

## Destination Updates as on 27 May 2021

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The ongoing lockdown, officially the prohibitory order, imposed in the Kathmandu valley has been extended till 3 June.

As Nepal battles the second wave of the coronavirus, critical shortages in vaccines, oxygen, testing supplies, skilled human resources and critical care medicines and supplies have been identified as immediate needs. The humanitarian community is working in support of the Government's efforts to prevent and mitigate adverse health impacts. China is helping with 1 million doses of vaccine in grant assistance. So far, according to government figures, 2.7 million people have been vaccinated, with around 0.65 million taking both doses.

Nepal had begun its inoculation drive in January, 2021 with 1 million doses of AstraZeneca type vaccine, Covishield, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India. Amid uncertainty over when the country would get the balance supply of Covishield vaccine, the government has decided to widen the gap of booster dose to 12-16 weeks in line with the Indian government's decision for forward vaccination coverage. The Government plans to vaccinate at least 72 percent of its 30 million population.

For latest figures and detailed statistics, please click here.

