



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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Special Travel Advice for Travelers Entering Samoa

Due to the emergence and rapid transmission of COVID19 variant detected and identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa

EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY;

- 1. All travelers originating from or transiting through the United Kingdom and South Africa from 1st October 2020 to now onwards are denied entry to Samoa until further review.**
- 2. Travelers and transiting passengers from countries listed below will be assessed on a case by case basis before denied entry:**

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| Spain | Singapore | Japan |
| Italy | Nigeria | Jordan |
| Sweden | Canada | Lebanon |
| Denmark | Australia | New Zealand |
| France | South Korea | United States of America |

- 3. Similarly to above (2), all countries not listed will also be assessed on a case by case basis as we continue to monitor the current spread of the COVID19 variant as reported in the above noted countries.**
- 4. All Travelers in to Samoa are now required to;**
 - have a Negative rtPCR COVID test within 72 hours before boarding from last port
 - Medical Clearance within 72 hours before boarding from last port
 - Blood Serology for COVID19 Antibody Test within 5 days before boarding
 - Expect managed quarantine isolation to be extended to 21 days

5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AT SEA PORT (WHARF) – Cargo, Tankers and Fishing Vessels

- 1. ALL **New joining crew** are required to;**
 - provide medical reports,**
 - COVID19 rtPCR test result and**
 - Blood serology for COVID19 Antibody test from last port before arrival into Samoa, within the last 30 days.**
- 2. ALL other **Sea vessels crew who have been on the vessel for more than 30 days** are required to provide from last port;**
 - Medical Clearance report,**

ii. **COVID19 rtPCR test result**

3. All Tankers, Cargo Ships and Fishing vessels Entering Samoa **with crew change at any port must complete 14 days out at sea before entering Samoa.**

All vessels are assessed on a case by case basis.

6. Any Traveler, Flight and Sea Vessel Crew with a history of a positive COVID 19 rtPCR test is not allowed to enter Samoa:

- Unless Six (6) months have passed from date of the first positive test result;
- Must provide genome sequencing test of the virus if available;
- Must provide proof of 3 consecutive negative test results at least 7 days apart after six months have passed;
- Must have a blood serology for COVID19 Antibody test done within 5 days before departure and
- All COVID 19 PCR test results, genomic sequencing test and Serology tests must be submitted via email to Director General of Health on email ceo@health.gov.ws and Dr Robert Thomsen email robertt@health.gov.ws
- **Failure to do so can result in no board or entry denied.**

ALL TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.

Your compliance with the conditions listed is imperative to ensuring the safety of all travelers and our people in Samoa. We endeavor to keep Samoa COVID-19 Free.

For travel preparations and information regarding rules of quarantine visit the Ministry of Health website www.health.gov.ws

The Ministry of Health appreciates your full compliance and patience on arrival as you may experience long delays.

We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.



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Director General of Health



Attached Annex 1: Important Information for All Travellers

Annex 1: Important Information for All Travelers

A. ALL Travelers:

- ✓ All are required to complete the Health Declaration Card in Flight.
- ✓ All are required to have a COVID-19 test done with a negative result within three days or 72 hours before arrival. Only RT-PCR COVID-19 is accepted.
- ✓ All are required to undergo medical examination by a Registered Medical Practitioner within three days or 72 hours before arrival.
- ✓ All are required to declare any history of COVID-19 infection or COVID-19 positive test in the past 6 (six) months on medical assessment form. (form can be downloaded from the Ministry of Health Web page www.health.gov.ws)
- ✓ You will **NOT** be allowed to board the plane;
 - i. If you have a **positive COVID-19** test or fail to provide a valid COVID-19 test result OR
 - ii. Fail to provide a valid Medical Clearance Report/Certificate OR
 - iii. If you declare any history of COVID 19 infection or COVID 19 positive test in the past 6 (six) months on medical assessment form OR
 - iv. If you have any of the following symptoms;
 - Cough
 - Flu Like Illness
 - Fever
 - Sore Stomach
 - Sore throat
 - Diarrhea
- ✓ Hard copies of both COVID-19 test result and medical report should be presented at check in and on arrival to airline and health officials. Text messages or verbal communication of COVID-19 results will not be accepted.

Travelers entering Samoa from **COVID-19 FREE Pacific Countries** are required to provide proof of staying at their COVID-19 free country for the last 28 days or more prior to travelling to Samoa.

- ✓ You will go directly into managed isolation upon arrival into Samoa at a designated location.
- ✓ **Minimum period of quarantine is 14 days and can change any time**, and you will be informed of any changes.
- ✓ You must **change any foreign currency to Samoan Tala before traveling to Samoa** as no banks will be open at the airport on arrival.
- ✓ You are **required to wear a face mask at all times** during the flight, upon arrival and while in quarantine.
- ✓ You must bring your own personal necessities e.g. soap, tooth brush, tooth paste etc. to last for 14 days or more.
- ✓ Passengers are advised to check in only one piece luggage (required weight 23kg)
- ✓ You are **not allowed** to bring in any additional packages/parcels for delivery upon arrival into Samoa to family members etc.
- ✓ You are required to ensure you have sufficient medications to last you three months and note your medical condition on the Health declaration card.
- ✓ You are responsible for the cost of any medications prescribed while in quarantine.
- ✓ You are **not allowed** to bring alcohol or consume any alcohol on quarantine site.
- ✓ Passengers **requiring special diets will be responsible for their own dietary needs** and must inform the quarantine site staff of your dietary needs. **You are responsible for costs** associated with your dietary needs.
- ✓ The cost of accommodation, breakfast and lunch during quarantine will be paid by Government. **Dinner will be the passenger's responsibility.**

Travelers with Special Requirements:

- If you have any medical conditions or above 60 years of age travelling alone and require regular medical assistance while in quarantine, you are advised to defer your travel until boarders are fully opened.
- All travelers requiring wheelchair assistance and those with special needs must be accompanied by an adult relative in flight and during the mandatory quarantine period.

Infants and Children less than 18 years of age:

- All infants and children should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the duration of the quarantine period.
- A written consent is required from parent or legal guardian for any child going into quarantine alone.
- Parents are advised that all children's immunizations are up to date especially measles vaccines due to the recent outbreak.
- Parents/legal guardian travelling with infants/child must ensure sufficient supplies of basic needs e.g. milk, wipes, diapers, formula etc. for the duration of quarantine.

There are penalties if the conditions of quarantine are breached. This applies to all people in quarantine leaving or individuals and families going to quarantine sites.

The Ministry of Health is not responsible or liable for any costs or lost items on arrival or while in quarantine.
