

The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand Notification on Clinical Practice Guideline for the Prevention of Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia (No. 4)

In recent situation on the Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia where it tends to affect more countries and various regions and the second meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the WHO Director-General under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) regarding the outbreak of novel coronavirus 2019 on 30 January 2020, where it declared that the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia constitutes a Public Health Emergency International Concern (PHEIC).

In order to upgrade the recent measures to become in accordance with the recommendation from Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health and the World Health Organization (WHO), the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand hereby issue the following guidelines;

1. Air operators shall follow the previous 3 Notifications on Clinical Practice Guideline for the Prevention of Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pneumonia in order to prevent the safety risk on health issue.

2. In case air operators have found any passenger on board with signs or symptoms of acute respiratory infection such as fever, cough, sore throat or runny nose during the flight, their crew members shall:

a) use personal protective equipment in the universal precaution kit on board.

b) offer medical masks to such passenger, other passengers on the same rows as such passengers and the other passengers sitting at the next 2 rows in the front and 2 rows in the back of such passenger and perform hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand rub.

c) if available, make spatial separation of at least 1 meter between such passengers and other passengers.

d) notify the air traffic controller in order to convey the finding to the airport of entry. The following forms shall also be filled according to ICAO standards and recommended practices and submit to the officer at airport of entry;

- General Declaration (Appendix 1 to ICAO Annex 9)
- Public Health Passenger Locator Form (Appendix 13. to ICAO Annex 9)

3. Air operators shall notify their staff and the crew members of the above guideline and comply with full cooperation.

The above guideline is to be aligned until the situation is ended or any further notification is issued.

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