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**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 svgarrivals@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 <https://stv.servicedx.com/travelform> for each passenger and send a copy of the email reply with the negative PCR test result to coronavirustaskforcesvg@gmail.com.

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.

Fully Vaccinated Passengers have at least 2 weeks after the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine recognized by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (National Regulatory Authority)

Very High Risk Countries

Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, South Africa, Suriname, Columbia, Belize, Mexico, India, Guyana, Panama, Argentina, Peru.

- a) Must Mandatory quarantine for twenty-one (21) days and reserve the quarantine mooring in advance of arrival.
- b) Must be re-tested between day seven (7) and day fourteen (14) of Quarantine for COVID-19 (RT-PCR).

Travelers arriving with evidence of being fully vaccinated:

- a) Must present documented evidence of full vaccination issued by competent authority.
- b) Must be re-tested on arrival for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) and quarantine until cleared with a negative result.

High Risk Countries

Barbados, United States of America, including the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), China, United Kingdom, Germany, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Nigeria, Indonesia, Philippines, Italy, Bahamas, Canada, Turks and Caicos Islands, France (including overseas regions), Spain and Russia.

- c) Must Mandatory quarantine for fourteen (14) days and reserve the quarantine mooring in advance of arrival.
- d) Must be re-tested between day seven (7) and day eleven (11) of Quarantine for COVID-19 (RT-PCR).

Travelers arriving with evidence of being fully vaccinated:

- c) Must present documented evidence of full vaccination issued by competent authority.
- d) Must be re-tested on arrival for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) and quarantine until cleared with negative result.

Medium Risk Countries (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 21 days): Taiwan, 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 at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.

Medium Risk Travelers arriving with evidence of being fully vaccinated:

- a) Must present documented evidence of full vaccination issued by competent authority.
- b) Must be re-tested on arrival for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) and quarantine until cleared with negative result.

Low Risk Countries (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 21 days): Anguilla, Grenada, 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) Prison/Detention Facility Workers, b) Canadian Farm Workers, c) Crew members coming from a sailing vessel, d) Oil Rig Workers, e) Prison/Detention Facility Workers.

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 Quarantine

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

Arrange provisioning and garbage removal through SVG Arrivals

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

RECOMMENDED MOORINGS:

1. Young Island Cut

Telephone Number: 784-433-9645 / **Email Address:** svgarrivals@gmail.com

After clearance and approval

2. Bequia

Telephone Number: 784-533-2909 / **Email Address:** svgarrivals@gmail.com

3. Union Island

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

4. Canouan Marina

Telephone Number: 784 - 533-0000 / **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) hours of arrival.

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 quarantine mooring buoy.

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 seventy two (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 quarantine mooring buoy.

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

- All Vessels must contact svgarrivals@gmail.com five (5) days in advance of the passenger or crew arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to request Quarantine on board.
- Non vaccinated persons flying into SVG on a scheduled flight must quarantine in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel until cleared by health authorities with a negative PCR test result.
- Persons with full vaccine and two weeks after second dose before travel may quarantine on-board a vessel where other occupants have been vaccinated and must present documentation at the airport confirming the vessel has been approved for on-board quarantine.
- Once joining passengers are cleared to board the vessel, the captain may request to move to an alternative quarantine area. If approved, the vessel must follow procedures in place for daily location reporting and temperature monitoring.

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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