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Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19

Due to the current COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka and globally, following quarantine measures are imposed for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status. These quarantine measures are amendments to the existing measures indicated in the following letters issued by the Director General of Health Services.

- Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 06.04.2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.
- Letters No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 12.04.2021 on Public health measures to be adopted by Sri Lankan/Foreign National staff members serving in Diplomatic Missions/UN Organizations and Standard operating procedure for mandatory home quarantine for Sri Lankan staff members serving in Diplomatic Missions/UN Organizations in overseas who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports and their accompanying parents, spouses and children.
- Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 13.04.2021 on Mandatory home quarantine for officials currently residing in Sri Lanka who are undertaking an important State visit or Official visit for government purposes by Sri Lankan government officials under bio secure travel bubble.

- Quarantine period of travellers is as follows irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status.
 - 1.1 All travellers arriving from overseas including Sri Lankans (including Sri Lankan Seafarers/Sea Marshalls arriving to go home), Dual Citizens, Tourists, Foreign Nationals (including Valid resident visa holders) mentioned in My letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 06.04.2021 should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of fourteen days.
 - 1.2 All Sri Lankan staff members serving in Diplomatic Missions/UN Organizations in overseas who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports and their accompanying parents, spouses and children mentioned in My letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 and standard operating procedure dated 12.04.2021 should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of fourteen days.
 - 1.3 Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions (except the staff categories of diplomatic missions mentioned in section 1.3.1) / UN organizations who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports and their accompanying parents, spouses and children mentioned in My letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 12.04.2021 should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of fourteen days.
 - 1.3.1 Following Foreign National staff members holding Diplomatic Passports in Residence Diplomatic Missions of countries which have established diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka and their accompanying parents, spouse and children shall undergo mandatory quarantine until completion of 14 days at a residence arranged by the Diplomatic Mission in Sri Lanka or Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel or Quarantine Hotel.

The permitted staff members are Ambassador/ High Commissioner/ Minister/ Minister Counselor/ Counselor/ First Secretary/ Second Secretory / Third Secretory/ Attaché.

1.4 All officials mentioned in My letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 13.04.2021 should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until completion of fourteen days.

Children below two years are exempted from Day One (on arrival) and exit COVID-19 PCR testing.

All travellers of twelve years and above should undergo Day One (on arrival) COVID-19 PCR testing and all travellers of two years and above should undergo Day 11 to 14 PCR testing.

All travellers should be released from the Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ Quarantine residence after completion of fourteen days of quarantine with negative COVID-19 test results done on Day One (On arrival) and Day 11 to 14.

Quarantine period of above-mentioned travellers will be extended, if they are identified as immediate close contacts of a COVID-19 positive person or if they arrive from high-risk countries as decided by health authorities.

This guideline is effective from $01^{\rm st}$ of June 2021 to $30^{\rm th}$ of June 2021 and will be revised depending on the COVID-19 situation in the country and the global situation.

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