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UPDATE ON LOCAL COVID-19 SITUATION

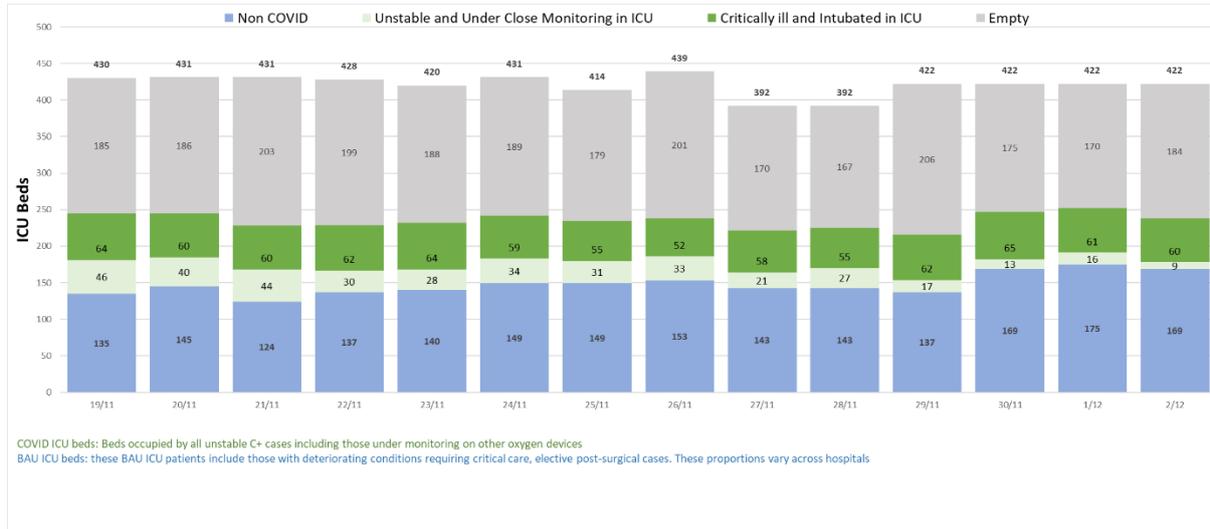
Summary of local situation

- 991 cases remain warded in hospital. 194 cases require oxygen supplementation in the general ward, 9 are unstable and under close monitoring in the intensive care unit (ICU), and 60 are critically ill and intubated in the ICU. The current overall ICU utilisation rate is 56.4%.
- Over the last 28 days, of the 55,935 infected individuals, 98.7% had no or mild symptoms, 0.9% required oxygen supplementation in the general ward, 0.2% were in the ICU, and 0.2% has died.
- As of 1 December 2021, the total number of individuals who have completed their full regimen/received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines constitutes 96% of the eligible population, and 87% of the total population. As a percentage of total population, 87% has received at least one dose, and 27% has received their booster shots.
- Over the past day, 2,056 cases were discharged, of whom 332 are seniors aged 60 years and above. 1,101 new cases of COVID-19 infection were detected, with 1,050 in the community, 41 in the migrant worker dormitories and 10 imported cases. The weekly infection growth rate is 0.70.
- As announced earlier this evening, MOH has detected two imported COVID-19 cases who have tested preliminarily positive for the Omicron variant on 2 December. Both are fully vaccinated and experiencing mild symptoms. They were isolated upon arrival in Singapore on 1 December, and had not interacted in the community. There is currently no evidence of any community transmission from these cases.

Situation at Hospitals

1. As of 2 December 2021, 194 cases require oxygen supplementation in the general ward, 9 are unstable and under close monitoring in the ICU to prevent further deterioration, and 60 are critically ill and intubated in the ICU. The current overall ICU utilisation rate is 56.4%.

