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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

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

AIM: The safe entry of vessels 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 vessels 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, Bequia, Union and Port Kingstown.
- 2. All arriving yachts must request permission for entry at least five (5) days in advance, by e-mail to SVG Arrivals at <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u>, and must submit a *Request for Entry and Quarantine Form* and copies of vaccine certificates in English which will be validated pre arrival.
- 3. At least 24 hours before arrival, send pre entry negative PCR test results and estimated time of arrival to svgarrivals@gmail.com.
- 4. Complete Sail Clear www.sailclear.com
- 5. Complete a Pre-Arrival Form <u>https://stv.servicedx.com/travelform</u> for each passenger.

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

TESTING & OUARANTINE:

1. Fully Vaccinated Passengers are those persons who:

a) Have completed a vaccine regimen with one of the following Covid-19 vaccines recognized by the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment of St Vincent and the Grenadines: AstraZeneca (Covishield, Oxford), Gamalaya (Sputnik-V, Sputnik Light, Gam-Covid-Vac), Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, Janssen (Johnson and Johnson), Sinovac, Sinopharm, Cuban Covid-19 vaccine (Abdala, Soberana).

b) At least 14 days have passed since their second Covid vaccine or in the case of Janssen (Johnson and Johnson), 14 days after the single dose.

2. All passengers must submit in advance a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT- PCR) test taken within 72 hours of departure, and depart from Port of Origin with direct travel to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

High Risk and Very High Risk Countries

Grenada, Brazil, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, South Africa, Argentina, Peru, British Virgin Islands, Suriname, Belize, Mexico, India, Guyana, Panama, United States of America including the Virgin Islands (USVI), British Virgin Islands, 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.

Non vaccinated travelers:

- a) Must arrive with a negative result of Covid 19 (RT-PCR)
- b) Must Mandatory quarantine for fourteen (14) to twenty one (21) days and reserve the quarantine mooring in advance of arrival.
- c) 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 arrive with a negative result of Covid 19 (RT-PCR) test taken within seventy two (72) hours of departure from Port of Origin.

b) Must present evidence of full vaccination certificate in English issued by competent authority.

c) All passengers must test on arrival for COVID 19 (RT-PCR) and quarantine until cleared. Fully vaccinated passengers arriving with a COVID 19 (RT-PCR) test dated within twenty four hours must quarantine on arrival and re-test on day three (3).

<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): St Kitts Nevis, Bermuda, Dominica, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Taiwan.

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Medium Risk Non vaccinated travelers:

- a) Must arrive with a negative result of Covid-19 (RT-PCR)
- **b)** Must be retested on day four (4) of Quarantine for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) in SVG.
- c) Must Mandatory quarantine on an approved Quarantine Mooring until cleared with negative test results.
- **d)** 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 arrive with negative result of Covid-19 (RT-PCR)
- **b)** Must present evidence of full vaccination certificate in English issued by competent authority.
- c) All passengers must test on arrival for COVID 19 (RT-PCR) and quarantine until cleared.

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

- a) Must arrive with a negative result of Covid-19 (RT-PCR)
- b) May be re-tested upon arrival SVG at the discretion of the Port Health Officer
- c) 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, d) Crew members coming from a sailing vessel, d) Oil Rig Workers, e) Prison/Detention Facility Workers.

Minors as travelers : Persons under the age of 18 years are considered as minors and shall follow the protocols applied to their parent or guardian.

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.

Do not accept any visitors to your vessel

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

Arrange provisioning and garbage removal through SVG Arrivals.

One you have arrived in the quarantine mooring area, an SVG Arrivals representative will advise you

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of further testing, quarantine and monitoring requirements.

QUARANTINE MOORINGS:

1. Young Island Cut

Telephone Number: 784-529-2876 / Email Address: svgarrivals@gmail.com

2. Union Island

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

3. Bequia

Telephone Number: 784-530-8300 / 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 taken 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 aTA/ MOHWE approved hotel or on a designated quarantine mooring buoy.

Yachts Cleared into St Vincent and the Grenadines requesting to take Passengers for Quarantine:

- Non vaccinated persons and persons without the complete vaccine cycle must quarantine in a TA/ MOHWE approved hotel until cleared by health authorities with a negative PCR test result.
- Once joining persons 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.
- Vessels must contact <u>svgarrivals@gmail.com</u> five (5) days in advance of the passenger arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to request Quarantine on board.

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