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Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19

Due to the current COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka and globally, following quarantine measures are imposed for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka.

Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 18.08.2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19 is hereby cancelled.

A Approval to enter into the country

No.	Category	Approval
A.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Lankan Citizens • Sri Lankan Seafarers arriving via airports • Dual Citizens (if using the Sri Lankan passport to arrive) 	Do not need to get the prior approval from the Foreign Ministry and Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka to arrive in Sri Lanka. They have to liaise with the airline and arrive in Sri Lanka. If need to Quarantine, can request a Quarantine Hotel / Government Quarantine Centre after arriving in Sri Lanka at the arriving airport or book a Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 hotel as mentioned in Section A.2.
A.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourists • Foreign Nationals (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) • Dual Citizens • Sri Lankan Citizens 	If need to Quarantine at a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 hotel, should obtain Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) using the protocol stipulated in following Sri Lanka Tourism website, https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/ . They have to abide by operational guidelines of Sri Lanka Tourism in addition provisions of this letter and other Health Ministry protocols on COVID-19 preventive measures.
A.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual Citizens (if using the foreign passport to arrive) 	If not arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism, should get the prior approval from the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) followed by Civil Aviation Authority (caaspax@caa.lk) of Sri Lanka to arrive in Sri Lanka.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign Nationals (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) 	<p>If a Foreign National does not have a valid visa, they have to obtain a landing permit / visa from the Department of Immigration & Emigration prior to their departure.</p> <p>If need to Quarantine, can request a Government Quarantine Centre (for Dual Citizens)/Government managed Quarantine Hotel after arriving in Sri Lanka at the arriving airport.</p>
A.4	Foreign Nationals arriving for important projects / meetings / discussions as invited by the Sri Lankan Government / Private Organizations	<p>Should get prior approval from the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) followed by Civil Aviation Authority (caaslpax@caa.lk) of Sri Lanka to arrive in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>They should submit necessary details with the letter of invitation from Sri Lankan counterpart to get the approval to arrive in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>If a Foreign National does not have a valid visa, they have to obtain a landing permit/visa from the Department of Immigration & Emigration prior to their departure.</p> <p>If need to Quarantine, can request a government managed Quarantine Hotel after arriving in Sri Lanka at the arriving airport or book a Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 hotel.</p>

B Approval to Quarantine at a Residence for Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka (mentioned in Annex 01) who are holding Diplomatic / UN / Official passports

B.1	Foreign National Staff members and their accompanying spouse, parents and children are allowed to undergo mandatory Quarantine at a Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel / Quarantine at an area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) approved residence.
B.2	If Foreign National staff members of Diplomatic Missions or Foreign National staff members of organizations/agencies are undergoing mandatory quarantine at a residence, respective Diplomatic Mission / Organization / Agency with permanent offices in Sri Lanka should take prior approval in writing from area MOH mentioning that the residence is suitable for mandatory quarantine.
B.3	Details of the Foreign National Staff members and their accompanying spouse, parents and children undergoing mandatory quarantine at approved residences should be informed to area MOH on Day 1 of arrival, as they have to quarantine under the supervision of area MOH.

C Pre departure negative COVID-19 PCR test report

C.1	Travellers of two years and above arriving in Sri Lanka should mandatorily carry a negative COVID-19 PCR test report in English language done within 72 hours prior to embarkation
C.2	Travellers with a history of COVID-19 infection during past three months could arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation . They should carry a diagnosis card or verifiable evidence or positive PCR report or positive Rapid Antigen Test report as a proof of past history of illness (in English).

D COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate/Card

D.1	Travellers who have received the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccine should carry the original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate/card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English in a non - English certificate / card) or verifiable evidence of vaccination.
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E "Fully Vaccinated" travellers

E.1	If the recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccination are completed and departs from abroad two weeks after completion of vaccination , they will be considered as "Fully Vaccinated" .
E.2	As there are positive cases reported among fully vaccinated persons in Sri Lanka and in other countries, it is important to minimize the spread of COVID-19 or its variants entering in to the country. Therefore, all travellers including fully vaccinated travellers should not relax the preventive measures and should abide by the COVID-19 preventive measures imposed by the Government of Sri Lanka.

