

## Health Ministry issues new rules for entering Cambodia

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The Cambodian Government has revised the entry requirements for foreign travellers entering the Kingdom, with varying measures depending on whether arrivals are sponsored or not.

The announcement came via a directive issued by Health Minister Man Bun Heng. “Foreign arrivals from China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, the European Union and the US who have a sponsor, must produce a health certificate with negative COVID-19 results valid from within 72 hours of departure. They must then take a further test upon arrival and isolate in a hotel until the test results are released and show a negative result,” it said.

“They can then leave, however, they will be required to submit a schedule of their actions before they leave which will be kept by authorities and they must then keep to that schedule,” it said.

The directive said that sponsors of passengers must be an executive director, company shareholder, business association president, or investment project owner in a special economic zone, who are responsible for all expenses of those they guarantee, including the cost of treatment if they test positive for coronavirus at any stage.

Diplomats must also show a certificate to prove they are virus-free within 72 hours of their departure, followed by a test upon arrival, and wait at least 24 hours at a hotel or quarantine facility while waiting for their results, the directive said.

Meanwhile, arrivals from other countries or those who do not have sponsorship are now not permitted to self-quarantine. They must stay at a government-designated hotel for a mandatory quarantine of two weeks, with the \$2,000 deposit and mandatory health insurance still a requirement.

In addition, Cambodian’s – holding either a Cambodian or foreign passport – must also undergo quarantine under the supervision of the state. They can choose to stay at state-run quarantine centres for free or at a designated hotel where they will be charged at the same rate as foreigners.

The new requirement will go into effect from November 18 onward, the Ministry directive added.

## COVID-19 pandemic update – updated Nov 5, 2020

- <https://www.movetocambodia.com/planning-your-move-to-cambodia/cambodia-visas/#covid>

### Cambodia Takes Steps Towards Opening the Door to Travel

Comment by Nick Ray.

There has been some great news for those wanting to travel to Cambodia in the past few days.

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“They can then leave, however, they will be required to submit a schedule of their actions before they leave which will be kept by authorities and they must then keep to that schedule,” the report in the Khmer Times quotes.

And there it is, the big news we have all been waiting for, "They can then leave". So if you arrive in Cambodia and test negative, you will no longer be required to self-quarantine for 14 days provided you submit an itinerary and stick to it. Looking forward to welcoming family and friends back to Cambodia in 2021.

And even better news for Brits, the UK has added Cambodia to its 'Travel Corridors' list meaning those travelling to the UK from Cambodia will no longer have to quarantine for 14 days.

So the quarantine period for a visit to Cambodia for British travelers has effectively just gone from 28 days to 1-2 days making it a very viable option for those seeking a winter escape.

Some people may not need reminding again, but it is worth stating that Cambodia has experienced a very low health impact from COVID-19 with just 302 cases to date, 0 deaths and no community spread.

Cambodia is currently one of the safest destinations in the world!

#### My Comment

I do not know what that means and how Cambodian authorities will actually work.

Anyhow, I hope to see you soon in Angkor

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