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**HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE  
GRENADINES VIA YACHTS NOVEMBER 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. The POE's currently accessible are Blue Lagoon, Union island and Port Kingstown.
2. All arriving yachts must request permission for entry in advance, by e-mail to SVG Arrivals at [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto:svgarrivals@gmail.com), and must submit either a *Risk Assessment Form* (for yachts who do not require quarantine or a PCR COVID test on arrival) or a *Request for Quarantine Form* (for yachts requiring PCR testing and/or quarantine on arrival).
3. 24 hours before arrival, send negative PCR test results, estimated time of arrival and last port clearance to [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:coronavirustaskforcesvg@gmail.com).

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

### **TESTING & QUARANTINE:**

**All passengers must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than five (5) days prior to arrival.

### **High Risk Countries**

United States of America, including the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), China, United Kingdom, Germany, British Virgin Islands, 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 Caicos Islands, France (including overseas regions), Spain and Russia.

- a) Will be retested** for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) in SVG.
  - i) Passengers who arrive with a negative COVID-19 (RT-PCR) taken in the Caribbean Region 72 hours will not be retested upon arrival, however they will be retested on day five (5) of quarantine time.
  - ii) Passengers who arrive after 72 hours of their test will be tested on arrival and retested again on day five (5) of quarantine.
- b) Must Mandatory** quarantine on an approved Quarantine Mooring and reserve the mooring in advance of arrival.
- c) Must** continue Nine (9) to sixteen (16) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.

**Medium Risk Countries** (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 21 days): Cuba, Barbados, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda;

- a) Will be retested** for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) on arrival in SVG.
- b) Must Mandatory quarantine for twenty-four (24) to seventy-two (72) hours** on a dedicated quarantine mooring to wait for results.
- c) May** continue Nine (9) to sixteen (16) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.

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

- a) Must depart** Port of Origin within 72 hours of the COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test.
- b) May be re-tested** upon arrival SVG at the discretion of the Port Health Officer
- c) No quarantine** if no evidence of onboard 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.

Note : 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.

**QUARANTINE AND ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS:**

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

If arriving for quarantine:

Bring enough supplies for five 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

Once you have arrived in the Quarantine Mooring Area, an SVG Arrivals representative will advise you of further testing, quarantine and monitoring requirements if required.

**RECOMMENDED MOORING BUOYS:****1. Young Island Cut**

**Telephone Number:** 784-433-9645 or 784-454-0203

**Email Address:** [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto:svgarrivals@gmail.com)

**2. Bequia**

**Telephone Number:** 784-533-2909

**Email Address:** [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto:svgarrivals@gmail.com)

**3. Union Island**

**Telephone Number :** 784-458-8878 or 784 458-8868

**Email Address :** [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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

- Must contact [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto:svgarrivals@gmail.com) within five (5) days of arrival.
- Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within five (5) days of arrival if departing by air.
- 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 [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- Only empty vessels located in Young Island Cut Quarantine Area will be considered for Quarantine on-board.
- All persons flying into SVG to join a vessel with passengers or crew already on board must quarantine in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel and apply for monitoring on board after Quarantine.
- All vessels taking passengers/crew for onboard monitoring must contact [svgarrivals@gmail.com](mailto:svgarrivals@gmail.com) in advance of their arrival and follow the procedures in place for temperature recording and contact tracing.

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