

# Alert on immigration

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After the Vietnam Government announced its resumption of immigration and emigration policies to those in place pre-Covid 19 on 15 March 2022, the Ministry of Health on the same date, issued guidance on measures to prevent Covid-19 applicable for inbound passengers to Vietnam. The new measures are applicable for passengers entering Vietnam by air, sea-way, train and road.

Highlighted below are key points to note on the above-mentioned Official letter No.1265/BYT-DP of Ministry of Health:

## 1. Covid-19 test requirements

- a. Inbound passengers travelling by air: Negative Covid-19 test certificate issued by authorized clinics of the issuing country is required for inbound passengers. Either:
  - (i) RT-PCR/RT-LAMP test method taken within 72 hours or;
  - (ii) antigen rapid test within 24 hours before departure shall be accepted.
- b. Inbound passengers travelling by other means of transportation:
  - Covid-19 test certificate as mentioned above is required, or;
  - If the test certificate is not available upon arrival in Vietnam, within 24 hours upon arrival, passengers must be tested using RT-PCR/RT-LAMP method or antigen rapid test:
    - If the test result is negative, the passengers can leave their property: otherwise;
    - If the test result is positive, the result must be reported to the local medical center for further guidance.
    - The passengers are recommended not to stop on their way from the border gates to their living facility in Vietnam and avoid in contact with the community before the negative test result is released.
- c. Children under 2 years old accompanied by their parents/relatives to Vietnam, by all means of transportation, are not required to take a Covid-19 test, or provide a vaccination certificate or certificate of recovery from Covid-19. Instead, they are able to travel out of their property with their accompanied family members.

## 2. Medical declaration and medical scanning at border gates

- a. Inbound passengers must complete medical declaration before arrival and must use the medical declaration app called PC-COVID during their stay in Vietnam;
- b. At the border gates, if they have Covid-19 symptoms, they are required to inform the medical center at the border gates for suitable application of medical measures.

## 3. Health observation and application of Covid-19 preventive measures

During the 10 days from arrival to Vietnam, passengers are required to self-monitor their health for any symptoms of Covid-19 and must inform the nearest medical center for suitable guidance and medical supervision measures if there are any symptoms of Covid-19. Further, they are required to frequently wear mask and sanitise their hands to prevent Covid-19.

## KPMG notes

In this latest guidance of the Ministry of Health, the authority did not refer to Covid-19 vaccination requirement for inbound passengers. Also, as the quarantine requirement is removed, inbound passengers entering Vietnam with a qualified negative Covid-19 test certificate can travel right after their arrival in Vietnam. However, there might be a discrepancy in the application of the above guidance among different airlines/transportation vendors. As such, businesses and individuals travelling to Vietnam are recommended to re-confirm required travelling documents with the specific airlines/transportation vendors before planning their trips to Vietnam.

Please contact KPMG Vietnam should you need any clarification.

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