

Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker

Regional report - East Asia and Pacific



This report summarises the major changes in the region for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker's Containment and Health Index, providing a high level overview of shifts in government policies.

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REGION	East Asia and Pacific
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Brief summary of major changes:

Regional lockdowns remain the dominant trend in East Asia and the Pacific region.

A number of countries have reduced restrictions. **NEW ZEALAND** eased containment measures on 21 September, and all of the country except Auckland returned to Level 1. Auckland remains at stricter Level 2 where gatherings are capped at 100 people. **AUSTRALIA:** On 28 September the night curfew in Melbourne was lifted by the Victoria state government. Primary schools are set to reopen in two weeks, and non-essential businesses can reopen. **VIETNAM:** Since mid September, lockdowns in Vietnam in Da Nang and Hai Duong have been lifted and most non-essential and entertainment services resumed business. In **GUAM** the stay at home order ended on 25 September allowing some businesses to reopen.

Fresh lockdowns have also been introduced - In **INDONESIA** a citywide lockdown was introduced in the capital Jakarta on 14 September, requiring non-essential businesses to close, limiting public transport, and restricting travel to essential journeys. In **CHINA**, the city of Ruili which borders Myanmar introduced strict lockdown measures for a week on 15 September. These restrictions closed all schools and non-essential businesses, restricted public transport, and saw a comprehensive testing program aim to test all residents. The city reopened after a week of lockdown.

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C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHINA: On 15 September, Ruili City in Yunnan Province closed all schools. Schools then reopened across the country on 22 September. • HONG KONG: All schools in Hong Kong resumed face-to-face classes in two stages, with Secondary and Primary One, Five and Six as well as Kindergarten Three starting on September 23 while those remaining will start on September 29. • MALAYSIA: Schools are fully open with strict hygiene policies in place • NEW ZEALAND: All schools resumed on 31 August • VIETNAM: the city of Da Nang lifted school closures
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUSTRALIA: Melbourne measures eased on 28 September allowing nonessential businesses to open. • CHINA: All but essential businesses closed during the lockdown in Ruili brought in from 15-21 September. • GUAM: The stay at home order ended on 25 September, allowing some businesses to reopen • HONG KONG: Restrictions on businesses continue to ease, and Hong Kong Disneyland reopened 25 September • INDONESIA: From 14 September only essential businesses can open • JAPAN: Recommendations in Tokyo discouraging dining out and public events are loosened from 15 September • NEW ZEALAND: Level 3 lockdown in Auckland lifted 31 August and businesses there can resume with hygiene measures • VIETNAM: the city of Da Nang, which has been under lockdown measures, lifted all social distancing requirements on 18 September except in bars, pubs, karaoke, discotheque, and massage venues. Non essential businesses have resumed
C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW ZEALAND: Level 3 lockdown in Auckland lifted 31 August to Level 2, where no more than 100 people are permitted at events
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUSTRALIA: In Melbourne up to 5 people are now permitted at weddings (including the couple, two witnesses) and the celebrant, from 28 September, and funerals can have up to 10. • NEW ZEALAND: Level 3 lockdown in Auckland lifted 31 August to Level 2, where no more than 100 people are permitted to gather
C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHINA: In Ruili from 23 September restrictions on public transport are relaxed after lockdown restricted them on 15 September • INDONESIA: From 14 September Jakarta under lockdown measures and public transport is limited
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW ZEALAND: Level 3 lockdown in Auckland lifted 31 August to Level 2 where people do not have to stay at home

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GUAM: Stay at home orders including school closures ended on 25 September
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INDONESIA: Restrictions in place in Jakarta mean people can only travel for essential journeys • NEW ZEALAND: Level 3 lockdown in Auckland lifted 31 August to Level 2 where travel between regions is permitted • VIETNAM: travel in and out of Da Nang has resumed for all forms of transportation
C8: International Travel Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new measures recorded
H2: Testing Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHINA: In Ruili all residents had to be tested for COVID-19 as part of a comprehensive testing program, with costs covered by the city
H3: Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new measures recorded

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