

Dear friends and colleagues,

Another month is passing by and we still have not seen any updating from CAAT regarding the reopening of Phuket International Airport yet. However, there are some positive news from Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) about the easing of restrictions. We hope to see specific announcement for Phuket anytime soon, below please see some updates:

General situation in Thailand

- Govt eyes July 1 lockdown
end <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1925868/govt-eyes-july-1-lockdown-end>
- Easing of some restrictions will start on Monday 1 June, once this is published in the Royal gazette. It includes the reopening of the following businesses:
 1. Gyms, cinemas (up to 200 person. , zoos and massage parlors
 2. Sports stadiums are now open for practice like for football, but competitions are not allowed.
 3. Beauty parlors/ clinics
 4. Children Development Center
- Despite a lifting of some restrictions on Monday, the following do remain:
 1. Still restrictions on entry by land, sea and air
 2. Curfew remains but will be from 11pm-3am
 3. Inter-provincial travel is allowed but there might be some local restrictions and is not encouraged
 4. Malls will open until 9pm

Watch the English briefing

here: <https://www.facebook.com/thailandprd/videos/275364223650574>

- Grand Palace in BKK is to Reopen for visitors on 4 June 2020

Useful Tips and Blogs

- Marriott extends furloughs, predicts 'position eliminations' on Wednesday, Marriott informed its associates that the company will need to implement additional measures in light of the increasing likelihood that it will be some time before lodging demand and RevPAR levels recover. Specifically, the company informed above-property associates in the United States that furloughs and reduced work week schedules that began in April will be extended through October 2. Read more at <https://www.hotelsmag.com/Industry/News/Details/92342>
- COVID-19: 41% occupancy decline for U.S.? | Airbnb bookings rise 18%. Read the blog at: <https://www.hotelsmag.com/Industry/News/Details/92341>
- 10+ Innovative Hotel Tech Platforms On Offer During Coronavirus Crisis: <https://www.hotelspeak.com/2020/05/10-innovative-hotel-tech-platforms-on-offer-during-coronavirus-crisis/>
- Preparing Hotels for Staycation Season: <https://www.hotelspeak.com/2020/05/preparing-hotels-for-staycation-season/>
- What will Marketing look like post-Covid-19?: <https://hotelmarketingassociation.com/blog/what-will-marketing-look-like-post-covid-19/>
- Upcoming interesting webinar by PATA about Tourism Marketing Strategies under COVID-19 for the Chinese Outbound Market, the webinar will be led by Vera Huang, Director of Sales & Marketing, Stargazer, a destination marketing company in China, which specialises in offering marketing and sales services to destinations, attractions and hotels. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KAYR1NT4SGmigj2WfaqPNQ

We wish you a great weekend.

Best regards,
Anthony and Phuket Hotels Association Team

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