

# *Record spikes of COVID-19 in Asia as authorities issue grim warnings*

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New Delhi, August 2 (RHC)-- Asian countries reported record rises of new coronavirus cases as health authorities warned that the effects of the pandemic would be felt for decades and the scramble for a vaccine has heated up.

India and the Philippines reported record increases in new daily infections at 57,000 and 5,000 respectively, despite tightened restrictions.

Health officials have said the pandemic was a "once-in-a-century health crisis, the effects of which will be felt for decades to come."

India has the third-highest cases in the world, and the most in Asia, with over 1.5 million people infected.



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