

Dear All:

We are happy to inform you that the Taiwan government has announced visa exemption entry for over 50 countries starting September 12th, 2022. Unfortunately, with the recent surge in COVID cases, there is still a strict COVID quarantine policy for arrivals from foreign countries. We believe that the quarantine rule will be modified in late September or early October. Then, all of you can attend the annual congress of ICCS 2022 physically.

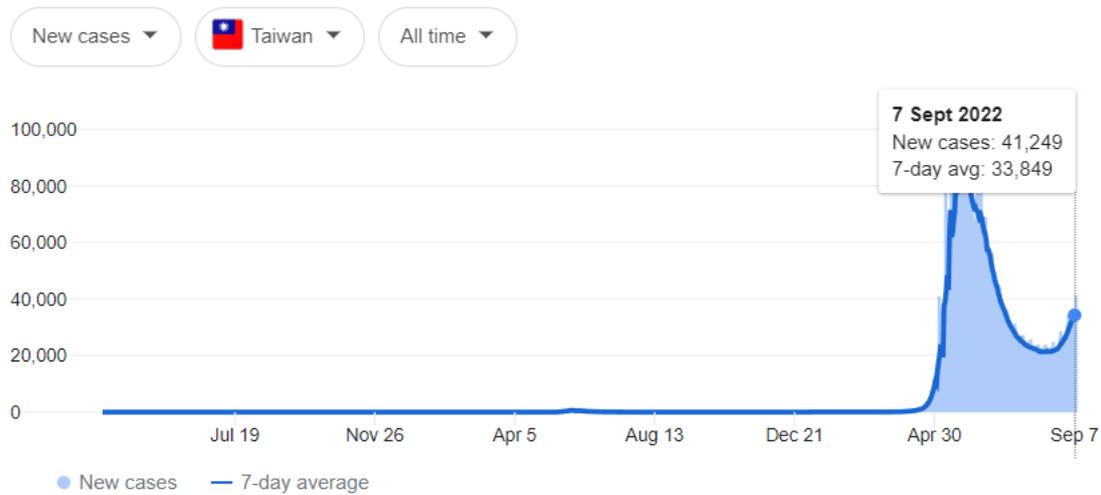
Please see the attached link for the latest government regulations.

1. Eligibility for visa exemption entry scheme
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-149-4486-7785a-2.html>
2. Quarantine policy for arrivals
<https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Bulletin/Detail/UxCjYmCfhTPMKXBUgUKPsw?typ eid=158#:~:text=Three%20days%20of%20quarantine%3A%20quarantining,stay%20at%20a%20quarantine%20hotel>

The following is a key summary for September rules:

1. Visa-free entry for nationals from the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and countries in the European Union.
2. No pre-flight PCR is required.
3. There will be no COVID test upon arrival at Taiwan's airport.
4. To travel from the airport to the hotel via "quarantine taxi."
5. 3+4 quarantine policy
 - Day of arrival - day 0
 - 3 days quarantine in a hotel/individual room at your friend's house
 - An additional 4 days of self-initiated epidemic prevention
 - Stays in the hotel / individual room at your friend's house
 - During this period, one can go out of the room to give a lecture or attend a conference. Wear masks all the time, except when eating or drinking. Dining with social distancing or a shield is recommended.

This is the latest trend of COVID in Taiwan.



We understand the difficulties of traveling to Taiwan while there is a strict quarantine rule. We will facilitate the booking of a quarantine hotel if necessary. We do hope that you will be able to take precious time off from work and join us at the ICCS conference. We will update if there is a new change to the COVID policy. We will be delighted to meet all of you in Taiwan.

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