

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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As to: COVID-19 precaution and prevention
upon the people entering Vietnam

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- To: - Ministries, agencies equivalent to Ministries, Governmental Agencies;
- Provincial People's Committee.

Currently, the number of new SAR-CoV-2 infections is still high, Omicron variant has been caught in public. Notwithstanding, the vaccination rate gets high nationally (be considered one of the countries with high vaccination rate in the world), the number of serious patients and deaths due to COVID-19 is still stay in control. Continuing to implement the policy “safe, flexible adaptation, effective control COVID-19 epidemic, Ministry of Health (Permanent Agency of National Management Board of COVID-19 precaution and prevention) issues guidelines for implementation of COVID-19 precaution and prevention upon the people who enter Vietnam as follows:

1. Requirements of precaution and prevention

1.1. Testing:

- (a) For people entering Vietnam by air: are required to achieve negative SARS-CoV-2 test result (except for under-two-year-olds) before their exit within 72 hours in case tested by RT-PCR/RT-LAMP or within 24 hours in case tested by quick SARS-CoV-2 test and certified by a competent authority.
- (b) For people who enter Vietnam by other means (land, water, railway): are required to be tested as prescribed in 1.1(a). If the negative SARS-CoV-2 test result not yet been received as prescribed in 1.1 (a) above, SARS-CoV-2 test must be taken within 24 hours (by RT-PCR/RT-LAM or quick SARS-CoV-2 test) upon their entry. If the test result is negative, they are permitted to leave their accommodations and implement the precaution and prevention as set out by law. If the test result is positive, a prompt notice to a local medical authority is required to be given immediate guidelines.
- (c) Under-two-year-olds are not required to take SARS-CoV-2 test, not yet COVID-19 vaccinated or not yet infected with COVID-19 shall be allowed to entry, participate in activities out of their accommodations with parents and relatives.

1.2. Health declaration and medical quarantine at the border gate.

- The people entering Vietnam are required to make a health declaration before their entry and to utilize health declaration app (PC-COVID) during the period of accommodating in Vietnam as prescribed by law.
- At the border gate, if there are any symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 (fever; cough; sore throat; running nose; stuffy nose; hurt body; tiredness; cold; decreased or lost taste; decreased or lost smell; headache; diarrhea; shortness of breath; respiratory inflammation...), it is



required to notify the medical authority at the border gate promptly to get medical treatment as prescribed by law.

1.3. Health monitoring and taking COVID-19 precaution and prevention

- Within 10 days upon the entry: implement health self-monitoring, in case there are any symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 (fever; cough; sore throat; running nose; stuffy nose; hurt body; tiredness; cold; decreased or lost taste; decreased or lost smell; headache; diarrhea; shortness of breath; respiratory inflammation...), it is required to notify the nearest medical authority promptly to be guided, and recorded; to implement the precautions such as wearing masks, washing hands with antiseptic liquid as often as possible.
- For people who have not received negative SARS-CoV-2 test result before exit: during their route from border gate to their accommodations, they are required not to stop or park along the road; to avoid close contact with surrounding people.

2. This official letter shall take place of The official letter No 10688/BYT-MT on 16/12/2021 by Ministry of Health relating to COVID-19 precaution and prevention upon people entering Vietnam; The official letter No 10943/BYT-MT on 24/12/2021 by Ministry of Health relating to medical guidelines for COVID-19 precaution and prevention upon people entering Vietnam for short-term work (under 14 days); Decision 2552/QDD-BYT on 18/6/2020 by Ministry of Health as to “Temporary guidelines for medical check preventing COVID-19 infection upon vehicles, controllers on good transporting vehicles at the border gates on land, railway, on water and by air”; Official letter No 429/BYT-MT on 26/01/2022 by Ministry of Health relating to epidemic precaution and prevention upon the crew of international flights.

Ministry of Health (Permanent Agency of National Management Board of COVID-19 precaution and prevention) proposes provincial People’s Committee, Ministries give directives to their agents for implementation to guarantee a decrease in the risk of infection for the accompanying travellers and community.

Best regards

Recipients:

- As above;
- Prime Minister (for report);
- Vice-Prime Minister (for report);
- Minister (for report);
- Deputy Ministers;
- Members of BCDQG;
- Agencies of Ministry of Health;
- Departments of Health of provinces and cities;
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