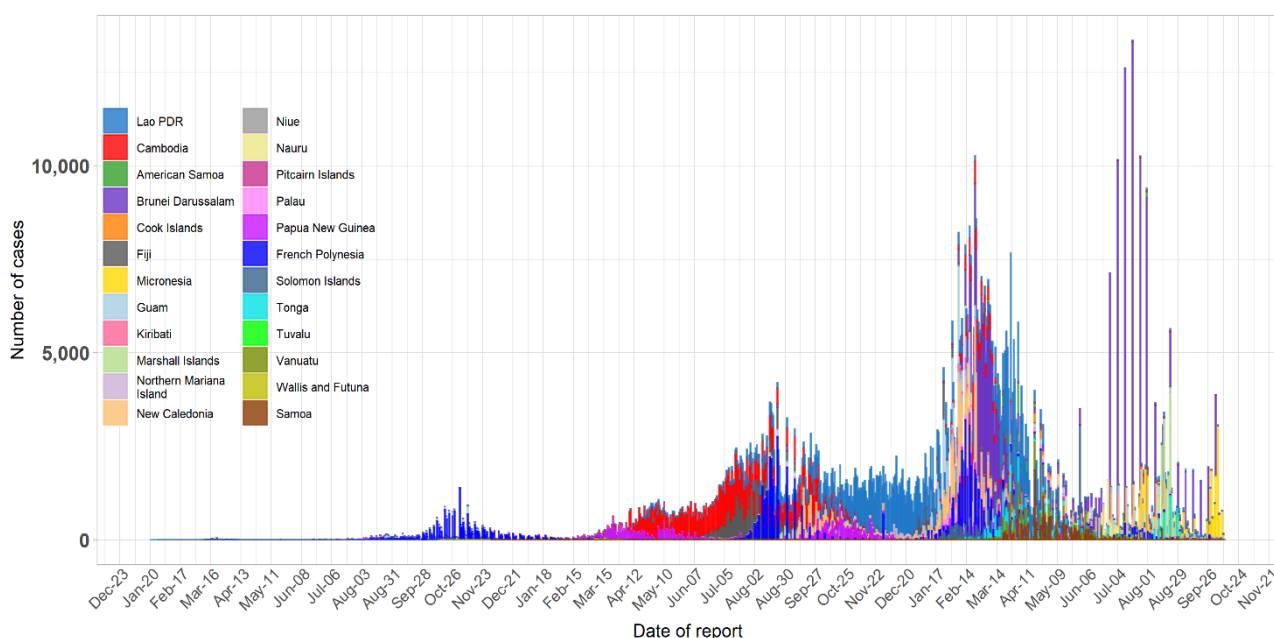


Table 1. Countries or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths, covering the period from 5 to 11 October 2022, as of 12 October 2022 (GMT+8)

