

# INTELLIGENT RISK ALERT

## IMPACT LEVEL

High

### Update 136: New South Wales, Australia - COVID-19 'Omicron XE' Variant - First Case Reported

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- The first confirmed case of 'Omicron XE' variant in Australia was detected in an overseas traveler in New South Wales
- The recombinant variant, known as 'XE' is a combination of 'BA.2' and 'BA.1' variant
- Health authorities are urging caution after the emergence of a hybrid variant of COVID-19 in Australia
- No further 'XE' cases have been detected
- However, mandatory negative COVID-19 tests prior to arriving in Australia have been lifted
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Australia:
  1. Confirmed Cases: 5,308,287
  2. Deaths: 6,727 (0.13%)
  3. Recoveries: 4,821,415 (90.83%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 56,887,009
  5. Fully Vaccinated Population: 21,422,263 (83.5%)
- Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and issue alerts for any relevant developments

Related Alerts and Alert Graphs are displayed on the following pages

## Sources

- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/apr/15/australia-on-alert-after-new-omicron-xe-covid-variant-found-in-nsw>
- <https://www.pehalnews.in/australia-on-alert-after-new-omicron-xe-covid-variant-found-in-nsw/1857628/>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/australia/>
- <https://news.google.com/covid19/map?hl=en-IN&state=6&mid=%2Fm%2F0chghy&gl=IN&ceid=IN%3Aen>

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### TARGET(S) AFFECTED

Australia - Sydney

### RISK DOMAIN(S)

ESG

### EVENT TYPE(S)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## GUIDANCE

### Actions to Consider

- Consider implementing suggested government and company approved actions related to the current COVID-19 situation. The latest updated information is available at (<https://www.health.gov.au/>)

## Related Alerts

- Low Apr 14, 2022  
 Update 135: Australia - COVID-19 Restrictions Eased Effective April 14, 2022
- Low Mar 25, 2022  
 Update 134: Australia - Entry Restrictions Easing Planned for Foreign Travellers Effective April 17, 2022
- Moderate Feb 27, 2022  
 Update 133: Sydney and Melbourne, Australia - Japanese Encephalitis Virus Warning Issued Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Low Feb 16, 2022  
 Update 132: Sydney, Australia - COVID-19 Travel Restrictions to Ease Effective February 28, 2022
- Low Feb 06, 2022  
 Update 131: Australia - COVID-19 Restrictions Easing Planned for Foreign Tourist
- Low Feb 04, 2022  
 Update 130: Australia - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions
- Moderate Jan 22, 2022  
 Update 129: Australia - COVID-19 Infections - Highest Death Toll Reported
- Moderate Jan 15, 2022  
 Update 128: New South Wales, Australia - COVID-19 Infections - Highest Death Toll Reported
- Moderate Jan 08, 2022  
 Update 127: Australia - COVID-19 Restrictions Imposed Amid Surge in 'Omicron' Cases
- Low Dec 24, 2021  
 Update 126: Australia - Dozens of Domestic Flights Canceled
- Moderate Dec 23, 2021  
 Update 125: Australia - COVID-19 Restrictions Reinstated to Curb the Surge in 'Omicron' Cases
- Moderate Dec 18, 2021  
 Update 124: New South Wales, Australia - COVID-19 Infections - Highest Daily Cases Reported
- Low Dec 18, 2021  
 Update 120: Sydney and Melbourne, Australia - COVID-19 Restrictions Eased for Fully Vaccinated International Travelers
- Moderate Dec 04, 2021  
 Update 123: Australia - New COVID-19 Restrictions Imposed to Contain Spread of New Variant 'Omicron'
- High Nov 29, 2021  
 Update 122: Australia - 'Omicron' COVID-19 Variant Detected

