

# Advisory On Viral Pneumonia from COVID-19

Update as of: 27/10/2021

## Current Global Situation:

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**COVID-19 Map - Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center (jhu.edu)**

## Situation in Thailand:

For travellers entering Thailand on or after November 1, you are required to apply for Thailand Pass. For more information about the new system, please visit the [Thailand Pass](#) page.

For fully vaccinated travellers, you may enter Thailand without quarantine through the **No Quarantine Program for Listed Countries, Phuket Sandbox and Samui Sandbox** Program for **Non-listed Countries**. To learn more on how to enter Thailand without quarantine, please visit the [Thailand Travel Restrictions](#) page.

UPDATE: Starting November 1, 2021, travellers will be allowed to enter Thailand with or without quarantine based on their vaccination status and their country of departure. Please see information below

Schemes for Entering Thailand (by Air Travel) Effective 1 November 2021			
	Exemption from Quarantine	Sandbox Programme *	Alternative Quarantine
<b>Eligible Countries</b>	<b>Only Eligible Countries</b> <small>Note: Must reside in the eligible countries for at least 21 consecutive days</small>	<b>All Countries</b>	<b>All Countries</b>
<b>Quarantine</b>	<b>No quarantine</b> <small>Note: Must wait for RT-PCR test result at the hotel for 1 night or until receive negative result</small>	<b>Travel restricted in Sandbox Area for 7 days</b> <small>Note: Must wait for RT-PCR test result at the designated hotel before travelling</small>	<b>Quarantine at the AQ hotel for 10 days</b>
<b>Vaccination</b>	<b>Fully vaccinated</b> (at least 14 days prior to travelling)	<b>Fully vaccinated</b> (at least 14 days prior to travelling)	<b>Not Required</b>
<b>Accommodation Requirements</b>	<b>1 Night Reservation</b> at SHA+ or AQ Hotel <small>Note: Payment Confirmation required</small>	<b>7 Nights Reservation</b> at SHA+ Hotel in Sandbox Area <small>Note: Payment Confirmation required</small>	<b>10 Nights Reservation</b> at an AQ hotel <small>Note: Payment Confirmation required</small>
<b>Medical Insurance</b> <small>(Not required for Thai nationals)</small>	Medical insurance with minimum coverage of USD50,000	Medical insurance with minimum coverage of USD50,000	Medical insurance with minimum coverage of USD50,000
<b>COVID-19 test result before Departure</b>	Have a <b>RT-PCR Covid-19</b> test result issued within <b>72 hours</b> before travelling	Have a <b>RT-PCR Covid-19</b> test result issued within <b>72 hours</b> before travelling	Have a <b>RT-PCR Covid-19</b> test result issued within <b>72 hours</b> before travelling <small>Note: Not required for Thai nationals</small>
<b>COVID-19 tests in Thailand</b> <small>(Travellers are responsible for test fees which is included in hotel reservation)</small>	<b>One RT-PCR COVID-19</b> test on arrival date	<b>Two RT-PCR COVID-19</b> tests - On Arrival Date - Day 6 or 7 of stay	<b>Two RT-PCR COVID-19</b> - On Arrival Date - Day 8 or 9 of stay

\* **Note: For Sandbox Programme**, must arrive through the International Airports at Suvarnabhumi, Don Mueang, Chiang Mai, Phuket, Samui, U-Tapao, and Buriram (Chartered flights only)



## No Quarantine for Low Risk Countries

Fully vaccinated travelers from the listed Low Risk Countries are allowed to enter Thailand without quarantine. Here are the requirements: Fully vaccinated for more than 14 days before traveling; Residing in the country of departure for at least 21 days; Must book an SHA+ Hotel for at least one night while waiting for the result of the RT PCR COVID test taken upon arrival; must possess a COVID-19 Insurance

List of Countries/Territories according to the Notification of the Operation Centre for Measures on the Entry into and Departure from the Kingdom, and Protection of Thai Nationals Abroad dated 21 October B.E. 2564 (2021)

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|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Australia         | 21. Iceland      | 41. Sweden               |
| 2. Austria           | 22. Ireland      | 42. Switzerland          |
| 3. Bahrain           | 23. Israel       | 43. United Arab Emirates |
| 4. Belgium           | 24. Italy        | 44. United Kingdom       |
| 5. Bhutan            | 25. Japan        | 45. United States        |
| 6. Brunei Darussalam | 26. Latvia       | 46. Hong Kong            |
| 7. Bulgaria          | 27. Lithuania    |                          |
| 8. Cambodia          | 28. Malaysia     |                          |
| 9. Canada            | 29. Malta        |                          |
| 10. Chile            | 30. Netherlands  |                          |
| 11. China            | 31. New Zealand  |                          |
| 12. Cyprus           | 32. Norway       |                          |
| 13. Czech Republic   | 33. Poland       |                          |
| 14. Denmark          | 34. Portugal     |                          |
| 15. Estonia          | 35. Qatar        |                          |
| 16. Finland          | 36. Saudi Arabia |                          |
| 17. France           | 37. Singapore    |                          |
| 18. Germany          | 38. Slovenia     |                          |
| 19. Greece           | 39. South Korea  |                          |
| 20. Hungary          | 40. Spain        |                          |



## Sandbox Program

Fully vaccinated travelers from non-listed countries visiting Thailand are also not required to undergo a mandatory quarantine. They must enter Thailand under the [Phuket Sandbox](#) and [Samui Plus Sandbox](#) programs. These travelers are required to stay for 7 nights in a designated SHA Plus Hotel in Phuket, Khao Lak, Krabi, Samui, Koh Phang Ngan or Koh Tao before they are allowed to travel to other parts of Thailand.

### Phuket SandBox Requirements

- Vaccine Certificate/proof of vaccination
- RT-PCR COVID 19 test before arrival in Phuket
- [COVID-19 Insurance](#)
- [Certificate of Entry \(COE\)](#) or [Thailand Pass](#) issued by Thai Embassy/Consulate
- Stay at [SHA+ Hotel in Phuket](#)
- Pre-paid RT-PCR COVID 19 tests in Phuket

\*\*\*Full vaccination at least 14 days prior to your departure to Thailand and not more than 12 months.

### Important Things to Remember

- You must stay in a SHA+ accredited hotel in Phuket only.
- You must fly to Phuket from abroad. No transit in Bangkok.
- If you are staying less than 7 nights in Phuket, you must fly out of Phuket to an international destination.
- If you are staying for 7 nights/days or more in Phuket, you will then be able to travel to any domestic destination in Thailand.

