

INTELLIGENT RISK ALERT

IMPACT LEVEL

High

Global Countries - New COVID-19 'Omicron' Sub-Variant 'Stealth Omicron' (BA.2) Cases Identified

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- The COVID-19 'Omicron' sub-variant BA.2 has been identified in several countries
- The sub-lineage, dubbed 'Stealth Omicron', was designated in early December last year
- This sub-variant of Omicron has raised fears as it is a more transmissible strain and could spark larger COVID-19 waves globally
- The health authorities in the UK have designated the sub-variant BA.2, as 'variant under investigation'
- The UK has detected 53 cases of Omicron sub-variant
- Last week, Greek health authorities identified two cases of the Omicron sub-variant in travelers
- Earlier, Israel's Health authorities had reported 20 cases of Omicron sub-variant
- The sub-variant has also been observed in Denmark, Australia, Canada, China, India, and Singapore
- The BA.2 sub-variant of Omicron was first detected in Denmark in November 2021
- Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and issue alerts for any relevant developments

Sources

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TARGET(S) AFFECTED

Australia - Canada - China - Greece - India - Israel - Singapore - United Kingdom

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 for respective countries is available at:
 1. Greece - <https://www.moh.gov.gr/>
 2. UK - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>
 3. Israel - https://www.health.gov.il/UnitsOffice/ICDC/Pages/default_
 4. India - <https://ncdc.gov.in/>
 5. China - <http://www.chinaccdc.cn/en/>
 6. Canada - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html>
 7. Australia - <https://www.health.gov.au/>
 8. Singapore - <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>

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

■ Immediate

■ 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 - Canada - China - Greece - India - Israel - Singapore - United Kingdom** - as compared to the overall monitoring portfolio over the period of time from the first alert published to the most recent alert.

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Impact Level Definitions

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