



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MATAGALUEGA O LE SOIFUA MALOLOINA

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Special Travel Advice for Travelers Entering Samoa

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 pertaining to travel advise.
2. All travelers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis before being granted permission to travel to Samoa.
3. Due to the current COVID-19 development in Fiji and other parts of the world, the following is now re-enforced for all passengers;
 - I. A **Negative rtPCR COVID test** is required to be taken within 72 hours of departure from originating airport. The lab result must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - II. Medical Clearance signed and done within 120 hours of departure from originating airport. The medical clearance must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - III. Blood Serology for COVID19 Antibody Test within 5 days before departure from originating airport. Must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - IV. Expect quarantine as determined by the Ministry of Health depending on flight details and country of origin.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL COME INTO FORCE AT 12:00am, 1ST JULY 2021.

4. Travelers including crew are **NOW** required to be fully vaccinated before entry into Samoa with any vaccine pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, & Janssen).
5. A **legitimate vaccine certificate** is required for boarding. Fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used. All should have completed 2 weeks post vaccination prior to travel.
6. A hard copy must be presented on arrival into Samoa.
7. **Passengers who haven't been vaccinated or fail to complete required doses of vaccination will be denied boarding.**
8. Children under 18 years are exempted from the requirement above.

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- 11. All passengers who have complied with above requirements should expect quarantine for a period determined by the Ministry of Health depending on vaccine type, and country of origin.**

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

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 visit the Ministry of Health website at www.health.gov.ws to download the Government of Samoa, Ministry of Health Medical Clearance Health form and for information regarding rules of quarantine.

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

We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.



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

1. All crew including any traveler are **NOW** required to be fully vaccinated before entry into Samoa with any vaccine pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, & Janssen).
2. A **legitimate vaccine certificate** is required and a hard copy must be presented on arrival into Samoa. Fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used.
3. **Any crew who hasn't been vaccinated or fail to complete required doses of vaccination will be denied entry.**
4. A **Negative rtPCR COVID test** is still required to be taken within 72 hours of departure from originating seaport. The lab result must be transmitted via email or present hard copy on arrival into Samoa
5. Medical Clearance signed and done within 120 hours of departure from originating airport is still required. The medical clearance must be transmitted via email or present hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
6. Same requirements above will apply to any **new joining crew or passenger.**
7. All Tankers, Cargo Ships and Fishing vessels entering Samoa **with crew change at any port that do not comply with the above, will be quarantined for a period as determined by th Ministry of Health.**

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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.