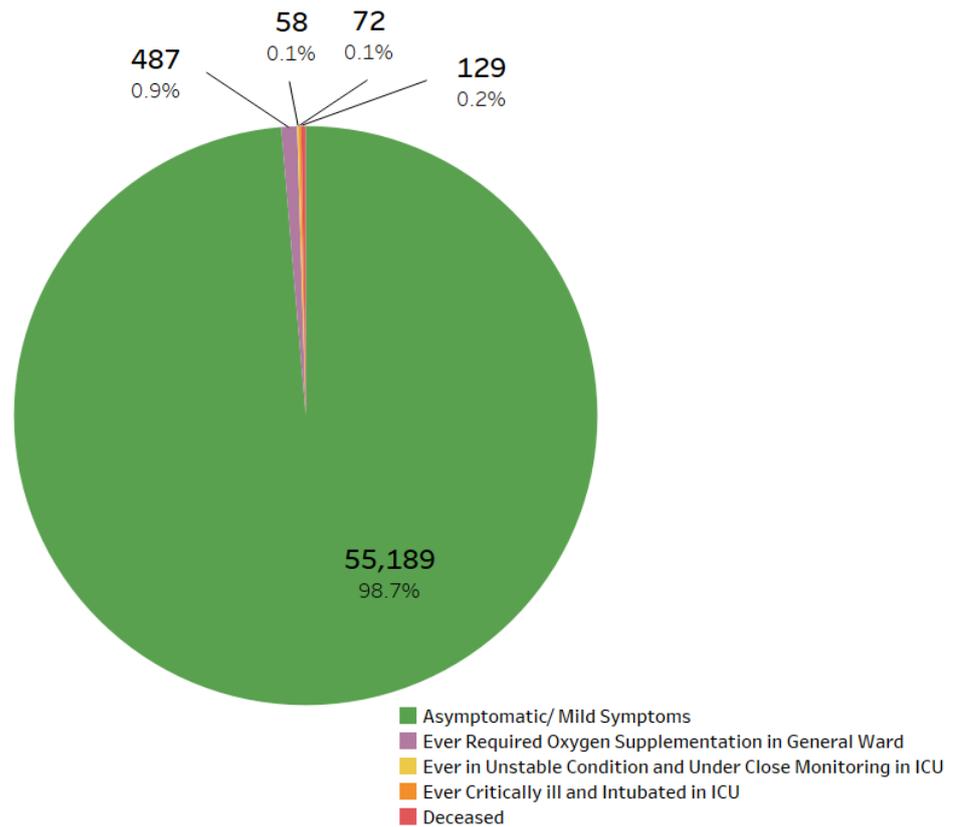
Figure 1: Daily Adult ICU Bed Utilisation



Status of Patients

2. Over the last 28 days, 98.7% of local infected cases were asymptomatic or had mild symptoms, 0.9% required oxygen supplementation in the general ward, 0.1% were unstable and under close monitoring in the ICU to prevent further deterioration, and 0.1% had been critically ill and intubated in the ICU.

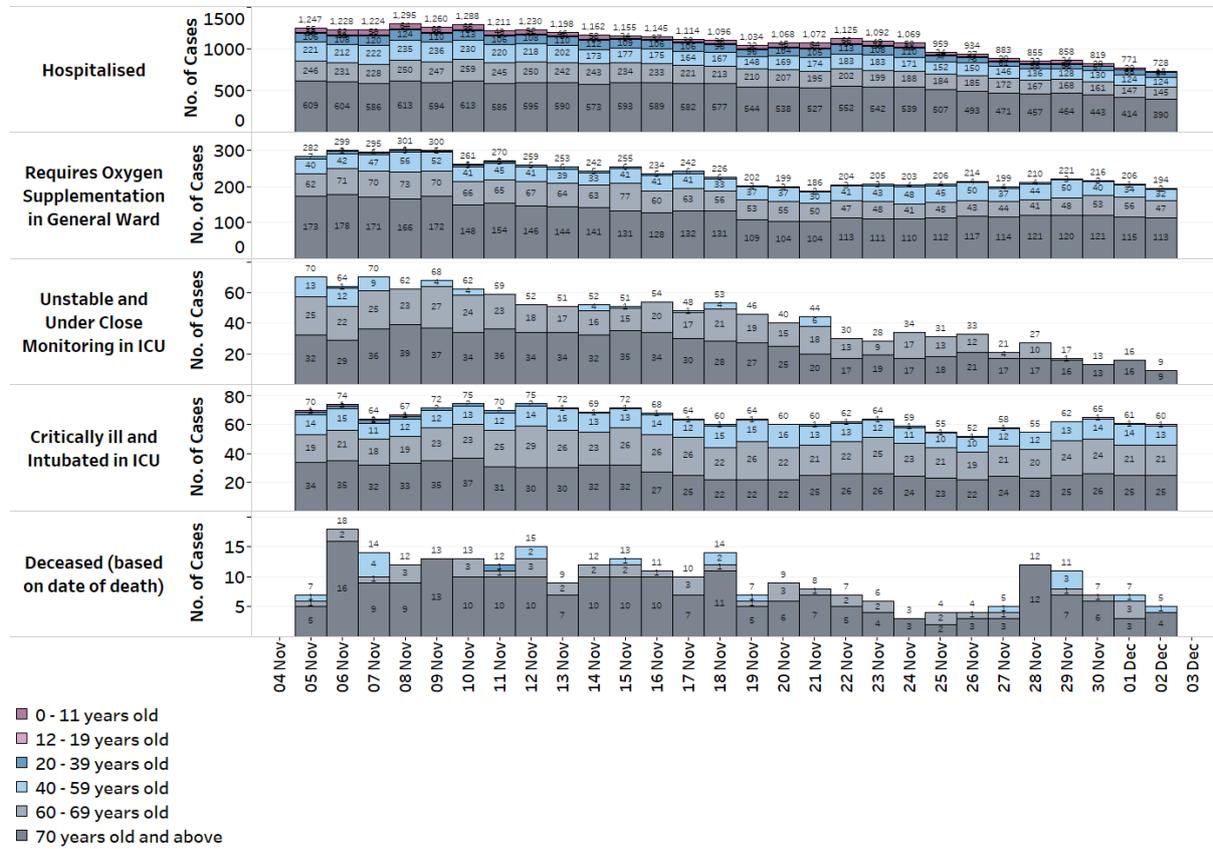
Figure 2: Local Cases in the Last 28 Days by Severity of Condition¹



