



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

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY;

- 1. ALL passengers are advised to communicate straight to the Samoa Health Authorities 21 days before planned travel time by emailing enquiries@health.gov.ws or samohealth.travelenquiries@gmail.com)**

All travelers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis before being granted permission to travel to Samoa. A passenger holding a valid airline ticket to Samoa has been pre-approved by the Samoan Government to travel.

- 2. All passengers (except passengers originating from American Samoa and New Zealand) are required to comply with the following:**

- i. Negative rtPCR COVID test taken within 72 hours on arrival into Auckland Airport. The lab result must be presented in hard copy.
- ii. Medical Clearance signed and completed within 72 hours of departure from originating airport. The medical clearance must be presented in hard copy.
- iii. Repeated rtPCR is required if transit time is more than 32 hours **in transit** at any port. The lab result must be presented in hard copy.
- iv. Blood Serology for COVID19 Antibody Test within 5 days before departure from originating airport. Must be presented in hard copy
- v. Passengers who have completed COVID-19 vaccination should provide evidence from a certified provider stating date of first and second doses, with name of vaccine used, with stamp of provider for verification.
- vi. Expect managed quarantine and isolation to be extended to 21 days or more
- vii. Medical Clearance Report, Negative rtPCR results and Antibody test are required to be presented at check-in for assessment prior to departure

- 3. Passengers originating from New Zealand**

Passengers originating from New Zealand:

- i. Are exempted from doing a Blood Serology Antibody Test if you have stayed for more than 28 days in New Zealand or have just completed 14 days and have not exceeded 32 hours after discharge from a Managed Isolation and Quarantine facility in New Zealand.

- ii. Must present a signed Medical Clearance form completed within 72 hours of departure from Auckland.
- iii. Must present a Negative rtPCR COVID test taken within 72 hours of departure from Auckland. The lab result must be presented in hard copy
- iv. Expect managed quarantine and isolation to be extended to 21 days or more
- v. Medical Clearance Report, Negative rtPCR results are required to be presented at check-in for assessment prior to departure

4. **Passengers originating from American Samoa**

Passengers originating from American Samoa are required to provide:

- a. Medical Clearance signed by attending physician within 72 hours before departure
- b. rtPCR tests reports within 72 hours before departure
- c. Expect exemption from quarantine on arrival. this requirement may change without notice from time to time depending on COVID-19 Risk Status

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

1. ALL **New joining crew** are required to;
 - i. **Provide medical reports,**
 - ii. **COVID19 rtPCR test result and**
 - iii. **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;
 - i. **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.

5. **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.**

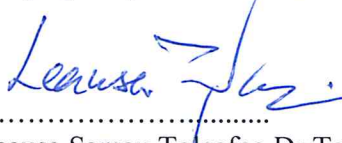
ALL TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.

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 to download the Government of Samoa Ministry of Health Medical Clearance Health form and for 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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Leausa Samau Toleafoa Dr Take Naseri
Director General of Health



Some Basic Information

- ✓ All are **required to wear a face mask at all times** during the flight, upon arrival and while in quarantine.
- ✓ You will go directly into managed isolation upon arrival into Samoa at a designated location.
- ✓ You must **change any foreign currency to Samoan Tala before traveling to Samoa** as no banks will be open at the airport on arrival.
- ✓ **Minimum period of quarantine is 14 days and can change any time**, and you will be informed of any changes.
- ✓ 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 borders 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.