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Collaborate to End Pandemics!**

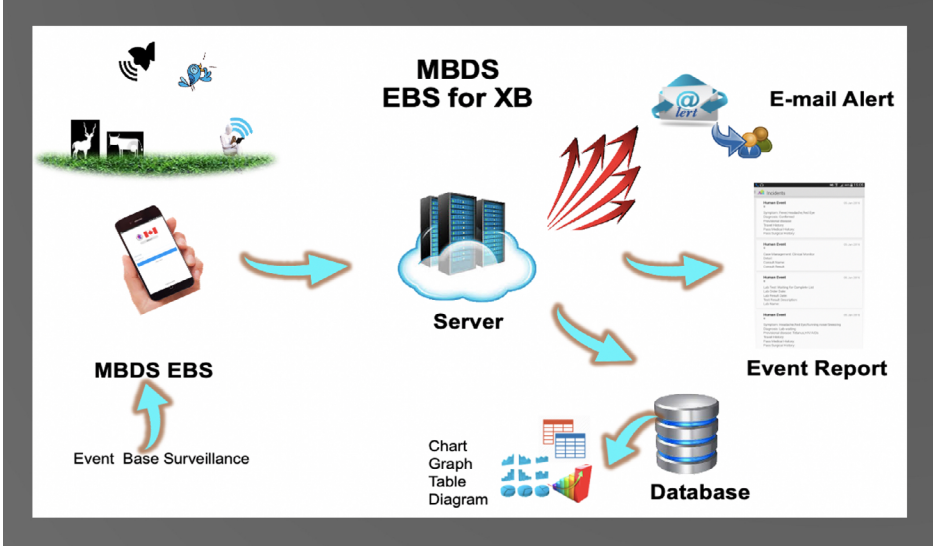
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Dear MBDS Colleagues,

The MBDS (Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance) cooperation is a self-organized regional network commenced since 2001. It is a collaboration effort among six Mekong Basin countries: Cambodia, China, Lao P.D.R, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam under The Health Ministerial MOU. It aims to strengthen national and sub-regional capabilities in infectious disease surveillance, regional collaboration, outbreak response and information sharing for rapidly and effectively control Public Health Threat.

MBDS Regional Activities



MOH Cambodia, MOH Lao P.D.R and MOH Vietnam had a discussion on MBDS-Event Base Surveillance Real time reporting with mobile application, which is supported by Canada's Global Partnership Program (Canada's GPP). The "MBDS-EBS System Mobile App" has been developed to detect early warning and real-time reporting among MBDS countries. Currently Cambodia is implementing this application at cross border areas and integration with Cambodia Event Monitoring System (CamEMS) and sharing information with the General Directorate of Animal Health and Production, Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries. Those events, which have reported from EBS application will be immediately alerted to all RRTs nationwide through Telegram application. Cambodia MOH is leading this activity for Mekong Region and discussing with Lao P.D.R and Vietnam for implementation of this Event-Based Surveillance Real Time Reporting as Regional Collaborative Platform.

Credit photo to Mr. Sok Samnang, MOH Cambodia and Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Dang Vung, MOH Vietnam on 28 June 2021



Dr. Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh, Director General, (MBDS Board), Dr. Viengsavanh Khithiphong, Chief of Surveillance Division (MBDS Country Coordinator) and Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, Technical Officer Surveillance and Response Division (MBDS focal), Ministry of Health, Lao P.D.R have participated in "Ministry of Health's Senior Leaders Meeting on Partners Coordination for the COVID-19 and Public Health Emergency and Response" in Vientiane on 17 June 2021.

Credit photo to Dr. Malyvanh VONGPANHYA, MBDS focal of Lao P.D.R

Dr. Pham Hung, Dr. Hoang Van Ngoc and Dr. Bui Huy Hoang from MOH Vietnam have attended the "Meeting on applying the tracing software" at Ministry of Health, Vietnam on 17 June 2021.

Credit photo to Dr. Hoang Van Ngoc



Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS Cross Border Coordinator from Chiang Rai Provincial Health Office, Thailand has participated in regional activities at cross border provinces between Thailand - Lao P.D.R on 17 June 2021

Credit photo to Mr. Narin Suriyon, MBDS XB Coordinators from Chiang Rai Provinces, Thailand



MBDS Foundation Secretariat have regular meeting with Office of International Cooperation, Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand for future regional activities implementation.