¹ Includes only new cases reported in the past 28 days. Based on cases' worst-ever condition; deceased cases previously in ICU are counted under 'Deceased' and not under 'Ever Critically ill and Intubated in ICU'.

3. Seniors 60 years old and above, especially if unvaccinated, continue to be more adversely affected by COVID-19:

Figure 3: Patients Needing Oxygen Supplementation, ICU Care or Died², by Age Groups



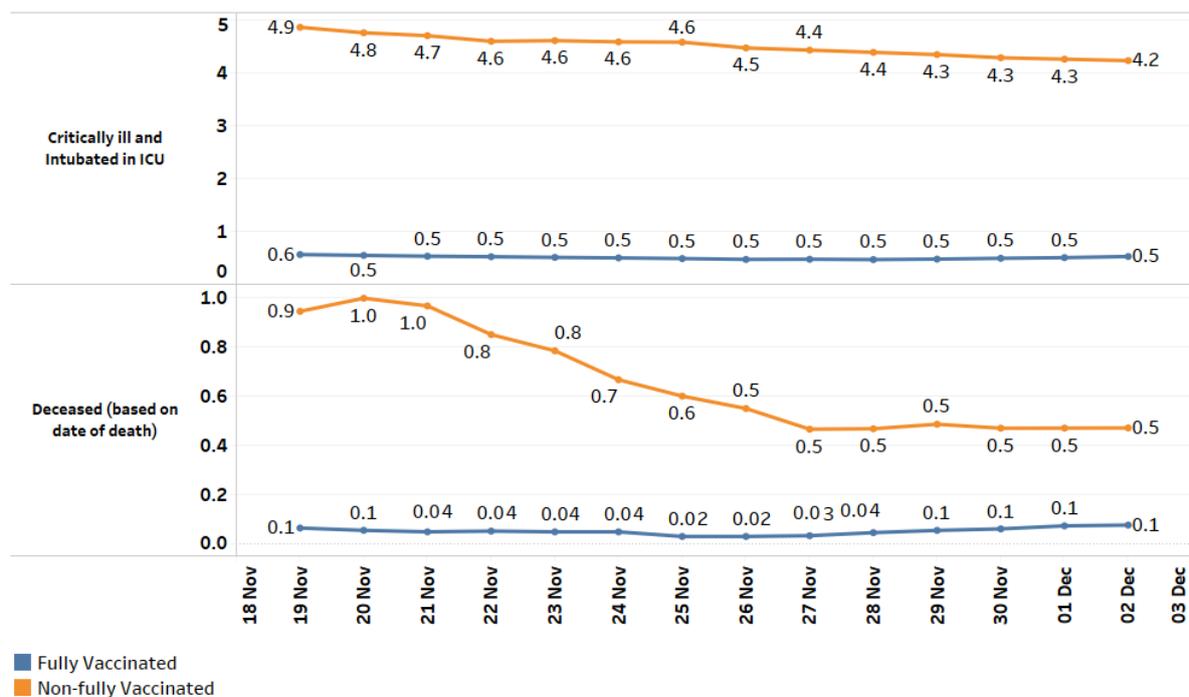
² May differ from the deaths reported for the day as the latter includes those who have passed on earlier, but whose cause of death was investigated and confirmed only later, e.g. Coroner's cases.