### Samui Plus Sandbox

- Foreign travellers must travel from any country. They must also have already stayed in the said country/regions no less than 21 days before the travel date.
- Thai nationals and foreign expatriates returning to Thailand, it is not necessary to have stayed in the country for 21 days before travel.
- Foreign and Thai travellers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a vaccine registered with the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) or approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) no less than 14 days before the travel date, and must have a vaccine certificate or card to verify their vaccination;
- Unvaccinated children under 18 years of age traveling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians are required to take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours before traveling to Thailand in lieu of the COVID 19 vaccination.

TRAVELLER JOURNEY – SAMUI PLUS MODEL FOR VACCINATED TOURIST ONLY (JULY-DECEMBER 2021)

Eligible Travellers	Apply for COE	Departure from Origin	Transfer at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK)	Arrival at Samui	During the Stay	Before Departing
<p>(1) Tourists should come from a country/territory in the approved list and must have stayed there at least 21 days prior to departure, except those with residence in Thailand who returned from a journey specifically in these approved countries/territories.</p> <p>(2) Been fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by Thai FDA/Thai Ministry of Public Health/WHO for at least 14 days and has a valid Vaccine Certificate. In case a traveler is regarded as high risk of COVID-19 due to proximity with an infected person during the trip or in Thailand, the traveler will be placed in the medical protocol as determined by Thailand's Ministry of Public Health.</p> <p>(3) Children under 18 are not required to be vaccinated if travelling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians.</p> <p>(4) <b>ALL MUST POSSESS</b> the result of a COVID-19 (COVID Free) RT-PCR test within 72 hours.</p> <p>(5) <b>ALL MUST POSSESS</b> medical insurance with COVID-19 treatment coverage of at least USD100,000.</p>	<p>(6) Submit the necessary documents - obtain a Certificate of Entry (COE). <a href="https://coe.thailand.mfa.go.th">https://coe.thailand.mfa.go.th</a></p> <p>Documents required for COE issuance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Passport</li> <li>2. Vaccination Certificate</li> <li>3. COVID-19 Health Insurance with minimum Coverage of 100,000 USD</li> <li>4. Air ticket</li> <li>5. Fully paid for 7 nights Samui Extra+ hotel and 7 nights SHA+ hotel confirmation, in case of staying less than 7 nights must book Samui Extra+ only</li> <li>6. Proof of payment of COVID-19 testing</li> </ol> <p>* Visa (if needed)</p>	<p>(7) COE approval (a print out copy).</p> <p>(8) Must get a COVID Test (RT-PCR) only 72 hrs. before departure with a <b>negative result</b>.</p> <p>(9) Stay in the designated area for at least 14 nights. In the case of staying less than 14 nights, tourists must travel out of the Kingdom by a direct international flight or through a dedicated flight by Bangkok Airways to connect to a direct international flight at Suvarnabhumi Airport.</p>	<p>(10) Arrive and disembark at GATE E10, Suvarnabhumi Airport.</p> <p>(11) Airlines staff escorts passengers to Health Control Checkpoint at Concourse F.</p> <p>(12) Install the Thailand Plus application.</p> <p>(13) Immigration Process at the FAST TRACK area.</p> <p>(14) Airlines staff escorts passengers to security checkpoint and wait at GATE D4.</p> <p>(15) Board at GATE D4 and get on the bus to embark Bangkok Airways aircraft at the Remote Parking Stand.</p>	<p>(16) Arrive at Samui Airport and disembark at GATE 5 (International Arrival).</p> <p>(17) Install the Mor Chana application and register Samui Health Pass.</p> <p>(18) Customs Clearance Process.</p> <p>(19) Arrive at the Samui Extra+ property in the designated vehicle.</p>	<p>(20) The RT-PCR test will be conducted according to the length of stay (on Day 0, Day 6-7 and 12-13). <b>DAY 0 : WAITING</b> : The first RT-PCR test will be conducted at the hotel which the tourist must rest in the room while waiting for the results. <b>DAY 1 - 3 Chilling at Hotel</b>: After receiving a negative test result, tourists can relax and use the services in the area that the hotel has allocated. <b>DAY 4 - 7 SEALED ROUTE</b>: Able to travel in districts of Ko Samui according to the specified route and travel program. <b>On DAY 6 or 7, a 2<sup>nd</sup> RT-PCR test</b> will be conducted at the hotel. <b>DAY 8 - 14 RELAXED STYLE</b>: Must stay at a SHA+ hotel, and after receiving a negative test result can travel within Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, and Ko Tao with a follow-up with the specified IT system. <b>On DAY 12 or 13, a 3<sup>rd</sup> RT-PCR test</b> will be conducted at the hospital.</p> <p>(21) Must strictly follow the D-M-H-T-A precautions of wearing a mask in public areas, e.g., hotels, swimming pools, beaches, etc.</p>	<p>(22) From Ko Samui, Ko Pha-ngan, and Ko Tao, tourists can travel to other provinces in Thailand by providing proof of at least 14 nights stay, 3 times RT-PCR tests result and evidence of disease control according to the destination's regulations.</p> <p><b>* Remarks</b> Samui+ Model has 16 Standard Operation Procedures (SOP)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Arrival</li> <li>(2) Car &amp; Van Transfers</li> <li>(3) Hotel Arrival</li> <li>(4) Full Quarantine</li> <li>(5) Area Quarantine</li> <li>(6) Sealed Beach</li> <li>(7) Boat &amp; Yacht</li> <li>(8) Wellness</li> <li>(9) Guide &amp; Services</li> <li>(10) Boat Transfer</li> <li>(11) Port</li> <li>(12) SHA+ Hotel</li> <li>(13) Scuba Diving</li> <li>(14) Restaurant</li> <li>(15) Water Sport Activity</li> <li>(16) Departure</li> </ol>

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For more information, please visit <https://www.tatnews.org/>

Update: Starting November 1, 2021 Sandbox programs are available to travelers from any country or territory as long as you have the proper Thai visa, visa on arrival or visa exemption. The program has been extended to Bangkok, Pattaya, Hua Hin, Chiang Mai and other key tourist destinations.

### **Alternative Quarantine Program**

For international travellers who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated, they will be required to undergo the mandatory alternative quarantine of **10 days** in a designated quarantine hotel in Bangkok, Phuket or Samui before they can travel to other parts of Thailand.



## **Situation in Singapore:**

### **Authorities Reduce Quarantine for Travelers from Category 3 and 4 Countries**

Singapore will reduce the quarantine time for travelers with recent travel history to Category 3 and 4 countries from 14 to 10 days at dedicated facilities from Oct. 7. Vaccinated travelers arriving from Category 3 countries may apply to quarantine at their residence. Individuals must also undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival and on day 10, as well as self-administered antigen rapid tests on days three and seven. The 10-day stay at dedicated facilities costs SGD 1,450. Officials will determine border controls for travelers based on their travel history in the previous 14 days instead of the current 21 days from Oct. 7.

