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# PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Commencing 15th, 2020





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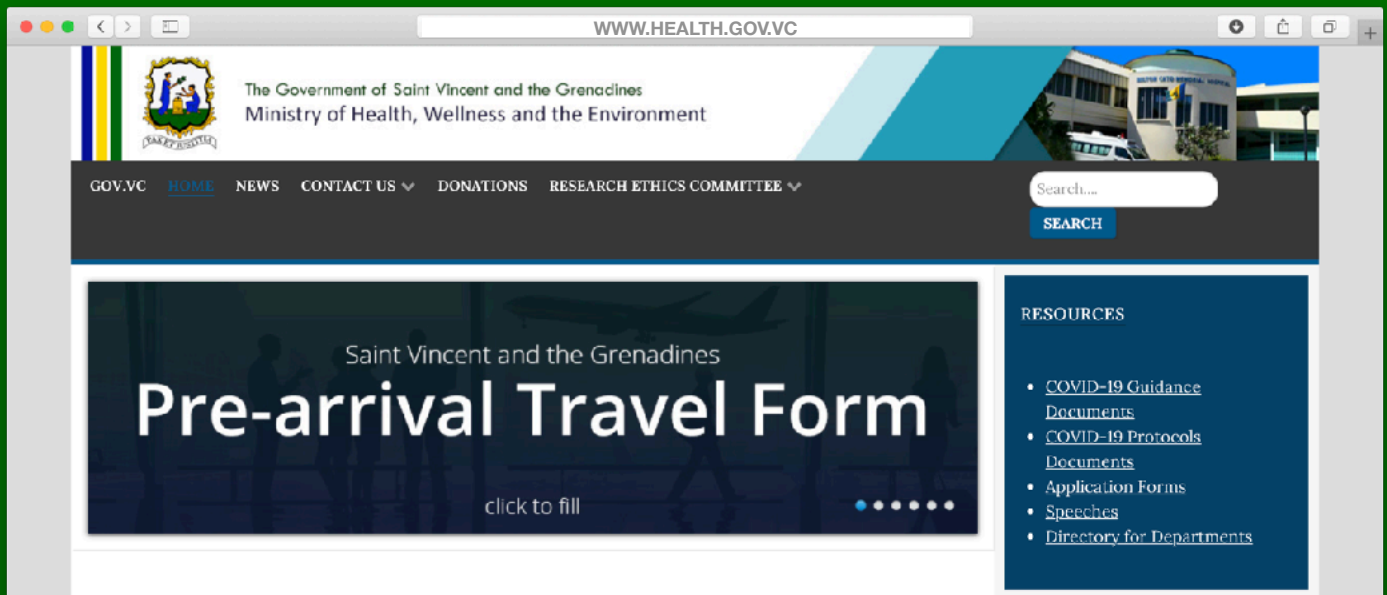
The safe entry of travellers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

# OBJECTIVES

1. To establish the risk of the arriving traveller introducing new COVID-19 cases to SVG;
2. To minimize exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19 cases;
3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19 cases, and
4. Early containment of new COVID-19 cases.

# ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER

The arriving traveler will:



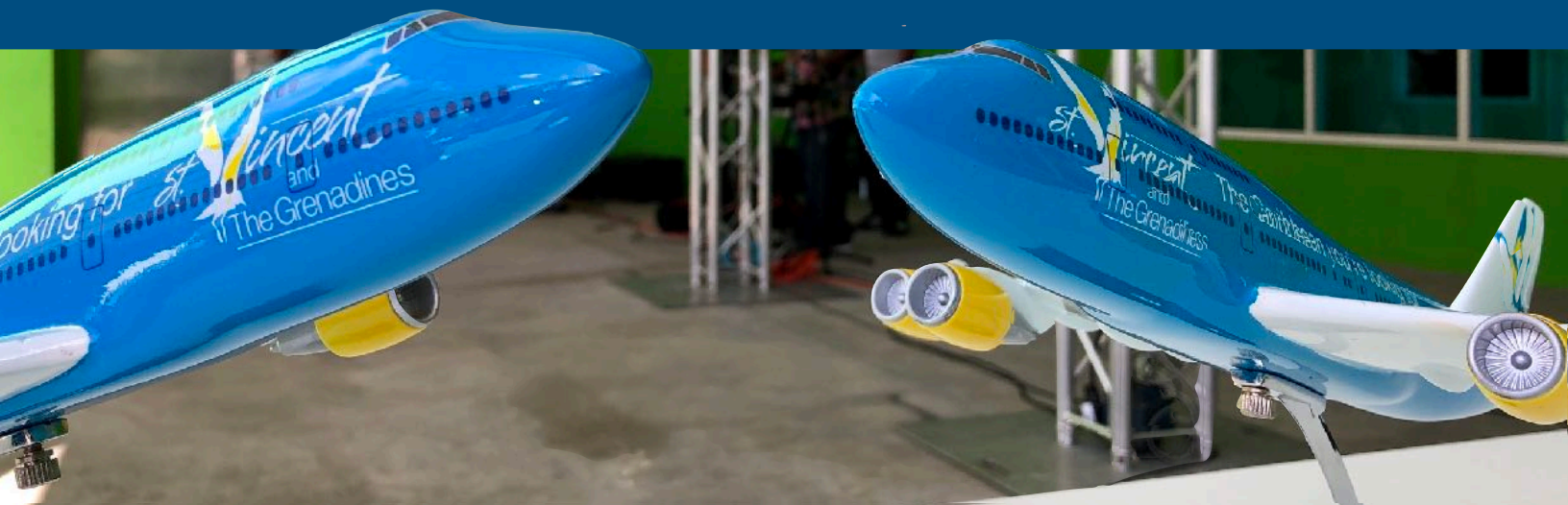
1. Complete the Pre-Arrival Form available at [www.health.gov.vc](http://www.health.gov.vc)