Vaccination

4. As of 1 December 2021, the total number of individuals who have completed their full regimen/ received two doses of COVID-19 vaccines constitutes 96% of the eligible population, and 87% of the total population. As a percentage of total population, 87% has received at least one dose, and 27% has received their booster shots.

5. Over the past 7 days, the number of fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cases who are critically ill in the ICU are at 0.5 and 4.2 per 100,000 population respectively. Over the same period, the number of fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cases who died are 0.1 and 0.5 per 100,000 population respectively. Among seniors aged 60 and above, the number of fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated cases who are critically ill in the ICU are 2.0 and 37.7 respectively. The number of fully vaccinated and non-fully vaccinated seniors who died are 0.3 and 4.8 respectively.

Figure 4: 7-Day Moving Average of Number of Deaths and Active Cases in ICU, per 100,000 Population by Vaccination Status ³



³ Non-fully vaccinated comprises persons who are partially vaccinated and completely unvaccinated.

Inflow and Outflow of Cases

6. Over the past day, 2,056 cases were discharged, of whom 332 are seniors aged 60 years and above.

7. As of 2 December 2021, 12pm, the Ministry of Health has detected a total of 1,101 new cases of COVID-19 infection, comprising 1,050 community cases, 41 dormitory resident cases and 10 imported cases. Amongst the community cases today are 155 seniors who are aged 60 years and above. The ratio of community cases for the past week over the week before is 0.70.

8. 9 more cases, aged between 56 and 99 years, have passed away from complications due to COVID-19 infection. All of them had various underlying medical conditions.

9. As announced earlier this evening, MOH has detected two imported COVID-19 cases who have tested preliminarily positive for the Omicron variant on 2 December. Both cases were isolated upon arrival in Singapore on 1 December, and had not interacted in the community. There is currently no evidence of any community transmission from these cases. The cases are currently recovering in isolation wards at the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID). Both are fully vaccinated, and have mild symptoms of cough and scratchy throat.

10. Contact tracing is ongoing. All 19 other passengers who came in on the same flight have tested negative for COVID-19 infection.