Country or area	New cases (cumulative)	New deaths (cumulative)	Change (7-day average of cases)	Days since last reported case
American Samoa	0 ¹ (8 250)	0 (34)	-0.86	0
Australia	74 695 (10 266 007)	0 (14 853)	10 670.71	0
Brunei Darussalam	2 168 (231 833)	1 (133)	37.00	0
Cambodia	43 (137 936)	0 (3 056)	-0.14	0
China	334 933 (8 122 024)	435 (27 044)	10 012.71	0
Cook Islands	0 ¹ (6 389)	0 (1)	0.00	0
Fiji	3 (68 245)	0 (878)	-0.71	0
French Polynesia	0 ¹ (76 703)	0 (649)	-16.43	0
Guam	40 (48 955)	0 (401)	-4.71	0
Japan	219 056 (21 564 995)	493 (45 511)	-1 222.57	0
Kiribati	0 ¹ (3 430)	0 (13)	0.00	0
Korea, Republic of	147 059 (24 995 214)	180 (28 708)	-3 923.71	0
Lao PDR	122 (216 002)	0 (757)	-1.00	0
Malaysia	11 108 (4 856 217)	23 (36 403)	-141.86	0
Marshall Islands	70 (15 375)	0 (17)	10.00	0
Micronesia (Federated States of)	4 548 (21 673)	18 (51)	649.71	0
Mongolia	511 (983 845)	0 (2 131)	-2.29	0
Nauru	0 ¹ (4610)	0 (1)	0.00	0
New Caledonia	0 ¹ (74 315)	0 (314)	-8.29	0
New Zealand	11 019 (1 783 035)	25 (3 095)	173.14	0
Niue	2 (82)	0 (0)	0.29	0
Northern Mariana Islands	0 ¹ (13 171)	0 (40)	0.00	0
Palau	21 (5 481)	0 (6)	3.00	0
Papua New Guinea	96 (45 146)	0 (668)	4.43	0
The Philippines	14 136 (3 969 901)	255 (63 297)	-218.29	0
Pitcairn Islands	0 ¹ (4)	0 (0)	0.00	83
Samoa	0 ¹ (15 942)	0 (29)	-2.43	0
Singapore	40 923 (1 957 916)	10 (1 632)	2 411.00	0
Solomon Islands	0 ¹ (21 544)	0 (153)	0.00	0
Tokelau	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.00	0
Tonga	0 ¹ (16 182)	0 (12)	0.00	0
Tuvalu	0 ¹ (20)	0 (0)	0.00	49
Vanuatu	2 (11 976)	0 (14)	-3.14	0
Viet Nam	4 729 (11 486 043)	2 (43 153)	-407.43	0
Wallis and Futuna	0 ¹ (761)	0 (7)	0.00	0
Total	865 284 (91 029 222)	1 442 (273 061)	17 079.43	

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

¹ The number of cases was not updated due to reporting issues

Table 2. Countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region that have reported currently circulating variants of concern, as of 12 October 2022 10:00 (GMT+8)

Country or area	B.1.1.529 ² (Omicron)	Sub-lineages ³		
		BA.2.75	BA.4	BA.5
American Samoa	X		X	X
Australia	X	X	X	X
Brunei Darussalam	X	X	X	X
Cambodia	X	X	X	X
China	X	X	X	X
Cook Islands	X			
Fiji	X			
French Polynesia	X			
Guam	X			X
Japan	X	X	X	X
Kiribati	X			X
Lao PDR	X		X	X
Malaysia	X	X	X	X
Micronesia (Federated States of)	X			X
Mongolia	X		X	X
New Caledonia	X			
New Zealand	X	X	X	X
Northern Mariana Islands	X		X	X
Palau	X			X
Papua New Guinea	X			
The Philippines	X	X	X	X
Republic of Korea	X	X	X	X
Samoa	X			
Singapore	X	X	X	X
Solomon Islands	X			X
Tonga	X			
Vanuatu	X			
Viet Nam	X		X	X

Note: GISAID submission data is subject to change.

² Based on the official announcement of each country's health authority.

³ Based on sequences uploaded to [Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Data \(GISAID\)](https://gisaid.org/); BA.4 and BA.5 sections include all BA.4-like and BA.5-like sub-lineages.

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 Regional Office is coordinating with WCOs to identify priority risk communication activities related to COVID-19 for 2023.
- The Regional Office is finalizing an integrated report that summarizes key perceptions and behavioral insights related to COVID-19 across seven countries in the Western Pacific Region.
- The Regional Office continues to conduct multi-source social listening activities to inform communications responses to COVID-19.

Messages for the public

- Top COVID-19 Facebook posts:
 - [Story on how Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia used behavioral science](#) to strengthen COVID-19 health communication
 - [COVID-19 is still circulating](#), even if cases seem low
 - [COVID-19 pandemic is not over](#)
- Top COVID-19 Twitter posts:
 - [People are still getting ill and dying from COVID-19](#)
 - [COVID-19 is still circulating, even if cases seem low](#)
 - [COVID-19 pandemic is not over](#)