

Update 1: Colombo, Sri Lanka - Reports First Case of COVID-19 Indian Variant

- On May 8, 2021, Sri Lanka detected its first case of Indian variant of COVID-19, also known as B.1.617
- The Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine of the University of Sri Jayewardenapura reported infected person had returned from India and was found at a quarantine center
- The sample was among several other samples obtained for testing until April 30, Colombo Gazette reported
- The statement also gave details of other variants so far found in the island
- Sample reported other variants including, B.1.1.7 (UK variant), B.1.428 (Denmark/European/Middle East variant), B.1.411 (Sri Lankan variant), B.1.525 (Nigerian variant), and B.1.351 (South African variant)
- The country began rolling out Chinese Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine after WHO-approved it for emergency use
- The island had received 600,000 doses of Sinopharm last month
- Early this week, Russian Sputnik V was first administered in Colombo suburb, as cases surged throughout the island
- Sri Lanka had to opt for other vaccines due to delay in AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine from Serum Institute of India
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Sri Lanka
 1. Confirmed Cases: 123,234
 2. Deaths: 786 (0.64%)
 3. Recoveries: 103,098 (83.66%)
 4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 953,461
- Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and issue alerts for any relevant developments

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

[Colombo - Sri Lanka](#)

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

Related Alerts

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Medium

Colombo, Sri Lanka - Suspends
Foreign Arrivals from India to Curb the
Spread of COVID-19 Infections

Impact level Definitions

| 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. |