

Update 65: Philippines - Registers First Cases of New South African COVID-19 Variant

- On March 02, 2021, Philippines detected its first six cases of a more contagious COVID-19 variant found in South Africa
- Authorities expressed concern about the detection of the variant, which can spread more readily like the variant found in UK
- Authorities also expressed concern that the variant could evade immune responses and reduce vaccine efficacy
- Of the six variant cases, authorities said three are local cases, and two are returning overseas Filipinos
- The Department of Health (DOH) is still checking the location of the remaining case
- On March 02, 2021, the DOH also reported an additional 30 cases of the variant initially detected in UK
- The number of cases in the country with UK variant has reached 87
- The DOH urged the local government units "to be on heightened alert to monitor, detect, and report unusual spikes in cases in their area
- As of now, the country has reported 582,223 confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 12,389 deaths, 2.12% of total reported cases, and 522,941 recoveries, 91.8% of total reported cases
- On the other hand, when compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.53% and 0.011%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (<https://www.doh.gov.ph/node/689>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in the Philippines

Source(s)

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-03/02/c_139777485.htm

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2021/03/03/first-cases-of-south-africa-variant-of-virus-confirmed>

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/Philippines/>

Targets Affected:

Philippines

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 64: Manila, Philippines - Government Extends Restrictions Until the End of March 2021 to Contain the Spread of COVID-19

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Update 63: Manila, Philippines - Government Plans to Retain COVID-19 Restrictions Until Mass Vaccinations Start

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Update 62: Philippines - Confirms Eight New Cases of More Infectious COVID-19 Variant

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Update 61: Manila, Philippines - Government Extends Partial COVID-19 Curbs Until End of February to Limit Spread of COVID-19; Plans to Lift Ban on Travelers from 36 Countries Starting February 01, 2021

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Update 59: Philippines - Confirms 16 New Cases of More Infectious COVID-19 Variant

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Update 58: Philippines - Extends Travel Restriction on Countries with New COVID-19 Variant Until January 31, 2021

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Update 57: Manila, Philippines - Government Plans to Ban Entry of Travelers from Six More Countries to Limit Spread of New COVID-19 Variant

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Update 56: Philippines - Government Plans to Ban Entry of Travelers from United States to Limit Spread of New COVID-19 Variant

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Update 55: Philippines - Government Bans Entry of Travelers from 20 Countries to Limit Spread of New COVID-19 Variant

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Update 54: Manila, Philippines - Government Extends Partial COVID-19 Restrictions Until January 31, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infection

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Update 53: Philippines - Reports 883 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 hours, Totaling 469,886; Extends Travel Ban with the United Kingdom Amid Fear Over New COVID-19 Strain

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Update 52: Philippines - Suspends Travel from the United Kingdom Over More Infectious COVID-19 Strain

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Update 51: Philippines - Reports 1,085 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 hours, Raising National Total to 449,400

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Update 50: Manila, Philippines - Extends Partial COVID-19 Restrictions Until December 31, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections

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Update 49: Philippines - Economy Contracts by 11.5% YoY in Q3 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 48: Philippines - China Suspends Entry of Foreigners from Philippines Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 47: Philippines - Reports 1,761 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 376,935

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Update 46: Philippines - Eases Curfew Hours in Capital Manila Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Oct. 16, 2020

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Update 45: Philippines - Eases Certain Travel Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 44: Philippines - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 3,564 COVID-19 Cases Since September 2020, Raising National Total to 342,816

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Update 43: Metro Manila, Philippines - Extends Partial COVID-19 Restrictions Until October 31, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections

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Update 42: Manila, Philippines - Extends Partial COVID-19 Restrictions Until September 30, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections

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Update 41: Manila, Philippines - Eases Lockdown Commencing August 19, 2020 to Boost Economy Amid COVID-19 Crisis

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Update 40: Philippines - Reports Recession for the First Time in 29 Years in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

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Update 39: Metro Manila, Philippines - Reimposes Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine Until August 18, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 38: Metro Manila, Philippines - Extends General Community Quarantine Until August 15, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 37: Manila, Philippines - Extends Partial Quarantine Until July 31, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

July 14, 2020

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Update 36: Navotas, Manila - Reimposes Lockdown Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 35: Philippines - Resumes Non-Essential Foreign Travel Amid Certain Restrictions

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Update 34: Metro Manila, Philippines - Extends General Community Quarantine Until July 15

