

AustCham COVID-19 T0, T1 and Contact Tracing Guideline

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AustCham takes the health and wellbeing of its members, staff and the community in which we live in very seriously. The following guidelines will be implemented at all AustCham organised group events and will be updated regularly as the Pandemic evolves and based on Thailand Government and Australian Government guidelines.

Event access

All guests, staff and organising members at Austcham events must show proof of :

1. At least 2 vaccinations
2. ATK or PCR negative test result within 72 hours of the event

Testing Positive for COVID-19

If within 3 days after the event, someone at the event becomes positive following an ATK or PCR test the following are the steps the team will take

- T0 – Tier 0 – COVID-19 positive individual
- T1 – Tier 1 – following contact tracing those who were in close contact with T0 individual and should take precautions

T0 – Guidelines

When an individual contacts the AustCham team after an event and has tested positive, we will follow these guidelines

1. Inform the Executive Director “ED” with the person’s name and details
2. If the positive test is an ATK test recommend that the individual to confirm with a PCR within 24 hours, the PCR test is not essential . Assess if they have any symptoms.
3. ED to ask Contact Tracing Questions as below to assess who the positive person may have had close contact with at the event. (ED should ask the questions to all T0 to ensure consistency of approach and also ED knows most members, staff and organisers hence can help identify key individuals). If the positive person is Thai and prefers to speak in Thai , office will support ED.
4. Ask if we can confirm back after 7-10 days (as appropriate) when they retest and confirmation of negative result.

T1 Guidelines

1. Once the T0 individual confirms positive ATK test – ED will contact all T1 who have been identified via the contact tracing process. ED will advise them of the situation, assess if they have any symptoms and advise them to do at least an ATK test.

2. If the T1 does an ATK test and becomes positive we should following the same contact tracing process.
3. If the T1 does an ATK test and it is negative, depending on the severity of the pandemic at the time, the T1 can obtain medical advise. Currently the guideline is a T1 with no symptoms should home isolate for at least 3 full days and do another ATK on day 4 if that is negative then they have high probability of being clear. (If the event was on Wednesday then Wednesday = Day 0, Thursday = Day 1, Friday = Day 2, Saturday = Day 3, Sunday = Day 4 and can do ATK test on morning of Day 4). We can only give guideline to the T1 – they are responsible for their own actions.

Contact Tracing Guidelines

1. The same person should do the contact tracing at all times to allow for consistency in approach. For English language this will be ED and for Thai language staff in office. They will report all results to the EXCOM / Directors
2. The Contact Tracing Team will use the guidelines below, any disputes or issues the Contact Tracing Team should review with the EXCOM / Directors.

Contact Tracing Guidelines

- Person who has been in close contact (less than 1.5 meter) with an infected person for 5 minutes or more with a mask
- If you have contact less than 1.5m meters from a T0 without either of you wearing a mask
- Direct physical contact with the body of infected person with or without PPE and/or face masks
- Travel or sit in proximity (within 1.5 meter) of an infected person for 5 minutes or more with wearing a mask
- Exchange of material/items by hand from an infected person
- Touch or clean linens, clothes, or dishes of an infected person
- Had meals / snacks / drinks with an infected person in proximity (within 1.5 meters)
- Lives in the same house / room with an infected person
- Share or use workstation with the infected person i.e. chair, PC laptop, keyboard, writing material, paperwork, phones.