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Low** Nov 18, 2021  
[Update 121: Melbourne, Australia - Further COVID-19 Related Restrictions to be Eased Effective November 19, 2021](#)
- Low** Nov 15, 2021  
[Update 120: Queensland, Australia - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Border Restrictions](#)
- Low** Nov 07, 2021  
[Update 119: Sydney, Australia - Further COVID-19 Restrictions Eased Effective November 8, 2021](#)
- Low** Nov 06, 2021  
[Update 118: Victoria, Australia - Entry Restrictions Lifted for Christmas Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Low** Oct 27, 2021  
[Update 117: Australia - Travel Ban to be Lifted for Citizens by End of 2021](#)
- Low** Oct 20, 2021  
[Update 116: Australia - Eases COVID-19 Related Border Travel Restrictions Between Sydney and Melbourne](#)
- Low** Oct 18, 2021  
[Update 115: Queensland, Australia - Plans to Open Border for Fully Vaccinated Travelers in December 2021](#)
- High** Oct 17, 2021  
[Update 114: Tasmania, Australia - Imposes Three Days Lockdown Amid COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- Low** Oct 17, 2021  
[Update 113: Melbourne, Australia - Eases COVID-19 Lockdown Effective October 22, 2021](#)
- Low** Oct 15, 2021  
[Update 112: Sydney, Australia - Plans to Ease Restrictions for Fully Vaccinated International Travelers from November 01, 2021](#)
- Moderate** Oct 13, 2021  
[Update 111: Victoria, Australia - Reports Highest Single-Day COVID-19 Deaths of 13, and 1,571 New Cases](#)
- Low** Oct 12, 2021  
[Update 110: Sydney, Australia - Exits Lockdown After 106 Days](#)
- Low** Oct 09, 2021  
[Update 109: Sydney, Australia - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions Effective October 11, 2021](#)
- Moderate** Oct 06, 2021  
[Update 108: Victoria, Australia - Eases Border Restrictions With New South Wales Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases](#)
- Moderate** Oct 01, 2021  
[Update 108: Australia - Plans to Ease International Border Restrictions Starting November 2021](#)
- Moderate** Oct 01, 2021  
[Update 107: Australia - Plans to Ease International Border Restrictions Starting November 2021](#)
- Moderate** Sep 27, 2021  
[Update 106: Victoria, Australia - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Related Restrictions Starting September 29, 2021](#)
- Moderate** Sep 16, 2021  
[Update 105: Sydney, Australia - Lifts COVID-19 Curfew Measures Amid Decline in Cases](#)

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** Sep 09, 2021  
[Update 104: Australia - Starts Easing Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Moderate** Sep 08, 2021  
[Update 103: Victoria, Australia - Plans to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions](#)
- Moderate** Aug 29, 2021  
[Update 102: Melbourne, Australia - Government Plans to Extend COVID-19 Restrictions Amid Surge in Delta Variant Cases](#)
- Moderate** Aug 28, 2021  
[Update 101: Australia - Extends Travel Restrictions with New Zealand Amid Surge in Delta COVID-19 Cases; Issues Warning of Recession Due to the Effect of Pandemic](#)
- Moderate** Aug 21, 2021  
[Update 100: Sydney, Australia - Imposes Night Curfew Amid Surge in Delta COVID-19 Cases](#)
- Moderate** Aug 16, 2021  
[Update 99: Australia - Sydney Records Deadliest Day of COVID-19 Pandemic, Threatens Country's Economy into Second Recession; Several States Extend Lockdown Amid Surge in Infections](#)
- Moderate** Aug 11, 2021  
[Update 98: Melbourne, Australia - Extends Lockdown Measures Until August 19, 2021 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Delta Variant Cases](#)
- Moderate** Aug 07, 2021  
[Update 97: Sydney, Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 319 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 36,051](#)
- Moderate** Aug 01, 2021  
[Update 96: Brisbane, Australia - Government Imposes Three Day Lockdown Amid Surge in Delta COVID-19 Variant Cases](#)
- Moderate** Jul 28, 2021  
[Update 95: New South Wales, Australia - Extends Lockdown by Four Weeks as COVID-19 Cases Spike](#)
- Moderate** Jul 27, 2021  
[Update 94: Australia - Victoria to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions; COVID-19 Cases Continue to Rise in New South Wales](#)
- Moderate** Jul 24, 2021  
[Update 93: Sydney, Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 136 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 32,759](#)
- Moderate** Jul 19, 2021  
[Update 92: Victoria, Australia - Extends Lockdown as Government Programs Fail to Curb COVID-19 Cases](#)
- Moderate** Jul 16, 2021  
[Update 91: Victoria, Australia - Imposes Five-Day Lockdown Effective July 16, 2021 Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases; Hundreds Protest over Lockdown](#)
- Moderate** Jul 14, 2021  
[Update 90: Sydney, Australia - Extends Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Continue to Spike](#)
- Moderate** Jul 12, 2021  
[Update 89: Sydney, Australia - Suffers Massive Power Outages Amid COVID-19 Lockdown](#)
- Moderate** Jul 09, 2021  
[Update 88: Sydney, Australia - Reports Biggest Daily Rise in COVID-19 Cases for 2021](#)
- Moderate** Jul 07, 2021  
[Update 87: Sydney, Australia - Extends Lockdown for Another Week as Delta COVID-19 Variant Spreads](#)