The government also requires all work pass holders and their dependents, as well as student pass holders, to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before arriving in Singapore from Nov. 1. Entry approvals for migrant domestic workers, S Pass, and work permit holders from the construction, marine shipyard, and process sectors entering Singapore from higher-risk countries will resume from Oct. 15; such workers must be fully vaccinated to enter Singapore.

### **Domestic Restrictions**

Authorities continue to implement tightened gathering and other domestic restrictions Sept. 27 Oct. 24 due to increased local COVID-19 activity. The gathering cap is now reduced to two people, regardless of vaccination status. Eateries can host dining-in customers in groups of up to two people, if customers are fully vaccinated. Companies must allow employees to telecommute to the extent possible, though essential services can continue to operate on-site with full staffing.

Live performances, sporting events, and worship programs can continue to accommodate up to 1,000 vaccinated attendees and up to 50 participants if unvaccinated. Authorities continue to require people to practice health protocols, including wearing facemasks in public.

### **Travel Restrictions**

The Johor Causeway, which links Singapore to Malaysia, is open 07:00-19:00 daily. State carrier Singapore Airlines (SQ) and its subsidiaries, Scoot (TR) and SilkAir (MI), continue to suspend most flights but are resuming operations to several locations gradually. Foreigners flying from select cities with several airlines, including SQ, TR, and MI, can transit via Singapore Changi Airport (SIN).

Most short-term visa holders remain banned from entering, with exceptions for some humanitarian reasons. Citizens, permanent residents (PRs), as well as foreigners that work in Singapore and their dependents, can enter the country. Non-PR foreign nationals must receive official approval before travel. Work pass holders and their dependents with travel history to higher-risk locations may apply for entry approval if fully vaccinated; the exemption is not applicable for migrant domestic workers and S pass or work permit holders from the construction, marine shipyard, and process sectors.

Officials continue to classify locations into four categories in increasing order of strictness of border measures based on a traveler's 14-day travel history. Entrants must continue to submit health declarations online within 72 hours before departure and undergo an on-arrival PCR test. The categories are as follows:

- Category 1: Travelers do not need to take a pre-departure test. Entrants who test negative for COVID-19 upon arrival are exempt from quarantine. Authorities allow short-term visitors from these locations. The locations include Hong Kong, Macau, mainland China, and Taiwan.
- Category 2: Travelers must take a COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours before departure, quarantine at their residence for seven days upon arrival, and take a COVID-19 test on arrival and before ending their quarantine. The locations include Australia, Brunei, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Sweden.
- Category 3: Travelers must take a COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours before departure. Upon arrival, travelers must quarantine for 10 days at designated facilities; vaccinated travelers may apply to serve their quarantine at their place of residence. Individuals must comply with COVID-19 testing requirements during quarantine. The locations include Austria, Bahrain, Bhutan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Fiji, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Maldives, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, the UK, and the US.
- Category 4: Travelers must take a COVID-19 PCR test 48 hours before departure, quarantine for 10 days at designated facilities, and comply with COVID-19 testing requirements during quarantine. All other locations are under this category.



Non-PR foreign nationals who have visited or transited Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka within the previous 21 days remain barred from entering.

Fully vaccinated individuals may travel to Singapore from Brunei and Germany without quarantine under the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL). Travelers must take a COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours before departure, upon arrival, and on days three and seven of their stay. Individuals must apply for a Vaccinated Travel Pass (VTP) between seven and 30 days before entry, with the exception of returning citizens and residents.

Travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan can apply for an Air Travel Pass (ATP) for all purposes. Reciprocal Green Lanes (RGL), which allow official and business travel, are in effect with Brunei, as well as Chongqing, Shanghai, and Tianjin municipalities and Guangdong, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces in China. Visitors under the program must have a local sponsor, undergo testing within 72 hours before departure and upon arrival, self-quarantine until receiving a negative test result, and adhere to controlled itineraries for the first 14 days. ATP and RGL applicants must have a minimum of SGD 30,000 travel insurance.

Singaporean citizens arriving from Malaysia by land can get tested upon arrival. Officials may deny entry to returning PRs who arrive without a negative PCR test result. Officials require travelers from Indonesia to undergo testing within 48 hours before departure and undergo an on-arrival PCR test.



## **Situation in Vietnam:**

### **Authorities to Ease COVID-19-related Restrictions in Ho Chi Minh City**

Officials will ease COVID-19 restrictions in Ho Chi Minh City from Oct. 1. Under the new measures, residents who have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose within 14 days or recovered from COVID-19 within six months can leave their homes and be outside. Authorities will lift inner-city checkpoints but will continue to deploy security personnel to patrol the city. Entry and exit controls in Ho Chi Minh remain in place; travelers must submit a request to the Transport Department to enter. Most businesses like malls, food establishments for takeaways, financial and legal institutions, hospitality facilities, and offices may reopen, among others. Ho Chi Minh's construction projects, and production facilities in industrial parks, export processing zones, and high-tech parks in 21 districts, as well as Thu Duc City and Quang Trung Software Park, may also resume operations. Exhibitions, business meetings, and conferences may take place, though indoor activities are limited to at most 10 people and up to 70 people if all participants fully vaccinated. Religious, cultural, and sporting events are subject to the same restrictions. At most 15 people may attend outdoor activities, while 100 people can participate if fully vaccinated. Residents can engage in sports activities with up to 100 people if all participants are fully vaccinated. Weddings and funerals may take place with up to 20 attendees. Places of worship may also reopen. Public transport can operate at 50 percent capacity. Goods transportation between Ho Chi Minh and other localities can continue to operate. However, recreational establishments like bars, spas, massages, and cinemas remain suspended, among others.

Flights between Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City have been reduced to two flights daily. Authorities require outbound travelers from Ho Chi Minh City to undergo a 14-day quarantine at their destination and take COVID-19 tests on days one, seven, and 13 of their stays. Most provinces require a negative COVID-19 test result for individuals arriving from Ho Chi Minh City. Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) is providing rapid COVID-19 test services for passengers.



## Situation in Malaysia:

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1. Passengers are not allowed to enter.

This does not apply to:

- nationals of Malaysia;
- passengers with a diplomatic passport;
- passengers with MyTravelPass (MTP) obtained at <https://mtp.imi.gov.my/myTravelPass/main> ;
- students with a written approval from immigration applied at <https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/> ;
- merchant seamen with an official letter from the company certified by Malaysian immigration and

joining the ship no later than 24 hours from arrival.

2. Passengers must install 'MySejahtera app' in their phone and complete the health declaration at least one day before departure.

3. Passengers must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point.

4. Passengers arriving from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan or Sri Lanka must have a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated.

5. Passengers are subject to a COVID-19 RT-PCR test upon arrival at their own expense.

6. Passengers are subject to medical screening and quarantine for 7 or 10 days at the first point of entry at their own expense.

