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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As Asia-Pacific countries begin to ramp up their vaccination programs, some governments are cautiously reopening their borders and easing travel restrictions to facilitate economic recovery and a return to normalcy. Tourism accounts for a large share of GDP in many of the markets BGA covers, and authorities in those countries are now weighing the best way to encourage limited travel while keeping their populations safe.

Travel authorities in most Asia-Pacific countries continue to impose 14-day quarantines on visitors and require negative Covid-19 results from tests administered within 72 hours of departure for their new destination. Some are considering vaccine passports and have already introduced two sets of requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers, though this has not eliminated the need for quarantining. Countries such as Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand are considering or have already eased travel restrictions for certain provinces or districts to promote localized domestic and international tourism. Other countries, like China, India and the Philippines, have adopted stricter requirements for large metropolitan areas to prevent a large-scale viral outbreak.

Despite efforts to resurrect the travel and tourism industry, recent Covid surges — particularly in South Asia and parts of Southeast Asia — have delayed plans to open travel corridors between countries. Though there are many such “travel bubble” arrangements on hold, only a few are operational in Australia, New Zealand and India. This will likely change in the coming weeks, with Singapore and Hong Kong taking steps to conclude a travel bubble agreement of their own very soon.

A complete reopening of Asia-Pacific countries will not happen anytime soon, and governments will likely continue to pursue a wait-and-see approach until they are confident that they have reached herd immunity. As a greater percentage of their populations are vaccinated, countries in the region can be expected to gradually lift restrictions and introduce pilot travel arrangements with some countries and maintain more stringent requirements with others, especially those experiencing fresh outbreaks of more dangerous Covid-19 strains.

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Reopening the Asia-Pacific

Country	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccine Doses Administered	Travel Bubble Arrangements
 Australia	29,578	127	1,496,608	New Zealand
 Bangladesh	732,060	28,890	7,423,274	N/A
 Cambodia	7,747	2,529	1,541,896	N/A
 China	103,382	197	188,090,000	N/A
 Hong Kong	11,719	92	1,196,682	N/A
 India	15,930,965	1,856,401	130,027,370	27 Countries
 Indonesia	1,620,569	37,387	17,275,001	N/A
 Japan	546,425	30,304	1,853,729	N/A
 Korea	116,661	4,549	1,573,088	N/A
 Malaysia	381,813	15,984	1,105,890	N/A
 Myanmar	142,661	51	105,490	N/A
 New Zealand	2,244	11	172,575	Australia
 Pakistan	772,381	37,958	1,548,714	N/A
 Philippines	962,307	69,451	1,371,057	N/A
 Singapore	60,880	161	1,667,522	N/A
 Taiwan	1,086	18	34,197	Palau
 Thailand	48,113	10,660	666,210	N/A
 Vietnam	2,812	75	62,415	N/A



	Australia	4/22 Cases 29,578	New Weekly Cases 127	No. Vaccinated 1,496,608	Travel Bubble New Zealand
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- Australia’s borders are closed. The only people who can travel to Australia are Australian citizens, residents, immediate family members and travelers who have been in New Zealand for the previous 14 days.
- Travelers must quarantine in the city they arrive in for 14 days, even if they plan to travel elsewhere in Australia. Exceptions include those traveling from a Green Safe Travel Zone (currently only New Zealand) or those in exemption categories on the basis of medical and compassionate grounds or those with status as diplomats and transit passengers.
- States and territories can apply their own travel restrictions, including closing state borders and restricting travel into and out of their state, restricting travel into and out of areas within their state and requiring people who have traveled to and from some areas to quarantine for 14 days.
- Passengers traveling to Australia must be tested for Covid-19 72 hours or less prior to their scheduled flight departure, and they must display evidence of a negative test result at the time of check-in.
 - A paper-based record is preferred. However, electronic records — such as a document embedded in an email or text message — that contain the required information would be accepted.
- From April 19, people who have been in either Australia or New Zealand for 14 days or more can travel quarantine-free to New Zealand. This includes people who have spent all 14 days in Australia, or people who have traveled from New Zealand to Australia and are returning within 14 days.
- The government is developing a digital passport to enable international tourists to visit. It has had discussions with Singapore with a view to a mid-2021 start date. Japan and South Korea are also being discussed.
- Australia has reported a low number of new cases each day since late September 2020, with an average of 10 new cases reported each day in April. Approximately 5 percent of the total population and 6.5 percent of the adult population has been vaccinated.

