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## **UGANDA CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO COVID-19 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AT ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

All travelers whose body temperature is NOT above 37.5°C (99.5°F), do not have persistent cough, difficulty in breathing, or other flu – like symptoms, and have a negative COVID -19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test certificate issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft shall be allowed to enter or depart Uganda in compliance with the following:

#### **1. When should passengers to Uganda undertake the COVID-19 PCR test?**

- Arriving passengers should have a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft leaving country of origin. This excludes transit time within the terminal building. Travelers who have had COVID-19 vaccination and hold a vaccination certificate must still present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate.

#### **2. What are the other requirements for arriving passengers?**

- Passengers without a negative COVID-19 PCR test Certificate undertaken within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft leaving country of origin will not be allowed into Uganda.
- Travelers from India, which has been now been removed from Category 1 and placed in Category 2 will be required to come with results of a negative PCR test done 72 hours prior to travel and will be subjected to a mandatory PCR test at their own cost upon arrival in the country irrespective of the vaccination status.

- All other arriving passengers from Category 2 countries will be subjected to a COVID -19 PCR test on arrival in Uganda in addition to the negative test undertaken from their country of origin. However, individuals from Category 2 countries (except India) who have received full COVID-19 vaccination and have
- Soon, all arriving passengers (including children) irrespective of vaccination status or country of origin will be required to undertake a mandatory PCR test on arrival at their own cost at all points of entry, including Entebbe International Airport. The commencement date for this arrangement will be announced.
- Individuals who test positive to COVID-19 shall be treated according to the Ministry of Health protocol for COVID-19.

### **3. Which countries fall in Category 2?**

- Category 2 countries include India, United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), United Arab Emirates (UAE), Turkey, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and South Sudan.
- Category 3 – All countries not in Category 2. These will not be subject to a PCR test on arrival.

### **4. What is the cost of a PCR test undertaken on arrival?**

65 US Dollars or equivalent.

### **5. What are the requirements for departing passengers?**

- Passengers departing Uganda through Entebbe International Airport (EIA) must have an authentic negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft.
- All COVID-19 PCR test certificates for departing passengers MUST indicate TRAVEL as the intended purpose of test.

- Passengers departing EIA are required to know, understand, and interpret COVID-19 requirements of the country they are travelling to.

## **6. How do passengers overcome curfew restrictions while in Uganda?**

Passengers departing in curfew time with a valid air ticket shall be allowed to proceed to their destination airport by presentation of the passenger ticket to the authorities as evidence of going to the airport. Similarly, arriving passengers can present their passenger ticket or boarding pass as evidence of travel from the airport. Branded Airport taxis are also available from the airport.

## **7. What are the COVID 19 PCR test requirements in relation to children?**

Currently, children of three (3) years and below are exempted from the requirement for a negative PCR test certificate as long as they are accompanied by parents holding a negative COVID -19 PCR test certificate.

## **8. What are the requirements for air transportation of human remains into the country?**

The following conditions should be fulfilled:

- Medical certificate of cause of death
- Post-mortem report or Comprehensive Medical Report from the attending doctor/health facility
- Embalming certificate (including embalming certificate for death due to COVID-19)
- Copy of passport/identification document of the deceased (The original passport/travel document/identification document to be presented to immigration authorities)
- Import license/import authorization from the Director General of Health Services

- Appropriate packaging – wrapped in a water proof body bag then placed in a zinc lined coffin and outer metal or wooden box
- The documents will be verified by Port Health and the casket shall be decontaminated by Port Health on arrival
- The burial of bodies of COVID-19 victims will be conducted following the existing procedure for scientific burials.