

COVID 19 and Thailand, as at 18 March

All Bangkok bars, pubs, gyms, boxing stadiums, horse racing venues, and cinemas, closed for two weeks from today. Pattaya likely to follow. Requirements outside Bangkok and Pattaya are in the discretion of the local provincial governor. Prisons closed to visitors for two weeks. Shops and shopping malls remain open but must comply with hygiene rules by disinfecting their premises etc.

All Thailand schools (including international schools) and universities closed for 14 days from today (at this time of year we usually have two months school summer holidays anyway)

Songkran holiday (lunar new year) postponed from April 13-15 for at least three months.

Discounts on water and electricity bill payments and delayed payment permitted in certain cases. Banks are asked to be sympathetic to borrowers' needs.

Border checkpoints with Malaysia closed (to comply with measures adopted by Malaysian government).

Many offices in Bangkok are sending staff home to work. But this is not a government requirement.

Most foreign Chambers of Commerce are abandoning public events and changing to webinars for members. Committee and sub-committee meetings by virtual not physical means.

Regarding immigration:

(a) Entrants from Tier 1 countries (China including Macao and Hong Kong, Korea, Italy, Iran) must obtain medical report not earlier than three days before departure date, must arrange health insurance for not less than US\$100,000, temperature and symptom test upon arrival, must reside in quarantine centre for 14 days after arrival (designated hotels for foreigners, at home for Thais). Must accept a SIM card valid for 14 days so that any breach of the quarantine rules can be detected. Fines for non-compliance.

(b) Entrants from Tier 2 countries (France, Spain, USA, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Great Britain, Germany, Japan (specific cities see https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/eng/ind_outbreak.php ,)) must declare any symptoms on arrival. They must self quarantine for 14 days (Thais at their homes, foreigners at their hotels).

(c) Entrants from all other countries must submit to temperature check on arrival, observation of symptoms, and must follow guidance for their stay in Thailand (eg self-monitoring of symptoms, avoid mass gatherings, washing hands regularly, wear face mask, etc).

The above information is valid as at 18 March 2020 and may be subject to future changes.

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