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World's most vaccinated nation sees COVID-19 resurgence, raising questions over Chinese vaccine



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Despite its standing as the world's most vaccinated country, the 115-island archipelago Seychelles is seeing a dramatic resurgence in COVID-19 transmission, bringing its daily case rate to "a higher number of infections per capita than India," *The Wall Street Journal* reports.

To date, [approximately 67 percent of Seychelles' population](#) is vaccinated — the majority of those citizens received Chinese vaccine Sinopharm, while the remainder received Covishield, a derivative of

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not yet disclosed how many of the new cases are among Sinopharm recipients, but "the situation is being watched all over the world for what it says about the effectiveness of vaccines," writes the *Journal*.

On Friday, [the World Health Organization cleared](#) the Sinopharm shot for emergency, global use, despite little data on its efficacy in patients over 60. According to the *Journal*, the authorization is expected to help "alleviate a severe shortage of doses in the developing world, as vaccine exports from COVID-19-struck India grind to a halt."

To help curb the spread of infections, the Seychelles government recently [instituted new preventative measures](#), such as early bar closures and bans on household intermingling.

The good news, however, is most of Seychelle's cases appear to be mild, [said](#) Kate O' Brien, director of immunizations, vaccines and biologicals at the World Health Organization. "The Sinopharm vaccine really requires two doses," she added, "and some of the cases that are being reported are occurring either soon after a single dose, or soon after a second dose."

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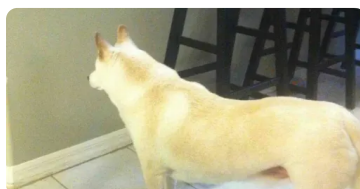


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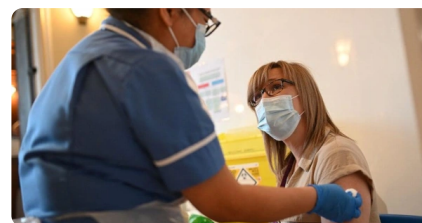
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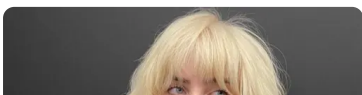
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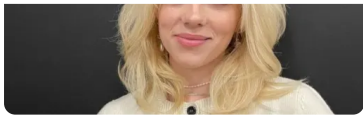
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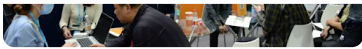
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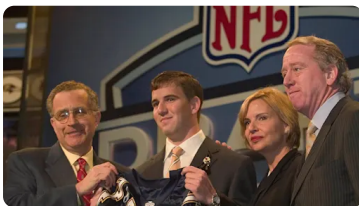
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