

## Guidelines for airlines and airports operating flights from areas affected by the Nipah virus infection (West Bengal, India)

1. Airlines are required to notify crew members operating on routes to areas with outbreaks of the Nipah virus infection. And officials must go on-site to perform their duties in epidemic areas, wearing protective gear as instructed.

Of the Department of Disease Control.

2. During check-in or boarding, if it is found that there is a passenger from an epidemic area with a high fever, If there are respiratory symptoms, passengers must present a medical certificate for travel (fit to fly).  
certificate)

3. During the journey, if a passenger is found to be ill, they should remain in their designated seats without any seat change. They should immediately report to the flight control unit to coordinate with the international disease control checkpoint. This will prepare the procedures for receiving passengers and managing them according to the established guidelines. This will commence from January 26, 2026, at 00:01 AM Thailand time.

4. The airline is required to distribute Form T.8 (Health Declaration) to all passengers on every flight arriving from areas affected by the Nipah virus infection. Fill in the information before landing in Thailand. The procedures are in accordance with Section 39 of the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2558, and the implementation will commence from January 26th.

2569 00:01 Thailand time, and upon arrival in Thailand, submit documents to the disease control officer at the international disease control checkpoint before heading to immigration.

5. Inspecting the sanitation of vehicles and aircraft arriving from areas affected by the Nipah virus infection by disease control officers, in case of suspected cases on flights, starting from January 26, 2026, at 00:01 AM.

According to Thailand time

6. In case of suspected Nipah virus infection on an aircraft, airlines are required to disinfect the aircraft before continuing flight, following the instructions of the disease control officer at the international disease control checkpoint, starting from January 26, 2026, at 00:01 Thailand time.

7. Airports with flights coming from Nipah virus outbreak areas have designated designated landing bays for aircraft. The origins from the Nipah virus outbreak area, as per the order of the checkpoint disease control officer

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8. The airport is preparing for physical conditions in case of a sick passenger coming from the area. The outbreak of the Nipah virus infection includes isolation rooms, referral routes, baggage handling, and check-in.

Various unique seals, for example

9. Set up screening areas for travelers from areas with Nipah virus infection outbreaks, entering the country

10. The airline sent the Passenger manifestation and General Declaration form to the disease control checkpoint.

**By email or in document form**

11. Patients with any disease that is transmitted across the country from India and Bangladesh, which are countries with reported cases of infectious diseases.

Nipah virus, and if you wish to come for treatment in Thailand, please have the initial hospitals test for Nipah virus as well

The method of genetic material testing (PCR) before entering the country every time, by private hospitals that coordinate patients

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12. Under Article 51, anyone who violates or fails to comply with the order of the disease control officer under Article 39 (1) (2)

(3) or (5) or not facilitating the health officer under section 39 (4) is an offense.

The court will have to pay a fine not exceeding 20,000 baht.

13. Monitor the situation of the Nipah virus infection and the announcements from the Ministry of Public Health regarding the area.

The outbreak and measures that may change all the time

**\*Note:** The area where the Nipah virus infection spread as of January 24, 2026 is West Bengal.

## India

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