

# **NOTICE**

## **627/PMO**

### **7 May 2022**

Lao PDR full  
reopening and  
relaxed measures  
from 9 May 2022

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**Attn:** - Ministers of line ministries, ministry-equivalent organizations  
- Vientiane Capital Mayor and Provincial Governors

**Re:** Guidance on Lao PDR entry-exit measures and relaxed measures in the country during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Pursuant to Decree No 574/PMO dated 28 September 2021 regarding organization and activities of the Prime Minister's Office.
- Based on actual implementation of travel entry-exit policies of countries in the region and around the world.
- Based on reviews of public opinion on Lao PDR entry-exit measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Based on research and proposal by the Taskforce for COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Response to COVID-19 pandemic (COVID-19 Taskforce).

The Prime Minister's Office is pleased to announce the Government's decision and guidance for your information and implementation as follows:

**1. Agree to relax Lao PDR entry-exit measures as follows:**

- 1) Open all international borders to Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners, and stateless persons to enter and exit Lao PDR.
- 2) Permit citizens of countries granted visa waiver under bilateral and unilateral agreements to enter Lao PDR without visa requests.
- 3) Citizens of countries not eligible for visa waiver with Lao PDR can apply for a visa with an embassy or consular of the Lao PDR overseas or apply for an e-visa or visa upon entry at international borders as available.
- 4) Lao citizens, aliens, foreigners, and stateless persons over twelve years of age without complete vaccination certificate must have a rapid (ATK) COVID-19 certificate within 48 hours of departure. There will be no testing/sample collection at airports or international borders via road or boat when entering Lao PDR. Person with a complete [COVID-19] vaccination certificate can enter Lao PDR as usual without requiring COVID-19 testing both at the country of departure and upon entry to Lao PDR.
- 5) Foreigners entering Lao PDR who contract COVID-19 shall be responsible for all treatment costs, which can be at a public hospital, private hospital or home isolation as provided in the Instruction by the Ministry of Health.

2. **Agree to allow use of vehicles to enter-exit Lao PDR as in the pre-COVID period.** The Ministry of Public Works and Transport is assigned to issue an Instruction regarding the use of personal, passenger, and tour vehicles to enter-exit Lao PDR that is consistent with bilateral and multilateral agreements that Lao PDR is signatory.
3. **Ministries, ministry-equivalent organizations and local administrations at all level and businesses to be prepared in all areas for welcoming tourists** especially improving tourist sites, hotels, restaurants, transportation services, and other services associated with tourism and hospitality to ensure better standard and quality. Tourism and hospitality should be considered a collective responsibility of everyone in the society for economic recovery and people's improved livelihood.
4. **Agree for the reopening of entertainment venues and karaoke bars,** with strict implementation of COVID-19 preventive measures.
5. **Assign the COVID-19 Taskforce to collaborate with the Ministry of Health** in closely monitoring and surveilling outbreak of new COVID-19 variant to ensure effective and efficient prevention, control, testing, and treatment. At the same time, focus on vaccine administration to meet set targets.
6. **Measures stipulated in item 1 to 5 above are effective from 9 May 2022 onwards.**

Hence, this Notice is for your information and implementation.

**Minister  
Head of the Prime Minister's Office**

[Signed and Sealed]

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