- **Phase 1:** No localities are under Phase 1 protocols. Interdistrict and interstate travel are suspended; authorities may provide exemptions for vaccination appointments and approved individuals. Public transport may operate at 50-percent capacity. If not fully vaccinated, only two people from each household can leave their residence to purchase essential items. Taxis and ride-hailing services are limited to ferrying one unvaccinated passenger at a time. Government agencies must allow workers to telecommute as much as possible with at most 40 percent of essential staff on-site. Construction and manufacturing companies approved by the government, as well as mining and quarrying sectors, may operate with health protocols in place and at varying capacity limits depending on vaccination rates among workers; employees must undergo a rapid antigen test every two weeks. Food establishments may open 06:00-22:00 and offer dine-in services for fully vaccinated individuals and accompanying children aged 17; asymptomatic people may also dine in. Shops selling essential items like supermarkets and pharmacies may open from 08:00-20:00. Social activities like festive celebrations and weddings remain prohibited.
- **Phase 2:** The locations include Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Penang, Perak, and Sabah. Most restrictions, such as movement controls for individuals that are not fully vaccinated, as well as interdistrict and interstate travel, remain the same as Phase 1. However, more essential businesses from the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and trade sectors may operate than in Phase 1. Private sector offices may work on-site at varying capacities depending on vaccination rates; companies may operate on-site at full capacity if at least 80 percent of workers are fully vaccinated. Most retail stores may open 06:00-22:00; customers must be fully vaccinated to enter the premises. Shops selling essential items like supermarkets and pharmacies may open from 06:00-22:00.
- **Phase 3:** The locations include Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Pahang, Perlis, Putrajaya, Sarawak, Selangor, and Terengganu. Interdistrict travel within the same state is allowed. Up to three unvaccinated individuals from each household can leave their residence to purchase essential items or for medical reasons or emergencies. Taxis and ride-hailing services are limited to ferrying two unvaccinated passengers at a time. Public transport may operate at full capacity. Government agencies may operate at 80 percent capacity. Private sector offices may work on-site at varying capacities depending on vaccination rates; companies may operate on-site at full capacity if at least 80 percent of workers are fully vaccinated. All manufacturing sector businesses may operate with 80 percent of workers on site. Companies in the agriculture, construction, manufacturing, and trade sectors may operate. Food establishments can open 06:00-00:00 and offer dine-in services for fully vaccinated persons with health protocols in place.
- **Phase 4:** The locations include Labuan and Negeri Sembilan. All economic sectors can operate at full capacity with health protocols in place. Social activities like festive celebrations and weddings may take place at 50 percent capacity. Seminars and meetings can also occur at 50 percent capacity.

Officials may impose stricter protocols like enhanced movement control orders (EMCO) in specific localities with high COVID-19 activity, which are usually in place for 14 days and may be extended. State governments may also impose additional restrictions in addition to those mandated by the central authorities. Sarawak requires all persons arriving in the state, including those from other parts of Malaysia, to present a negative result from an RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours before entry; officials have lifted permit requirements for inter-district travel from Oct. 6. Further details on Sarawak's entry and requirements, as well as restrictions, can be found at the State Disaster Management Committee [website](#) . Sabah requires most incoming passengers to provide a negative RT-PCR test result upon arrival; exceptions





are in effect for travelers on state duty. Returning residents and nonresident travelers must quarantine for 14 days at their residence or hotels at their own expense.

### Travel Restrictions

Most foreigners remain banned from entering Malaysia; exemptions are in place for resident diplomats, foreign spouses and dependents of Malaysian citizens, long-term pass holders, and expatriate employees working in essential industries and their dependents. Individuals may apply for a MyTravel Pass (MTP) to enter or exit the country. Travelers must seek prior approval from authorities, undergo a COVID-19 test upon arrival, and download the MySejahtera contact-tracing application. Arrivals from most countries must quarantine at designated sites for 14 days; officials may extend the quarantine period for an additional seven days based on a medical screening on the 14th day. Fully vaccinated travelers may apply for home quarantine. Officials require a 21-day quarantine for permitted travelers from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. All travelers must undergo COVID-19 tests 72 hours before their flight to Malaysia. Fully vaccinated returning residents and non-resident travelers with a negative result from an RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours before entry may quarantine at their residence. Approved business travelers staying in Malaysia for a duration of 14 days or less may be exempt from quarantine requirements. Foreigners may transit Malaysian airports as long as they do not pass through immigration points. Sabah, Sarawak, and Labuan may have additional requirements in place; passengers traveling to Sarawak must complete an "enterSarawak" and eHealth Declaration form before departure. Malaysia has suspended the Reciprocal Green Lane (RGL), which allows limited short-term cross-border travel with Singapore for business and official purposes, since May 13. Authorities are requiring travelers under the Periodic Commuting Arrangement (PCA), which allows travelers to make multiple-entry visits to and from Singapore through land border crossings at Woodlands or Tuas for 90-day stays, to undergo 14-day quarantine at designated facilities. Fully vaccinated Malaysians in Singapore may quarantine at their residence upon returning. Short-term business travelers under the One-Stop Center (OSC) Initiative with permission from the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM) are exempt from domestic movement controls between districts and states.