June 18, 2020

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Update 33: Philippines - Extends Lockdown in More Regions Due to Increase in COVID-19 Cases

June 16, 2020

Medium

Update 32: Philippines - Extends Partial Lockdown in Manila for Another Two Weeks and Announces Relaxation in Certain Regions

June 6, 2020

High

Update 31: Philippines - Records Highest Unemployment Rate of 17.7%; Total COVID-19 Cases Increase to 20,626

May 29, 2020

High

Update 30: Metro Manila, Philippines - Eases Restrictions Starting June 1, 2020 to Aid Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 26, 2020

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Update 29: Metro Manila, Philippines - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Starting June 1, 2020

May 15, 2020

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Update 28: Philippines - Suffers Twin Threat as Typhoon 'Ambo' Hits COVID-19 Affected Regions

May 14, 2020

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Update 27: Philippines - Plans Partial Reopening of Businesses from May 16 to Support Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 12, 2020

Immediate

Update 26: Philippines - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown in Certain Regions Until May 31, 2020; Announces Few Relaxations

May 10, 2020

High

Update 25: Philippines - Allows International Flight Arrivals for One Month Starting May 11, 2020

May 7, 2020

High

Update 24: Philippines - Reports Economic Contraction by 0.2% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, First Decline Since Q4 1998

May 4, 2020

Immediate

Update 23: Metro Manila, Philippines - Relaxation in COVID-19 Restrictions Anticipated After May 15, 2020

May 3, 2020

Immediate

Update 22: Philippines - Suspends International Flights Until May 10, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 2, 2020

High

Update 21: Philippines - Relaxes COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Increasing Cases

April 30, 2020

Immediate

Update 20: Tondo, Philippines - Announces Two-Day Lockdown, Starting May 3, Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

April 24, 2020

Immediate

Update 19: Luzon, Philippines - Extends COVID-19 Enhanced Community Quarantine Until May 15, 2020

April 22, 2020

Immediate

Update 18: Philippines - Expects Lockdown Extension in Regions with High COVID-19 Cases

April 20, 2020

Immediate

Update 17: Philippines - Armed Forces Confirm Preparedness for 'Martial-Law Like' Lockdown; Sampaloc Placed Under 48-Hour Lockdown

April 17, 2020

High

Update 16: Philippines - Warns of Imposing Martial Law-Like Lockdown to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic

April 15, 2020

High

Update 15: Philippines - International Monetary Fund Predicts Economic Growth Contraction to 0.6% in 2020; Unemployment Rate to Increase to 6.2%

April 14, 2020

High

Update 14: Barangay, Philippines - Imposes 24-Hour Lockdown to Control COVID-19 Outbreak

April 13, 2020

Immediate

Update 13: Philippines - Reports Highest Death Toll of 50 in Last 24 Hours

April 10, 2020

Immediate

Update 12: Philippines - COVID-19 Confirmed Cases Exceed 4,000

April 7, 2020

Immediate

Update 11: Luzon, Philippines - Extends Lockdown Until April 30, 2020 to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic

April 6, 2020

Immediate

Update 10: Luzon, Philippines - Government Considers Extension of Lockdown by Two Weeks Amid Increasing COVID-19 Cases

April 4, 2020

High

Update 9: Philippines - Economy Expected to Slow Down to 2% in 2020; Recovery Anticipated in 2021

April 2, 2020

Immediate

Update 8: Manila, Philippines - Records Largest Single-Day Increase in COVID-19 Cases

March 30, 2020

Immediate

Update 7: Philippines - Reports Highest Daily Increase in COVID-19 Cases

March 28, 2020

Immediate

Update 6: Philippines - COVID-19 Cases Rise to 803; Lockdown in Luzon until April 12, 2020

March 26, 2020

Immediate

Update 5: Philippines - Declares State of National Emergency Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

March 22, 2020

Immediate

Update 4: Philippines - COVID-19 Cases Rise to 380; Month-Long Lockdown in Place - Metro Manila

March 16, 2020

Immediate

Update 3: Philippines - Curfew Declared to Contain Coronavirus Infection - Metro Manila

March 13, 2020

Immediate

Update 2: Philippines - Restricts Travel
Until April 14, 2020 Amid Coronavirus
Pandemic - Metro Manila

March 9, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Philippines - Declares Public
Health Emergency Amid Coronavirus
Outbreak

Jan. 30, 2020

Low

Philippines - Coronavirus Infection
Cases

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
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.