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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

**PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND
THE GRENADINES - revised 06/05/2021**

AIM: The safe entry of travellers to 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 the arriving traveller introducing new COVID-19 cases to SVG;
2. To minimize exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19 cases;
3. Early identification of potential exposure to COVID-19 and
4. Early containment of new COVID-19 cases.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER:

The arriving traveller will:

1. Complete the Pre-Arrival Form available at health.gov.vc

And the Port Health Officer will:

1. Review Port Health form for each arriving passenger.

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

TESTING & QUARANTINE:

PHASE #13 - Commencing Thursday, May 6, 2021

1. Travellers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines **MUST ARRIVE WITH** a negative SARS-CoV-2 **RT-PCR** COVID-19 test result as per the following:

- a. **Very High Risk Countries:**

- i. Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, South Africa, Suriname, Colombia, Belize, Mexico, India Guyana, Panama, Argentina, Peru.
- ii. Must arrive with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than **seventy-two (72) hours** or three (3) days before arrival.
- iii. May be retested for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) on arrival in SVG.
- iv. **MUST Mandatory quarantine for twenty-one (21) days in a Tourism Authority/MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost.** Must arrive with proof of the fully paid reservation.
- v. MUST transfer to the Transition Hotel in an approved AIA taxi or approved vessel (plane or ferry) at own expense.
- vi. Must be retested on day seven (7) and day fourteen (14) of quarantine.

- b. **High Risk Countries:**

- i. **Barbados**, United States of America, including the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), China, United Kingdom, Germany, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Nigeria, Indonesia, Philippines, Italy, Bahamas, Canada, Turks and Caicos Islands, France (including overseas regions), Spain and Russia.
- ii. Must arrive with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than **seventy-two (72) hours** or three (3) days before arrival.
- iii. May be retested for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) on arrival in SVG.
- iv. **MUST Mandatory quarantine for fourteen (14) days in a Tourism Authority/MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost.** Must arrive with proof of the fully paid reservation.

- v. MUST transfer to the Transition Hotel in an approved AIA taxi or approved vessel (plane or ferry) at own expense.
 - vi. Must be retested between day four (4) and day (7) of quarantine.
- c. **Medium Risk Countries** (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 21 days):
- i. British Virgin Islands, Taiwan, Antigua and Barbuda;
 - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than 72 hours before arrival.
 - iii. **May be retested** on arrival in SVG.
 - iv. **MUST Mandatory quarantine for seven (7) days in a Tourism Authority/MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost.**
 - v. Must be retested on day four (4) of quarantine.
 - vi. Must continue five (5) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.
- d. **Low Risk Countries** (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 21 days):
- i. Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis;
 - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than 72 hours before arrival.
 - iii. **May be tested** on arrival in SVG at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.
 - iv. **No quarantine** if no evidence of onboard vessel exposure and not in a high-risk occupation.
- e. **Resort Specific “Bubble Protocol” Hotels in SVG:**
- i. Resort Specific Protocols must be approved by the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Organization and bear the stamp of the NEMO.
 - ii. Resort Specific “Bubble Protocol” Approved Hotels – Mandarin Oriental Canouan, Soho Beach House Canouan, Canouan Estates Resort and Villas, Bequia Beach Hotel, Petit St. Vincent Island & Resort, Mustique.
 - iii. **Travelers from Brazil and South Africa must comply with the general protocol and not the resort specific bubble resort protocol.**
- f. Any other country not assigned to the above categories should be assumed to be high risk.

- g. High risk occupations include:
 - i. Canadian Farm Workers
 - ii. Crew members (persons **coming from** a sailing vessel)
 - iii. Oil Rig workers
 - iv. Health Care Workers (current)
 - v. Prison/Detention Facility Workers.

- h. **Travelers arriving with evidence of full vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine (at least two (2) weeks after the last dose) recognized by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment (National Regulatory Authority) shall:**
 - i. Present with evidence of full vaccination issued by a competent authority with the required information.
 - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than 72 hours before arrival.
 - iii. **Must be retested** on arrival in SVG.
 - iv. **MUST Mandatory quarantine for forty-eight (48) hours in a Tourism Authority/MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost to await the result of the entry screening before discharge from quarantine.**

2. In-transit Passengers:

- a. Through St. Vincent and the Grenadines:
 - i. Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within **72 hours of arrival.**
 - ii. If the in-transit period does not include an over-night stay, that period must be spent at the Argyle International Airport.
 - iii. If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel.
- b. Travellers intending to transit through another country from St. Vincent and the Grenadines are advised to visit the country's travel website to determine the requirements for travel. For
 - i. Grenada - <https://www.nowgrenada.com/2020/07/protocol-for-travellers-into-grenada/>
 - ii. Antigua - <https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/>
 - iii. Barbados - <https://www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2020>
 - iv. St. Lucia - <https://www.stlucia.org/en/covid-19/>

3. Diplomats:

- a. Must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within **72 hours of arrival.**

- b. **ALL Diplomats must quarantine for the duration of time as per the approved protocols. The site of quarantine will be at the discretion of the Chief Medical Officer or the Medical Officer of Health.**

PROCESS ON ARRIVAL:

ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT:

- a. Review of online pre-arrival form.

ESTABLISH SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 STATUS:

- a. Approval of SARS-CoV-2 test result by Port Health Team.
- b. Collection of a nasal swab specimen for a COVID-19 PCR test from all qualifying disembarking travellers.
- c. All travellers will be assessed by the Port Health Officers to determine their final level of risk and the length of mandatory quarantine required.
- d. All travellers will be required to monitor their temperatures and other symptoms for the next 10 days and report any abnormalities to the local health authority.
- e. All travellers with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result will be isolated in an approved accommodation/facility at the traveller's own cost.

REQUIREMENTS OF DISCHARGE FROM QUARANTINE:

- 1. Objective measures:
 - a. Negative PCR Test
 - b. Not a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- 2. Subjective measures:
 - a. Absence of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- 3. Not determined to be at high risk for being exposed to COVID-19

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