### A Newly-Introduced HIDE System

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8 Mei 2021

## HOTSPOT IDENTIFICATION FOR DYNAMIC ENGAGEMENT (HIDE)

ZON TENGAH			
<b>KUALA LUMPUR</b>	1 MONT KIARA SHOPPING MALL	INTERMARK MALL	PASAR PAGI JINJANG UTARA
	99 SPEEDMART 1371 JLN BANGSAR	JAKEL MALL KUALA LUMPUR	PLAZA LOW YAT
	99 SPEEDMART 1605 TMN SRI BINTANG	STESEN KTMB KL SENTRAL	PUBLIKA SHOPPING GALLERY
	99 SPEEDMART TAMAN WANGSA UKAY	KL EAST MALL	SELAYANG MALL
	AEON ALPHA ANGLE SHOPPING CENTRE	KL ECO CITY MALL	SETAPAK CENTRAL
	AEON BIG DANAU KOTA	KNL MARKET SDN BHD 1ST FLOOR PODIUM BLOCK (FABER TOWERS)	KOMPLEKS SOGO 190 JALAN TAR
	AEON BIG KEPONG	KOMPLEKS PERNIAGAAN & KOMUNITI BANDAR BARU SENTUL	STESEN SENTRAL KUALA LUMPUR
	AEON BIG WANGSA MAJU	LOTUS'S CHERAS	SUNGET WANG PLAZA
	AEON MALL CHERAS SELATAN	LOTUS'S KEPONG	SUNWAY VELOCITY MALL
	AEON MAXVALU PRIME SUNWAY VELOCITY	LRT KLCC	SUPER SEVEN TRADE CENTER
	AEON MAXVALU PRIME THE SPHERE BANGSAR SOUTH	LRT MASJID JAMEK	SURIA KLCC
	AEON MID VALLEY	MASJID JAMEK KAMPONG BARU	TAMAN METROPOLITAN KEPONG
	BANGSAR SHOPPING CENTRE	MASJID SAIDINA ABU BAKAR AS SIDDIQ BANGSAR	TAPAK PENJAJA PASAR PUDU
	BANGSAR VILLAGE 2	MAYBANK MID VALLEY CITY BRANCH	UNITED POINT COMMERCIAL
	BANGUNAN CAHAYA SURIA	MELAWATI MALL	VIVA VENTURE
	BAZAR AICELFITRI LORONG TUANKU ABDUL RAHMAN	MENARA BUMEPUTRA COMMERCE	VG DESA PARK ARKADIA
	BAZARIA WANGSA MAJU	MID VALLEY MEGAMALL	WISMA COSWAY
	BENS INDEPENDENT GROCER PUBLIKA	MYTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE	ZON 2 SUAKASIH
	ENDAH PARADE SHOPPING COMPLEX	BREM MALL	1 UTAMA SHOPPING CENTRE
	FAHRENHEIT88 MALL	NSK TRADE CITY PEEL ROAD	99 SPEEDMART 2460 TMN SRI MEWAH
	FOOD REPUBLIC PAVILION KL	NU SENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE	99 SPEEDMART 2447 SUNSURIA FORUM
GUARDIAN KLCC	PARKSON ELITE PAVILION LEVEL 3	99 SPEEDMART 1672 TMN BINTANG MAS	
HONG LEONG BANK BERHAD HQ	PASAR BORONG KUALA LUMPUR	99 SPEEDMART 1248 TMN DESA BAKTI	
	PAVILION ELITE MALL	AEON BANDAR UTAMA	
	PAVILION KUALA LUMPUR		
		<b>SELANGOR</b>	



## **Situation in Myanmar:**

### **Entry restrictions remain in place in Myanmar due to COVID-19**

Flight suspensions have been extended until 31 October 2021. Myanmar eVisas, visas on arrival, and visa exemptions are not being issued currently.

Foreigners who need to travel for essential reasons must meet Myanmar's COVID-19 entry requirements. Information about testing, quarantine, and COVID-19 vaccination for Myanmar are explained below.

### **Is Myanmar Open to Tourists?**

Myanmar is not open to tourists. Myanmar's entry restrictions mean that foreign travelers cannot enter at this time.

Tourism is not permitted. Foreigners with compelling reasons to travel must get entry permission from the Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

COVID-19 restrictions are temporary, Myanmar will reopen to tourists as soon as safely possible.

### **Countries Affected by Myanmar Coronavirus Entry Restrictions**

All countries are affected by Myanmar's current entry restrictions.

International commercial flights to all Burmese airports will remain cancelled until 30 September 2021. Landing permissions are suspended except for relief flights, cargo flights, medical evacuation flights, and special flights approved by the Department of Civil Aviation.

In addition, Burma's land borders are closed to foreign nationals (including both entry and exit).

Some foreigners may travel to Myanmar for specific professional purposes, including some business, construction, and departmental activities.

These individuals may contact a Myanmar diplomatic mission such as an embassy or consulate to request the necessary entry visa or further directions.

### **Myanmar Entry Requirements during COVID-19**

Visas are temporarily suspended with very few exceptions. Until this returns to normal, even international travelers who meet Myanmar's visa requirements may be unable to obtain one.

This means that, except in compelling cases, traveling to Myanmar is currently not possible for non-Burmese passengers.

### **To enter Myanmar for essential reasons, foreigners must:**

- Be granted access to by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Arrive at Yangon, Mandalay, or Nay Pyi Taw International Airports
- Present proof of a negative COVID-19 test, issued at most 72 hours before departure
- Undergo temperature checks on arrival

Airline crew must quarantine until their next flight.

### **Myanmar COVID-19 Quarantine Requirements**

- On arrival in Myanmar, passengers must quarantine for 10 days. They are designated a --quarantine facility on arrival, usually the same facility as other passengers on the same flight.
- Travelers are tested for COVID-19 on days 3 and 7 of the quarantine period. They must cover the costs of the PCR tests themselves. Anyone with a positive result will be isolated and taken to a health facility.



## **Situation in Laos:**

### **Authorities Extend Domestic COVID-19-related Measures through Oct. 30**

Laos has extended COVID-19 business and gathering restrictions through Oct. 30 due to COVID-19 activity. Officials continue to ban nonessential gatherings. Individuals must wear a facemask in public and observe social distancing protocols. Meetings, conferences, weddings, funerals, and religious activities of more than 20 people are prohibited. Government agencies may operate with fully vaccinated workers and health protocols in place. Factories producing products like consumer and pharmaceutical goods outside a red zone may operate with health protocols in place, subject to authorities' approval; employees must be fully vaccinated. Businesses must implement telecommuting or flexible work arrangements.

Some classes of nonessential businesses, like beauty salons, tourist attractions, and night markets, must remain closed nationwide. Shopping malls, retail establishments, and supermarkets can operate with health measures in place. Food establishments in provinces without community spread may provide dine-in services with at least a 1-meter (3-foot) distance between tables. Schools remain suspended.

Authorities continue to categorize districts into red, yellow, and green zones in decreasing order of strictness of measures. Red and yellow zones are districts with at least one active COVID-19 case without and with successful contact tracing, respectively, while green zones are districts with no known active cases. Authorities limit the entry and exit of people into red zones unless they have official clearance. Stay-home rules are likely in effect in red zones, except for essential reasons, such as purchasing groceries, working in essential workplaces, or seeking medical care. Outdoor exercise in red zones is prohibited. Business conferences and meetings may take place in locations not designated as red zones; participants must be fully vaccinated.

Officials allow quarantine-free travel between provinces with no community spread of COVID-19. Travel between Vientiane and other provinces is suspended 22:00-05:00; exceptions are in place for emergencies, freight delivery, and official government work. Individuals may travel between Vientiane Capital or provinces with community spread, but must quarantine for 14 days and obtain permission from their destination province. Exemptions are in place for people who have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Foreigners who intend to travel to other provinces must submit a travel itinerary, proof of 14-day quarantine, and approval from the National COVID-19 task force to be exempted from quarantine at the destination province. Authorities may exempt foreigners from the requirements if they have resided in Laos for some time, though the exact duration remains unclear.

Lao Airlines (QV) is operating limited domestic flights to most major cities with health protocols in place. The controls reportedly include allowing only fully vaccinated passengers.

