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**Preventive measures for persons arriving
from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19**

Following letters issued by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) are hereby cancelled.

1. Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021, dated 27.01.2022 on Quarantine measures for travelers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19
2. Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021, dated 25.02.2022 on Exempt for pre-departure COVID-19 testing of fully vaccinated travelers arriving in Sri Lanka.

Following COVID-19 preventive measures are imposed for persons arriving in Sri Lanka.

1. Entering into the country via airports and seaports

- a. Fully vaccinated persons who have obtained recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccine and depart two weeks after obtaining the vaccine are exempted from pre-boarding and on arrival (day 01) COVID-19 test.
- b. Children of twelve years to eighteen years, if depart two weeks after obtaining at least a single dose of Pfizer/Moderna Vaccine, will be considered as Fully Vaccinated and exempted from pre-boarding and on arrival (day 01) COVID-19 test.
- c. Persons who have taken at least a single dose of a two-dose vaccine and after vaccination had COVID-19 infection during the past six months will be considered as fully vaccinated and exempted from pre-boarding and on arrival (day 01) COVID-19 test.
- d. Persons who had COVID-19 infection within past six months and after the infection taken a single dose of a two-dose vaccine will be considered as fully vaccinated and exempted from pre-boarding and on arrival (day 01) COVID-19 test.
- e. Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated persons of 12 years and above should mandatorily carry a negative COVID-19 PCR test report done within 72 hours prior to embarkation OR Rapid

Antigen Test (RAT) report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation. Self-swabs are not allowed. They will be exempted from on arrival (Day One test).

- f. Persons with a history of COVID-19 infection more than 6 months before date of departure with a single dose of a two-dose vaccine are NOT considered as fully vaccinated and should arrive with a negative pre-boarding COVID-19 test. They will be exempted from on arrival (Day One test).
- g. Children below 12 years are exempted from pre-boarding COVID-19 testing.
- h. Submission of Health Declaration Form is not required
- i. The compliance to the entry requirements should be ensured by the operating airline prior to boarding of passengers. The vaccination certificate/PCR or RAT test report should be checked for above entry requirements.

2. On arrival PCR/RAT

- a. On arrival PCR or Rapid Antigen Test is NOT required for persons arriving by air who are considered as fully vaccinated or arriving with a negative Covid-19 test (PCR/RAT) report as stipulated in section 1.

3. Quarantine requirement

- a. No quarantine requirement for persons arriving by air who are considered as fully vaccinated or arriving with a negative Covid-19 test (PCR/RAT) as stipulated in section 1.

4. Seafarers/sea marshals/passengers arriving via seaports

- a. Vaccination and COVID-19 test requirement in Section 1 is applicable to Seafarers/sea marshals/passengers arriving via seaports.
- b. However, considering the practical situation, pre-boarding COVID-19 testing is exempted for persons who are not fully vaccinated. They should undergo mandatory on arrival COVID 19 test (PCR or RAT).
- c. If the CT value of the on arrival COVID-19 PCR test is 30 or below, should isolate for 7 days. If the CT value is >30, can be released without isolation. Sri Lankan nationals can isolate in their residence. Foreign nationals should isolate at an Intermediate Care Centre managed by private hospital/ Safe and Secure Certified Hotel/at their residence if available.
- d. No quarantine required for 12 years and above if fully vaccinated OR if on arrival COVID-19 test is negative.
- e. Children below 12 years are exempted from COVID-19 testing (pre-boarding & on arrival) and quarantine.

5. General measures

- a. The original vaccination certificate / vaccination card /verifiable evidence of vaccination, PCR test report/ RAT test report should be produced. If the above documents are not in English language, should produce an English Translation together with the original certificate/card/test report.

- b. Persons with COVID-19 infection should depart from their country to travel to Sri Lanka after 7 days of onset of COVID-19 infection. They should carry a diagnosis card or verifiable evidence or positive COVID-19 test report (PCR/RAT) as a proof of past history of illness.
- c. Fully vaccinated status - *If taken a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Sinopharm, Moderna, AstraZeneca etc) or recommended combination of vaccine (e.g. Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca) or if taken a single dose vaccine (e.g. Janssen etc.) and depart two weeks after obtaining the vaccine.*
- d. Foreign National passport holders must have an insurance cover for at least USD 50,000 including cover for hospitalized treatment for COVID-19 infection. The intended period of stay in Sri Lanka and additional 14 days should be covered by the insurance.
- e. If foreign nationals/tourists become COVID-19 positive after arriving to Sri Lanka, they should isolate for 7 days in an approved Private hospital/Intermediate Care Centre managed by the private hospital/Safe and secure certified hotel where they are staying/if available, in their residence. Sri Lankan nationals can isolate at home.

This guideline is effective for the persons arriving in Sri Lanka via airports or seaports from 00:00 Hrs on 18th of April 2022 and persons who have already arrived.



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