

# CORRESPONDENT'S ADVICE

**VIETNAM**

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## COVID-19 -Ho Chi Minh Lockdown

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### QUOTE

#### **Covid-19: Ho Chi Minh Radical Lockdown from 23 August 2021**

In the course of the Covid-19 pandemic, a series of various different measures have been introduced throughout Vietnam's provinces, sometimes making it impossible for the Budd Group's Ho Chi Minh surveyors to travel to other provinces. With the help of its local channels and connections, Budd Vietnam has nevertheless been able to maintain its services to vessels calling there.

Now that Ho Chi Minh City has become the epi-centre of the Covid-19 Delta Variant outbreak, with about half the country's recorded infections (i.e. 180,000 or so) and approximately 80% of the nation's Covid-19 deaths (7,010), the government has introduced more stringent lockdown measures.

From 06:00 LT yesterday morning:

1. All people must "stay where they are" and can only go out for emergency medical care.
2. Army checkpoint
3. All shops and businesses have been closed.
4. Food is to be distributed by the army, local authorities and volunteer bodies.
5. A curfew from 18:00 to 06:00.
6. All forms of public transport and commercial food delivery have been stopped.
7. No travel to other provinces is allowed.

The army has been brought in to man checkpoints, provide assistance and ensure these latest restrictions



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are fully respected.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Vietnam has adopted a regional approach in its fight against Covid-19 and has been quick to introduce, cancel or otherwise modify preventive measures and it is possible that the above rules will change.

In case of need, the UK government publishes the following updates  
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/vietnam/coronavirus>.

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