NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION



HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VIA YACHTS AUGUST 2020

AIM: The safe entry of yachts into St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To establish the risk of arriving yachts and passengers introducing new COVID-19 to SVG;
- 2. To minimize the exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19;
- 3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19, and
- 4. Early containment of new COVID-19.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER:

1. Completion of forms at Ports of Entry (PoE). The POE's currently accessible are Blue Lagoon, Wallilabou and Port Kingstown.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. All arriving yachts will request permission for entry by email to <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u> or <u>nicole@erikamarine.com</u>.
- An online risk assessment form (Pre-arrival form) must be completed prior to arrival on health.gov.vc https://stv.servicedx.com/travelform at least 5 days prior to arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines by email directly to <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u> or <u>nicole@erikamarine.com</u>.

- 3. Persons arriving with a negative PCR test result will **NOT** be required to quarantine or complete the quarantine-onboard application form. Such persons must however request permission for "Health Clearance" with either svgarrivals@gmail.com or nicole@erikamarine.com.
- 4. Those who opt for SVG COVID-19 PCR testing must remain onboard the vessel until given specific instructions for testing by their agent who will coordinate with the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. Results would be available at least72 hours after sample was taken. If negative, no further quarantine will be required. If positive, individuals will be isolated, either at an approved facility or at a government facility for care and treatment if necessary. Both testing and isolation will be at the cost of the individual.
- 5. Once accepted for entry, after initial screening, yachts will proceed to an area designated for on-vessel quarantine and await their results.
- 6. While in quarantine or on route to St Vincent and the Grenadines no other crewmember/s or passenger/s from commercial flights will be allowed onboard the vessel. Approval/clearance is granted from the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. Failing to comply would result in a reset of quarantine and testing for the crew and passengers on the vessel.
- 7. Swimming, Paddle-boarding and Kayaking or similar is permitted around your yacht. DO NOT GO TO OTHER VESSELS as this could result in quarantine procedures being moved to an onshore facility at your cost. Failing to comply could result in a charge of \$2000 EC for each day the quarantine is broken.
- 8. If you are not testing on arrival, send the following to <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u> or nicole@erikamarine.com at least 6 hours before arrival.
 - A copy of negative PCR test for all passengers and crew in ENGLISH taken within 5 days prior to arrival into SVG.
 - Updated Travel History of all passengers on board.

RECOMMENDED MOORING BUOYS:

1. Young Island Cut

Telephone Number: 784-433-9648 or 784-451-0203 **Email Address:** svgarrivals@gmail.com or info@bluesvg.com

2. Bequia - Telephone Number 784-533-2909

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CARICOM Bubble Countries:

- For the purposes of the CARICOM Bubble, the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 14 days.
- The CARICOM Bubble applies to intraregional travel only and consists of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, BVI, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The countries included in the CARICOM Bubble are subject to change.
- Travelers whose country of residence is in the CARICOM Bubble:
 - Must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within seven (7) days of arrival.
 - > Will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.

In-transit Passenger/s or Crew Members:

Through St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

- Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within five (5) days of arrival.
- If the in-transit period does not include an over-night stay, passengers must leave within 5 hours of arriving in country via sea.
- If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel.
- Travelers intending to transit through another country are advised to visit the country's travel website to determine the requirements for travel.

Please note that this protocol may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.

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