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S18/21 COVID-19 HEALTH MEASURES FOR ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

GENERAL (GEN)

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has issued the following directives effective 4th September, 2021 until further notice, on COVID-19 health measures at Entebbe International Airport:

1. All travelers whose body temperature is NOT above 37.5°C (99.5°F), do not have a persistent cough, difficulty in breathing or other flu-like symptoms; have negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test certificate carried out within 72 hours from the time of sample collection shall be allowed to enter or depart Uganda in compliance with categorization in item number 3 below:
 - i. Entebbe International Airport Port Health shall approve for arrival or departure a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate undertaken within 72 hours from the time of sample collection. This excludes transit time at the terminal building.
 - ii. For travelers presenting with COVID-19 signs and symptoms or other infectious disease will be subjected to secondary screening and will be taken for further management. If found to have an infectious disease, they will be taken for further management at the infectious disease hospital.
 - iii. Travelers without a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate undertaken within 72 hours from the time of sample collection will not be allowed into Uganda.
 - iv. Travelers departing EIA are required to know, understand, and interpret COVID-19 requirements of the country they are travelling to.
 - v. Travelers who have had COVID-19 vaccination and hold a certificate must still present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to boarding aircraft. This is because the vaccine is not 100% protective and it also takes several days/weeks to begin protection.
 - vi. Individuals who test positive to COVID-19 test shall be treated according to the Ministry of Health protocol for COVID-19;
2. All crew who want to enter Uganda shall have a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test after every 14 days.
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 - i. All arriving passengers from category 2 will be subjected to a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Uganda in addition to the negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate taken within 72 hours from the time of sample collection to first embarkation.
 - ii. Affected countries include;
 - a. Category 1- None
 - b. Category 2- India, United States of America, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Turkey, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and South Sudan.
 - c. Category 3 – All countries not in Category 2. These will not be subject to COVID-19 PCR test.

- iii. Individuals from Category 2 countries who have received full COVID-19 vaccination and have no signs of COVID-19 will be exempted from the PCR tests.
4. A travelling child 3 years and below, accompanied by parents holding a negative COVID-19 PCR test is exempted from negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate.
5. Passengers travelling out of the country will be required to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test Certificate taken within 72 hours from the time of sample collection. They will abide by the travel and health (including COVID-19) related requirements of the destination country.
6. Passengers arriving in curfew time, and/or from districts beyond Kampala with a valid Air Ticket and Boarding Pass shall be allowed to proceed to their hotels and/or residences.
7. Passengers departing in curfew time, and or from districts beyond Kampala 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.
8. Drivers should have evidence that they have come from the Airport (such as Airport parking ticket or passenger ticket) to drop or pick up passengers.
9. Air transportation of human remains into the country is allowed if the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - i. Medical Certificate of Cause of Death;
 - ii. Post-mortem report or Comprehensive Medical Report from the attending doctor/health facility;
 - iii. Embalming certificate (including embalming certificate for death due to COVID-19);
 - iv. Copy of passport/identification document of the deceased (The original passport/ travel document/ identification document to be presented to immigration authorities);
 - v. Import license/ import authorization from the Director General of Health Services;
 - vi. Appropriate packaging- wrapped in a waterproof body bag then placed in a zinc lined coffin and an outer metal or wooden box;
 - vii. The document will be verified by port health and the casket on arrival shall be decontaminated by port health;
 - viii. The burial of bodies of COVID-19 victims will be conducted following the existing procedures for scientific burials.
10. To bring human remains in the country clearance MUST be obtained from Ministries of Health and Foreign Affairs.

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