### **International Travel Restrictions**

Tourist visas, visas-on-arrival, and standing visa exemptions remain suspended. All entrants require prior permission from the nearest Lao diplomatic mission at least seven days before arrival. Approved foreign travelers, such as diplomats, officials, essential workers, technical experts, and investors, may enter Laos. The government requires international arrivals to provide a valid entry visa, proof of entry authorization from the National COVID-19 Task Force (NTF), a negative result COVID-19 PCR test result taken no more than 72 hours before departure for Laos, a completed health declaration form, and booking confirmation of a designated quarantine facility.

International arrivals must also have insurance coverage for COVID-19 treatment and other related expenses; travelers can obtain insurance coverage from international or local providers. Arrivals are subject to COVID-19 testing upon entry and 14-day quarantine at a designated facility. Individuals who intend to travel to another province must serve a 14-day quarantine period at a designated state-level facility and enter another 14-day quarantine period at a district-level facility. Foreign nationals leaving Laos must notify their country's embassy in the country to get permission from the local authorities on their behalf. Land border restrictions remain in place, except for cargo transport.

International flights are mostly limited to emergencies and repatriation. Authorities have banned charter flights from locations with active COVID-19 outbreaks.



## Situation in Cambodia:

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1. All visa exemptions, visas on arrival and e-visas are suspended.
  - This does not apply to passengers with a diplomatic visa (Visa A) or an official visa (Visa B) issued by Cambodia.
2. Passengers must have a printed negative COVID-19 PCR test result issued at most 72 hours before departure from the first embarkation point. The test result must be in English and have a stamp or the signature of the doctor.
3. Passengers must:
  - obtain a health insurance policy issued by “FORTE” with a minimum medical coverage of USD 50,000. The insurance can be obtained at [www.forteinsurance.com/covid-19-insurance](http://www.forteinsurance.com/covid-19-insurance); and
  - deposit USD 2,000 at a designated bank on arrival.This does not apply to:
  - nationals of Cambodia;
  - passengers with a diplomatic visa (Visa A) or an official visa (Visa B) issued by Cambodia;
  - nationals of Cambodia with a foreign passport and a Visa K entry permit issued by Cambodia;
  - passengers traveling on business with a “Validation Application on Payment Guarantee/Invitation” (VAPGI).
4. Passengers are subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival and quarantine for up to 14 days.

### Detailed Tourist Information

Foreigners are now allowed to visit Cambodia but must comply with a long list of regulations.



## **Situation in Philippines:**

### **Please see below guidelines for non- Filipino arriving in Manila:**

1. Upon arrival, there will be a briefing conducted by the Philippine Coast Guard.
2. Your temperature will be checked and submit the Health Declaration Form and proceed to the designated waiting area.
3. Pay for your RT- PCR Test which costs PHP 4,500.00 and you may pay in cash (PHP or USD)
4. Undergo the COVID-19 RT-PCR Test which is released within 24 hours and receive a sticker indicating that you have completed the test. Place the sticker on the back of your passport.
5. All arriving passengers will then be required to be quarantined at approved facilities while waiting for the test results.

If a person is experiencing CoVid-19 associated symptoms, he/she may visit the following Emergency Department of the following hospital in Manila for early assessment and isolation:

#### **1. ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER- BGC**

Rizal Drive corner 32nd St., 5th Avenue, Taguig City (02)  
8789 7700

#### **2. ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER- QUEZON CITY**

279 E Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City  
(02) 8723 0101

#### **3. CARDINAL SANTOS MEDICAL CENTER 10**

Wilson, Greenhills West, San Juan City (02)  
8727 0001

#### **4. MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER**

2 Amorsolo Street, Legazpi Village, Makati City (02)  
8888 8999

#### **5. THE MEDICAL CITY- ORTIGAS**

Ortigas Avenue, Pasig City  
(02) 8988 1000

#### **6. ASIAN HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER**

2205 Civic Drive Dr., Alabang, Muntinlupa City (02)  
8771 9000

#### **7. MANILA DOCTORS HOSPITAL**

667 United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila City (02)  
8558 0888

Foreign citizens who in the past 14 days have been in, and arrive from, the following countries can enter the Philippines:

Anguilla, Australia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Chad, China (People's Rep.), Chinese Taipei, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Falkland Isl. (Malvinas), Gabon, Grenada, Hong Kong (SAR China), Hungary, Mali, Micronesia, Montserrat, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niger, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Poland, Saba, Samoa (American), Sierra Leone, Slovakia, St. Eustatius or St. Pierre and Miquelon.

All international travelers permitted to enter the Philippines (including Filipino nationals and the foreign travelers listed above) must meet specific requirements.

Passengers arriving at Davao International Airport (DVO) must have a health certificate proving that they tested negative for COVID-19. Eligible travelers must take the test within 72 hours before boarding the flight. Travelers are subject to a COVID-19 RT-PCR test on arrival at their own expense.





## Quarantine upon arrival in the Philippines

Fully vaccinated individuals coming from “Green” list countries shall follow the revised testing and quarantine protocols effective October 14, 2021,

### For foreign nationals

- A negative Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test shall be required to be taken within seventy-two hours (72 hrs) prior to departure from the country of origin.
- Upon arrival, no facility-based quarantine will be further required but the passenger is enjoined to self-monitor for any symptoms until the fourteenth (14th) day with the first day being the date of arrival.

### For Filipinos (any) of the following depending on the choice of the arriving international passenger:

- Facility-based quarantine until the release of a negative RT-PCR test taken in the quarantine facility upon arrival; or
- Presentation of a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 72 hrs prior to departure from the country of origin, no facility-based quarantine shall be required but the passenger is enjoined to self-monitor for any symptoms until the fourteenth (14th) day with the first day being the date of arrival.

For more information on the eligibility, guidelines, and testing and quarantine protocols for fully vaccinated travelers, visit <https://bit.ly/PALTravelsToPH-Vaccinated>.

In cases of foreign law enforcement officers who will enter the Philippines to accept the physical transfer of custody of the person being extradited to the requesting State must follow the testing and arrival protocols as prescribed below:

- If staying less than 72 hours in the Philippines, a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior departure from the country of origin shall be presented upon check-in and arrival
- If staying more than 72 hours in the Philippines, an RT-PCR test shall be administered upon arrival.



## **Situation in Japan:**

The outbreak of the coronavirus is having a big impact on tourism in Japan. The country's borders remain closed to international tourists, and there are no signs that the borders will be opened to considerable numbers of tourists in the near future.

### **Current state of tourism: borders closed**

#### **Domestic Situation**

Although the virus has not spread in Japan at a rate seen in Europe and North America, the rise of infections and resulting impact on the healthcare system have led to the declaration of a third state of emergency in parts of the country in April 2021. The state of emergency is currently observed in 19 of Japan's 47 prefectures, including Tokyo, until September 30.

