

## **“Health protocol for passengers using the Ports and other sea points of entry of the Republic”**

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### **A. Cruises visiting the Republic of Cyprus for a few hours**

1. Cruise passengers visiting the Republic of Cyprus for a few hours are allowed according to the provisions of the decrees in force issued by the Ministry of Health.
2. For cruise passengers visiting the Ports of the country, before scheduling the visits the vessel's operation protocol to prevent the spread of Covid-19 among passengers should be submitted by the agent to the Ministry of Health for comments.
3. For a few hours visit, passengers should undergo an antigen rapid test up to 24 hours before entering the Republic of Cyprus. The cost shall be borne by the passengers/vessel.
4. Vaccinated passengers holding a relevant certificate according to the decrees of the Ministry of Health are not obliged to undergo a rapid test before disembarkment.
5. If the competent authority (Ministry of Health) deems necessary and before the Aliens Service's control, passengers may, when entering the Republic of Cyprus, undergo a random laboratory antigen testing. Passengers are selected by the personnel performing the random testing. Testing is optional for children under 12 years old.
6. For passengers with symptoms compatible with Covid-19 or tested positive, points C1 and C2 below shall apply respectively. The vessel should state their contacts who shall also be prevented from entering the Republic of Cyprus and shall remain aboard in self-confinement.
7. Before entering the port, vessels should obtain health clearance by the Public Health Services through PCS. For those passengers who wish to disembark, the shipowner's agent should state in point “MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH” – “COMMENTS”: 1) the total number of passengers to disembark, 2) the number of vaccinated passengers, 3) the number of passengers who did a laboratory antigen rapid test up to 24 hours before disembarkment. Moreover, he should confirm through PCS that these passengers have filled, signed and will deliver by hand the relevant form (Solemn Declaration A).

Passengers shall deliver the relevant forms (Solemn Declaration A) to the officers who shall be responsible to check the vaccination certificates or the antigen rapid test results as per point A3 above. These forms shall be kept by the Republic for 6 months and then they will be destroyed.

8. Procedure at the Port (reference to the port shall also include the passenger terminal)

- 8.1. Cruise passengers entering the port or the port facilities for embarkation / disembarkation purposes, should strictly observe the protection measures.
  - 8.2. When entering the Port, the temperature of the passengers may be taken using mobile temperature measurement equipment or thermal cameras as the competent authority (Ministry of Health) may deem necessary.
  - 8.3. The use of facial masks is compulsory inside the Port area and all hand hygiene measures, such as regular washing and use of antiseptic, shall be observed. Where possible and practicable, passengers should maintain a distance of 2 meters between each other, as well as between them and the port's employees and other persons.
  - 8.4. Passengers should be transported to the Port within a short timeframe comparing to the time of embarkment and once the vessel is ready for the embarkment of passengers and passengers should not remain at the port area for a long period of time.
  - 8.5. Passengers should disembark only after the arrival of the transport mean that will take them outside the port area and they should not remain at the port area for a long period of time.
  - 8.6. Unnecessary movements of passengers inside the port area are prohibited, save for the predetermined areas for going to and coming back from the vessel.
  - 8.7. All additional instructions set out by the operator of each port or berth and the Cyprus Ports Authority as Regulatory Authority shall be strictly observed.
9. The foregoing shall apply mutatis mutandis to passengers whose vessels remain at berths of the Republic of Cyprus, through embarkment/disembarkment crafts and as the competent authority (Ministry of Health) may deem necessary.
  10. Outside the port area, in the Republic of Cyprus the decrees of the Ministry of Health and the respective protocols are in force and apply.

#### **B. Cruises starting from/ending in the Ports of the Republic of Cyprus (Home Port)**

- 1 Cruise passengers aboard a ship starting at the ports of the Republic of Cyprus are allowed according to the terms of the decrees in force issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 2 For cruises visiting the Ports of the country, before scheduling the visits the vessel's operation protocol to prevent the spread of Covid-19 among passengers should be submitted by the agent to the Ministry of Health for comments.
- 3 When departing from and arriving at the Ports of the Republic, the procedure described in point B10 below as Procedure at the Port should be followed.
- 4 Passengers whose cruise ends in the Republic of Cyprus shall comply with the decree and the provisions of categorisation depending on the countries they have visited.

