

TAT NEWSLETTER

Dear Esteemed Partners,

The COVID-19 situation in many countries around the world remains unrested and causes very fluid and fast changing entering measures and restrictions. As a preventive measure to the rising Omicron variant, Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) lately ordered a temporary suspension of the Thailand Pass registration for all new "TEST & GO" and "Blue Zone Sandbox" applications (except the Phuket Sandbox), effective from 22 December, 2021. This temporary suspension will remain in place until at least 4 January, 2022. At this stage, fully vaccinated travellers can still enter Thailand through the "Phuket Sandbox" programme; while partially or non-vaccinated travellers can enter via an Alternative Quarantine programme. The measures will be reviewed and adjusted in accordance with the situation periodically. If the situation is effectively controlled, the step of easing measures would be carefully released.

We would like to take this opportunity to cordially wish you and your loved ones good health, happiness, and success in the coming year.

Happy Christmas and have an amazing New Year 2022!

*Yours sincerely,
TAT Prague Office*



Thailand Pass Temporarily Suspended, Those Received QR Code Can Enter



The Thailand Pass registration for all new "TEST & GO" and "Blue Zone Sandbox" applications (except the Phuket Sandbox) has been temporarily suspended, effective from 22 December, 2021, until at least 4 January, 2022, or further notice. Applicants who have received their Thailand Pass QR code can enter Thailand under the scheme they have registered. However, the government will introduce new measures for contact tracing and will ensure all registered travellers be tested 2 times using the RT-PCR method. The second testing will take place at government-designated facilities with no additional cost for the remaining arriving group. At this stage, visitors can still enter Thailand with registration for the Thailand Pass under the Phuket Sandbox programme for fully vaccinated travellers and Alternative Quarantine for partially or non-vaccinated travellers which have remained open.

The government has planned to closely monitor the result and to review and re-evaluate the situation periodically. Easing of the measures will be released once the situation has been under control. It is especially important to check in regularly on www.tatnews.org to stay current on what remains an uncertain situation.

Entering the “Phuket Sandbox”



The ‘Phuket Sandbox’ allows entry without quarantine for fully vaccinated visitors to enjoy roaming around Phuket with confidence in safety and hygiene. To enter the ‘Phuket sandbox’, travellers are required to obtain the following documents in advance:

- A Thailand Pass QR Code, which can be applied via <https://tp.consular.go.th/>.
- A Medical Certificate with an RT-PCR lab result indicating that COVID-19 is not detected issued no more than 72 hours before travelling.

-Travellers under 6 years of age, travelling with their parents/guardian with a negative RT-PCR test result within 72 hours before travelling, are not required to have a pre-arrival negative RT-PCR test result and can have a saliva test when entering the Kingdom.

- An insurance policy with coverage no less than US \$50,000.
- A confirmed payment for at least a 7-day stay at a SHA++ hotel, together with a pre-booked airport to hotel transfer. In addition, the booking of the two RT-PCR Test can be booked at <http://thailandpsas.com>.
- A Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination/Recovery.

-Everyone 18 years of age and older must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 with an approved vaccine at least 14 days before travelling to Thailand.

-Travellers 12-17 years of age travelling to Thailand unaccompanied must get vaccinated with at least one dose of an approved vaccine. Those travelling with parents are exempt from this requirement.

-Travellers 6-11 years of age, travelling with parents, are exempt from this requirement.

-Travellers with a history of COVID-19 infection who have recovered by medical treatment and travellers who have received at least one dose of an approved vaccine after post infection must have a certificate of COVID-19 recovery.

All travellers must undergo ‘exit screening’ at the point of departure, i.e., at the airline check-in and undergo ‘entry screening’, including body temperature check, at the point of entry. Then travellers will be requested to present the required documents to the Immigration/Health Control officer to carry out the checks, then proceed through the Immigration procedures. Next is to undergo the RT-PCR test at the airport and transfer to the pre-booked hotel. Then, all travellers must wait for the test result within the hotel only, which usually takes about 6-24 hours.

If the first testing negative for COVID-19, travellers are free to go anywhere around Phuket. Travellers are required to undergo the second test on day 5/6 and after completion of 7 nights in Phuket with negative RT-PCR Test result, they are free to travel to other destinations around Thailand.

If testing positive for COVID-19, travellers will be referred to a healthcare facility for appropriate medical treatment, for which the expenses must be covered by the required insurance.

All travellers will be asked to download and install the MorChana application and always set it on for the COVID-19 precautionary measures.

The New Year Countdown Festivities Taking Place in Major Areas

The New Year countdown festivities will be allowed to take place under the COVID-free setting guidelines, which include vaccination requirement, universal prevention, health and hygiene measures, and antigen testing.

All events must ensure that everyone be fully vaccinated. Events with at least 1,000 participants must also ensure that everyone has received a negative antigen test result 72 hours prior to the event.

Open-air restaurants with good ventilation nationwide will be allowed to serve alcoholic drinks to customers during the New Year countdown until 01.00 Hrs. on 1 January, 2022.



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