And the Port Health Officer will:

1. Review Port Health form for each arriving passenger.

# PHASED PROCESS OF ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



## TESTING & QUARANTINE:

### PHASE #8 - Commencing December 15, 2020:

1. Travellers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines **MUST ARRIVE WITH** a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR COVID-19 test result as per the following:
  - a. **High Risk Countries:**
    - i. United States of America, including the United States Virgin Islands (USVI), China, United Kingdom, Germany, British Virgin Islands, Guyana, Suriname, Belize, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil, India, Panama, Argentina, Peru, Haiti, Colombia, South Africa, Nigeria, Indonesia, Philippines, Italy, Bahamas, Canada, Turks and Caicos Islands, France (including overseas regions), Spain and Russia.
    - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done **no more than seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) days before arrival.**
    - iii. **May be retested** for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) on arrival in SVG.
    - iv. **MUST Mandatory five (5) day** quarantine in a Tourism Authority/ MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost. Must arrive with proof of the fully paid reservation.

- v. **MUST transfer to the Transition Hotel in an approved AIA taxi or approved vessel (plane or ferry) at own expense.**
  - vi. **Must be retested** between day four (4) and day (5) of quarantine.
  - vii. **Must** continue nine (9) to sixteen (16) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.
- b. **Medium Risk Countries** (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 21 days):
- i. Cuba, Barbados, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda;
  - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than 72 hours before arrival.
  - iii. **Will be retested** on arrival in SVG.
  - iv. **MUST Mandatory quarantine for twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours** at home to await clearance.
  - v. May continue nine (9) to sixteen (16) monitored days in an approved home/hotel/vessel at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.
- c. **Low Risk Countries** (the country of residence will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 21 days):
- i. Taiwan, Anguilla, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis;
  - ii. **Must arrive** with a negative result of a COVID-19 (RT-PCR) test done no more than 72 hours before arrival.
  - iii. **May be tested** on arrival in SVG at the discretion of the Port Health Officer.
  - iv. **No quarantine** if no evidence of onboard vessel exposure and not in a high-risk occupation.
- d. **Resort Specific “Bubble Protocol” Hotels in SVG:**
- i. SVG Island Resorts /Hotels designated as operating according to a Resort Specific “Bubble Protocol” by the Tourism Authority/MOHWE (the entire island or hotel facility is considered a COVID-19 low risk space due to the specific protocols in place).
  - ii. Travellers arriving with a 72-hour negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR result:
    - 1. will not undergo another swab at the airport. These travellers will have a repeat RT-PCR test on day 2/3 of their stay. During this three (3) day period all travelers will comply with resort specific quarantine measures.
    - Or
    - 2. will undergo another swab at the airport. These travellers will have a repeat RT-PCR test on day 5 of their stay. During this five (5) day period all travellers will comply with resort specific quarantine measures.

- iii. Travellers arriving with a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR result older than 72 hours, will undergo another swab at the airport for a SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test. These travellers will quarantine for five (5) days in their individual accommodation units in compliance with resort specific quarantine measures.
- e. Any other country not assigned to the above categories should be assumed to be high risk.
- f. High risk occupations include:
  - i. Crew members (persons **coming from** a sailing vessel)
  - ii. Oil Rig workers
  - iii. Health Care Workers (current)
  - iv. Prison/Detention Facility Workers.

## 2. In-transit Passengers:

- a. Through St. Vincent and the Grenadines:
  - i. Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within **72 hours of arrival**.
  - ii. If the in-transit period does not include an over-night stay, that period must be spent at the Argyle International Airport.
  - iii. If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel.
- b. Travellers intending to transit through another country from St. Vincent and the Grenadines are advised to visit the country's travel website to determine the requirements for travel. For
  - i. Grenada - <https://www.nowgrenada.com/2020/07/protocol-for-travellers-into-grenada/>
  - ii. Antigua - <https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/>
  - iii. Barbados - <https://www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2020>
  - iv. St. Lucia - <https://www.stlucia.org/en/covid-19/>

## 3. Diplomats:

- a. Must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within **72 hours of arrival**.
- b. **ALL Diplomats who arrive by air will be quarantined at the discretion of the Chief Medical Officer or the Medical Officer of Health.**

# PROCESS ON ARRIVAL

## ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT:

- a. Review of Pre-Arrival Form online.

## ESTABLISH SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 STATUS:

- a. Approval of SARS-CoV-2 test result by Port Health Team.
- b. Collection of a nasal swab specimen for a COVID-19 PCR test from all qualifying disembarking travellers.
- c. All travelers will be assessed by the Port Health Officers to determine their final level of risk and the length of mandatory quarantine required.
- d. All travelers will be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and other symptoms, and report any abnormalities to the local health authority.
- e. All travelers with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result will be isolated in an approved accommodation/facility for the next 14 days at the cost of the traveller.

# REQUIREMENTS OF DISCHARGE FROM QUARANTINE

1. Objective measures:
  - a. Negative PCR Test
  - b. Not a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
2. Subjective measures:
  - a. Absence of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Not determined to be at high risk for being exposed to COVID-19

*Please note that this protocol may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Management Committee/*