	Bangladesh	4/22 Cases 732,060	New Weekly Cases 28,890	No. Vaccinated 7,423,274	Travel Bubble N/A
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- Bangladesh is currently under strict lockdown until midnight on April 28. All international flights are closed until then, with the exception of special flights for migrant workers, cargo flights, chartered flights and air ambulances. Some domestic flights will resume from April 21, avoiding the country’s tourist spots for now.
- Prior to the lockdown, all passengers traveling to Bangladesh, regardless of their vaccination status, needed to present a negative English-language Covid-19 PCR test certificate at check-in and on



arrival. The test needed to be conducted within 72 hours of departure. Passengers are also required to submit a health card on arrival. Passengers who do not have Covid-19 symptoms during the on-arrival health checks must complete a 14-day home quarantine, and those who show symptoms must complete a 14-day quarantine at government facilities at their own expense. From April 3, passengers from European countries, with the exception of the United Kingdom, and 12 other countries are not allowed to enter Bangladesh.

- There are no differences in quarantine requirements at the district level.
- The government is not currently considering a vaccine passport.
- Within a month, the number of Covid cases in Bangladesh has increased by 162,841. Nearly 7.5 million people have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, and more than 1.5 million have received their second dose.

 Cambodia	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
	7,747	2,529	1,541,896	N/A

- The government has mandated a 14-day quarantine at designated areas for all visitors entering Cambodia. Travelers must be tested for Covid-19 upon arrival, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated or have a health certificate.
- All travelers are required to take a Covid-19 test on the 13th day of their quarantine at a government-designated hospital. Anyone testing positive will be admitted to the hospital for treatment.
- There are tentative plans by Q4 2021 to ease Cambodia's quarantine policy for vaccinated foreign tourists who wish to visit Angkor Wat in Siem Reap. Minister of Tourism Thong Khon announced on April 7 that Prime Minister Hun Sen had given him the green light to start discussions with other relevant government institutions and the private sector entities to study the feasibility of the proposal.
- Visitors must present the following documents upon entry into Cambodia:
 - A health certificate issued by health authorities from a visitor's country of residence indicating negative Covid-19 test results within 72 hours prior to the date of departure.
 - Proof of health insurance documents with a minimum medical coverage of \$50,000 or purchase of a \$90 health insurance package for Covid-19 treatment from Forte Insurance Company.
 - A \$2,000 deposit for testing and hotel fees during the quarantine period. The remainder will be refunded.
- To navigate the tourist sector's emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic and support its recovery, the Cambodian government approved on April 1 a 2021-2025 three-phased tourism roadmap and a 2021-2035 Siem Reap provincial tourism development master plan. These strategies aim for Siem Reap to attract 10.9 million domestic tourists by 2023 and 7.5 million international tourists by 2025.



- Cambodia has vaccinated over 1.5 million individuals out of a planned 10 million.

 China	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
	103,382	197	188,090,000	N/A

- China still maintains tough restrictions on inbound travel. For foreigners, only individuals with residence permits for work, personal matters and reunions are allowed to enter China.
- Before flying to China, both citizen and noncitizen travelers need “green code” approvals from local embassies detailing their purpose of travel and health status.
- Individuals are required to provide results of Covid PCR and IgM antibody tests that are administered within 48 hours before their flight.
- As local embassies and consulates decide the kind of travel documents required, policies can be region-specific and fast-changing. Travelers from the United States must receive tests from laboratories that the Chinese Embassy certifies.
- All travelers to China are subject to at least 14 days of quarantine and multiple Covid tests. Vaccinated travelers are not exempt from these requirements.
- Covid control policies vary considerably among different regions. Compared with northern China, Shanghai and other southern cities generally offer clearer quarantine and testing policies and are more flexible with regard to quarantine requirements.
- Since local governments still face political pressure to eliminate new cases in their jurisdictions, some community authorities may impose stricter quarantine and testing requirements.
- In April 2021, China kept active Covid cases at around 300, with international travelers comprising the majority of new cases.
- China has delivered over 180 million vaccine doses to its population, with a daily capacity around 3-6 million since March 2021. Certain regions have included elderly people and foreign residents in the vaccination process.

 Hong Kong	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
	11,719	92	1,196,682	N/A

- Only Hong Kong residents are allowed entry into the city, and they must stay at designated quarantine hotels for 21 days (14 days for travelers from low-risk countries — Australia, New Zealand and Singapore).



