

Mitigating COVID-19 during times of Political Change

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Political interference in public health science during covid-19

Populist leaders like Trump, Bolsonaro, Modi, and Johnson view scientists as their opponents

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On 26 September, Donald Trump's ceremony at the White House nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court seat left vacant by Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement. Guests mingle

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The politics behind the COVID-19 responses

How much are we willing to sacrifice to protect ourselves against COVID-19? How do we battle the virus while minimizing the consequences?

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- Health and safety concerns remain as dominant factor in deciding whether or not elections should be conducted during the pandemic.
- 50 countries have gone ahead to hold elections during the pandemic, 9 of them are in Asia
- Sri Lanka held their already postponed legislative elections on August 5
- Hong Kong postponed by a year

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- One of the cascading effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has been its impact on democracies.
- Three major constraints to elections:
 1. Restrictions on freedom of movement and assembly
 2. Health-related risks for voters and officials
 3. Operational complications and delays.

Alternative mechanisms of campaigning

- Conducted on the Internet and through social media platforms.

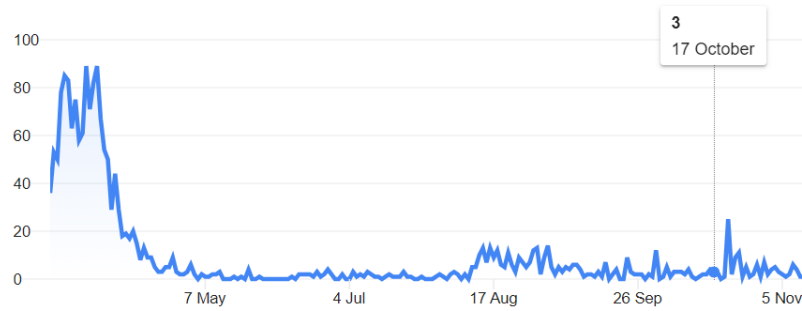
Alternative remote voting methods

- by post, or online through a computer or mobile phone
- financial costs may be prohibitive

