

Dear friends and colleagues,

We hope you have had a good weekend.

The Phuket Governor will cancel the the rapid antigen test on May 15, and it seems anyone who arrives without a vaccine or a negative Covid-19 test within 72 hours of arriving in Phuket will be required to quarantine for 14 days. At this stage, it has been verbally confirmed by the Phuket Vice Governor, a wittern detailed procedure shall be official announce shortly. Any updates shall be shared as soon as available.

WE read that Phuket is still sticking with the plan of reopening Phuket in July. There are some other higlighted updates as follows:

1. News article on PHUKET NEWS on Saturday, the 8 May 2021, read the full article at: [https://www.thephuketnews.com/july-1-is-still-on-phuket-governor-79937.php?fbclid=IwAR2MXVCS4--3OBIZHTJ-SERxNKNep2HoUDvONowSRaK92fkZQ6Merz-3\\_Dk](https://www.thephuketnews.com/july-1-is-still-on-phuket-governor-79937.php?fbclid=IwAR2MXVCS4--3OBIZHTJ-SERxNKNep2HoUDvONowSRaK92fkZQ6Merz-3_Dk)
2. An article in TAT new rooms in sharing the Thai government intention that all people in Thailand, including foreigners regardless of nationality, are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The government expects the nationwide vaccine rollout to complete within four to seven months, or between September and December 2021.

Phuket will be the first to lift quarantine for vaccinated foreign tourists from July onwards, followed by Krabi, Phang Nga, Surat Thani (Ko Samui), Chon Buri (Pattaya) and Chiang Mai from October, read the full article at <https://www.tatnews.org/2021/05/nobody-is-safe-until-everyone-is-safe-all-people-in-thailand-eligible-for-covid-19-vaccine/>

3. Bangkok's temporary closure order has been extended for one more week, or until 17 May, 2021, read the full article at: <https://www.tatnews.org/2021/05/bangkok-extends-covid-19-controls-until-17-may-2021/>
4. Article from Bangkok post that Thailand ban to issue certificates of entry (COE) to non-Thai traveller from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Nepal, read full articke at: <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2113391/south-asian-ban-widens>

Stay well and remain positive,

Best regards,  
Phuket Hotels Association Team

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