Figure 5: Number of Community Cases by Age

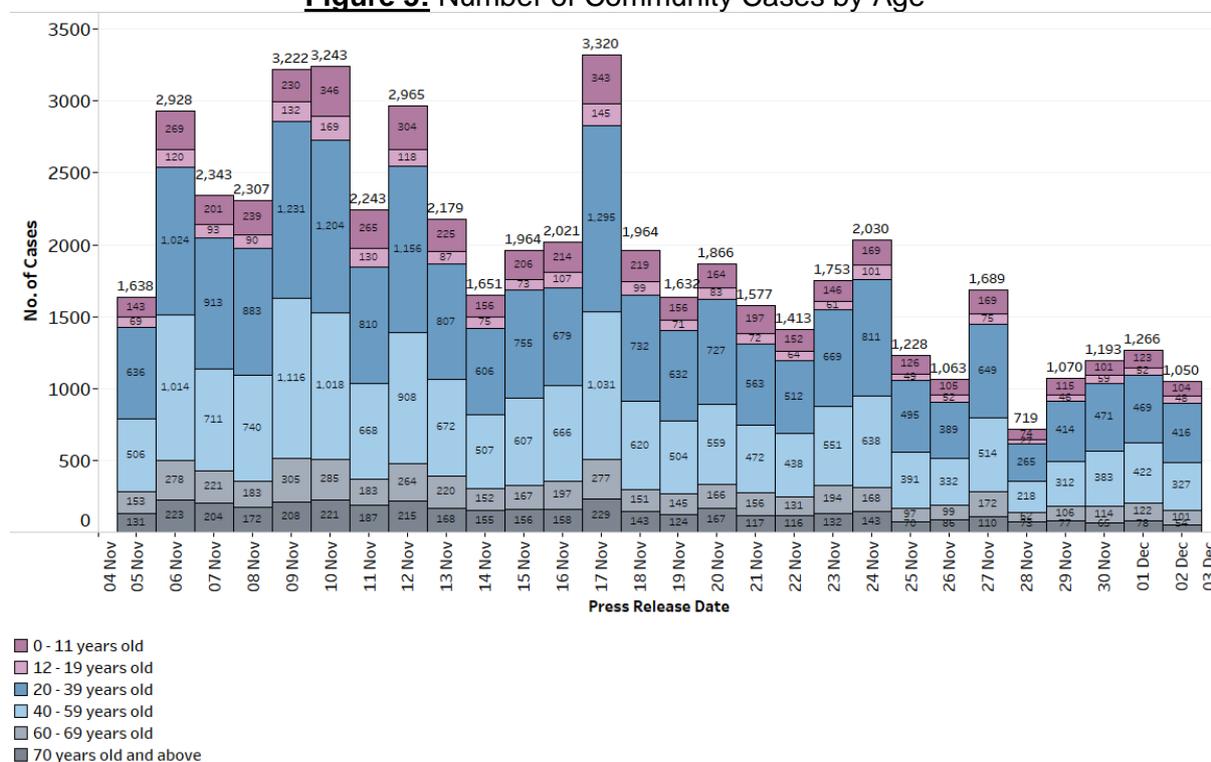
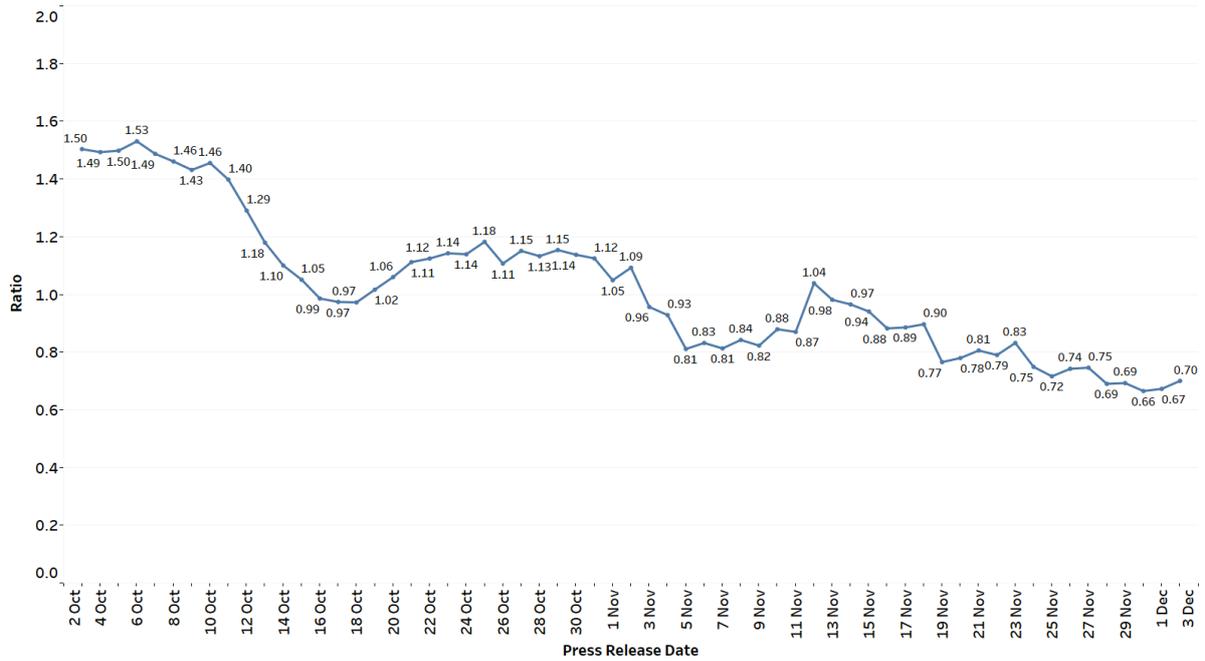


Figure 6: Week-on-week Infection Ratio⁴



11. Please refer to MOH's daily Situation Report (www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/situation-report) for details.

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⁴ Ratio of community cases in the past week over the week before.