During the state of emergency, drinking establishments are requested to remain closed. Furthermore, large shopping facilities and tourist attractions are requested to close early in the evenings.

States of emergency were previously observed in spring 2020 nationwide (when schools and a wide array of businesses were closed) and in early 2021 in parts of the country (when early closures of dining and drinking establishments were requested in the evenings).

Japan's vaccination efforts started on a small scale in mid February and considerably picked up speed from the second half of May. The government is aiming to provide all residents aged 12 and above with two doses of vaccine by around early November and to start booster shots from around the end of the year.

Inside the cities, public transportation has never been greatly affected; however, airlines continue to suspend a considerable amount of their domestic flights, while long-distance railway services are operating generally according to regular schedules.

#### **International Travel Restrictions**

Due to the spread of new, more contagious strains of the virus, Japan is closing its borders until further notice to all new foreign arrivals except foreign residents of Japan or under special circumstances.

It is currently undecided when regular tourists will again be able to enter the country, but it is unlikely to happen in considerable numbers before 2022.

#### **Closures and cancellations**

Most tourist attractions in Japan were closed in spring 2020, and many events and festivals continue to be cancelled. A considerable number of tourist attractions are closed again during the current state of emergency, especially outside of the large cities.



## **Situation in Korea:**

### **COVID-19 testing requirements**

#### **Test type**

Visitors must present a negative RT-PCR (NAAT) test taken 72 hours before departing to South Korea.

#### **Details and exceptions**

All travelers, including vaccinated individuals are required to have a negative PCR test in English or Korean language taken within 72 hours from departure date.

Children aged 6 and below, Korean nationals, and passengers in transit who will not enter South Korea are exempt from test requirement.

#### **Quarantine requirements**

Visitors from the United States will need to quarantine for 14 days upon entering South Korea.

#### **Details and exceptions**

Travelers are required to quarantine for 14 days at a government-designated facility at their own expense. Korean nationals, long-term foreign visitors with an Alien Registration Card, Korean Residence and spouse of a Korean national and family members of lineal descent may quarantine at their residential address.

Exceptions to quarantine may be applicable to those who were vaccinated in South Korea, on important business, attending conferences, or on humanitarian grounds and individuals with an Isolation Exemption Certificate issued by a Korean embassy or consulate. Those who have an Isolation Exemption Certificate must be tested on arrival and must quarantine for 1 or 2 days until the result is available.



## **Situation in Taiwan, China:**

### **Taiwan:**

Authorities Extend Level-2 COVID-19-related Measures Island wide until at Least Nov. 1  
Authorities in Taiwan have extended Level-2 rules until Nov. 1 amid ongoing COVID-19 concerns. Officials continue to cap indoor and outdoor gatherings at 80 and 300 people, respectively. Nightclubs, bars, and beauty parlors remain closed. Officials have further eased facemask requirements; people exercising outdoors, taking photos indoors or outdoors, eating or drinking outdoors, as well as workers in outdoor spaces in specific industries, and people visiting forests, mountains, and beaches to forego facemasks. However, exempt individuals must wear masks if crowds materialize nearby or if social distancing is impossible.

Businesses must continue to limit capacity to one person per 2.25 square meters (24 square feet) indoors and one person per square meter (10 square feet) outdoors. Companies must permit employees to work from home when possible and stagger working hours. Outdoor recreation areas can operate at 40-percent capacity and some fitness facilities at 25-percent capacity; group classes can occur with testing measures in place. Local governments can adjust measures depending on COVID-19 activity. Individuals and organizations that violate business closure orders and gatherings rules face fines of up to NTD 300,000. Individuals violating facemask requirements may face fines up to NTD 15,000.

Thermal scanners remain in rail stations, airports, ports, post offices, and bus stations. Staff will deny entry to any passenger with a fever. Enhanced screening could cause delays at transport hubs across the island, especially at airports and main railway stations. Flights to mainland China remain restricted indefinitely; airlines can only fly to airports in Beijing (PEK), Shanghai (SHA, PVG), Xiamen (XMN), and Chengdu (CTU). Taiwan continues to ban cruise ships.

### **Travel Restrictions**

Most foreign nationals without valid Alien Resident Certificates remain banned from entering Taiwan. Foreign spouses and children of Taiwan citizens can apply for a visa to enter the island. Authorities also prevent noncitizens from boarding international transit flights; exceptions are possible for emergency humanitarian purposes. Officials require most inbound passengers to present a negative PCR COVID-19 test obtained within three business days of departure. Exceptions are possible in emergencies, but affected passengers must pay for a COVID-19 test upon arrival. All travelers seeking exemptions to pre-departure testing must provide supporting documents or face penalties. Inbound travelers who had COVID-19 symptoms within the previous 14 days must undergo a PCR test upon arrival and 24 hours later.

Taiwan continues to require international arrivals to quarantine for 14 days in government-designated facilities. Most entrants can quarantine at their own expense in hotels, and inbound passengers must submit proof that they have suitable accommodations no more than 48 hours before departure. Individuals with recent travel history in India, Myanmar, and the UK must quarantine in specific group facilities. Entrants arriving from Bangladesh, Brazil, and Peru may choose to quarantine at a government-designated hotel or facility at their own cost. Arrivals who have been in the designated countries must also undergo additional rounds of PCR COVID-19 testing at the beginning and end of their quarantine periods. Passengers who do not accurately report their travel and medical history could face fines of up to NTD 150,000.



## **Situation in Hong Kong:**

Authorities have extended restrictions in Hong Kong. Public gatherings remain limited to four people. Private events, including weddings, religious ceremonies, and shareholder meetings can occur at 50 percent of the venue's capacity; officials permit events to be held at full capacity if at least two-thirds of attendees have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. This measure also applies to venues hosting forums, exhibitions, and symposiums. The government allows seated entertainment venues to operate at 85 percent capacity, with groups of up to six people. Residents must wear facemasks in all public areas, including on modes of transport.

The government allows almost all nonessential businesses to operate. Authorities continue to implement a "vaccine bubble," which regulates capacity at high-risk venues depending on staff and patron vaccination rates. Restaurants must close dine-in services at 22:00 and confirm that patrons check in using the Leave Home Safe mobile application or manually collect contact information. Restaurants can operate until 23:59 and serve groups of up to six people if all staff and customers have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination dose and customers use the Leave Home Safe mobile application. Officials allow an overall capacity of 75 percent at these establishments. Restaurants with fully vaccinated staff members can extend operating hours to 02:00; officials permit these establishments to operate at full capacity, provided two-thirds of customers have received one vaccine dose. Nightclubs, karaoke rooms, and pubs can operate at up to 50 percent capacity until 02:00 if all staff and customers have received at least one vaccine dose, but these establishments must limit seating to two people per table.

