COVID-19 Situation Report

1. Daily deaths and cumulative deaths

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<td>Peak 1</td>
<td>Trough (July 12)</td>
<td>Peak 2 (30 Aug)</td>
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<td>Daily deaths</td>
<td>124</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>216</td>
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<td>7-day moving average</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>204</td>
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In the “post-quarantine curfew” phase from 1 October 2021, the lowest moving average for deaths was 16 per day (7 November) and is currently at 23 deaths per day.

Daily deaths reported are still higher than the pre-3rd wave levels.

![Daily deaths and cumulative deaths graph]

Source: Ministry of Health. Data updated until 30 November 2021

2. Daily cases and cumulative cases

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<td>Peak 1</td>
<td>Trough (18 July)</td>
<td>Peak 2 (26 Aug)</td>
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<td>Daily cases</td>
<td>3,628</td>
<td>1,420</td>
<td>5,961</td>
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<td>7-day moving average</td>
<td>2,545</td>
<td>1,485</td>
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In the “post-quarantine curfew” phase from 1 October 2021, the lowest moving average for daily reported cases was 552 (25 October) and is currently 732 cases per day.

Daily cases reported are still higher than the pre-3rd wave levels.

![Daily cases and cumulative cases graph]

Source: Ministry of Health -Daily reported cases. Data updated until 30 November 2021
3. Test positivity rate

- PCR test positivity rate has plateaued over the past 3-4 weeks
- COVID-19 positivity rates among symptomatic patients presenting to government sector hospitals has also been fairly constant over the past 3-4 weeks
- Around 44,000 PCR tests were conducted over the past week (Nov 22-28). Rapid Antigen Tests are also widely used for testing
- A review/revision of the existing testing strategy is an area that needs urgent attention

4. Vaccination

- The accelerated vaccination effort has now covered 85% of the over 16 year population and 62.7% of the total population with both doses, i.e. over 32 million doses have been administered
- A third dose (with Pfizer vaccine) has been administered to 459,000 persons as of 29 November 2021
5. The impact of increased stringency on deaths and cases

- The stringency continues to be low and is currently 27%.

6. Mobility

- The average mobility is above the baseline (pre-COVID levels) since mid-October
- The evidence on mobility underlines that for restrictions to be effective, Public Health and Social Measures (PHSM) advocacy must be strengthened for better individual/household compliance particularly, in non-urban areas
7. Regional situation (Updated as of 1 December 2021)

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>New cases (last 7 days)</th>
<th>% change in new cases</th>
<th>Cumulative cases</th>
<th>New deaths (last 7 days)</th>
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<th>Test Positivity Rate (last 7DMA)</th>
<th>% change in TPR</th>
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<td>India</td>
<td>61,013</td>
<td>-11.8</td>
<td>34,596,776</td>
<td>2,663</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>469,247</td>
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<td>Thailand</td>
<td>38,766</td>
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<td>2,120,758</td>
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<td>-21.7</td>
<td>20,814</td>
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<td>Sri Lanka</td>
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<td>563,989</td>
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<td>14,346</td>
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<td>19,104</td>
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Source: WHO SEARO

8. New Variant of Concern: Omicron

On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the variant B.1.1.529 as a variant of concern (VOC), and has been given the name Omicron. It has not yet been detected in Sri Lanka.

Some of the key measures recommended by the WHO are as follows:

- Enhance surveillance and sequencing efforts to better understand circulating variants, including Omicron
- Use of a risk-based approach to adjust international travel measures in a timely manner. However, WHO does not recommend blanket travel bans as a means of prevention of international spread of the virus
- The use of masks, physical distancing, ventilation of indoor space, crowd avoidance, and hand hygiene remain key to reducing transmission even with the emergence of the Omicron variant

Sri Lanka enforced a travel ban after assessing the risk of Omicron, in persons with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days to South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Eswatini. The ban is in effect from from 0000 hrs 28 November 2021.
Additional resources on Omicron variant:

1. WHO update on Omicron: https://www.who.int/news/item/28-11-2021-update-on-omicron