F Procedures to follow at the arriving airport in Sri Lanka

F.1	Each traveller should submit a completed Health Declaration Form to the staff of the Airport Health Office at the health counters of arriving airport. Separate Health Declaration Form should be submitted for each of accompanying children if any.
F.2	Travellers who have completed the recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccination and departs from abroad after two weeks of completion of vaccination, should produce the vaccination certificate / card / verifiable evidence (in English) to Airport Health Officer at arriving airport.
F.3	After completion of formalities at the airport, travellers who are required to be quarantined will be transferred to a Quarantine Centre / Quarantine Hotel managed by the Government of Sri Lanka or to a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. Transport shall be provided by the government authorities or the Hotel Management on a pre-determined manner. Respective Diplomatic Mission / Organization / Agency with permanent offices in Sri Lanka should arrange their own transport (adhering to preventive measures imposed by Government of Sri Lanka) to transport Foreign National staff members, if undergoing quarantine at an area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) approved residence.

G. Procedures to be followed after released from the arriving airport

No	Category	Procedure
G.1	Fully vaccinated travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated travellers who have completed 14 days after recommended doses of vaccination and arriving with a negative COVID-19 PCR Report done within 72 hours of embarkation / negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation (as mentioned in Section C) will be released from airport and do not need to do Day 1 PCR test or undergo quarantine after arriving in Sri Lanka. If develop COVID-19 like symptoms, they should conduct a COVID-19 test from a Ministry of Health approved laboratory and produce the report to area Medical Officer of Health (MOH).
G.2	Unvaccinated children below 18 years old of fully vaccinated parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children up to 12 years do not need to do COVID-19 testing after arriving in Sri Lanka Unvaccinated children below 12 years of fully vaccinated parents who are Sri Lankan citizens / Dual citizens / Resident visa holders should be allowed to travel home with parents. Unvaccinated children of 12 -18 years of fully vaccinated parents need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankans and Dual Citizens) / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, they can be released from Quarantine and should be allowed to go home with fully vaccinated parents. They will not be further quarantined.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unvaccinated children below 12 years of fully vaccinated parents who are Tourists / Foreign Nationals should be allowed to travel with fully vaccinated parents. Unvaccinated children of 12 -18 years of fully vaccinated parents who are Tourists / Foreign nationals need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, they can be released from Quarantine and should be allowed to go home / hotel with fully vaccinated parents. They will not be further quarantined.
G.3	Quarantine measures for travelers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination / not completed the recommended doses of vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Lankan Citizens / Dual Citizens / Resident Visa Holders should undergo Day 1 PCR testing at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankans and Dual Citizens) / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, can undergo home quarantine for 14 days. Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should inform the details of the discharged traveller to area MOH. After going home, traveller should inform about their arrival to area MOH. Should perform an Exit PCR test/ Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 from a Ministry of Health approved laboratory and can be released from quarantine on Day 14 by producing the negative test result to the area MOH. Tourists / Foreign Nationals should undergo 14-day quarantine at a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel / Quarantine Hotel. Should perform COVID-19 PCR tests on Day 1 and Exit COVID-19 PCR test/ Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 and can be released from quarantine on Day 14 with negative PCR test results. Unvaccinated Sri Lankan Citizens / Dual Citizens / Resident Visa Holders who do not have facilities to quarantine at home, can undergo 14-day quarantine at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankans and Dual Citizens) / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel.
G.4	Unvaccinated children below 18 years old of parents who are unvaccinated / not completed the recommended doses of vaccination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children up to 12 years do not need to do COVID-19 testing after arriving in Sri Lanka. Unvaccinated children below 18 years of unvaccinated parents who are Sri Lankan citizens/ Dual citizens / Resident visa holders should be allowed to travel home and undergo home quarantine for 14 days with parents if parents are undergoing home quarantine. Unvaccinated 12-18 years children of Sri Lankan Citizens / Dual Citizens / Resident Visa Holders should undergo Day 1 PCR testing at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankans and Dual Citizens) / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. With a negative test result, can travel home with parents to undergo home quarantine for 14 days. Should perform Exit COVID-19 PCR test/ Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 and can be released from quarantine on Day 14 by producing the negative PCR test result to the area MOH. Unvaccinated 12 -18 years children of Tourists/ Foreign Nationals should perform Day 1 PCR and undergo 14-day quarantine at a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel /Quarantine Hotel. Should perform Exit COVID-19 PCR test / Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 and can be released from quarantine on Day 14 with a negative test result.