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** Jul 03, 2021  
Update 86: Sydney, Australia - Tightens Border Measures for Travelers Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Jun 29, 2021  
Update 85: Perth, Australia - Government Reimposes Restrictions After Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak
- Moderate** Jun 27, 2021  
Update 84: Greater Sydney and Darwin, Australia - Extend Lockdown Measures Until July 09, 2021 Amid Surge in Delta Variant COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Jun 25, 2021  
Update 83: Sydney, Australia - Imposes Partial Lockdown Effective June 25, 2021 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Infections
- Moderate** Jun 14, 2021  
Update 82: Victoria, Australia - Government Plans to Ease More Restrictions; Reports Two Local COVID-19 Cases in the Past 24 Hours
- High** Jun 04, 2021  
Update 81: Victoria, Australia - Reports First Cases of Delta Variant of COVID-19
- Moderate** Jun 02, 2021  
Update 80: Melbourne, Australia - Government Extends Restrictions for a Week as COVID-19 Cluster Grows
- Moderate** May 28, 2021  
Update 79: Victoria, Australia - Imposes Seven-Day Lockdown Effective May 28, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** May 26, 2021  
Update 78: Melbourne, Australia - Government Reimposes Restrictions After Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak
- Moderate** May 09, 2021  
Update 77: Sydney, Australia - Government Extends COVID-19 Restrictions for one Week
- Moderate** May 07, 2021  
Update 76: Australia - Plans to Resume Repatriation Flights from India Effective May 15, 2021, Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** May 07, 2021  
Update 75: Australia - International Borders May Remain Closed Until Late 2022 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19
- Moderate** Apr 27, 2021  
Update 74: Australia - Bans Direct Passenger Flights from India Until May 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19
- Moderate** Apr 25, 2021  
Update 73: Perth and Peel, Australia - Government Imposes Three-Day Lockdown Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** Apr 22, 2021  
Update 72: Australia - Reduces Flights from India by 30% due to Surge in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Apr 08, 2021  
Update 71: Australia - Plans to Start Quarantine-Free Travel with New Zealand from April 19, 2021 as COVID-19 Cases Decline
- Moderate** Apr 01, 2021  
Update 70: Brisbane, Australia - Lifts Three-Day Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Decline
- High** Mar 29, 2021  
Update 69: Brisbane, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Three Days to Contain Spread of New UK COVID-19 Variant

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Low** Mar 11, 2021  
Update 68: Australia - Announces Stimulus Package to Boost Domestic Tourism Amid COVID-19 Pandemic - ~US\$928 M
- Moderate** Mar 04, 2021  
Update 67: Australia - Extends International Travel Ban Until June 17, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** Feb 25, 2021  
Update 66: Australia - Tightens Restrictions in Four States Amid COVID-19 Outbreak in New Zealand
- High** Feb 12, 2021  
Update 65: Victoria, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Five Days After Reporting Multiple COVID-19 Cases
- High** Feb 01, 2021  
Update 64: Perth, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Five Days After Reporting One COVID-19 Case
- Moderate** Jan 29, 2021  
Update 63: Australia - Extends Suspension of Quarantine-Free Travel with New Zealand Until January 31, 2021 Amid Confirmation of New COVID-19 Variant Cases in New Zealand
- Moderate** Jan 08, 2021  
Update 62: Brisbane, Australia - Enters Three-Day Lockdown Starting January 08, 2021 to Contain Spread of New UK COVID-19 Variant
- High** Jan 03, 2021  
Update 61: New South Wales, Australia - Government Imposes New Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Dec 23, 2020  
Update 60: New South Wales, Australia - Government Plans to Slightly Ease Lockdown Restrictions During Festival
- Moderate** Dec 19, 2020  
Update 59: Sydney, Australia - Imposes Strict Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Dec 18, 2020  
Update 58: Australia - Imposes Border Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections
- Moderate** Dec 08, 2020  
Update 57: New South Wales and Victoria, Australia - Government Removes Quarantine Requirements for Travelers Amid Drop in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Dec 02, 2020  
Update 56: Australia - Reports Minor Economic Recovery; However COVID-19 Recession Continues
- Moderate** Nov 23, 2020  
Update 55: New South Wales, Victoria, Australia - Government Plans to Reopen Borders Amid Drop in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Nov 19, 2020  
Update 54: South Australia - Imposes Six-Day Lockdown Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections
- Moderate** Nov 17, 2020  
Update 53: South Australia - Plans to Impose Social Distancing Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Outbreak
- Moderate** Nov 10, 2020  
Update 52: Australia - Plans to Open Borders to Asia as It Records No Local COVID-19 Case
- Moderate** Oct 29, 2020  
Update 51: Melbourne, Australia - Ends Lockdown After Three Months

## Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** Oct 25, 2020  
Update 50: Australia - Plans to Lift State Border Closures by December 25, 2020
- Moderate** Oct 18, 2020  
Update 49: Victoria, Australia - Government Eases Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Fall
- Moderate** Oct 02, 2020  
Update 48: Australia - Plans to Open Borders with New Zealand as COVID-19 Restrictions Ease
- Moderate** Sep 22, 2020  
Update 47: Australia - Queensland and South Australia to Reopen Border with New South Wales Amid State-wise Decline in COVID-19 Infections
- High** Sep 07, 2020  
Update 46: Melbourne, Australia - Extends Strict Lockdown Until September 28, 2020 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections
- Moderate** Sep 04, 2020  
Update 45: Australia - Extends Outbound Travel Ban Until December 17, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Crisis
- High** Sep 02, 2020  
Update 44: Australia - Reports First Recession Since 1991 as Economy Contracts by 7% in Q2 2020 Citing Biggest GDP Decline Since 1959
- Moderate** Aug 28, 2020  
Update 43: South Australia - Eases Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Decline
- Moderate** Aug 13, 2020  
Update 42: South Australia - Announces New Border Restrictions with Victoria Commencing August 21, 2020 Amid Increase in Nationwide Unemployment Rate in July 2020
- Critical** Aug 04, 2020  
Update 41: Melbourne, Australia - New Restrictions on Non-Essential Businesses Commencing August 5, 2020 Amid New Surge in COVID-19 Cases
- High** Aug 02, 2020  
Update 40: Victoria, Australia - Declares State of Disaster, Imposes Curfew Until September 13, 2020 to Contain COVID-19
- Moderate** Jul 30, 2020  
Update 39: Australia - Reports Annual Deflation of 0.3% for the First Time in 22 Years Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** Jul 27, 2020  
Update 38: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Death Toll Due to COVID-19 Infections
- High** Jul 24, 2020  
Update 37: South Australia - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Commencing July 28, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections
- Low** Jul 20, 2020  
Update 36: Australia - Extends Loan to Support Small Businesses Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- High** Jul 20, 2020  
Update 35: New South Wales, Australia - Plans to Close Border with Victoria Starting July 21, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Jul 16, 2020  
Update 34: Australia - Unemployment Rate Increases to 22-Year High in June 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- High** Jul 08, 2020  
Update 33: Melbourne, Australia - Reimposes Lockdown for Six Weeks Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

## Related Alerts Cont.

- High** Jul 06, 2020  
 Update 32: Australia - Closes Victoria-New South Wales Border Indefinitely Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases
- High** Jun 30, 2020  
 Update 31: Melbourne, Australia - Imposes Strict Lockdown for Four Weeks to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Jun 29, 2020  
 Update 30: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 85 COVID-19 Cases Amid Second Wave, Totaling 7,800
- Critical** Jun 25, 2020  
 Update 29: Melbourne, Australia - Deploys Military to Contain Spread of COVID-19 Amid Concerns of Second Wave
- High** Jun 21, 2020  
 Update 28: Victoria, Australia - Reinstates Restrictions Until July 12, 2020 After Spike in COVID-19 Cases
- Moderate** Jun 18, 2020  
 Update 27: Australia - Unemployment Rate Increases to 19-Year High in May 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Moderate** Jun 17, 2020  
 Update 26: Australia - Eases Certain State Border Restrictions; Border Closure for International Travelers Anticipated Until 2021
- High** Jun 03, 2020  
 Update 25: Australia - GDP Contracts 0.3% in Q1 2020, Signaling a Possible Recession; Further Contraction Anticipated for Q2 2020
- High** Jun 01, 2020  
 Update 24: Australia - Businesses Resume Operations as COVID-19 Cases Decline
- High** May 20, 2020  
 Update 23: Australia - Plans to Ease Interstate Travel Restrictions Beginning June 1 as COVID-19 Cases Decline
- High** May 14, 2020  
 Update 22: Australia - COVID-19 Pandemic Causes Five-Year High in Unemployment Rate
- High** May 11, 2020  
 Update 21: Australia - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions as COVID-19 Cases Decline
- High** May 08, 2020  
 Update 20: Australia - Prepares Three-Stage Plan for Easing COVID-19 Restrictions
- High** May 05, 2020  
 Update 19: Australia - Plans to Restart All Businesses by July 2020 to Recover Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Critical** May 03, 2020  
 Update 18: Australia - Raises Concerns of Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak After Relaxing Few Restrictions; Reports 6,738 Cases, Death Toll at 94
- High** May 01, 2020  
 Update 17: Australia - Prepares to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions
- Critical** Apr 24, 2020  
 Update 16: Australia - Travel Restrictions to Remain in Place for Three Months to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic



## Related Alerts Cont.

- Moderate** Apr 22, 2020  
 Update 15: Australia - Expected to Lift COVID-19 Restrictions in Major States as Reserve Bank Warns of Biggest Economic Contraction
- High** Apr 19, 2020  
 Update 14: Australia - International Monetary Fund Predicts GDP Growth Contraction by 6.7% in 2020
- Critical** Apr 17, 2020  
 Update 13: Australia - COVID-19 Restriction Extended by Four Weeks
- High** Apr 14, 2020  
 Update 12: Australia - Forecasters Predict Unemployment Rate to Double to 10% in Q2 2020
- Critical** Apr 02, 2020  
 Update 11: Australia - Restrictions on Public Gatherings in Place Until June 29, 2020 - New South Wales
- Critical** Apr 01, 2020  
 Update 10: Australia - Rise in Confirmed COVID-19 Related Cases and Deaths
- Critical** Mar 30, 2020  
 Update 9: Australia - New Restrictions to Limit Public Gatherings and Enforce People to Stay at Home
- Critical** Mar 27, 2020  
 Update 8: Australia - Imposes Forced Quarantine of 14 Days for Returning Citizens to Curb Spreading of COVID-19
- Critical** Mar 26, 2020  
 Update 7: Australia - Businesses Report Widespread Impact from COVID-19 Pandemic; Further Disruption Anticipated
- Critical** Mar 25, 2020  
 Update 6: Australia - Announces New Shutdown Measures Amid COVID-19 Pandemic
- Critical** Mar 22, 2020  
 Update 5: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase in Infected Cases; Brings Total to Over 1,000
- Critical** Mar 18, 2020  
 Update 4: Australia - Declares 'Human Biosecurity Emergency' Amid Coronavirus Pandemic
- Critical** Mar 16, 2020  
 Update 3: Australia - Declares State of Emergency Amid Coronavirus Outbreak
- Critical** Mar 05, 2020  
 Update 2: Australia - Coronavirus Outbreak Disrupts Normal Life
- Low** Feb 03, 2020  
 Update 1: Australia - Travel Ban Amid Coronavirus Outbreak
- Low** Jan 22, 2020  
 Australia - Health Alert in Place as Coronavirus Spreads

## Related Alerts Impact Level Trend

This graph represents the impact level trend of Related Alerts published over the period of time from the first alert published to the most recent alert.

### Alert Impact Level

■ Critical

■ High

■ Moderate

■ Low

■ Info

First Alert

Most Recent Alerts

## Alerts by Event Type - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

This graph represents the number of **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)** alerts for **Australia - Sydney** - as compared to the overall monitoring portfolio over the period of time from the first alert published to the most recent alert.

First Alert

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## Impact Level Definitions

Impact Level	Definition
Critical	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is critical, and occurrence is imminent</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering immediate review and action.
High	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is high and/or disruption is likely to occur within 3 months</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a heightened state of readiness to take quick action and confirm response plans/protocols.
Moderate	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is moderate and/or likely to occur within 3 to 6 months</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being prepared to take proactive action if and when situation deteriorates further.
Low	<b>Anticipated disruption intensity is low and/or may occur after 6 months</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve in approved timeframe.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a current risk element associated with it.