

Important Notice

To: All passengers who wish to travel to Sri Lanka,

<u>Preventive measures for persons arriving</u> <u>from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19</u>

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Israel wishes to convey the following updates to the preventive measures for persons arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.

- There are no restrictions for any traveller to visit Sri Lanka irrespective of his / her vaccination status.
- All travellers are exempted from pre departure COVID testing.
- Local COVID-19 Insurance is not mandatory. However, if foreign nationals / tourists become COVID-19 positive after arriving in Sri Lanka, they should isolate for 7 days in a private hospital / hotel / place of residence. The cost of treatment / isolation should be borne by themselves.

Please find attached herewith the latest update issued by the Health Ministry on 06.12.2022.

In addition to that, we wish to mention that there are no medical or medical treatment issues for foreign travellers in Sri Lanka and also wish to state that there are sufficient public and private medical facilities available in Sri Lanka.

For further information / clarification in this regard, please contact the following officer of the Embassy.

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Preventive measures for persons arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19

Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021, dated 18.04.2022 titled "Preventive measures for persons arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19" issued by the Director General of Health Services is hereby cancelled.

The requirement to produce COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate by any person arriving to Sri Lanka via any airport or sea port is hereby removed.

The requirement to produce a pre boarding or on arrival negative COVID-19 test (PCR/RAT) by any person arriving to Sri Lanka via any airport or sea port is hereby removed.

If foreign nationals/tourists become COVID-19 positive after arriving to Sri Lanka, they should isolate for 7 days in a private hospital/hotel/place of residence. The cost of treatment/isolation should be borne by foreign nationals/tourists.

The above measures will be applicable irrespective of other directives in any previous guidelines/letters/circulars issued by the Director General of Health Services.

This guideline is effective for the persons arriving in Sri Lanka via airports or seaports from 00:00 Hrs on 07th of December 2022 and persons who have already arrived.

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