- Anyone who has stayed in Brazil, India, Ireland, Pakistan, the Philippines, South Africa or the United Kingdom for more than two hours in the 21 days before travel is not allowed entry into Hong Kong.
- Travelers to Hong Kong must have a negative Covid-19 test from a certified laboratory within 72 hours of their flight as well as a reservation confirmation at a designated quarantine hotel. There are also mandatory Covid-19 tests upon arrival and throughout and after the quarantine period.
- If the Covid-19 situation remains stable in Hong Kong, a two-way travel bubble will be launched between Hong Kong and Singapore in mid-May. Travelers from Hong Kong will need to be fully vaccinated in order to take part. The government is also looking to launch similar efforts with 10 other markets, including Australia, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Over recent weeks, there have been a handful of locally transmitted Covid-19 cases, though most of them are traceable to previously known cases.
- Despite the availability of vaccines, the vaccination rate remains very low. As of April 21, only 10.1 percent of the city's 7.5 million people have received a first dose, while just 5.2 percent have been fully vaccinated. From April 23, vaccinations will be available to all residents aged 16 and above.

	India	4/22 Cases 15,930,965	New Weekly Cases 1,856,401	No. Vaccinated 130,027,370	Travel Bubble 27 Countries
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- International arrivals with negative RT-PCR tests are exempt from institutional quarantine. They must self-monitor or quarantine at home for seven to 14 days, depending on their state's rules.
- In Mumbai, passengers from the United Kingdom, Europe, South Africa, Middle East and Brazil must undergo a seven-day institutional quarantine. They are exempt if they are fully vaccinated. Home quarantine is required for 7-14 days in Delhi, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.
- A negative RT-PCR test report is required for international passengers.
- A vaccine passport has not been considered or approved yet.
- Travel bubbles are operating with 27 countries; however, tourist visas are currently not being issued. These flights are for select travelers including those commuting for business, employment or medical reasons.
- Covid-19 cases in India have increased by 1.9 million to 15.9 million in seven days, an increase of over 12 percent.
- Over 130 million people have been vaccinated, or 9.4 percent of the total population.

	Indonesia	4/22 Cases 1,620,569	New Weekly Cases 37,387	No. Vaccinated 17,275,001	Travel Bubble N/A
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- Indonesia requires both Indonesian and foreign visitors to be quarantined for five days. Visitors may be released if they test negative for Covid-19 on the fifth day of quarantine. However, if they test positive, the visitor shall be directed to a hospital.
- Quarantine regulations are only applicable when first entering Indonesia. No further quarantining is needed for domestic travel.
- On March 26, the government lifted the health certificate requirement for foreigners entering on visitor visas and limited stay visas.
- Visitors must present the following documentation:
 - A negative PCR test that has been administered within 72 hours of departure.
 - Evidence of \$10,000 in funds (medical personnel, transportation crew and humanitarian and aid workers are exempt from this requirement).
- The minister of health has discussed making a vaccination certificate a requirement for travel; however, Indonesia’s Covid-19 task force has said that further studies need to be conducted.
- Indonesia is planning a travel bubble in Bali, Bintan and Batam starting from June or July 2021. However, this has not been finalized yet.
- Active Covid cases in Indonesia have decreased by 3 percent, from 155,765 in February to 124,340 in March.
- Over 17 million people, or about 6.5 percent of the population, have been vaccinated in Indonesia.

	Japan	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
		546,425	30,304	1,853,729	N/A

- Currently, no foreign nationals can enter Japan unless they come under special circumstances (e.g., if a foreign national is a spouse or child of a Japanese national or permanent resident).
- Visitors to Japan must submit a certificate of a negative Covid test result administered within 72 hours prior to departure, conduct a Covid test upon arrival, stay 14 days at a location designated by the quarantine station chief (or their own residence) and sign a written pledge promising compliance with further instructions.
- Those who enter from countries or regions with community transmission of coronavirus variants of concern (as designated by the Japanese government) are additionally required to self-quarantine for three days at a location specified by the quarantine station chief until further notice.
- There are no differences in quarantine requirements at the provincial or district levels.
- Japan has not announced its intention to promote any international tourism scheme.
- Covid cases in Japan have increased by roughly 30,000 in the last week, an increase of around 5.7 percent. About 1 percent of the population has been vaccinated.



