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Quarantine process to be followed by any person entering into the country through ports of entry during the COVID-19 pandemic situation

Further to the circular letter No EPID/400/2019/n-CoV/Guidelines issued on 16/11/2020, the following amendment has been made regarding the home quarantine process for foreign returnees entering the country.

Foreign returnees who fulfill the following criteria are not required to follow a further 14 days of home quarantine upon satisfactory completion of the mandatory institutional quarantine period of 14 days;

- Should undergo an initial PCR testing on entry at day one (at the airport/other ports of entry) and receive a negative result
- Stay in a single room or twin shared facility (number of persons need to be limited to a maximum of 2 or members of a single family) during the quarantine period of 14 days under the supervision of the government authority
- This room should have separate sanitary facilities and not be shared with other quarantined persons
- They should not mix up with (have social interactions with) other quarantined persons in the institution
- Should undergo an exit PCR test on the 12-14\textsuperscript{th} day of quarantine and receive a negative result
- At the end of the 14-day quarantine period, the officer in-charge of the centre and area health authorities need to be satisfied with the quarantine process of the individual concerned.
Quarantining of the staff and their family members of diplomatic missions and UN organizations will be according to the Circular letter No DQ/06/2020, dated 09.07.2020.

If you need any clarifications in this regard, please contact the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health (Tel: 0112695112, 0112681548, 0114740490; Fax: 0112696583; Email: chepid@sltnet.lk, chiefepid@health.gov.lk)

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