

Thailand's Covid Situation Update

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Dear Ron,

I'm sorry for the late reply to your query about the Covid travel situation here. Conditions for both Thais and foreigners who travel from Thailand to foreign countries or from foreigners who enter Thailand. There are different caveats in each country, for example, last week there was an Englishman. He wants to go home from Nakhon Phanom to Don Mueang to Suvarnabhumi in Bangkok to London.

Before he could leave, he had to undergo a 72-hour quarantine test before boarding a plane with a certificate in order to be able to board the plane and was required to quarantine in London for 14 days. Thai quarantine costs 120,000 baht (\$3,600 USD @ 33.32:1).-

Similarly, if going from Thailand to Korea Must be tested for Covid-19 48 hours before. Anyone boarding flights from Bangkok to Nakhon Phanom must have received the full 2 injections of vaccination. No need to quarantine, but must check in at Nakhon Phanom airport health office to report in and register with the village health volunteer or in the area where they live.

For instance, Joseph, a Christian from Korea, was quarantined at a hotel in Bangkok for 14 days. Then he landed in Sakon Nakhon, he was detained in the village of Kham Toei for another 14 days. Today is 28 days. Otherwise, he would be free to enter, but the villagers wouldn't allow it. Every area has rules for each area.

As of today - the end of this month, Lao citizenry in Thakhek City, Khammouane Province, Laos (across the Mekong River from Nakhon Phanom, Thailand) are locked down, unable to leave their homes, including the three fresh open-air markets which are completely closed, lacking food and utensils, which are necessities in daily lives. This is due to a general transportation slowdown. Usually, there are ten-wheeler trucks transporting goods across the Thai-Laos Bridge from the Thai side. They go to Thakhek every three days, but as of today, it's been more than a week since they went. Less than half of the freight forwarding companies are in operation because there are no orders being placed. This is because previous product orders are locked down in still-full warehouses. Everyone, including warehouse owners can't even leave their homes to open their warehouses and other places of business.

Another nearby situation: Presently, in Vientiane, Laos, there are more than a thousand newly infected people.