Authorities continue to conduct mandatory testing for high-risk groups, including people who work or live at locations with reported outbreaks and employees in specific occupations. Officials also require residents that may have been exposed to COVID-19 to get tested. People who do not take required tests are subject to a fine of HKD 2,000; officials could impose a penalty of up to HKD 25,000 or prison sentences of up to six months for individuals who repeatedly fail to get tested. The government continues to order focused, short-duration lockdown orders in neighborhoods where officials suspect COVID-19 is spreading. Authorities usually select specific buildings within an area and prevent residents from leaving until testing is complete. Shutdowns can occur without notice but typically take place overnight.

## **Travel Restrictions**

Hong Kong permits entry for travelers from Macau, Taiwan, and mainland China, provided they have not visited elsewhere in the past 21 days. Arrivals from mainland China and Macau must quarantine for 14 days at a hotel. However, a limited number of Hong Kong residents who have only visited low-risk areas in mainland China and Macau can forgo quarantine by making a reservation online, obtaining a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours before arrival, and entering via Shenzhen Bay or Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge border checkpoints or Hong Kong International Airport (HKG). Officials have expanded the program to non-residents who have been in Guangdong Province or Macau for the previous 14 days. Participants in the scheme must also get tested on days three, five, nine, 12, 16, and 19 after entry. All other border checkpoints remain closed. Vaccinated senior executives of selected publicly listed or registered financial services companies can enter if they meet specific criteria. Such travelers must undergo COVID-19 testing and adhere to approved itineraries.

The government classifies several countries, including Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nepal, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, the UK, the UAE, and the US, as high risk. Only fully vaccinated Hong Kong residents may enter from these locations. Arrivals must quarantine for 21 days and take six tests during quarantine.

Authorities classify most other places as medium risk and New Zealand as low risk. Officials permit Hong Kong residents and fully vaccinated non-residents from medium-risk countries to enter the territory. Residents who are not fully vaccinated must quarantine for 21 days and take six COVID-19 tests. Vaccinated arrivals from medium-risk locations and unvaccinated travelers from low-risk areas must quarantine for 14 days and take four tests during the quarantine period. Fully vaccinated arrivals from low-risk countries must quarantine for seven days and take two COVID-19 tests during the quarantine period. All vaccinated arrivals must follow self-monitoring protocols for a week after quarantine ends and undergo additional COVID-19 testing on specified days. Officials will isolate and treat symptomatic passengers or people testing positive for COVID-19 at government-designated facilities. A detailed list of location risk levels and quarantine and testing requirements is available. Hong Kong is indefinitely maintaining quarantine measures for crews of aircraft and maritime vessels. Under these requirements, ships without cargo cannot exchange crews. On other ships, workers are no longer allowed to enter the territory and must travel directly to the airport after disembarking. Inbound ship crews and flight crew members must obtain a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours before departure for Hong Kong. Airlines and shipping companies must arrange point-to-point transport for employees to limit interaction with the public.





Officials allow some transit flights at HKG if grouped in a single booking and the connection time is shorter than 24 hours. Airport Authority Hong Kong permits flights originating from mainland China, but transit flights to mainland China remain banned. Airlines have significantly reduced flights due to decreased demand, and additional cancellations are likely.



## **Situation in CHINA**

**Officials Announce COVID-19-related Lockdown in Lanzhou-** Authorities will lockdown Lanzhou, capital of Gansu Province, from Oct. 26 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the city. The government requires all residents to remain at home; travel is only possible for emergencies or to purchase essential goods. Officials will limit entry and exit from residential communities to one gate, and residents must undergo temperature and health code checks to enter communities. Officials previously closed entertainment and cultural venues in the capital, and widespread business disruptions are likely during the lockdown, though essential services will remain available.

As of Oct. 26, officials continue to designate Yunxiang, Tianqing Lishe, and East Lake communities in Lanzhou's Chengguan District and the Jinxiu Jiyuan and Longwangmiao communities in Ganzhou District, Zhangye City, as medium risk areas. Residents of and individuals with recent exposure to these areas must remain in their homes, except for medical emergencies. The government is implementing tight controls in nearby areas and will probably close most nonessential businesses and restrict travel to and from adjacent communities. Chinese officials typically implement controls for two weeks from the last reported case of community transmission. Authorities will likely carry out several rounds of testing in medium-risk areas before easing restrictions. Officials could place additional communities under localized movement controls if more COVID-19 cases emerge.

The Gansu government has closed all tourist sites in the province. Authorities in Lanzhou and Zhangye have also halted taxi and bus services. In Zhangye, officials have restricted traffic to emergency and medical vehicles only. Authorities in Lanzhou have advised residents against leaving the city and require residents to present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken 24 hours or less before departure. Airlines have reduced flights at Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport (LHW), and significant flight disruptions are likely to continue in the coming days. Rail disruptions are also likely due to decreased demand.

Most provincial and municipal governments require individuals who have recently traveled to affected areas of Gansu to undergo testing or a mandatory institutional quarantine period; some local governments may ban travelers with a recent travel history to affected cities.

## **Officials Designate Parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region as Medium-risk Areas due to COVID-19 Activity**

Authorities are enacting travel restrictions and strict localized controls in parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. As of Oct. 25, the government is designating the Bishuilanshan Community and Overseas Chinese New Village in Hohhot as medium-risk areas. Residents of the location and individuals with recent exposure to it must remain in their homes. Authorities are implementing tight controls in nearby areas and will probably close most nonessential businesses and restrict travel to and from adjacent communities. The medium-risk classification is also effective for the Xilin, Xicheng, and Eren communities in Erenhot and Xinhua Street in Bayanhot Town. Officials have issued stay-at-home orders for all of Ejin County, while Erenhot has advised residents to remain in their housing estates.

While it is unclear how long the controls will remain in place, Chinese authorities typically enforce restrictions for about two weeks from the latest confirmed COVID-19 case. Officials are carrying out COVID-19 testing for all residents; officials will likely carry out several rounds of testing in medium-risk areas before easing restrictions. The government could place additional communities in Inner Mongolia under localized movement controls if more COVID-19 cases emerge. Authorities are tightening the implementation of social distancing measures throughout the region. Some local governments in Inner Mongolia require a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 48 hours before arrival.

Transport disruptions are occurring in Erenhot and Ejin County, where officials have banned entry and exit; some outbound travel is likely possible with government permission and testing. Enhanced security is likely along main routes from these locations. Central government officials have warned that coal import disruptions from Mongolia are possible.

Authorities in other parts of China are likely to require testing and/or quarantine for travelers with a recent travel history to medium-risk locations. Flight disruptions are possible at Hohhot Baita International Airport (HET).

Erenhot is about 308 km (191 miles) north of Hohhot, and Ejin county is approximately 898 km (558 miles) west of Hohhot.