	Korea	4/22 Cases 116,661	New Weekly Cases 4,549	No. Vaccinated 1,573,088	Travel Bubble N/A
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- Despite an uptick in new cases, the government on April 9 decided to maintain the previous social distancing level of 2 for the Seoul metropolitan area and 1.5 for the rest of the country for another three weeks due to concerns over economic damages. However, the government ordered some major areas experiencing a surge in new cases — including Busan, the second-largest city — to shut down entertainment facilities such as bars and karaoke establishments, which became the epicenter of the recent increase.
- Since February 24, a negative Covid-19 PCR test result is required for all Korean nationals and foreigners entering the country. All foreign airline passengers arriving in Korea are required to test negative for the coronavirus within 72 hours of their departure. On April 16, the government unveiled a blockchain-based vaccine certificate, but it is not being used for the purpose of international travel.
- Covid cases in Korea have increased to above 500 a day in the week ending on April 18 from 300-400 daily cases in March.
- About 1.6 million people have been vaccinated, totaling 2.9 percent of the population.

	Malaysia	4/22 Cases 381,813	New Weekly Cases 15,984	No. Vaccinated 1,105,890	Travel Bubble N/A
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- Malaysia has a compulsory quarantine for 14 days and a mandatory Covid (PCR) test on arrival. The government has not yet set dates for when these requirements will change. Exemptions for travel restrictions include all Malaysians and permanent residents.
- The government does not require Covid test or vaccination documentation upon arrival, but it does require tests and quarantines for all visitors on entry into the country.
- Malaysia has developed a tourism recovery plan, but it does not have any tourism promotion schemes. It will discuss opening for travel from Singapore on May 4 and is discussing travel bubbles for the island of Langkawi with Indonesia and China and a larger bubble with Singapore, Brunei, China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. Officials say international tourism will only resume when borders are reopened, and vaccines and quarantine are accepted as standard operating procedures worldwide.
- Malaysia has fully vaccinated 462,235 people, or 1.4 percent of the population. Over 1 million people, or 3.2 percent of the population, have received at least one dose.



Myanmar

4/22 Cases

142,661

New Weekly
Cases

51

No. Vaccinated

105,490

Travel Bubble

N/A

- With the exception of relief and special flights, the ban on the international flight is extended to May 31. The State Administrative Council (SAC) is considering granting visas for diplomats, UN officials and those who are on special assignment.
- Foreign travelers are required to present negative Covid-19 test results issued no more than 72 hours prior to the date of travel before boarding airlines destined for Myanmar. No other documentation is needed unless specified on an ad hoc basis. Travelers may undergo a 14-day quarantine at either a proven residence or a hotel. There has been no discussion of a vaccine passport.
- Given the ongoing political turmoil in the wake of the February 1 military coup and crackdown on volunteers from civil society organizations, especially health workers, Covid-19 preventative measures are barely being enforced.
- Since the coup, the junta-appointed hotel and tourism minister has only held one meeting with hotelier and tourism associations, in which he pushed for reopening of the sector in major tourism areas as well as reforming committees for tourism promotion. No tourism scheme has been announced.
- The junta’s newspapers report about 18-20 Covid-19 cases per day. Covid testing has dipped from over 15,000 a day to just hundreds since the coup. Migrants workers continue to arrive in the country. Those who test positive for Covid are quarantined and treated at military facilities at various locations.



New Zealand

4/22 Cases

2,244

New Weekly
Cases

11

No. Vaccinated

172,575

Travel Bubble

Australia

- Entry to New Zealand from all countries, except for quarantine-free eligible passengers from the Cook Islands, Niue and Australia, must complete a 14-day stay in managed quarantine. New Zealand’s border is closed to almost all travelers with exceptions for those with [critical purpose reasons](#).
- As of April 11, travelers who have been in India in the previous 14 days cannot enter New Zealand.
- As of April 19, New Zealand is at alert level 1. Regional travel is not restricted. More information on regional travel can be found [here](#).
- The following are among the list of Covid-19 related documents required before arrival:
 - Negative Covid-19 test returned within 72 hours of travelers’ first departure.
 - Managed isolation allocation system [voucher](#) confirming a place in a managed isolation facility before boarding a flight.



- A request for travel to New Zealand [form](#) at least two weeks before departure. Applicants from overseas must have at least one critical purpose reason to request travel to New Zealand.
- As of April 19, New Zealand has a quarantine-free travel bubble with Australia.
- New Zealand remains largely Covid-19 free with a seven-day average of two new cases per day as of April 19.
- About 172,000 New Zealanders received at least one vaccine dose, accounting for 3.5 percent of the population.

