

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Malaysia

New COVID-19-related entry requirements for inbound travelers

Executive summary

The Malaysian authorities recently announced that all inbound travelers are required to undergo health screenings upon arrival in Malaysia. In addition, those who were present in China Mainland in the 14 days prior to their travel to Malaysia must get tested for COVID-19 upon arrival.

Key developments

All inbound travelers to Malaysia are subject to health screenings and temperature checks upon arrival. Individuals who display symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough) may be required to quarantine at a government-approved quarantine center at the direction of the Malaysian health authorities. Previously, Malaysia had removed all COVID-19-related requirements for inbound travelers.

Individuals who were present in China Mainland in the 14 days prior to their travel to Malaysia, and those who came in close contact with individuals who were recently present in China Mainland, are required to take a rapid antigen (RTK-Ag) COVID-19 test upon arrival. Those who test positive will be directed to the Malaysian health authorities and may be required to quarantine and undergo additional COVID-19 testing.

Further, individuals traveling from China Mainland and entering Malaysia via Sabah must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and take a polymerase chain reaction COVID-19 test or a professionally administered rapid antigen COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to departure, and test negative, to be admitted.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees of the new COVID-19-related requirements to avoid delays or complications in connection with travel to Malaysia.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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