

Health Alert

Health Alert – U.S. Embassy Bangkok, Thailand (May 25, 2021)

Location: Thailand

Event: Vaccine Registration for Foreign Nationals Opens June 7

The Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) announced on May 21 that registration for the Royal Thai Government's (RTG) mass vaccination campaign, which includes foreign nationals, will begin June 7, 2021. Vaccinations given through this campaign are free and U.S. citizens may not have a choice regarding the brand of the vaccine they receive. The RTG has approved the following vaccines for use in Thailand: AstraZeneca, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson and Sinovac Biotech. Currently, the RTG only has AstraZeneca and Sinovac Biotech available for use and is working to import the other approved vaccines.

U.S. citizens will be able to register on-site at vaccination centers or at a hospital which has your health records by using (1) Thai social security numbers, which are associated with Thai work permits, or (2) your passport. For Bangkok residents, if you do not have medical records or history with a specific hospital you can register at the following locations:

- **Vimut Hospital**: 500 Phahonyothin Rd., Samsen Noi, Phaya Thai, Bangkok 10400; tel: 02-079-0000.
- Bangrak Vaccination and Health Centre: Bangrak Health Centre, 11th Fl., 9 South Sathorn Rd., Yan Nawa, Sathon, Bangkok 10120; tel: 02-286-2468.
- Other facilities designated by the Council of University Presidents (information pending).

For U.S. citizens living outside of Bangkok, the Ministry of Public Health has designated hospitals where foreign nationals have registered health records. U.S. citizens should contact their physician or medical service provider for more information. Some provinces have not finished setting up registration procedures for foreign nationals. Please monitor local news for updates.

U.S. citizens should note the following: (1) the vaccination campaign will continue to focus on vaccinating vulnerable populations (people over the age of 60, frontline healthcare workers, and people living and working in high-risk areas) before moving to the general public; and (2) the RTG is still in the process of obtaining the 40 million doses necessary to meet their 100 million dose goal. U.S. citizens may not be able to receive a vaccination immediately after registration opens in June.

Resources for information on local COVID-19 restrictions include:

- Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT): Updates available on their website (https://www.tatnews.org/category/thailand-tourism-updates/) or by calling the TAT Call Center at +66 2 250 5500 or 1672 from within Thailand.
- Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Updates in English available on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/user/mfathailand).
- Thai Government Public Relations Department: Updates on their website (https://thailand.prd.go.th/main.php?filename=index) and on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/thailandprd/).
- Chiang Mai Province COVID-19 updates: https://www.facebook.com/Chiangmaidatacenter
- Local media.

Actions to Take:

- Research relevant travel restrictions and requirements before embarking on any domestic and international travel;
- Monitor local media and our Embassy website for updates;
- Check your email regularly for further alerts;
- Continue COVID-19 precautions, including mask use and social distancing;
- Consult the <u>CDC website</u> for the most up-to-date information; and,
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> to receive Alerts.

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