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Preventive Measures for Airline Crew members

My following letters are hereby cancelled

- Letter No. DQ/06/2020 dated 2021.01.11 on Preventive Measures for Crew of flights originated from Sri Lanka
- Letter No. DQ/06/2020 dated 2021.03.06 on Preventive Measures for Crew members arriving from United Kingdom in flights originated from Sri Lanka.

A General measures

- A.1** All the Pilots and cabin crew members should wear recommended Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) and adhere to preventive measures as stipulated by Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.
- A.2** If a crew member has received any dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, should carry the original vaccination certificate/card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate is not in English/ if relevant data are not indicated in English in a non - English certificate/card) or a verifiable evidence of vaccination.
- A.3** Airline authorities should email the details of the pilots and cabin crew members of Lay over flights of flights originating from Sri Lanka, if undergoing mandatory quarantine for seven days (Name, Designation, Home address, Contact telephone number, Airline, Period of layover, Date of departure, Departing flight No., Date of arrival, Arriving flight No., Departing Country, COVID-19 Vaccination dates, Name of COVID-19 vaccine) on the day of arriving to Sri Lanka to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com)
- A.4** During the mandatory quarantine period, crew members shall adhere to the health protocols of Ministry of Health.
- A.5** If a crew member is positive for COVID-19 test or if displays symptoms of COVID-19, Airline authorities/ airline doctor should take measures to admit

the crew member to an Intermediate Care Centre operated by a designated Private Hospital as per the instructions given by Ministry of Health. In addition, should inform the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and email the details to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com).

- A.6** Airline authorities and Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka shall take measures to monitor and supervise the adherence of airline crew to COVID-19 preventive measures.
- A.7** Airline authorities shall not enroll crew members who are immediate close contacts of COVID-19 patients.
- A.8** If febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19, should inform promptly to area MOH.

B Preventive Measures for Crew Members of flights originated from Sri Lanka

- Airline crew members shall adhere to the following guidelines in addition to General Measures.
- They shall wear recommended PPE throughout when travelling with passengers and when in contact with other persons.
- Crew members of turn around cargo flights/ferry flights (not carrying passengers) of flights originated from Sri Lanka, will not be quarantined after arriving to Sri Lanka.

B.1 Pilots and cabin crew members of turn around flights should follow these guidelines if flights are carrying passengers.

- B.1.1** On arrival PCR test (Day One) at the arrival airport in Sri Lanka is not needed for pilots and cabin crew members of turn around flights originated from Sri Lanka.
- B.1.2** Considering the minimal exposure to passengers and other persons, **pilots** of turn around flights shall not be home quarantined after arrival to Sri Lanka. They shall be subjected to mandatory COVID-19 PCR testing at the end of Day Seven of entering to Sri Lanka after the last flight or if febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19 whichever comes first, at a Health Ministry approved Private sector laboratory. If the pilot has been enrolled to work, the duration between the PCR tests shall not exceed beyond 14 days.
- B.1.3** Cabin crew shall be mandatorily home quarantined for seven days and shall be subjected to mandatory COVID-19 PCR testing on Day Seven of arrival to Sri Lanka/ or if febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19 whichever comes first, at a Health Ministry approved private sector laboratory. Until the PCR results are available, they shall continue the home quarantine period. They shall not be enrolled to work during the home quarantine period.

B.2 Pilots and cabin crew members of lay over flights (passenger, cargo and ferry flights) should follow the following guidelines

- B.2.1** All pilot and cabin crew members should be strictly confined to the hotel room with meals delivered to the hotel room when laying over overseas and should use a dedicated vehicle during transportation.
- B.2.2** Considering the laying over overseas, after arrival to Sri Lanka, pilots

and cabin crew of lay over flights originated from Sri Lanka shall be mandatorily home quarantined for seven days. They shall not be enrolled to work during the home quarantine period.

