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ref: COVID-19 prevention and
control for people on entry

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To:

- Ministries, ministerial-level agencies, Government-attached agencies;
- People's Committees of provinces/centrally-run cities.

At current, the number of new cases of SARS-CoV-2 per day in our country is still high, the Omicron variant has been recorded in the community. However, the rate of people being vaccinated has reached a high level in the country (one of the countries with the highest rate of COVID-19 vaccination in the world), the number of severe illness and death due to COVID-19 are still under control. In order to keep implementation of the policy of "safety flexible adaption and effective controlling with COVID-19 ", the Ministry of Health (the standing agency of the National Steering Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control) guides to implement measures for Covid 19 prevention and control for people entering Vietnam as below:

1. Requirements on Covid 19 prevention and control for people entering Vietnam

1.1. Test:

- a) **People entering by air:** must have negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 (except for children under 2 years old) before departure within 72 hours if using RT-PCR method /RT-LAMP or within 24 hours if the rapid antigen test method for SARS-CoV-2 virus is used and certified by the competent authority of the country performing the test.
- b) People entering by other routes (road, waterway, railway): They must have same test as the requirement in point a). In case there is not negative test result for SARS-CoV-2 as specified at point a) as above, test for SARS-CoV-2 must be performed within the first 24 hours (by PCR/RT-LAMP or rapid antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 virus) since entry. If the test result is negative, they are allowed to leave the accommodation and take preventive measures against the epidemic according to regulations. If the test result is positive, it is required to reported immediately to the local health authority for instructions on timely handling.
- c) Children under 2 years old who are not required to be tested for SARS-CoV-2, have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 or have never been infected with SARS-CoV-2 are allowed to enter and participate in activities outside the place of residence with their father, mother and relatives

1.2. Medical declaration and medical quarantine at the border gate

- People on entry must make a medical declaration before entering and use the medical declaration application (PC-COVID) during their stay in Vietnam according to regulations.

- At the border gate if passengers have symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection (fever; cough; sore throat; runny nose, stuffy nose; body aches, fatigue, chills; decrease or loss of taste; decrease or loss of smell); pain, headache; diarrhea; difficulty breathing; respiratory infection...) should immediately report to the health agency at the border gate for medical measures as prescribed.

1.3. Health monitoring and apply measures for Covid 19 epidemic prevention

- **Within 10 days from the date of entry: self-monitor health, if passengers have symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection (fever; cough; sore throat; runny nose, stuffy nose; body aches, fatigue) , chills; decrease or loss of taste; decrease or loss of sense of smell; pain, headache; diarrhea; difficulty breathing; respiratory infection...), they must immediately notify the nearest medical facility for timely guidance and management; take preventive measures: regularly wear facemask, disinfect hands with an antiseptic solution.**
- Those who have not had negative result with SARS-CoV-2 before departure to Vietnam: during the process of moving from the entry border to the place of residence, stop and park along the way is limited; Avoid close contact with people around.
- 2. This Official Dispatch replaces the Official Letter No. 10688/BYT-MT dated on December 16, 2021 by the Ministry of Health on the Covid 19 epidemic prevention and control for people on entry; Official Dispatch 10943/BYT MT dated on December 24, 2021 by the Ministry of Health on providing medical guidance on the Covid 19 epidemic prevention and control for people who are allowed to enter Vietnam for short-term work (under 14 days); Decision 2553/QĐ-BYT dated on June 18, 2020 by the Ministry of Health promulgating "Temporary guidance on medical quarantine work to prevent COVID-19 infection for vehicles and drivers of cargo transport vehicles at road, railway and road border gates by sea and by air"; Official Letter No. 429/BYT-MT dated on January 26, 2022 on epidemic prevention and control for flight crews on international flights.

The Ministry of Health (the standing agency of the National Steering Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control) requests the People's Committees of provinces, ministries and branches to direct units under their management to organize implementation implemented to ensure a reduction in the risk of infection for companions and the community.

Sincerely!

**FOR THE MINISTER
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