Voting in person

- reduce crowd size at polling stations

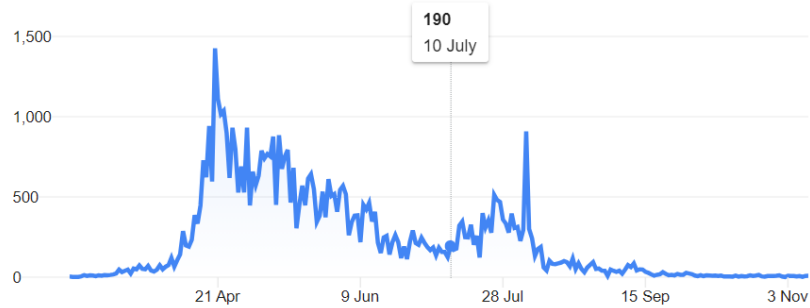
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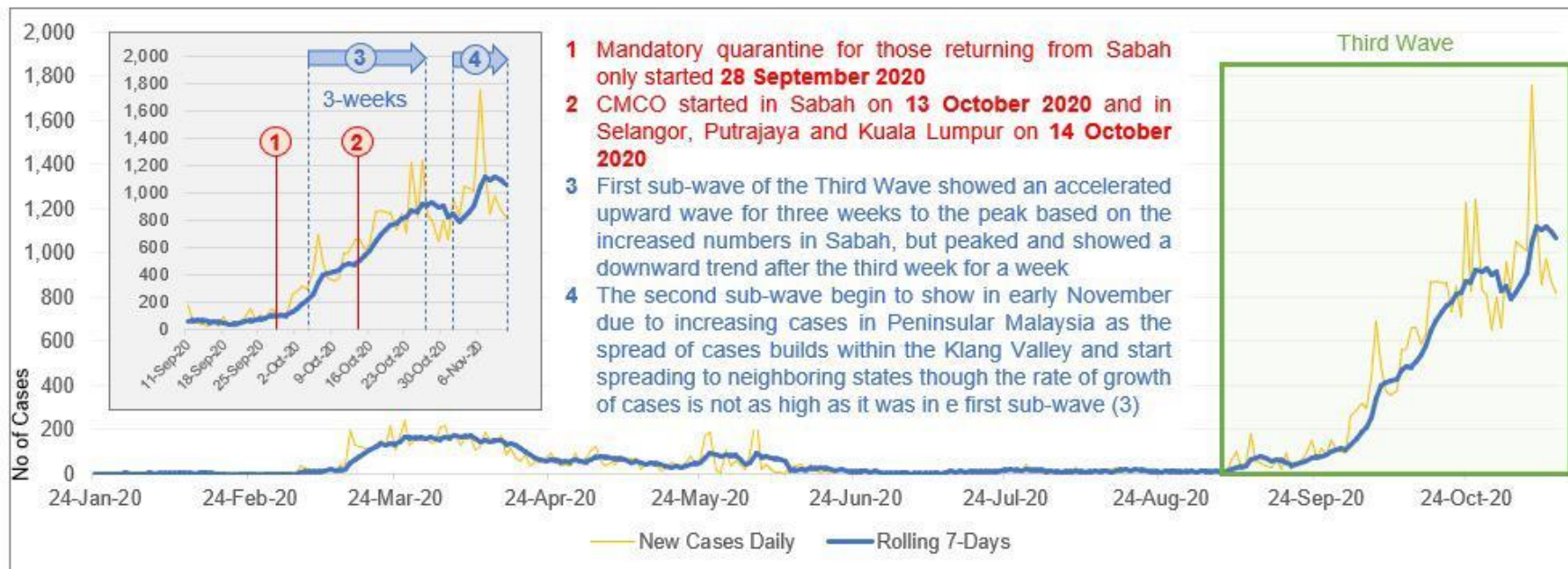
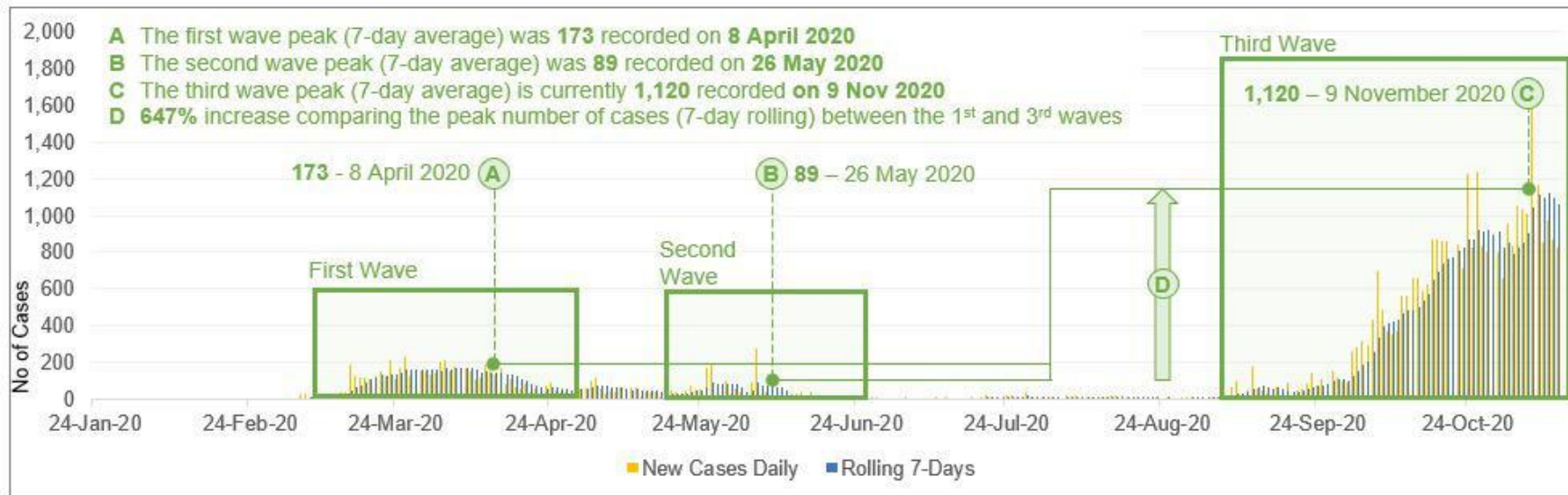
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| COUNTRY | POPULATION | ELECTIONS | DATE OF ELECTION | DAILY CASES ON ELECTION DAY | DAILY CASES (1-MONTH AFTER ELECTION) | % (+/-) IN DAILY CASES |
|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Malaysia (Sabah) | 3.54 mil | State | 26 Sept 2020 | 82 | 823 | + 1003% |
| Singapore | 5.64 mil | National | 10 July 2020 | 190 | 188 | - 2% |
| South Korea | 51.64 mil | National | 15 April 2020 | 22 | 19 | - 14% |
| New Zealand | 4.89 mil | National | 17 October 2020 | 3 | 1 | - 33% |

COMPARISON OF COVID-19 PREVALENCE DURING ELECTIONS
Comparing Four Countries within ASIA-OCEANIC Conducting Elections in a COVID-19 Year

