

Update 12: Vietnam - Confirms First Case of New COVID-19 Variant

- Vietnam has confirmed its first case of a new COVID-19 variant that was recently detected in Britain
- The new strain, which experts say potentially spreads faster than the original variant, has prompted travel restrictions on the United Kingdom (UK) by more than 50 countries including Vietnam
- The first patient in Vietnam with the new variant is a 44-year-old woman returning to Vietnam from Britain on December 24, 2020
- She was tested on arrival researchers ran gene-sequencing on the patient's sample and found the strain is a variant known as 'VOC 202012/01'
- As of now, Vietnam has reported 1482 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 35 deaths and 1337 recoveries
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (https://www.moh.gov.vn/en_US/web/ministry-of-health) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Vietnam

Source(s)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/world/vietnam-reports-first-case-of-new-coronavirus-variant-192620>

<https://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/vietnam-reports-first-case-of-new-coronavirus-variant>

Targets Affected:

Vietnam

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions', 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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