



# ITE HONG KONG 2022: COVID-19 UPDATE / TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

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## 1. RECENT NEWS

### **Omicron affecting Hong Kong**

Hong Kong confirmed the first Omicron case on Dec 30 and a total of 354 cases as of Jan 10 (or around 30 new cases per day), of which 312 imported, 41 locally infected but related to imported case and only 1 local case of unknown source.

On Jan 4, Hong Kong Chief Executive told media omicron cases recorded in the city will delay quarantine free border crossing with the mainland.

On Jan 5, Hong Kong Chief Executive announced tightening measures to fight omicron, which include cancelling large scale public events like Cyclothon scheduled to be held within 14 days and cruise trips; ban all passenger flights including indirect arrivals from Australia, Canada, France, India, Pakistan, Philippines, UK, and USA from Jan 8 for 14 days etc. There will be a review 7 days after implementation of above.

### **China theoretically reach herd immunity**

As of Jan 6 this year, 86% or 1.213 billion Chinese citizens had been fully vaccinated. Theoretically speaking, China's herd immunity goal has been achieved, says expert. In fact, China has the lowest COVID-19 mortality rate in the world, with a prevalence rate of 9.4 per 100,000 and a mortality rate of 0.4 per 100,000.

### **UNWTO project tourism rebound in 2022 by pent up demand**

When asked how tourism will evolve in 2022, Secretary General of UNWTO said most of the organization's committee of experts foresee a rebound driven by strong pent-up travel demand in the second and third quarters.

On when international tourism will recover to 2019 levels, 43% of members of UNWTO Committee of Experts predict it happen by 2023 while 45% by 2024 or later, according to Secretary General of UNWTO in December 2021.

## 2. HONG KONG

### a. Latest Hong Kong situation of COVID-19 (Last Updated on 11-Jan-2022 11:00)

Cumulative confirmed cases	Confirmed cases in the past 14 days	Healed	Death
<b>12959</b>	<b>360*</b>	<b>12304</b>	<b>213</b>

\* Classification of these **360** confirmed cases in the past 14 days:

Local case: **1** | Import cases: **318** | Epidemiologically linked with imported case: **39** |

Possibly import-related case: **2**

### b. Last Updates on Travel Advisories

The Government announced that a place-specific flight suspension mechanism is implemented for Australia, Canada, France, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and the United States of America from 8 to 21 January 2022. Government's latest announcement at <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202201/05/P2022010500713.htm?fontSize=1>.

Details on the relevant boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements for persons arriving in Hong Kong from different places outside the Mainland at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html).

Compulsory quarantine in [designated hotels](#)

Latest travel advisories and hygiene measures for Hong Kong during the pandemic: [HERE](#)

## 3. Countries/areas in Asia (partial) with reported cases of COVID-19

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Countries/areas	Cumulative confirmed cases	Confirmed cases in the past 14 days	% of confirmed cases in past 14 days	Cumulative Death
<b>Hong Kong SAR</b>	12929	360	2.8%	213
<b>India</b>	35707727	914394	2.6%	483936
<b>Indonesia</b>	4266649	4770	0.1%	144136
<b>Japan</b>	1765604	33815	1.9%	18403
<b>Korea</b>	670483	54951	8.2%	6114
<b>Macao SAR</b>	79	1	1.3%	0
<b>Mainland China</b>	103968	2482	2.4%	4636
<b>Malaysia</b>	2786219	45040	1.6%	31678
<b>Philippines</b>	2998530	159738	5.3%	52293
<b>Singapore</b>	286397	8353	2.9%	838
<b>Taiwan</b>	17393	462	2.7%	850
<b>Thailand</b>	2277476	65069	2.9%	21838

All information is based on that notified or reported by the World Health Organization and / or health authorities of countries / areas.