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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VIA YACHT

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. The POE's currently accessible are Blue Lagoon, Wallilabou and Port Kingstown.
- 2. All arriving yachts must request permission for entry in advance, by e-mail to SVG Arrivals at sygarrivals@gmail.com, and must submit a *Request for Quarantine Form*.
- 3. At least 24 hours before arrival, send negative PCR test results, estimated time of arrival and last port clearance to svgarrivals@gmail.com.
- 4. Also complete a Pre Arrival Form <u>https://stv.servicedx.com/travelform</u> for each passenger and send a copy of the email reply with the negative PCR test result to coronavirustaskforcesvg@gmail.com.

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PHASED PROCESS OF ENTRY OF TRAVELERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:

TESTING & QUARANTINE:

All passengers must depart from Port of Origin with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done within 72 hours or three (3) days of departure, with direct travel to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

High Risk Countries

Barbados, United States of America, including the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), China, United Kingdom, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Suriname, Belize, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil, India, Panama, Argentina, Peru, Haiti, Colombia, South Africa, Nigeria, Indonesia, Philippines, Italy, Bahamas, Canada, Turks and Ciaos Islands, France (including overseas regions), Spain and Russia.

- a) Must Mandatory quarantine for ten (10) days on an approved Quarantine Mooring and reserve the mooring in advance of arrival.
- **b)** Must be re-tested on day four (4) to seven (7) of Quarantine for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) in SVG.

<u>Medium Risk Countries</u> (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 21 days): Taiwan, Cuba, British Virgin Islands, Antigua and Barbuda;

- a) Must be retested on day four (4) of Quarantine for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) in SVG.
- **b) Must Mandatory** quarantine on an approved Quarantine Mooring until cleared with negative test results.
- c) Must continue five (5) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel.

Low Risk Countries (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 21 days): Anguilla, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis

a) May be re-tested upon arrival SVG at the discretion of the Port Health Officer

b) No quarantine if no evidence of on-board vessel exposure and not in a high risk occupation.

Any other country not assigned to the above categories should be assumed to be high risk.

High risk occupations also include:

- a) Crew members (persons coming from a sailing vessel)
- b) Oil Rig workers
- c) Health Care Workers (current)
- d) Prison/Detention Facility Workers
- e) Canadian Farm Workers

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QUARANTINE AND ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS:

All persons must arrive with a Stamped Approval Quarantine Form and proceed to the Quarantine Area.

If arriving for quarantine:

Bring enough supplies for ten (10) days

Display the Yellow Quarantine Flag

Captain to record all passenger's temperatures onboard daily.

Do not go ashore

Swimming and Kayaking are permitted only in close proximity to your vessel

Do not accept any visitors to your yacht

Do not hand over garbage

One you have arrived in the quarantine mooring area, an Svg Arrivals representative will advise you of further testing, quarantine and monitoring requirements.

RECOMMENDED MOORING BUOYS:

1. Young Island Cut

Telephone Number: 784-433-9645 or 784-454-0203 **Email Address:** svgarrivals@gmail.com

2. Bequia Telephone Number: 784-533-2909 Email Address: svgarrivals@gmail.com

3. Union Island

Telephone Number : 784-458-8678 or 784 458-8878 **Email Address :** svgarrivals@gmail.com

In-transit Passengers Arriving by Air: St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within seventy two (72) of arrival.
- If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel or moored a designated quarantine mooring buoy.

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In-transit Passengers Arriving by Sea : St Vincent and the Grenadines:

- Must contact svgarrivals@gmail.com within five (5) days of arrival.
- Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result and depart country of origin within 72 hours.
- If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/ MOHWE approved hotel or on a designated monitored quarantine mooring buoy.

Yachts Cleared into Saint Vincent and the Grenadines requesting to take Passengers:

- All Vessels must contact <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u> five (5) days in advance of the passenger or crew arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to request Quarantine on board.
- All persons flying into SVG on a scheduled flight and planning to join a crewed vessel must quarantine in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel until released by health authorities.
- All vessels taking passengers/crew for on-board quarantine must follow the procedures in place for temperature recording and contact tracing.

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