

Travel advisory measures of the Lao PDR during the emergency of COVID-19 pandemic

Measures on visa

1. Suspend all visa on arrivals for all nationals;
2. Suspend Tourist Visa;
3. Suspend eVisa;
4. Suspend visa exemption for all nationals from the countries with whom Lao PDR has visa exemption agreement, including ASEAN countries (except for diplomatic and official passport holders);
5. The Lao Embassy and Consulate General abroad will continue to issue non-tourist visa. Nonetheless, apart from the normal requirements for visa application, it requires an additional health declaration form together with a health certificate proving that the individual is COVID-19 free in order to be eligible for an entry visa to Lao PDR. Health declaration form can be downloaded from official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.mofa.gov.la).

Note: The above-mentioned measures entered into force from 20th March until 20th April 2020.

Measures for Lao citizens and aliens residing in the Lao PDR

- Lao citizen or alien residing in Lao PDR who has to travel abroad for official duty, health treatment or for any other important reasons, is able to return to Lao PDR, but he/she shall strictly follow rules and regulation set-forth by the Ministry of Health against the COVID-19 outbreak;
- All travels abroad for the purposes of tourisms, visiting or trading are prohibited.

Measures for foreign nationals and stateless individuals

- For those who obtained entry visa from Lao embassy, or consulate general, or consulate office, can travel to Lao PDR, but he/she shall strictly follow rules and regulations set-forth by the Ministry of Health against the COVID-19 outbreak, such as providing detail of travel history and practicing strict self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival;
- For those who received multiple-entry visa from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs such as investors, experts (except labors and students) are able to travel abroad and return as usual, but he/she shall strictly follow rules and regulation set-forth by the Ministry of Health against the COVID-19 outbreak;
- For those who is a national of a country sharing border and having a cross border transportation agreement with Lao PDR and using Border Pass or Temporary Border Pass, if there is necessary for him/her to travel in and out of the Lao PDR for the purposes of official duty, health treatment or delivery of large volume of goods (except for tourist and visitor), the immigration officer at the border checkpoint will consider and authorize as it deems appropriate. But he/she shall strictly follow rules and regulation set-forth by the Ministry of Health against the COVID-19 outbreak;

- For those who wish to extend their temporary stay-permit, he/she can do so directly at the Department of Immigration, Ministry of Public Security or at the Provincial Public Security Headquarters across country:
 1. For those who have already extended their Stay Permit for second time, but cannot travel out of Lao PDR due to COVID-19 pandemic, he/she can request for further extension of their Stay Permit;
 2. For those who traveled to Lao PDR under the visa exemption agreement that could not travel out of Lao PDR on time due to COVID-19 pandemic, he/she can also request for further extension of their Stay Permit.

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Self-quarantine Procedures

Those who traveled from abroad into Lao PDR shall strictly follow the procedures of self-quarantine for 14 days as follows:

1. Check your body temperature twice a day (morning and evening);
2. Confine yourself only at your resident (house, hotel room, dormitory or provided quarantine venue) for 14 days;
3. Do not go outside and do not stay close to others unless, otherwise, authorized;
4. If you don't have your own private room, you must arrange the space for your stay to be separated far away from others at least 2 meters and do not share your personal items with others;
5. Keep windows opened for the purpose of a well ventilation;
6. Frequently wash your hands with soap and clean water or use hand sanitizer that contains 70% -95% alcohol;
7. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow;
8. If you feel sick with fever, coughing and breathing difficulty or need medical services please call hotline number 166 or +85620 5406 6777;
9. After 14 days of self-quarantine without any symptoms of COVID-19 infection, you can live your normal live.

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