G.5	Travellers who have departed from abroad within less than two weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination and their unvaccinated children below 18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children up to 12 years do not need to do COVID-19 testing after arriving in Sri Lanka. Sri Lankan Citizens / Dual Citizens / Resident visa holders should perform Day 1 PCR at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankan citizens/ Dual citizens) / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel and with a negative PCR report can be allowed to undergo home quarantine until completion of 14 days of post vaccination. Unvaccinated children up to 18 years can be released with parents for home quarantine and unvaccinated children of 12- 18 years should do a Day 1 PCR. With negative results, can be allowed to undergo home quarantine with parents. Parents and unvaccinated children of 12-18 years have to do an Exit COVID-19 PCR test/ Rapid Antigen Test (on the date of completing 14 days post vaccination of parents) and release from quarantine by producing the negative test result to the area MOH. Tourists/ Foreign Nationals should do Day 1 PCR and undergo quarantine at a Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of 14 days post vaccination period. Parents and unvaccinated children of 12-18 years have to do an Exit COVID-19 PCR test / Rapid Antigen Test (on the date of completing 14 days post vaccination of parents) and release from quarantine with the negative test results. Sri Lankan citizens/ Dual citizens/ Resident visa holders who do not have facilities to quarantine at home, can undergo quarantine at a Government Quarantine Centre (for Sri Lankan citizens / Dual citizens) /Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of 14 days post vaccination period. Parents and unvaccinated children of 12-18 years have to do an Exit COVID-19 PCR test / Rapid Antigen Test (on the date of completing 14 days post vaccination of parents) and release from quarantine with the negative test results.
G.6	Travellers with a history of COVID-19 within past three months and if arriving only with a single dose of vaccine taken two weeks after the recovery and their unvaccinated children below 18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to verify with relevant documents, vaccination records, pre departure PCR reports at the airport. If completed 14 days after vaccination and with negative PCR Report done within 72 hours of embarkation / negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation (as mentioned in Section C), will be released from airport and do not need to do Day 1 PCR test or undergo quarantine after arriving in Sri Lanka. If not fully vaccinated, should arrive after obtaining a single dose of Astra Zeneca / Pfizer BioNTech / Moderna vaccine or any other single dose COVID-19 vaccine recommended to fully vaccinate the general population (eg. Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik Light etc) at the country of origin. If not completed 14 days post vaccination period, should undergo quarantine as stipulated in Section G.5. Unvaccinated children up to 18 years can be released with parents for home quarantine as stipulated in Section G.2.

H Seafarers or Sea marshals (Maritime Security Officers) arriving in Sri Lanka

No	Category	Procedures to arrive and measures to be taken after arrival
H.1	Foreign National Seafarers or Sea marshals who are NOT Fully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign National Seafarers or Sea marshals should obtain approval from the Foreign Ministry to enter the country. They may be arriving into the country via airports/ seaports to board a ship or to travel to another country via airport. If not received COVID-19 vaccination /

	vaccinated arriving in Sri Lanka via airport/seaports	not completed the recommended doses of vaccination / arrive in less than 14 days of recommended doses of vaccination, they should be quarantined in an Isolation Centre (used to quarantine seafarers / sea marshals). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If arriving via airports, they have to arrive with predeparture COVID-19 test reports as stipulated in Section C of this guideline.
H.2	Sri Lankan Seafarers / Sea marshals who are NOT Fully vaccinated arriving via airports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not received COVID-19 vaccination / not completed the recommended doses of vaccination / less than 14 days of recommended doses of vaccination, should perform Day 1 PCR at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre / Quarantine Hotel / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, can undergo home quarantine, if facilities are available at home. Should perform Exit COVID-19 PCR test / Rapid Antigen Test on Day 12 and can be released from quarantine on Day 14 by producing the negative test result to the area MOH.
H.3	Fully vaccinated Sri Lankan / Foreign National Seafarers / Sea marshals arriving via airports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated seafarers/ sea marshals who have completed 14 days after recommended doses of vaccination and arriving with a negative COVID-19 PCR report done within 72 hours of embarkation / negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation (as mentioned in Section C) will be released and do not need to undergo quarantine after arriving in Sri Lanka. If COVID-19 pre boarding PCR is exempted for Sri Lankan Seafarers / sea marshals as per the instructions of the letter of DGHS, No. DQ/06/2020, Dated 2021/03/08, should perform Day 1 PCR at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Government Quarantine Centre /Quarantine Hotel/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. They can be released with a negative PCR report and do not need to undergo quarantine. If develop COVID-19 like symptoms, should conduct a PCR test from a Ministry of Health approved laboratory and produce to area Medical Officer of Health (MOH).
H.4	Fully vaccinated Sri Lankan / Foreign National Seafarers / Sea marshals arriving via seaports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated seafarers/ sea marshals who have completed 14 days after recommended doses of vaccination should undergo Day 1 PCR testing at an Isolation Centre (Quarantine Centre for seafarers / sea marshals). They can be released with a negative PCR report and do not need to undergo quarantine.

