HIGHLIGHTS

- Centre reviews COVID-19 situation in 115 districts of 9 States showing an upsurge in COVID-19 cases and positivity; flags concerns regarding low levels of testing and vaccination (Link)
- Centre reviews Points of Entry (PoEs) Health actions at international airports and ports in India (Link)
- PM Congratulates citizens on crossing the 200 Cr milestone of Covid Vaccination drive (Link)
- 75 days - ‘COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsava’ commences to provide free Precaution Dose for all eligible adult population at Government Vaccination Centres (Link)

INDIA SITUATION

- As of 1 June 2022, India reported a total of 43,847,065 confirmed cases, with 525,930 deaths. Currently, the number of cases per million is 30,857. A 10% rise in cases was reported in the last week as compared to the previous week, with total TPR of 4.51. Over 135K cases have been reported in the last week, up from 121K in the preceding week (as of 21 July 2022)
- India's Active caseload currently stands at 1,49,482
- Recovery rate is currently at 98.46%
- 21,880 new cases recorded in the last 24 hours
- Daily positivity rate: 4.42%
- Weekly positivity rate: 4.51%

COVID-19: STATUS ACROSS STATES

- As on 21 July 2022, 13 states/UTs have seen an increase of more than 50% in the past 7 days in comparison to the previous week.
- Kerala has the most cases (18,362, or 13.6% of the total), followed by West Bengal (17,741; or 13%), Tamil Nadu (15,732 or 11.6%), and Maharashtra (14,883 or 11%)
- Total 313 deaths were reported in the last seven days, a 25% increase over the previous week; Though the overall numbers are relatively low, 14 states have reported a more than 100 percent rise in deaths in contrast to the previous week.
Based on the core indicators viz. cases per million per week, percentage change in weekly cases and test positivity rate (7DMA), currently there are 353 districts in the country fall in warning level-4 which warrants close monitoring and risk-based approaches to put public health and social measures in place.

**WHO GLOBAL UPDATE**

- During the week of July 11-17, the number of new cases worldwide plateaued off at little under 6.3 million, following a five-week upward trend. The recorded number of new deaths per week has risen to 11,000, an increase from previous weeks. At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Western Pacific Region (+37%), the Region of the Americas (+9%) and the South-East Asia Region (+5%). The number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (+20%).

- WHO issued interim statement on the composition of current COVID-19 vaccines; statement is intended to offer Member States, vaccine developers and regulatory authorities considerations as to whether a modified vaccine composition may be warranted and, if so, how this may be achieved to fulfil the public health objectives of COVID-19 vaccination, detailed here

- WHO Global Learning Laboratory issued four action briefs and one knowledge brief describing in detail the learnings from low- and middle-income countries including Kenya, Ethiopia, and India, that developed initiatives to maintain and improve the quality of care provided to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, detail here

- WHO and UNICEF sound the alarm as new data shows global vaccination coverage continued to decline in 2021, with 25 million infants missing out on lifesaving vaccines, details here

- WHO and ESICM release COVID-19 critical care course for nurses and doctors; Along with multiple hours of training, the course includes a series of downloadable checklists to guide health professionals through decision-making at the patient’s bedside, details here

- WHO Director-General welcomes ACT-Accelerator fair share contributions from Norway and Sweden; the ACT-Accelerator now faces a funding gap of US$ 11.2 billion, having received contributions totaling US$ 5.6 billion for the 2021/22 budget, details here

**Transmission & Variants**

- The Omicron VOC remains the dominant variant circulating globally, accounting for 95.4% of sequences reported in the past 30 days. The remaining 4.4% sequences are awaiting PANGO lineage designations and 0.2% are Delta and several recombinants.

- Among Omicron, as of epidemiological week 27 (4 to 10 July 2022), BA.2 represents 2.61%, while BA.2.12.1 represents 4.51%, BA.4 represents 10.57%, and BA.5 represents 53.59%. Comparing to the last epidemiological week BA.2, BA.2.12.1, and BA.4 have declined while BA.5 increased from 51.84% to 53.59%. BA.5 has been reported in 100 countries and continues to drive an increase in cases, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions.

- BA.2.75 is an Omicron subvariant under monitoring, with earliest sequences reported from May 2022. There is no evidence yet of the extent to which these mutations impact on transmissibility and disease severity compared to other circulating lineages. As of 18 July, 250 sequences of BA.2.75 from 15 countries have been reported.

- For the last two months in India, Omicron has been the dominant variant with 97.6%, and BA.2 being still the major sub lineage with 40.8% percent, this is showing a continued declining trend. Other major Omicron sub lineages reported include BA.2.38 (23.3%), BA.2.37 (4.8%), BA.5.2 (4%), BA.5.2.1 (4%), BA.5 (2.9%), BA.2.10 (2.3 percent), BA.2.76 (2.1%), BA.2.12.1 (1.7 percent), B.1.1.529 (1.6%), BA.2.73 (1.5%), BA.2.75 (1.3%), BA.4 (0.6%) and others (16.7 percent). BA.5.2 and BA.5.2.1 are recent sub lineages reported & showing increasing trends.
COVID-19 VACCINATION

- India’s COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 201.30 Cr (2,01,30,97,819) as per provisional reports till 22 July 2022. The cumulative coverage of vaccine doses, segregated based on population priority groups, is as follows:

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- More than 193.70 crore (1,93,70,32,325) vaccine doses have been provided to States/UTs so far through Govt. of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES/TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS


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