

Health Threats in Tourism Course
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Assignment 4

In light of the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in countries such as Hong Kong, Singapore, China, and Thailand, discuss the following questions:

- What can governments do to prevent a new wave of COVID-19?

Answer: Increase testing and surveillance.

- Promote booster vaccinations.
 - Communicate clearly with the public.
 - Reinforce mask use in high-risk areas.
 - Implement smart border controls.
 - Strengthen healthcare systems.
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- How can the tourism sector help reduce the spread of the virus while keeping international travel open?

Answer: • Use contactless check-ins and payments.

- Enforce health protocols in hotels and attractions.
- Require proof of vaccination or negative tests.
- Promote outdoor tourism.
- Train staff in health safety.
- Share real-time updates with travelers.

- **What lessons from the earlier stages of the COVID-19 pandemic can help countries respond better now and in the future?**

Answer: • Early detection and action are crucial.

- Public-private partnerships work.
- Global data sharing helps.
- Mental health must be supported.
- Tourism needs flexibility and digital readiness.

- **Choose one country (Germany, India, Nepal, Hong Kong, or Thailand) and explain how its tourism industry reacted to earlier waves of COVID-19.**
- **What actions worked well?**

Answer- • Phuket Sandbox: Safe reopening model for vaccinated tourists.

- Thailand Pass: Streamlined health entry system.
- Domestic tourism programs: Boosted local travel.

- **What actions did not work well?**

Answer-• Complicated and changing entry rules.

- Long quarantine periods discouraged visitors.
- Poor communication created confusion.