



COVID NEWS UPDATE 28/5/21 – Vietnam facing possible upsurge in HCMC

In response to media blasts and news of “Covid waves” in Vietnam, it is important we take the information and put it into perspective: The total number of cases since the Pandemic began are now sitting at 6,356, but only 3,453 are active, and there are only 46 recorded deaths. Considering how other countries in the region have emerged, this is a great record.

However, in just one week the country recorded 444 new cases.

The emergence of 13 people belonging to a religious sect in Go Vap District of Ho Chi Minh City have tested positive for the virus. Amongst these new cases is a chef working at the Sheraton Hotel in District 1. The hotel has been temporarily blocked. Contract tracing has stepped up to locate all those in contact with the Chef and the hotel staff and those members of the religious sect called the Revival Ekklesia Mission. How the transmission occurred is still under investigation. However, it is expected the contract tracing will mean more closures and lockdowns in HCMC in coming weeks.

Ho Chi Minh City authorities have advised people to not gather in groups of more than 10 people in public places.

As of this date – 28/5/21 Vietnam is not allowing International tourists into Vietnam.

Vietnamese nationals and those with government duties, and special cases, including experts, business managers, foreign investors, and high-tech workers of businesses involved in important



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projects as determined by the Government of Vietnam, and their family members, are subjected to mandatory quarantine upon arrival. This could be up to 21 days depending on the situation. For detailed information on designated quarantine sites, please see the Vietnamese government's website here.

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