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### **Travel restrictions for Travellers arriving from South African Countries**

As a new COVID-19 variant called "nu" has been detected from South African Countries, travellers with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days to South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Eswatini (Swaziland) **will not be permitted to disembark in Sri Lanka from 00:00 on 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and onwards.**

Irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status Travellers of twelve years and above **who are arriving in Sri Lanka on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 from above mentioned countries** shall undergo Day One (On Arrival PCR) testing at a Ministry of Health approved laboratory at Katunayake or at a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel.

If the Day One PCR report is negative, they have to undergo mandatory Quarantine as follows:

1. Sri Lankans, Dual Citizens, Valid Resident Visa holders and their spouses and children should undergo mandatory home quarantine until completion of 14 days. Once they arrive at their homes, they have to inform the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH).
2. Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations/ UN Specialized agencies/ International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka (mentioned in Annex 01) and their accompanying spouse, parents and children should undergo mandatory quarantine at an area Medical Officer of Health approved residence/ Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 hotel until completion of 14 days. Once they arrive at the residences, they have to inform area MOH.
3. All other travellers should undergo quarantine at a Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 hotel until completion of 14 days

All travellers of 12 years and above should undergo COVID-19 PCR/ Rapid Antigen testing at a Ministry of Health approved lab (Private sector or state sector) on Day 14 and they will be released from quarantine with a negative COVID-19 Test report. Contacts of the positive travellers will have to undergo quarantine further as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health

Travellers who are symptomatic/having positive COVID-19 test reports will be managed as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health

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

Director General of Health Services as the Proper Authority for whole of Sri Lanka under the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance No. 03 of 1897, can make directions deviating from this guideline without prior notice considering individual situations

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Chairman, Airport Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited

**United Nations & its Specialized Agencies and International Organizations  
with permanent offices in Sri Lanka and having recognized diplomatic  
status**

<b>SNo.</b>	<b>Name of the Organization having permanent offices in Sri Lanka</b>
1	United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator (UNRCO)
2	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
3	United Nations Information Centre (UNIC)
4	World Food Programme (WFP)
5	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
6	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
7	World Health Organization (WHO)
8	World Bank
9	International Finance Cooperation (IFC)
10	International Monitoring Fund (IMF)
11	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
12	International Labour Organization (ILO)
13	United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
14	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
15	The Colombo Plan Secretariat
16	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP)
17	International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
18	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
19	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
20	International Organization of Migration (IOM)
21	International Federation of Red Cross and Red crescent Societies (IFRC)
22	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
23	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
24	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
25	United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
26	Asia Foundation
27	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
28	Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)
29	Korea Exim Bank
30	Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)