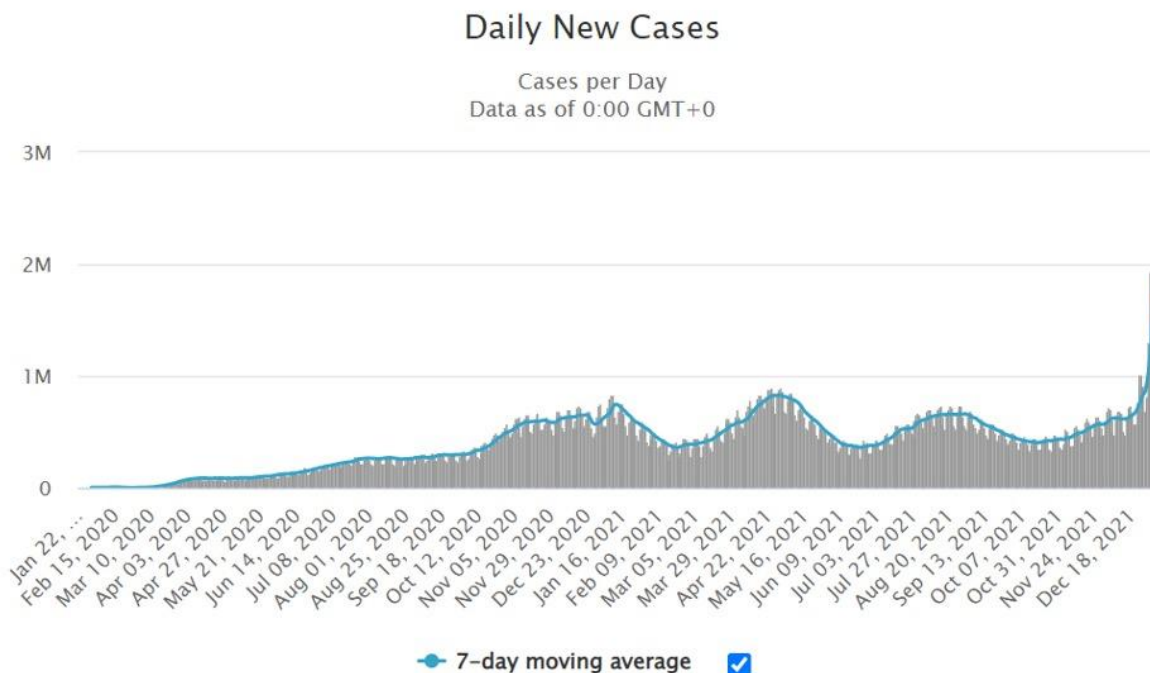


## Thailand weekly situation update on 7 January 2022

### 1. International Situation



The global COVID-19 situation between December 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022 revealed 11,244 new confirmed cases, or an average of 1,874,033 new cases per day. 495,630 cases have been found with the Omicron variant in 141 countries. The global trend has risen sharply since 1 January, 2022. Interesting international issues over the past week have revealed that many countries are grappling with the Omicron epidemic. This results in a substantial increase in confirmed cases, particularly in the United States. Epidemiologists from Washington DC also believe that the Omicron variant continues to be a strain of concern because the rate of transmission is higher than the Delta 4-6 times. Although even the virulence is weaker, it could cause a public health concern.

## 2.The Disease Situation in Thailand on January 7th, 2022

Situation	Total Number
<b>Number of new confirmed cases</b>	<b>5,775</b>
• Cases found in quarantine facilities/centers (Imported)	215
• Cases found in prisons	77
• Cases infected in Thailand (Local transmission)	5,560
• Cases found from active case finding (Local transmission)	160
<b>Total number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>2,245,250</b>
• Total recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,185,502 (97.34%)
- Newly recovered and discharged from hospitals	2,673
• Undergoing treatment	37,968 (1.69%)
• Deaths	21,780 (0.97%)
- New deaths	11
<b>Total number of Vaccinations (Doses)</b>	<b>104,743,981</b>
• First dose	51,258,885
• Second dose	46,133,509
• Third dose	7,351,587

This past week, 24,926 new cases were confirmed, resulting in 108 deaths. Details of confirmed cases were 1,081 foreign cases arrived, and 23,845 domestic cases, with an average age of 33 years (7 days- 102 years). The male-to-female ratio was 1:1.15. The top five nationalities with the most confirmed cases were Thai, Myanmar, English, American and Cambodian, in the order according to 19,411, 201, 193, 134 and 122 cases. The ten provinces that had the highest number of confirmed cases were Chonburi, Bangkok, Ubon Ratchathani, Samut Prakan, Phuket, Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Udon Thani, and Rayong according to orders 3,391, 3,037, 1,909, 1,345, 1,086, 954, 934, 780, 626 and 464 cases. The number of infected individuals started growing significantly on January 6, 2022.

On January 6, 2022, the MoPH announced a COVID-19 emergency level increase from Level 3 to Level 4. That occurred after the number of new cases had increased significantly. There has been an outbreak of Omicron in many provinces.

The MoPH's recommendations to address the spread of COVID-19 have been included; avoid eating and drinking liquor at food stores, avoid entering all types of high-risk places, avoid getting close with others, abstain from participating in group events, avoid taking all types of public transportation, refrain from going overseas and must be in quarantine for persons entering Thailand. To prevent further spread, the announcement will include the closing of at-risk areas, postpone the trip to the countryside and motivate everyone to work at home, delay in traveling across provinces, refrain people from moving and avoid groups of people. In this regard, the MoPH calls for the cooperation of individuals and establishments to comply strictly with the VUCA measures, which consist in receiving the COVID-19 vaccines and protecting yourself at any time, any place. Establishments should have a COVID-19 free set-up system and regularly check ATK tests.

### 3. Risk Assessment of COVID-19 Situation

By monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak across the country, it is expected that the number of COVID-19 patients will continue to increase. However, the number of fatalities could rise slightly or remain constant. The Omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to spread and can cover all provinces across the country. As a result, over 10,000 cases could be discovered in the next seven days and could face the same issues as last April's outbreak. Although the Omicrons are probably not as violent as the Delta, we must avoid the amount of medical care that exceeds the acceptable amount. As a result, people should always prevent infection by strictly following the steps, including receiving a booster vaccine for the population to accelerate herd immunity. This measure is intended to prevent the amount of medical attention from exceeding the acceptable amount.