

Update 24: Hungary - Reports South-African Variant of COVID-19, And Plans to Tighten Lockdown Measures

- Cecilia Müller (Müller), a Hungarian physician and Surgeon General said that South-African variant of the COVID-19 had been detected in a Hungarian patient
- The patient had contacted a colleague who had visited Zambia
- Müller warned that the number of new cases was increasing exponentially, but the appearance of new variants in Hungary was slower than elsewhere
- The new variants were stronger and more infectious, with a 70-percent higher reproduction rate than earlier variants
- Müller added that the Brazilian and South African variants were more resistant to antibodies, which could result in reinfection
- Prime Minister Viktor Orban said that Hungary may have to tighten lockdown curbs as COVID-19 infections are expected to rise in the next two weeks
- He said that travel outside Europe, including on business, must be radically limited
- Hungary could also modify its vaccination strategy in order to have as many people as possible inoculated
- The teachers' union PDSZ, Democratic Trade Union of Teachers, Budapest called on the government to close all primary schools and nurseries
- The government has extended a partial lockdown until March 15, 2021, and all secondary schools have been closed since November 11, 2020, as have hotels and restaurants except for takeaway meals
- As of now, Hungary has reported a total of 419,182 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 14,795, ~3.52% of total cases related to deaths, and 317,899, ~75.83% of total cases recoveries
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 4.3% and 0.15%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the National Health Center (<https://www.nnk.gov.hu/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Hungary

Source(s)

- <https://hungarytoday.hu/coronavirus-south-african-variant-hungary-muller/>
- <https://whbl.com/2021/02/26/hungary-may-have-to-tighten-lockdown-as-covid-cases-jump-pm-says/>
- <https://www.todayonline.com/world/hungary-mulls-tightening-lockdown-measures-infections-rise-pm-orban-0>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/hungary/>

Targets Affected:

Hungary

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

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

Related Alerts

Feb. 26, 2021

Medium

Update 23: Hungary - Extends COVID-19 Restrictions Until March 15, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb. 20, 2021

Low

Update 22: Hungary - COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Website Faces Cyber Attack

Feb. 1, 2021

Medium

Update 21: Hungary - Protest Against COVID-19 Lockdown Measures

Jan. 29, 2021

Medium

Update 20: Hungary - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until March 01, 2021

Jan. 17, 2021

Medium

Update 19: Hungary - Plans to Extend Entry Restrictions Due to Delay in COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout by European Commission

Jan. 12, 2021

Medium

Update 18: Hungary - Reports Outbreak of H5N8 Bird Flu, Adding Further Stress to COVID-19 Pandemic

Jan. 9, 2021

Medium

Update 17: Hungary - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until February 01, 2021

Jan. 6, 2021

Medium

Update 16: Hungary - Government Announces to Lift Ban on Passenger Flights from UK, Effective January 06, 2021

Dec. 23, 2020

Medium

Update 15: Hungary - Second Wave of COVID-19 Appears to Have Peaked, Raising National Total of Cases to 306,368

Dec. 8, 2020

Medium

Update 14: Hungary - Announces Plans to Maintain COVID-19 Restrictions Until January 11, 2020

Nov. 16, 2020

Low

Update 13: Hungary - Reports Economic Recovery in Q3 2020 as GDP Increases by 11.3% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 11, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Hungary - Extends State Emergency for 90 Days Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

Nov. 10, 2020

High

Update 11: Hungary - Plans to Impose Partial Lockdown Amid Second Wave of COVID-19

Nov. 4, 2020

Medium

Update 10: Hungary - Tightens Anti-COVID-19 Restrictions

Nov. 3, 2020

Medium

Update 8: Hungary - Plans to Impose More Restrictions to Curb COVID-19 Spread

Nov. 3, 2020

Low

Update 9: Hungary - Government Extends Border Lock Until December 1, 2020

Oct. 21, 2020

High

Update 7: Hungary - Records Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections, Raising National Total to 48,757

Oct. 18, 2020

Medium

Update 6: Hungary - Reports Highest Daily COVID-19 Infections of 1,791

Oct. 3, 2020

High

Update 5: Hungary - Extends Border Closures to Curb Spread of COVID-19 until End-October 2020

Aug. 30, 2020

High

Update 4: Hungary - Plans to Close Borders for All Foreign Nationals and International Tourists Starting September 1, 2020

July 4, 2020

Medium

Update 3: Hungary - Rejects European Union Council's Recommendation to Open Borders for 14 Non-EU Countries Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 7, 2020

Medium

Update 2: Hungary - Plans to Reopen European Travel Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

March 27, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Hungary - Imposes Nationwide Curfew Until April 11, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

March 6, 2020

Low

Hungary - Coronavirus Infection Cases

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.