Amid an ongoing global surge in COVID-19, South East Asia and the Americas are grappling with the heaviest impact of this pandemic. The Americas have registered an overwhelming total case count, surpassing a staggering 466 million. Following closely are Europe and South East Asia. However, it's South East Asia that's drawing attention – despite ranking third in overall cases, its situation is dire due to an alarming surge in new infections, a clear signal of potential escalation. In parallel, South East Asia boasts the lowest overall fatality rate. Yet, there's cause for concern as its weekly fatality figures are unsettlingly on the rise, securing a fourth-place position globally. This surge is unsettlingly close to 0.7% above its average mortality rate, raising worrisome flags.