



Prevention and Control Measures for COVID-19 among Passengers from Cruise Ships arriving to Thailand

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Cruise ships are confined and crowded spaces with many social activities. The Diamond Princess cruise ship, which docked in Japan on 29 January 2020 was faced with a COVID-19 outbreak. The number of confirmed cases has been increasing. As of 20 February 2020, the confirmed cases on the ship were 619 among the total of 3,711 passengers on board. The attack rate was approximately 16.7%.

Thus, there is a risk of COVID-19 spreading on cruise ships. The Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health has been implementing preventive and control measures to prevent spreading of disease into Thailand by asking cooperation from the Immigration Bureau and airlines on permitting incoming passengers according to Section 39 of The Communicable Disease Control Act B.E. 2558 (2015) and Section 12 of The Immigration Act B.E.2522 (1979). The measures are as follows:

Thai passengers or Thai crews

1. In the case of respiratory symptoms or confirmed COVID-19, he/she must be treated until complete recovery with negative laboratory results for SARS-COV-2 (virus causing COVID-19) performed twice, 48 hours apart. For return to Thailand, the case needs to wait after disembarking from the ship for at least 14 days AND must present a medical certification ensuring they are fit to fly for travel. Upon arrival in Thailand, he/she will be screened by the port health authorities before entry.

2. In case of no symptoms and no infection with SARS-COV-2, the passenger must be quarantined in the country where the ship is docked for at least 14 days before entry to Thailand. He/she must visit a health care provider to check their temperature and symptoms (per the official endorsement form) each day for 14 days, and bring the form with him/her to the exit screening at the airport before boarding. Upon arrival, he/she will enter a special track to check temperature, provide history of clinical symptoms, undergo specimen collection for laboratory testing and wait for the results at the designated place of the International Health Control Port arranged by the Airports of Thailand.

Foreign passengers

1. In any case of respiratory symptoms or confirmed COVID-19

- If he/she is scheduled to visit Thailand, then the following criteria must all be fulfilled before check-in 1) he/she must be treated until complete recovery, AND 2) negative laboratory results for SARS-COV-2 (virus causing COVID-19) performed twice, 48 hours apart, AND 3) disembarked from the ship for at least 14 days, AND

- 4) medical certification indicates he/she is fit to fly for travel. Upon arrival in Thailand, he/she will be screened by the port health authorities before entry.
- If he/she is not scheduled to visit, but wants to change the schedule to enter Thailand, then the following criteria must all be fulfilled before check-in 1) he/she must be treated until completely recovery, AND 2) negative laboratory results for SARS-COV-2 (virus causing COVID-19) performed twice as per the protocol of the country where the ship docked, AND 3) the passenger needs to be isolated for at least 14 days, AND 4) medical certification indicates he/she is fit to fly for travel. Upon arrival in Thailand, he/she will be screened by the port health authorities before entry.

2. In case of no symptoms and no infection

Before entering Thailand, he/she must be quarantined for at least 14 days in the country where the ship is docked. He/she must visit a health care provider to check their temperature and symptoms (per the official endorsement form) each day for 14 days and bring the form with him/her to the exit screening by the airport before boarding. Upon arrival, he/she will enter a special track to check temperature, provide history of clinical symptoms, undergo specimen collection for laboratory testing and wait for the results at the designated place of the International Health Control Port arranged by the Airports of Thailand.

All passenger seat allocations will be designated during check-in. The seats must be kept at least 2 rows away from other passengers (if there are available seats) or setting a barrier away from other passengers (if there are not available seats).

Medical Certification

To be completed by a Health Care Provider (HCP) for passengers who will transit or change flights at a Thailand airport.

Sec 1: For Passengers	Name:				Nationality:				Date of Birth			
									____ / ____ / ____			
	Passport No.				Gender:							
	Date of departure		____ / ____ / ____		Date of Arrival		____ / ____ / ____					
	Departure Flight No.				Arrival Flight No.							
	From – To				From – To							

Sec 2: Symptoms Check For HCP	Description: For HCP: <u>You need to check the traveler’s body temperature and write down the exact number in Body Temp. Column.</u> If the temperature is higher than or equal to 37.5 degree Celsius (Thailand’s surveillance criteria), you should consider whether he/she has fever or not. If so, please make the correct symbol (✓) in Fever column. <u>For Signs/Symptoms, you should screen them and mark the column(s) that match with the traveler’s symptoms.</u> You should provide your Name, Signature and Hospital/ Clinic name													
	For Traveler: Your health condition and body temperature must be checked by the HCP for 14 days total before departing to Thailand.													
	Date	Body Temp.	Signs/Symptoms									Details of Health Care Provider		
			Fever	Cough	Sore Throat	Muscle pain	Runny nose	Sputum production	Difficulty Breathing	Headache	Other (specific)	Name	Signature	Name of Hospital/Clinic

Notice: This document shall be presented to the Disease Control officer upon arrival at Thailand in accordance with the precautions announced by The Thailand Emergency Operations Centre on 18 February 2020.

