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Special Travel Advice for Travelers Entering Samoa

Expect Changes at Short Notice

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 for further clarification pertaining to travel advice.
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 the presence of the COVID-19 Delta Variant reported in over 80 countries globally (list of Countries in ANNEX 1).
4. All Travellers, travelling from Fiji or Countries with Widespread Transmission of the COVID-19 Delta Variant are not allowed to travel or transit directly to Samoa. All are required to divert and spend 28 days or more at a country with minimal or no community transmission of the Delta Variant before travelling to Samoa.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE NOW ENFORCED AND MUST COMPLY WITH.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH – ANY OTHER LANGUAGE WILL BE DENIED BOARDING WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

5. With Samoa's limited and delayed supply of COVID-19 Vaccines from COVAX facility, **Travelers including crew are NOW required to be fully vaccinated with prescribed 2 doses with the exception of Janssen** before entry into Samoa with any COVID-19 vaccine and preferably vaccines already pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Janssen-single dose, Moderna, Sinopharm,).
6. A **legitimate vaccine certificate** is required for boarding. Being fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used. All should have completed 2 weeks post vaccination prior to travel. The vaccine certificate must be a Health Authority Approved Certificate/Card of country where vaccination took place and should contain the following information:
 - a. Name of Country
 - b. Name of person should be same as name on passport or birth certificate
 - c. Identification/Registration Number if available
 - d. Address of Clinic and contact details
 - e. Name of Vaccine and Batch Number

- f. Date of Vaccination
- g. Name of Vaccinator (optional)
- h. Health Institution Stamp if available

7. **A hard copy of vaccine certificate must be presented on arrival into Samoa for sighting and also on registration at quarantine/isolation facilities.**
8. A **Negative rtPCR COVID test** is still 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.
9. **Blood Serology for COVID-19 Antibody Test** to be done within 7 days before departure from originating airport must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa. Rapid serology tests for IgM and IgG is not acceptable. **Flight crews are exempted from this requirement if fully vaccinated.**
10. **Medical Clearance** signed, stamped and fully completed by a GP within 120 hours of departure from originating airport is still required. The medical clearance must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
11. **Passengers who haven't been vaccinated or failed to complete required doses of vaccination will be denied boarding.**
12. **Children 17 years and under who satisfy the exemption criteria for Vaccination as per country of origin specific COVID-19 vaccination policy are required to comply with requirements a,b&c below.**
 - i. **All others with medical conditions that deem them exempt for Vaccination must email the aforementioned email addresses with a written report from a registered medical officer stating reason for exemption. Refusal to vaccinate due to personal belief or his/her right is NOT a valid reason for exemption and must comply with requirements a,b&c below.**
 - a. 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.
 - b. **Medical Clearance** signed, stamped and fully completed by a GP within 120 hours of departure from originating airport. The medical clearance must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa. Form can be downloaded from Ministry of Health Samoa website; all sections must be filled in.
 - c. **Blood Serology for COVID19 Antibody Test** to be done within 7 days before departure from originating airport. Must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa. Rapid serology tests for IgM and IgG is not acceptable.
13. **All passengers will go into quarantine on arrival. Passengers who have complied with vaccination requirements should expect quarantine for a period determined by the Ministry of Health depending on vaccine type, and country of origin. Passengers categorized under bullet point 11 above will remain in quarantine for the full duration of quarantine OR as determined by the Ministry.**

14. Any Passenger or Crew with a History of a **Positive COVID-19 rtPCR test is NOT allowed** to enter Samoa, unless they have satisfied the following:

- i. Six (6) months have passed from date of the first positive test result;
- ii. Must provide genome sequencing test of the virus if available;
- iii. Must provide proof of 3 consecutive negative tests results at least 14 days apart before intended date of departure and must comply with all requirements stated above.
- iv. 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

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

Criteria for Boarding Guide for Blood Serology Antibody Test and rtPCR test – ANNEX 2

Your compliance with the conditions listed is imperative in 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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Director General of Health



ANNEX 1

Table 17. Countries reporting the Delta Variant as of June 30, 2021

Algeria	Czechia	Ireland	Netherlands	Slovakia
Argentina	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Israel	New Zealand	Slovenia
Aruba	Denmark	Italy	Norway	South Africa
Australia	Fiji	Japan	Occupied Palestinian Territory	Spain
Austria	Finland	Jordan	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	France	Kenya	Peru	Sweden
Bangladesh	French Guiana	Kuwait	Philippines	Switzerland
Barbados	French Polynesia	Lithuania	Poland	Thailand
Belarus	Gambia	Luxembourg	Portugal	Tunisia
Belgium	Georgia	Malawi	Puerto Rico	Turkey
Bhutan	Germany	Malaysia	Qatar	Uganda
Botswana	Ghana	Maldives	Republic of Korea	Ukraine
Brazil	Greece	Malta	Romania	United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria	Guadeloupe	Mauritania	Russian Federation	United Kingdom
Cambodia	Guam	Mauritius	Reunion	United States of America
Canada	Hungary	Mexico	Saba	Uzbekistan
Chile	India	Morocco	Saudi Arabia	Vietnam
China	Indonesia	Mozambique	Singapore	Zambia
Croatia	Iran	nepal	Sint Maarten	Zimbabwe

Source: WHO website: <https://covid19.who.int/>

ANNEX 2

Criteria for Boarding Guide

Medical Clearance report	rtPCR Test Result	Antibody Test Result	Status	Vaccine Certificate
Required	Positive	IgM – Positive or Negative IgG – Positive or Negative	NO BOARDING	Required for ALL Passengers Eligible for Vaccination
Required	Negative	IgM – Positive/Detected IgG – Positive/Detected	OK to Board	
Required	Negative	IgM – Negative/Not detected IgG – Negative/Not detected	OK to Board	
Required	Negative	IgM – Negative/Not detected IgG – Positive/Detected	OK to Board	
Required	Negative	IgM – Positive/Detected IgG – Negative/Not detected	All documents to be forwarded 24hrs before departure by email for OK Boarding.	
Required	Negative	IgM – Negative/Not detected IgG – Not Available	OK to Board	
Required	Negative	IgM – Positive/Detected IgG – Not available	All documents to be forwarded 24hrs before departure by email for OK Boarding.	
Required	Negative	IgM – Not Available IgG – Positive/Detected	OK to Board	
Required	Negative	IgM – Not Available IgG – Negative/Not detected	All documents to be forwarded 24hrs before departure by email for OK Boarding.	

Some Basic Requirement and Information

- ✓ All passengers eligible for COVID-19 vaccination must complete require vaccination doses.
- ✓ 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 while in quarantine.
- ✓ 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.