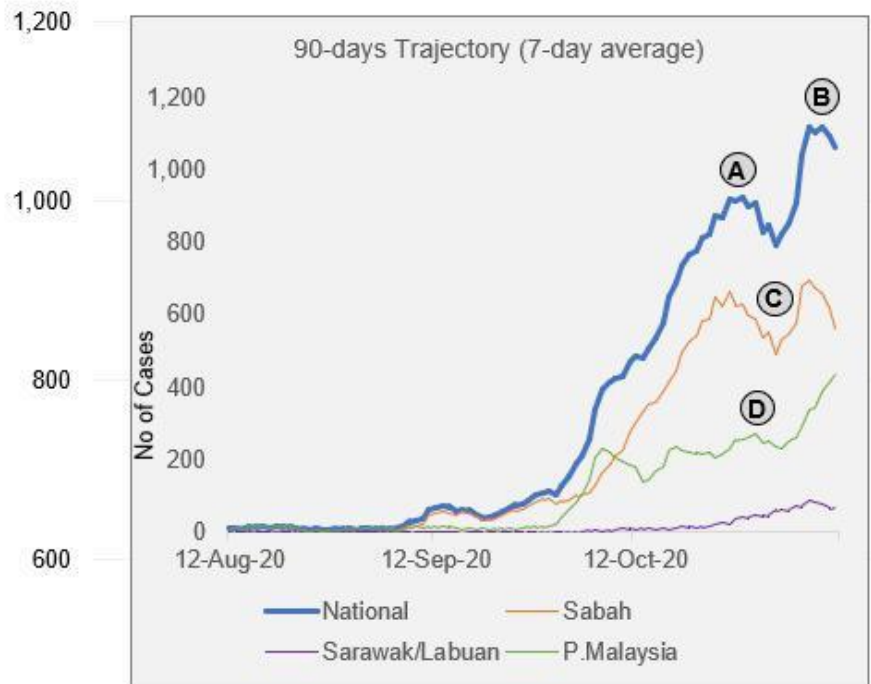




COVID19 Daily / Rolling 7-Days Average New Cases Trajectory (NATIONAL)

Data source: KKM (24.01.2020 – 11.11.2020)





- A** First sub-wave of the COVID-19 Third Wave was mainly contributed by the spiking cases from Sabah post state elections
- B** The second sub-wave is much higher in its compared to the first sub-wave due to (C) increased results from backlog testing in Sabah and (D) the increasing spike of cases from Peninsular Malaysia
- C** Sabah trajectory which correlates closely to the national trajectory due to the large number of cases. Sabah has shown its trajectory peak on its two sub-waves.
- D** Peninsular states trajectory continue to climb with no peak in sight due to the increasing (upward trends) number of cases seen in the Klang Valley and now Negeri Sembilan.



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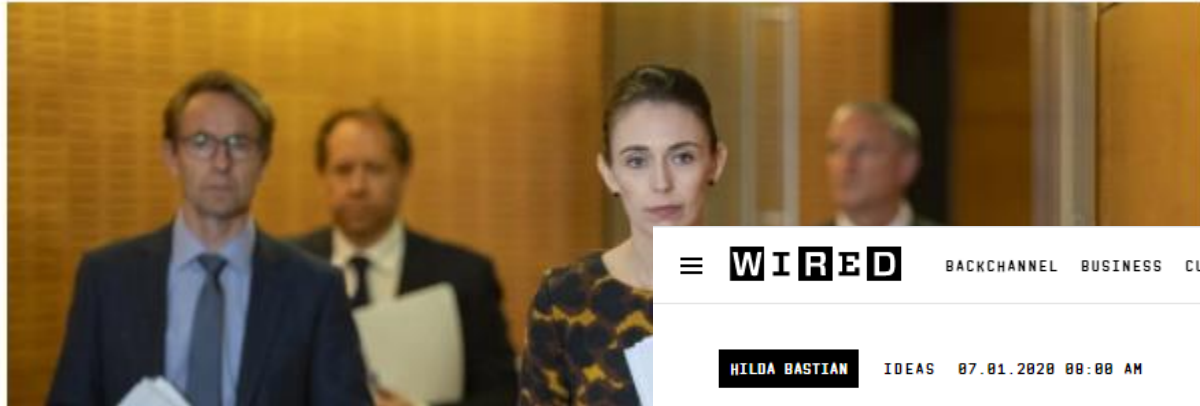


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What the Data Really Says About Women Leaders and the Pandemic

Two new research papers try to shed some light on a popular theory, but the evidence is still very weak—and could point to confirmation bias.

IT'S A CLAIM that went viral quickly: Women leaders were more likely to crush it in the pandemic than their male counterparts. At first, few seemed to question whether this were true, though plenty debated *why* it would be so.

