

Indonesia's confirmed coronavirus cases exceed 1 million

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A woman walks past a coronavirus-themed mural honoring health workers in Tangerang, Indonesia, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. Indonesia has reported more cases of the virus than any other countries in Southeast Asia. (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

Indonesia's confirmed coronavirus infections since the pandemic began crossed a million on Tuesday and hospitals in some hard-hit areas were near capacity.

Indonesia's Health Ministry announced that new daily infections rose by 13,094 on Tuesday to bring the country's total to 1,012,350, the most in Southeast Asia. The total number of deaths reached 28,468.

The milestone comes just weeks after Indonesian launched a massive campaign to inoculate two-thirds of the country's 270 million people, with President Joko Widodo receiving the first shot of a Chinese-made vaccine. Health care workers, military, police, teachers and other at-risk populations are being prioritized for the vaccine in the world's fourth most populous country.

Officials have said that Indonesia will require almost 427 million doses, taking into account the estimate that 15% of doses may be wasted during the distribution process in the vast nation of more than 17,000 islands, where transportation and infrastructure are limited in places.

Jakarta continues to be hardest hit city in Indonesia, confirming more than 254,000 cases as of Tuesday, including 4,077 deaths. Only 8.5% of a total 8,066 hospital beds in the city were left for new patients as of Tuesday, while beds with ventilators were filled.



A man walks past a coronavirus-themed mural in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. Indonesia has reported more cases of the virus than any other countries in Southeast Asia. (AP Photo/Firdia Lisnawati)



Nurse Novita Sirait, right, gives a shot of the COVID-19 vaccine to a colleague at a community health center in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. The world's fourth most populous country has started giving COVID-19 vaccine to health workers this month as its first stage of a plan to vaccinate two-thirds of its population of about 270 million people. (AP Photo/Binsar Bakkara)



A man wearing mask to help curb the spread of coronavirus outbreak prays at a mosque in Tangerang, Indonesia, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. Indonesia has reported more cases of the virus than any other countries in Southeast Asia. (AP Photo/Tatan Syuflana)

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