

Dear friends and colleagues,

As you know, we are hearing conflicting and confusing stories about the restrictions on travel and services, and we will try to get regular factual updates to you.

In recent days, we have been meeting with advisory board members and the GM's in our 3 working groups in an effort to gather data and help clarify the many things we all need to know about the plan to open Phuket on July 1st to vaccinated travellers.

You will hear more from us on this shortly and we will also be inviting you to join a PHA "Sandbox" general meeting online before the end of May.

Below please see today's highlight updates.

- The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) has come up with a city marketing plan to highlight the high level of safety in Phuket and other sandbox areas to gain tourists' confidence despite a spike in new cases.
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2118523/tat-focuses-on-phukets-good-safety>
- Phuket province has announced measures on specific travel restrictions for people who are entering the province. They are required to present a negative COVID-19 test certificate within 72 hours of departure, except for fully vaccinated people. The announcement is in effect from 18 May 2021 (sources of information: https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=309472220707961&id=109168820738303&sfnsn=mo) and <https://www.facebook.com/phuketinfocenter/photos/308748220780361>

Last update 17 May, 2021

Phuket's existing stringent measures to curb Covid-19 risk

Order of Phuket Province No. 2617 /2564 dated 14 May, 2021 and 2645/2564 dated 17 May, 2021

Travel to Phuket via land, marine and air transportation channels will be restricted with the exception of;

- 1. Those who are fully vaccinated**
or those who already hold a certificate declaring them Covid-19 free via RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Test, within 72 hours of departure, and
(Travel to Phuket via the land transportation channel is only permitted from 05.00 to 23.00 hrs.)
- 2. Those who are drivers and passengers of vehicles utilized for the following specific purposes are exempt:**
 - 2.1 Food, commodities and agricultural products
 - 2.2 Medical supplies and equipment
 - 2.3 Cooking gas and fuel oil
 - 2.4 Building materials, parcels and printed materials
 - 2.5 Money, banking & financial documents
 - 2.6 Persons appointed for the governmental-related errands
 - 2.7 Vehicles utilized for essential products for public usage or for use for urgent purposes
 - 2.8 Ambulances and other rescue and emergency vehicles
 - 2.9 Drivers who travel individually to Phuket with his/her private vehicle must present official documents specifying the essential reasons under exemption to the officer
- 3. Those who wish to travel to Phuket via the land transportation channel, if they have NOT been vaccinated or are NOT in possession of a covid-19 free certificate issued within the past 72 hours of arrival, a mandatory of 14-day home quarantine will be required under the strict management of the EOC in the area of their residences. Please immediately contact officers after arrival, at the Tha-Chat-Chai check point during 08.30 - 20.30 hrs. for the permission form.**

In effect from 18 May, 2021 until otherwise announced.

- English infographic of Phuket's restrictions announced last week and a comprehensive translation distributed by KIS attached.

Phuket's existing stringent measures to curb Covid-19 risk

Order of Phuket Province No. 2553/2564
Dated 12 May, 2021

Temporary closure	No Permitted	Open with conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All types of educational institutes - Entertainment venues, pubs, bars, karaoke shops - Massage parlors (except: medical treatment message for rehabilitation) - Chicken fighting rings, fish fighting rings, Boxing stadium, Boxing training gyms - Billiards, pool & snooker tables - Computer gaming centers / Internet cafes - Premises for tattooing or piercing of skin or any part of the body - Amulet and Buddha statue trading markets and centers - Fishing or shrimp catching lagoon - Business of travelling, sea excursions, scuba diving and snorkeling activities - Walking streets - Private nurseries (except those are permitted) - Cinemas, entertainment venues, water parks, amusement parks - Gymnasium, fitness centers, badminton courts/ arenas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than 30 persons group activities / group gathering - Group party with alcohol drinking in public spaces - Film recording / movie making consisting of more than 50 persons - No alcoholic beverages are sold in the restaurants, including those in hotels - No parties of any kind allowed. Only those of ritual ceremonies such as wedding, ordinations and funeral services that cannot be postponed. - No house party, no friends gathering in the residence. (If they are not the family members who already live together in the same house - NOT allowed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restaurants, allow to dine in until 21.00 hrs., which no more than 4 persons on the same table - Department stores, open until 21.00 hrs., with no promotion activities - Convenience stores, markets and supermarkets are allowed to open during 04.00 hrs. - 23.00 hrs. - Outdoor sport arenas, open until 21.00 hrs. No encounter activities, no more than 3 persons per one team - Golf driving range allowed to open without any audience - Beauty salons (to be opened for skin and body NOT the facial part) - Beauty salons and barber shops (to be opened only for shampooing, layering and service users waiting for service in shops are not allowed) - Animal spas & animal care centers, service users waiting for service in shops are not allowed

If you witness any risky behavior that could lead to disease transmission, please call 191, available 24 hours a day. Foreign offenders could be deported and lose their permission to stay in Thailand, according to the violation under the Immigration Act.

In effect from 13 May until 31 May, 2021

Stay well and remain positive,

Best regards,
Phuket Hotels Association Team

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