All other Seafarer / Sea marshal operations including quarantine measures for Seafarers / Sea marshals **arriving via seaports** should be done adhering to the provisions in Standard Operating Procedures issued by the Ministry of Health.

I Travellers with Positive COVID-19 test reports

I.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor / Hotel Management at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel / Isolation Centre (Quarantine facility for seafarers/ sea marshals)/ local Shipping Agents should immediately inform the details of the COVID-19 test positive person to the area Medical officer of Health (MOH) and email the details to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com).
I.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ministry of Health approved laboratories (Private and State sector) conducting COVID-19 tests, should inform the Positive test results with the details of the positive person immediately to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) and area MOH.
I.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Lankan Citizens (including Sri Lankan Seafarers / Sea marshals), Dual Citizens can be allowed to isolate at home or at an Intermediate Care Centre / designated hospital.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Visa Holders can be allowed to isolate at home or at an Intermediate Care Centre managed by Private Hospital / designated Private Hospital. Foreign National staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN Organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka, can be allowed to isolate at residence or at an Intermediate Care Centre managed by private hospital/ designated private hospital. All other Foreign Nationals will be sent to an Intermediate Care center managed by private hospital/ designated private hospital.
I.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the positive results, if Sri Lankan Citizens / Dual Citizens / Resident visa holders / released to isolate at home (Home Isolation), they should be transported to their homes by adhering to health measures (not by public transport). Travellers should contact (email / phone) the area Medical Officer of Health, once they arrive at home. They should be registered at home care management system in Sri Lanka by informing the area MOH. If released for Home Isolation, they should stay at home / residence without leaving the premises and practice all health measures to prevent other family members at home / residence getting infected. They have to follow the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health on Home Care Management for positive persons.

J Other Measures

J.1	In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel / the staff of Airport Health Office should verify the status of vaccination of the traveller.
J.2	In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should issue a "Discharge Document" when discharging travellers who are undergoing quarantine.
J.3	If the Day 1 PCR test report is negative, Tourists arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism are allowed to move between Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotels in a bio-secure travel bubble and allowed to visit approved important sites in a bio-secure travel bubble during the quarantine period.
J.4	PCR testing of the travellers after arriving in Sri Lanka should be conducted by a Ministry of Health approved laboratory (Private sector or State sector). List of approved Private Sector Laboratories is available at Ministry of Health Website (http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999)
J.5	If a COVID-19 test result of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive, exempted children will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
J.6	Quarantine period of travellers will be extended, if they are identified as immediate close contacts of a COVID-19 positive person or if they arrive from high-risk countries as decided by health authorities.
J.7	Travellers who are under mandatory quarantine at a Quarantine Hotel/ Centre/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ Home / approved quarantine residence are allowed to travel to foreign countries during the quarantine period with negative COVID-19 PCR reports.
J.8	All COVID-19 PCR / Rapid Antigen test results of the travellers should be informed to area Medical Officer of Health. List of contact details of area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) is available at Ministry of Health Website (http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999)

Summary on quarantine measures for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka is shown in Annex 02.

Summary on isolation for travellers who are tested positive is shown in Annex 03.

This guideline is effective for the travellers arriving in Sri Lanka from 00:00 on 29th of September 2021 to 24: 00 on 31st of October 2021 and for the travellers who have already arrived in Sri Lanka.

This guideline will be revised depending on the COVID-19 situation in the country and the global situation.

Director General of Health Services as the Proper Authority for whole of Sri Lanka under the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance No. 03 of 1897, can make directions deviating from this guideline without prior notice considering individual situations



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