

Weekly COVID-19 update for Papua New Guinea

26 November 2020



Confirmed diagnoses*
PNG: 645
Worldwide: 58.9 M



Confirmed deaths*
PNG: 7
Worldwide: 1.39 M

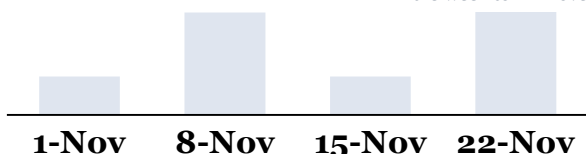
*Data correct to 25 November 2020

Bulletin compiled by AWR Lloyd, a strategy consulting firm with a 20-year track record in business operations and analytics, and FHI 360, global health experts, as part of a USAID program to mitigate the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 in Papua New Guinea (PNG)

KEY PNG FINDINGS AND UPDATES

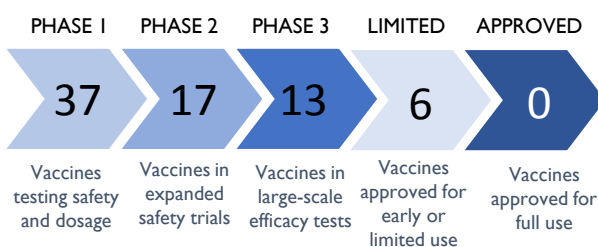
New diagnoses in PNG

10 new confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses in the week to 22 November



- West New Britain recorded 30 new cases over two days (23 and 24 November)
- This new major outbreak includes local transmissions

Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker



(Updated in the New York Times on November 23)

STAY UPDATED

News clippings from PNG

11 Nov: The [Government obtains a US\\$ 500 million loan](#) from ADB to support State Owned Enterprises that have been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

18 Nov: The global pandemic means that the context for PNG's 2021 budget "[is the most challenging in our nation's history](#)", according to The Treasurer

News clippings from worldwide

22 Nov: The G20 richest nations are [promising COVID-19 aid to poor nations](#), rejecting protectionism

23 Nov: [Three vaccines have reported 90% plus efficacy](#) (Pfizer / Moderna / Oxford), raising optimism that transmission of COVID-19 can be stopped, with roll-out potentially beginning in the early months of 2021

INITIAL REPORT

- We have engaged with major PNG companies to understand their response to COVID-19
- The Initial Report will be published soon. For the latest updates, see our LinkedIn Group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13925293/>
- Mitigation measures are being well-implemented in general, for example the vast majority of companies provide hand-washing facilities and require masks to be worn



91%

Mandatory to wear masks



97%

Sufficient hand washing /sanitizing stations

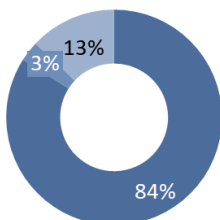


NIUPELA PASIN (THE “NEW NORMAL”)

- A new way of living that makes basic hygiene and safe distancing a part of PNG’s new culture
- Niupela Pasin means adopting behaviours and actions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases; a society where people take responsibility for their own health
- Eighty-four percent of respondents’ companies have a COVID-19 communication plan, almost all of which incorporate official guidance about implementing the Niupela Pasin

COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PLAN?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



PNG PRIVATE SECTOR COVID-19 COMMITTEE

- On Tuesday 24 November, the ‘PNG Private Sector COVID-19 Committee’ (‘the Committee’) held its first meeting
- The Committee will provide direction, coordination, and leadership to promote the resilience of PNG businesses during and after the COVID-19 pandemic
- One task is to develop and coordinate effective implementation of collective solutions to ensure business continuity
- It will be a forum to share lessons learned and best practices on protecting workers’ health
- The Committee will be set up to communicate progress, challenges and proposed solutions with a collective voice, for example with the government’s COVID-19 National Control Centre