- B.2.3 They shall be subjected to COVID-19 PCR testing in Sri Lanka on Day One, only if the crew members have laid over for more than 48 hours in the foreign country. Airline should arrange the on arrival (Day One) PCR testing of the crew
- B.2.4 All pilots and cabin crew of lay over flights shall be subjected to COVID-19 PCR testing on Day Seven of arrival to Sri Lanka/ or if febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19 whichever comes first, at a Health Ministry approved private sector laboratory.
- B.2.5 Pilots and cabin crew should have a negative PCR test report conducted on Day Seven before releasing from home quarantine.
- B.2.6 **Pilots** of layover flights carrying passengers with layover less than 48 hours, arriving from China, Singapore and Australia, will not be home quarantined. They shall be subjected to mandatory COVID-19 PCR testing at the end of Day Seven of entering to Sri Lanka after the last flight or if febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19 whichever comes first, at a Health Ministry approved Private sector laboratory. If the pilot has been enrolled to work, the duration between the PCR tests shall not exceed beyond 14 days. This exception will be cancelled as and when necessary depending on the disease spread in the exempted countries.
- B.2.7 **Pilots** of layover flights carrying passengers with layover less than 48 hours (arriving from countries other than China, Singapore and Australia), shall be mandatorily home quarantined for seven days. They can be allowed to enroll for work during the mandatory home quarantine period. After completing the final flight, they should be mandatorily home quarantined for further seven days. They shall be subjected to COVID-19 PCR testing at the end of Day Seven of entering to Sri Lanka after the final flight or if febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19 whichever comes first, at a Health Ministry approved Private sector laboratory.
If the pilot has been enrolled to work, the duration between the PCR tests shall not exceed beyond 14 days. This exception will be cancelled as and when necessary depending on the disease spread.

B.3 Crew member who has departed from abroad after two weeks of obtaining recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination

- B.3.1 Airline authorities should verify the vaccination certificate/card of the crew member
- B.3.2 Airline authorities should arrange the on arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR testing of the crew members, if the crew member has not been subjected to a PCR testing within last 96 hours.
- B.3.3 If the crew member has been subjected to COVID-19 PCR testing within last 96 hours and if the result is negative, no need to quarantine.
- B.3.4 Once the PCR sample is collected, crew members should be

mandatorily home quarantined only until the PCR results are available.
If the PCR report is negative, they shall not be quarantined further.

C Preventive Measures for foreign airline crew members

Foreign airline crew members shall adhere to the following guidelines in addition to General Measures.

- C.1** It is mandatory for the foreign airline crew members arriving in Sri Lanka to carry a negative COVID-19 test result in English language done within 96 hours prior to embarkation.
- C.2** All crew members should undergo quarantine in an approved hotel for airline crew members.
- C.3** If returning within less than 72 hours, no need to undergo on arrival (Day One) Covid-19 PCR testing and should be quarantined at the hotel until they depart from Sri Lanka.
- C.4** If staying for 72 hours or more in Sri Lanka, on arrival (Day One) PCR test should be done and should be quarantined at the hotel until they depart from Sri Lanka.
- C.5** On arrival (Day One) PCR test should be done at the hotel by a Health Ministry approved Private Sector Laboratory.
- C.6** The crew member can be released directly to the airport for the return flight after the PCR sample is collected and there is no need to wait until the test report is available.
- C.7** If the crew member has departed from abroad after two weeks of obtaining recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination:
 - C.7.1 Should conduct on arrival (Day One) PCR testing at the crew rest hotel by a Health Ministry approved Private Sector Laboratory.
 - C.7.2 If the PCR report is negative, hotel doctor should discharge the crew members from quarantine after issuing a discharge document with following details after verifying the original vaccination certificates/cards:
 - (i) Name of the crew member
 - (ii) Passport number
 - (iii) Arrival country and Flight No.
 - (vi) Date of arrival
 - (v) Local address of the foreign crew member
 - (vi) Contact telephone number
 - (vii) On arrival PCR Test result
 - (viii) Date of Exit PCR and PCR test result (if relevant)
 - (ix) Name of the COVID-19 Vaccine
 - (x) Dates of Vaccination
 - (xi) Date of discharge
 - (xii) Due date of departure
 - (xiii) Name of the crew rest hotel

C.7.3 Hotel doctor should email the following details to Epidemiology unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) weekly basis (on Fridays), if discharged a fully vaccinated foreign crew member to community.

- (i) Name of the crew member
- (ii) Passport number
- (iii) Nationality
- (vi) Arrival country and Flight No.
- (v) Date of arrival
- (vi) Local address of the foreign crew member
- (vii) Contact telephone number
- (viii) Name of the COVID-19 Vaccine
- (ix) Dates of Vaccination
- (x) Date of discharge
- (xi) Due date of departure
- (xii) Name of the crew rest hotel

C.7.4 If the PCR test result is positive and if the foreign crew member has not left for the return flight, hotel doctor/ Airline authority should inform the area MOH and Epidemiology Unit and admit the crew member to Intermediate Care Centre operated by Health Ministry approved private hospital.

However, if the airline is undertaking to take back the positive crew member adhering to COVID-19 preventive measures, positive crew member can be released directly to the airport without admitting to hospital for the return flight by adhering to appropriate preventive measures.

This guideline will be revised depending on the COVID-19 situation in the country and global situation.



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