 Pakistan	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
	772,381	37,958	1,548,714	N/A

- The government has not placed mandatory quarantine restrictions on international travelers. However, all international passengers are required to sign up for an app called PasTrack and submit health and contact information to help the government track and trace cases.
- Countries have been classified into three categories with regard to pre-arrival testing requirements. Countries in the first category are exempt from a pre-travel Covid-19 test, while countries in the second category require a negative RT-PCR test that has to be taken within 72 hours of the travel date. Travel from the third category of countries, which includes 22 countries mostly in Africa and South America, is restricted at the moment. Listings for these categories can be found [here](#).
- Prime Minister Imran Khan’s government has been focusing on tourism since before the Covid-19 pandemic but was forced to revise its strategy following the crisis. During the summer of 2020, tourism bubbles were advertised for certain areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, but they failed to take off. Numerous measures such as soft loans for tourism businesses have been introduced during the pandemic. The government also hopes to declare 2022 the “Visit Pakistan” year and intends to offer incentives like visa-free entry to top tourist countries.
- Pakistan is in the middle of a third-wave outbreak, with an average of 6,000 cases a day compared to 1,000 in February. Only 1.3 million people have been vaccinated, or about 0.6 percent of the total population. More than 1.5 million people have been administered a vaccine and about 350,000 people have received their second dose. Additionally, 392,000 health care workers have been administered the vaccine.

 Philippines	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
	962,307	69,451	1,371,057	N/A

- Visitors must have a confirmed booking for at least six nights at an accredited quarantine hotel or facility. Eligible individuals include diplomats and members of international organizations. Tourists



are not allowed to enter the country yet. RT-PCR tests will be conducted on the sixth day after arrival. The Philippines has yet to issue guidelines exempting vaccinated travelers.

- The following individuals are exempt from the entry ban provided they have a valid visa at the time of entry:
 - Diplomats, members of international organizations and their dependents, provided they hold a valid visa.
 - Foreign nationals involved in medical repatriation.
 - Foreign seafarers under the “Green Lanes” program for crew change, provided that they hold a valid visa.
 - Foreign parents, spouses and children of Filipino citizens traveling with the Filipino citizen.
 - Approved emergency, humanitarian and other workers.
 - Foreign nationals with valid entry exemption documents prior to March 22.
- Quarantine requirements may differ at the local level since local government units (LGU) are allowed to issue their own policies and regulations. However, these should still be aligned with the national government.
- The government is currently not considering a vaccine passport.
- The Covid-19 Interagency Task Force issued a resolution on April 21 for uniform travel protocols to promote local tourism by not enforcing quarantine and requiring testing prior to travel unless required by the LGU of destination. However, due to the current surge of Covid cases, the government has implemented temporary travel restrictions on the National Capital Region and four provinces — Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal — and the City of Santiago.
- In the last month, active Covid cases have increased by around 75 percent. As of April 21, over 1.3 million were vaccinated with their first dose, totaling 1.2 percent of the population. Of this number, more than 200,000 health workers received their second dose.

	Singapore	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
		60,880	161	1,667,522	N/A

- All travelers, except otherwise mentioned, must serve 14 days of stay-home notice (SHN) at dedicated facilities.
 - Travelers from Hong Kong and Macao are permitted to serve a seven-day SHN at a self-sourced accommodation or place of residence.
 - Travelers from Australia, Brunei, China, New Zealand and Taiwan can undergo self-isolation at a self-sourced accommodation or their own place of residence until test results are released to the traveler. If they test negative, they will not be required to serve SHN.
 - Travelers from India, South Africa and the United Kingdom will serve a 14-day SHN at a dedicated facility and an additional seven days’ SHN at a self-sourced accommodation or place of residence.



- Singapore is looking into more flexible guidelines for vaccinated travelers.
- Authorized visitors require the following:
 - Valid negative Covid-19 PCR pre-departure test result.
 - Covid-19 travel insurance with a minimum coverage of SGD 30,000 (US\$22,460).
 - A Singapore arrival card.
 - Registration and payment of an on-arrival Covid-19 PCR test.
 - Accommodation to serve their isolation period pending results of the test.
- Singapore is in discussions with other ASEAN members to launch a regional digital vaccine passport and is exploring mutual recognition of vaccination certificates with Australia and Malaysia, though no timelines have been provided.
- The Singapore-Hong Kong travel bubble, which was postponed last November, is now being finalized.
- Singapore is in discussions with Australia and Taiwan on establishing travel bubbles.
- In the last month, Singapore reported 681 new and mostly imported Covid-19 cases — a 1 percent increase.

