

## The Latest Covid Update Vietnam, February 17, 2021

### What's really happening?

#### Vietnam is now experiencing it's 3<sup>RD</sup> phase of Covid-19

However, it's not all doom and gloom in comparison to many other countries.

Vietnam has confirmed **40** more coronavirus cases in [Hanoi](#) and northern Hai Duong Province which is being described as the epicenter of this latest outbreak. See main story [here](#). With a population of approximately 2 million people, and mostly an industrial region. This latest wave in Hai Duong Province puts the tally at 677. The province will undergo social distancing for 15 days starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February as per a government directive on Covid-19 prevention.

#### The country overview

Vietnam's total Covid-19 infection tally is now **2,269, including 690 active cases**. In a country of over 96 million people, it is estimated that only around 150,000 are in quarantine nationwide, either in hospitals, quarantine zones or in self isolation at home. Mostly in home self isolation.

As result of the new phase of Covid, many Festivals are closed after Tet.

Please check with our staff if you have intentions of travelling to or from these locations.

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#### Vietnam stepping into Vaccine stage of Covid Management

Vietnam is expected to receive around five million Covid-19 vaccine doses by the end of February, Deputy Health Minister Truong Quoc Cuong said at a meeting Monday.

They include about 4.9 million vaccine doses provided via [Covax](#), a global company respected for developing, manufacturing and procuring Covid-19 vaccine candidates and helping member countries access vaccines as they become available. About 117,000 other doses would be imported, Cuong said, adding that they would come by the end of February provided that flights and procedures are completed as scheduled.

Furthermore, Vietnam has four domestic Covid-19 vaccines being developed by Nanogen Pharmaceutical Biotechnology JSC, the Institute of Vaccines and Medical Biologicals, the Vaccine and Biological Production Company No. 1 and the Center for Research and Production of Vaccines and Biologicals.

Nanocovax, produced by Nanogen Pharmaceutical Biotechnology JSC, has finished its first phase of human trials, and is expected to begin the second one this month. Covivac of the Institute of Vaccines and Medical Biologicals is expected to commence human trials this month as well.

While the country is confident in its tracking, monitoring and quarantine procedures, it is fair to say that this latest wave had a major impact on TET celebrations and travel domestically.

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