

CRCC Asia: COVID-19 Protocol Overview (HCMC)

1. General Protocols

- Monitor official government sources for information of entry requirements and regulations; and in country COVID-19 related policies: We frequently check [The CDC](#), [The WHO](#), [British FCDO advice](#), [US State Department Travel Advisories](#) and Embassies and government sources of our program locations
- Follow and comply with any relevant COVID-19 national and local guidelines including but not limited to COVID-19 testing and social distancing
- We require all participants to be fully vaccinated to join our program (at least 2 doses of a nationally recognised vaccine or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine)
- All CRCC Asia Program Staff will be trained on COVID-19 safety protocols and relevant local/national guidelines
- We don't encourage you to travel overseas during program time, and would highly suggest you do so before or after the program. If you still choose to travel during the program, please note that you won't be able to travel during your work days, and you need to get prior approval from CRCC Asia. We also ask that you sign a waiver form confirming that you've checked the entry requirements of the destination country (including visa, if any), Covid protocols and ensure that you can return to our program location. CRCC Asia will not be responsible for any issues related to your overseas travel.

2. Required Covid testing

As of May 15, 2022, Vietnam removed the Covid-19 testing requirement for all arrivals.

*Source: [VnExpress International](#), [Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism \(VN\)](#)

3. Pre Departure Protocols

- We request a medical declaration from all participants to be aware of any chronic or serious conditions and provide support where possible. Participants who are immunocompromised will be strongly advised to consult with a medical practitioner before committing to the program
- Participants will be advised to monitor their health 14 days before program departure and inform CRCC Asia if they have come into contact with a positive COVID-19 case or have developed typical COVID-19 symptoms
- Bring your vaccination certificate/proof of recovery documents
- Participants are advised to check official airline guidelines for requirements, potential flight changes or cancellations. We recommend participants purchase refundable or flexible tickets to account for any possible changes

- When authorizing a program start date we take into account COVID-19 regulations, in particular: Quarantine regulations, COVID-19 testing requirements, the financial implications for CRCC Asia and our participants
- A robust Health and Safety Manual will be sent to all participants ahead of their programs start date detailing our COVID-19 protocols, in country rules and regulations and practical tips and advice to stay safe and healthy on the program
- This will recommend packing masks, hand sanitizer, a personal thermometer, PPE etc.
- Our Admissions Team are available to support participants with any questions or queries before participants start the program

4. Arrival Protocols

- At the border gate, if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficult breathing, muscle or body aches - fatigue - chills, new loss of taste or smell, etc.), be sure to immediately notify the Program Staff through Emergency phone number or Zalo to let us know about your conditions and receive further instructions/assistance.
- Having medical or travel insurance confirmation that covers COVID-19 treatment with a minimum liability of USD 10,000.
- No quarantine on arrival.

**Source: [Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism \(VN\)](#)*

5. On the ground Protocols

- During 7 days from the date of entry, participants are requested to continue to self-monitor health. If you have signs and symptoms of SARS-COV-2 (a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficult breathing, muscle or body aches - fatigue - chills, new loss of taste or smell, etc.), please immediately notify CRCC Asia staff, and the nearest medical facility for timely guidance and management; take prevention measures, wear medical face masks regularly, disinfect hands with hand sanitiser.
- Ensure conditions on exit and entry according to Vietnam's immigration laws and other relevant regulations when traveling in Vietnam.

**Source: [Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism \(VN\)](#), <https://covid19.gov.vn/>*

- **As of September 2022**, masks are not compulsory in outdoor and indoor spaces for visitors. However, if you have any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, you are required to wear a mask when visiting public areas.
- Participants will be required to adhere to any rules or regulations of our accommodation providers
- Social distancing and following of COVID-19 policies in the workplace will be encouraged wherever

possible (for example, frequent hand-washing, hand sanitiser available, mask wearing)

- If there are COVID-19 health and safety concerns in the workplace (for eg. close contact with a positive test), participants will undertake a COVID-19 test and follow their host companies office protocols.
- Participants will be encouraged to take a lateral flow COVID-19 test on return from travel outside of the Host City or having come into close contact with an individual who has recently tested positive for COVID-19
- All CRCC Asia staff members in direct or indirect contact with participants will regularly take COVID-19 tests

6. In the event of a positive COVID-19 test

- A participant who tests positive for Covid-19 (with no or mild symptoms) is recommended to self-isolate for 5 days at our accommodation. After 5 days, if the test is negative, they can return to the program and join activities as normal.
- Results of all covid tests taken during the program must be shared with Program staff. If the rapid test is performed by the participants themselves, a photo/video of the test result must be taken where live date and time is shown.
- A CRCC Asia staff member will check in on a participant's well-being if they are in quarantine and refer mental health support/a physician if needed
- CRCC Asia will inform any relevant parties (for example the participant's family or university) of the situation and provide regular updates
- Anyone that has come into close contact with the individual will be required to take an appropriate COVID-19 test
- CRCC Asia will work closely with our accommodation providers to ensure participants can safely isolate without causing risk to other participants or guests

**Source: Ministry of Health*

7. Departure Protocols

- Students are responsible for checking the requirements of re-entry into their home countries/other destinations when they depart from Vietnam (immigration, health, regulated regulation etc)
- If a negative Covid test is required for re-entry into their home countries/other destinations, participants can refer to the nearest Diag Center ([LINK](#)) as a suggestion, or visit other testing centers ([LINK](#)).

***Please note that the above information may be subject to change and should be seen as advice. For more specific and formal information please refer to the Vietnam Embassy in your relevant country. CRCC Asia will endeavor to update participants of changes wherever possible but will not be held responsible for outdated*

information being communicated to participants as guidelines can be subject to change at short notice.