	Taiwan	4/22 Cases 1,086	New Weekly Cases 18	No. Vaccinated 34,197	Travel Bubble Palau
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- Taiwan maintains a 14-day quarantine for general visitors and an expedited five-day quarantine for short-term business travelers who show negative Covid test results. There is no vaccine passport yet, and there is no timeline to lift the quarantine.
- Taiwan has implemented a travel bubble with Palau. Tourists between the two countries do not need to observe the 14-day quarantine as long as they have a negative Covid test. Taiwan has mostly been promoting domestic tourism, since there is a strong influx of oversea Taiwanese moving back to Taiwan.
- Covid cases have remained low. The total confirmed cases are 1,086. Taiwan has vaccinated 34,197 people with the AstraZeneca vaccine, and the government has allowed people who must travel for work or school to sign up for out-of-pocket vaccines. A little more than 5,000 people signed up for the out-of-pocket vaccine. Only 0.1 percent of the population has been vaccinated.

	Thailand	4/22 Cases 48,113	New Weekly Cases 10,660	No. Vaccinated 666,210	Travel Bubble N/A
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- From April 1, quarantine periods for unvaccinated travelers entering Thailand have been reduced from 14 days to 10 days and to seven days for vaccinated travelers.



- Provincial governors have been granted authority to impose disease-control measures in their provinces. As of April 21, 46 provinces have announced a mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers from 18 provinces, including Bangkok. Nevertheless, a number of provinces such as Nakhon Phanom and Nong Khai have agreed to give an exemption to travelers who have a Covid-19-free certificate issued within 72 hours prior to entry.
- Required documents for foreigners entering Thailand include a valid visa or reentry permit, a certificate of entry issued by the Royal Thai Embassy or a consulate, health insurance with a minimum coverage of THB 3 million (\$100,000), a negative RT-PCR test certificate issued no more than 72 hours before departure and booking confirmation from an alternative state quarantine or alternative local quarantine hotel.
- On April 20, the Cabinet approved a vaccine passport as an official travel document for those vaccinated and traveling to other countries. Only vaccines registered in Thailand or those certified by the World Health Organization will be issued with the vaccine passport, along with an authorized signature for validation.
- To reopen the country, the Tourism Authority of Thailand has announced a tourism “sandbox” scheme for six provinces: Phuket, Krabi, Phang Nga, Surat Thani, Chon Buri and Chiang Mai.
 - From April 1, vaccinated visitors arriving in the sandbox provinces will be required to undergo quarantine for seven days. This increases to 10 days for those unvaccinated.
 - From July 1, quarantine is waived for vaccinated visitors to Phuket. However, the quarantine still applies to the five other provinces.
 - From October 1, foreign travelers to sandbox provinces can get tested for Covid-19 upon arrival at a quarantine hotel. If they test negative, the alternative state quarantine can be waived. However, the recent outbreak may cause postponement.
 - From January 1, 2022, the quarantine is waived for vaccinated visitors.

	Vietnam	4/22 Cases	New Weekly Cases	No. Vaccinated	Travel Bubble
		2,812	75	62,415	N/A

- Vietnam is still requiring a 14-day mandatory quarantine for people entering the country, including diplomats, experts, investors, high-skilled laborers and their families. Visitors must provide a certificate of entry; temporary residence card or visa; a negative PCR test result; and a medical declaration. Tourists are allowed to enter Vietnam.
- The Ministry of Health recently proposed that the quarantine period for those entering Vietnam with a Covid-19 vaccine passport be halved to seven days. Travelers would need to remain at home or an accommodation under the supervision of local authorities for another week. However, this proposal has not been approved and the implementation timeline is unclear.
- There are no differences in quarantine requirements at the provincial and district levels.



- Quang Nam province in central Vietnam recently proposed a pilot travel bubble program for tourists from Korea. The travel bubble is situated in the Duy Xuyen and Nui Thanh area, which are relatively isolated. The length of stay is from five to 10 days. If approved, Quang Nam will be the first province adopting a vaccine passport. This pilot program is expected to take place from July to September. However, the government has yet to approve the plan.
- Covid cases in Vietnam have increased by 237 to 2,812 since March 22, an increase of 9 percent.
- About 108,897 people have been vaccinated in Vietnam, totaling 0.1 percent of the population.