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Travel restrictions lift for several African countries, no PCR required for travellers below 12 – Health Services Director-General

The travel restrictions for those arriving from South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Eswatini have been removed with immediate effect, Health Services Director General Dr Asela Gunawardana has informed.

Earlier the Health Service Director General imposed travel restrictions for the passengers arriving in Sri Lanka from the above countries on November 26, 2021.

In addition, the Director-General of Health Services has informed the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority and the Chairman of the Airport Aviation Services to ensure all the travellers arriving in Sri Lanka upload online relevant documents such as Vaccination records, Pre-departure COVID-19 negative test report and Data page of the Passport beforehand. Further, the Health Services Director General instructs the relevant authorities to ensure the inbound travellers fill a mandatory Online Health Declaration at the arrival counters of the airports. Such travellers should possess QR Codes on his or her mobile phone or hard copy. These new regulations will come to effect from 1st January 2022.

Meanwhile, Health Services Director General Dr Gunawardana stated that children below 12 years do not need to carry Pre-departure COVID-19 test reports. Accordingly, only for the travellers, aged 12 or above it is still mandatory to carry a negative COVID-19 PCR test report in the English language done within 72 hours before his or her embarkation.

If any traveller had contracted COVID-19 during the last three months, he or she could carry a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test report done within 48 hours before the embarkation. They should also carry some verifiable evidence such as a diagnostic card, positive Rapid Antigen test report issued in English to prove his/her history of COVID-19 infection.

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Director General of Government Information

10th Dec. 2021

**Mandatory online filling of Health Declaration forms
with effect from 1st January 2022.**

All the travellers arriving in Sri Lanka via airports shall **mandatorily fill the Online Health Declaration Form** individually and upload the relevant documents (Vaccination record, Predeparture COVID-19 negative test report, Data page of the Passport etc.) prior to boarding. They should arrive with the QR code (in mobile phone/ hard copy) issued to them.

This direction will come into effect from 2022.01.01

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Pre-departure COVID-19 testing of children below 12 years' has been removed with immediate effect.

Please note that only the Travellers of **twelve years and above** arriving in Sri Lanka should mandatorily carry a **negative COVID-19 PCR test report** in English language done **within 72 hours prior to embarkation**.

If the travellers have a **history of COVID-19 infection during last three months, instead of a PCR test, they could arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report** done within 48 hours prior to embarkation. They should carry a diagnosis card or verifiable evidence or positive PCR report or positive Rapid Antigen Test report as a proof of past history of illness (in English).

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