Overall strategy

The World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) 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 18 Western Pacific Region (WPR) countries or areas within the past seven days (Australia 92, Brunei Darussalam 6, Cambodia 4,660, China 1,095, Fiji 948, French Polynesia 34, Guam 50, Japan 10,007, Republic of Korea 3,354, Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR) 42, Malaysia 37,886, Mongolia 17,317, New Caledonia 1, New Zealand 12, Papua New Guinea 280, Philippines 40,461, Singapore 133 and Viet Nam 2,478).
- Six countries or areas in the WPR that had reported cases in the past have reported no new cases within the past seven days (Marshall Islands (217 days), Northern Mariana Islands (26 days), Solomon Islands (74 days), Vanuatu (107 days) and Wallis and Futuna (47 days)).
- Eleven Pacific Island countries and areas have not reported a case to date (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Pitcairn Islands, Tokelau, Tonga and Tuvalu).

Epi update COVID-19

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<th>Member States</th>
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<th>Deaths</th>
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<td>countries or areas reporting cases in the past 7 days</td>
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<td>3,432,227</td>
<td>52,723</td>
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Deployments COVID-19 response

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Supplies and logistics for health care workers shipped to 38 destinations in the Western Pacific Region (as of 23 June 2021)

- 11,246,500 surgical masks
- 1,871,329 particulate respirators
- 553,905 medical gowns
- 313,610 goggles
- 1,068,532 face shields
- 3,419,100 pairs of gloves
- 24,294 alcohol-based hand rub (100mL)
- 598,024 laboratory tests
- 388,160 point of care tests
- 1,394,190 swab kits
- 288 ICU ventilators
- 1,821 Oxygen concentrators
- 13,730 pulse oximeters
Weekly situation updates

- In the WPR, 24 countries and areas have reported COVID-19 cases since December 2019. Between 16 June and 22 June 2021, a total of 118,856 cases with 1,965 deaths were reported, for a cumulative total of 3,432,227 cases with 52,723 deaths (proportion of fatal cases (PFC) 1.5%) as of 22 June 2021, 17:00 (GMT+8). Available data indicate most 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.

  o Countries and areas with large-scale community transmission:
    - Japan (Okinawa and Tokyo), Malaysia (Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, the Federal Territory of Labuan, Negeri Sembilan, Sarawak and Selangor), Mongolia (Ulaanbaatar), and Papua New Guinea (National Capital District, Morobe, East New Britain and Manus).

  o Countries and areas with localized community transmission:
    - Guam, Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Preah Sihanouk, Kampong Speu, Kandal, Takeo, Kampot, Banteay Meancheay, and Svay Rieng), Japan (rest of the 45 prefectures), the Republic of Korea, Lao PDR (Vientiane capital), Malaysia (Malacca, Pahang, Penang, Perak, Perlis, the Federal Territory of Putrajaya, Sabah, Terengganu), Mongolia (Arkhangai, Bayan-Ulgii, Bayankhongor, Bulgan, Govi-Altai, Govisumber, Darkhan-Uul, Dornod, Dundgovi, Zavkhan, Orkhon, Uvurkhangai, Sukhbaatar, Selenge, Tuv, Uvs, Khovd, Khuvsgul, Khentii), Papua New Guinea (Autonomous Region of Bougainville, East Sepik, Enga, Hela, New Ireland, Northern Province, Western Highlands, West New Britain, and Western Province), and Viet Nam (Hanoi capital, Bac Giang, Bac Ninh, Dien Bien, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City).

Globally, 178,503,429 COVID-19 cases with 3,872,457 deaths have been reported in 223 countries or areas (2.2% PFC) as of 21 June 2021 17:32 CEST. Recent daily new cases in the Regions of the Americas and the Eastern Mediterranean Region appear to have plateaued. Daily new cases in the South-East Asia Region and the European Region appear to be decreasing, while the trends of daily new cases in the African Region appear to be increasing.

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1 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 16 June to 22 June 2021, as of 23 June 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 23 June 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 23 June 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

Table 1. Countries or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths, covering the period from 16 June to 22 June 2021, as of 23 June 2021 10:00 (GMT+8) (n = 3 432 227)

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<tr>
<th>Country or area</th>
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<td>Australia</td>
<td>92 (30 366)</td>
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<td>Brunei Darussalam</td>
<td>6 (256)</td>
<td>0 (3)</td>
<td>0.29</td>
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<td>Cambodia</td>
<td>4 660 (44 124)</td>
<td>98 (459)</td>
<td>101.00</td>
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<td>China</td>
<td>1 095 (117 758)</td>
<td>115 (5 421)</td>
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<td>948 (2 270)</td>
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<td>14 (2 007)</td>
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## Table 1. Countries or areas in the Western Pacific Region with reported cases of COVID-19, as of 23 June 2021, 10:00 (GMT+8)

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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 23 June 2021 10:00 (GMT+8)

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New guidance

- On 15 June 2021, WHO WPRO published Considerations for strengthening legal frameworks for digital contact tracing and quarantine tools for COVID-19. The aim of this Interim Guidance is rapid development and uptake of digital contact tracing and quarantine (DCTQ) tools as part of the response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are critical legal and ethical dimensions to the use of DCTQ tools, including issues relating to privacy and surveillance, which differ depending on the technology being used and its application. This document suggests steps to review, develop and monitor legal frameworks to ensure their appropriate and ethical use.

- On 17 June 2021, WHO HQ published a scientific brief Hypertension and COVID-19. This scientific brief summarizes the role of hypertension as a risk and prognostic factor for severe COVID-19 and other unfavourable outcomes, while itemizing research and knowledge gaps.


New communications materials

"Why are health workers, older people and people with serious health issues being prioritized for #COVID19 vaccination?

Because they are more at risk of COVID-19 than others. Vaccinating those most at risk first is fair."

#VaccineEquity

The post can be found here.
Key information and announcements

Health service delivery

- On 15 June 2021, an adapted version of the Basic Psychosocial Skills training for Pacific COVID-19 Responders was released. The course is aimed at anyone involved in the COVID-19 response, including community members, health workers and law enforcement. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Information and planning

- WHO WPRO is continuing to monitor incidence of COVID-19 and transmission levels within countries and areas across the Region. Updated information is available on the [WPRO dashboard](#).

Strategic communication

- On 14 June 2021, the world celebrated [World Blood Donor Day](#). The event raised awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products and promoted the need for people to continue to give blood during the COVID-19 pandemic to save lives.
- WPRO continues to develop engaging content and provide communications support to countries and areas across the Region. A new COVID-19 Vaccines: Play Your Part series can be downloaded [here](#).