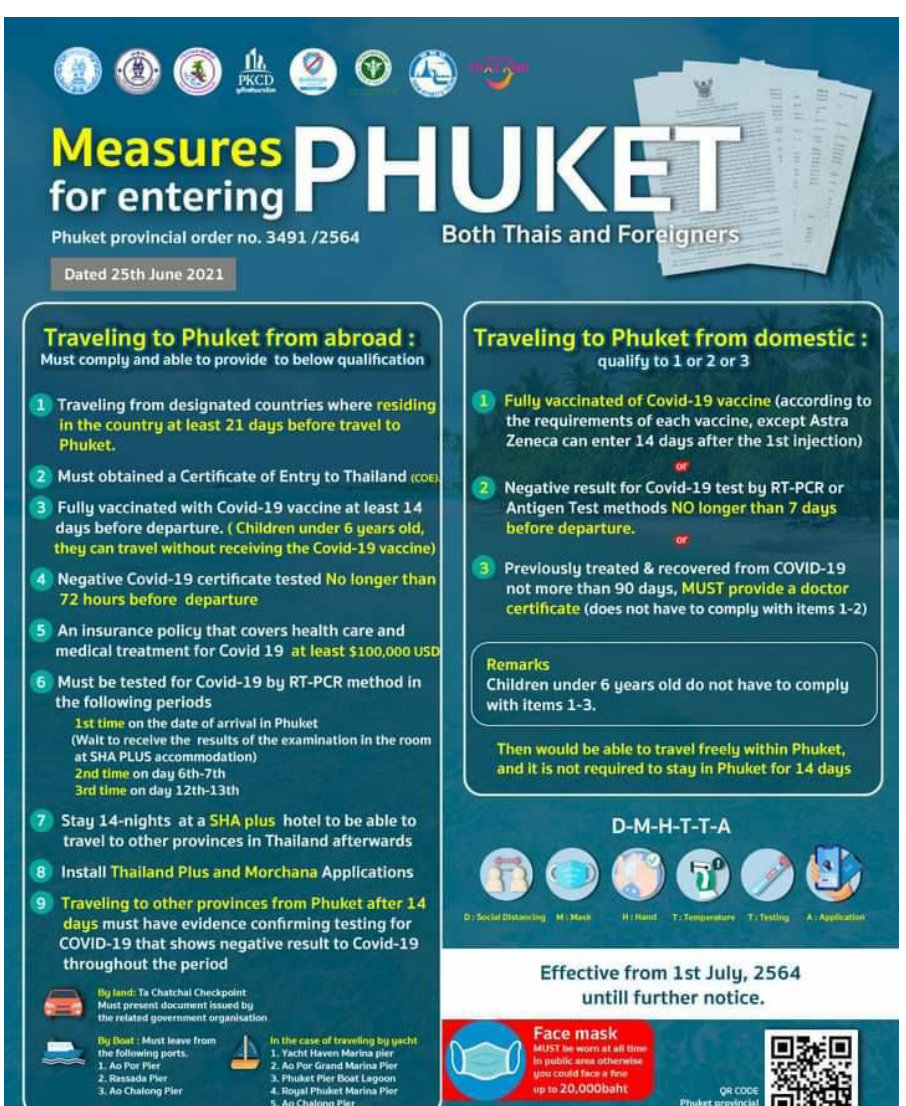
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"PHUKET SANDBOX" PROGRAM (THAILAND)

As part of the government's plan to reopen Thailand to foreign travelers, the Thai government in collaboration with private sectors has introduced the "Phuket-Sandbox" program. Since 1 July 2021, vaccinated international and domestic travelers from low and medium risk countries are welcomed to visit Phuket - Thailand through "Sandbox" program. As of 4 July 2021, more than 1,300 foreign visitors have arrived in Phuket under this program. Vaccinated travelers do not need to do quarantine and have to stay in Phuket for at least 14 days in the accredited SHA+ hotel and will then be allowed to visit other destined provinces in Thailand. Maintaining herd immunity and cooperation under the "Phuket-Sandbox" remain key concerns after the scheme began. The following are 66 countries included and requirement of public health measures for entering Thailand through "Phuket - Sandbox" program.



Source: [Thaiembassy](#), [Bangkokpost](#), [Tourism Authority of Thailand](#)



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