- 4.1 In case the destinations of the cruise were only countries of green category, passengers may disembark without any restriction.
  - 4.2 In case the destinations of the cruise included also a country of orange category, passengers should undergo a PCR test at the port.
  - 4.3 In case the destinations of the cruise included also a country of red category, passengers should undergo a PCR test at the port. In case their stay in the country exceeds 3 days, they should stay in self-confinement at a quarantine hotel and repeat the laboratory PCR test on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.
  - 4.4 Passengers who disembark, do not remain in the Republic of Cyprus and will be repatriated immediately, need not undergo any laboratory test described above and should present their return ticket for confirmation purposes.
  - 4.5 Testing is optional for children over 12 years old.
- 5 Vaccinated passengers holding a relevant certificate according to the decrees of the Ministry of Health shall not be obliged to undergo a laboratory test.
  - 6 Passengers with a Cypriot passport or/and those residing legally in the Republic shall follow the above instructions and must stay home in quarantine until they receive the results of the laboratory test.

The cost of the laboratory tests shall be borne by the passengers.

- 7 If the competent authority (Ministry of Health) deems necessary and before the Aliens Service's control, passengers may, when entering the Republic of Cyprus, undergo a random laboratory antigen testing. Passengers are selected by the personnel performing the random testing. Testing is optional for children under 12 years old.
- 8 For passengers with symptoms compatible with Covid-19 or tested positive the procedure set out in points C2 to C6 shall apply.
- 9 Before entering the port, vessels should obtain health clearance by the Public Health Services through PCS. The shipowner's agent should state in point "MARITIME DECLARATION OF HEALTH" – "COMMENTS": 1) the total number of passengers to disembark, 2) the number of vaccinated passengers, 3) the number of passengers who shall be immediately repatriated and not stay in the Republic of Cyprus. Moreover, he should confirm through PCS that these passengers have filled, signed and will deliver by hand the relevant form (Solemn Declaration A).

Passengers should fill the relevant documents attached hereto. Passengers staying in the Republic of Cyprus for less than 24 hours should fill "Solemn Declaration A", while those staying for more than 24 hours should fill "Solemn Declaration B". Passengers shall deliver the relevant forms (Solemn Declaration A and Solemn Declaration B) to the officers who shall be responsible to check the vaccination certificates or the antigen rapid test results as per point B4 above. These forms shall be kept by the Republic for 6 months and then they will be destroyed.

- 10 Procedure at the Port (reference to the port shall also include the passenger terminal)

- 10.1. Cruise passengers entering the port or the port facilities for embarkation / disembarkation purposes, should strictly observe the protection measures.
  - 10.2. When entering the Port, the temperature of the passengers may be taken using mobile temperature measurement equipment or thermal cameras as the competent authority (Ministry of Health) may deem necessary.
  - 10.3. The use of facial masks is compulsory inside the Port area and all hand hygiene measures, such as regular washing and use of antiseptic, shall be observed. Where possible and practicable, passengers should maintain a distance of 2 meters between each other, as well as between them and the port's employees and other persons.
  - 10.4. Passengers should be transported to the Port within a short timeframe comparing to the time of embarkment and once the vessel is ready for the embarkment of passengers and passengers should not remain at the port area for a long period of time.
  - 10.5. Passengers should disembark only after the arrival of the transport mean that will take them outside the port area and they should not remain at the port area for a long period of time.
  - 10.6. Unnecessary movements of passengers inside the port area are prohibited, save for the predetermined areas for going to and coming back from the vessel.
  - 10.7. All additional instructions set out by the operator of each port or berth and the Cyprus Ports Authority as Regulatory Authority shall be strictly observed.
- 11 Outside the port area, in the Republic of Cyprus the decrees of the Ministry of Health and the respective protocols are in force and apply.

### **C. Handling passengers with symptoms compatible with Covid-19**

1. Passengers with symptoms compatible with Covid-19, who do not require hospitalisation should be placed in the quarantine cabins and stay aboard. Passengers considered as contacts should remain aboard in self-confinement.
2. In case hospitalisation is needed, the vessel shall inform the public health authorities through PCS and arrange the ambulance transport.
3. Passengers with a Cypriot passport or/and those residing legally in the Republic must stay home in quarantine.
4. Passengers who have someone in their family tested positive and wish to remain in the Republic of Cyprus, should stay in quarantine hotels.
5. Passengers with symptoms compatible with Covid-19 or confirmed Covid-19 cases, or contacts of cases who wish to remain in the Republic of Cyprus, shall be transported

from the Port to the accommodation places (hospitality places or quarantine hotels) by licensed transporters depending on the number of passengers to be transported to these areas, under the responsibility of the shipowner's agent or travel agent who shall undertake the organisation of the cruise.

6. The shipowner's agent or the travel agent should have a contract with a bus or/and taxi company to this purpose.

#### **D. Handling crew members and employees of cruise vessels**

1. As to the crew members and employees of cruise vessels who shall continue their works aboard, they could disembark for a few hours visit provided that the provisions of paragraph A are observed.
2. As to the crew members and employees of cruise vessels who shall disembark for crew change purposes, the crew change procedure/protocol should be observed.

**SOLEMN DECLARATION A**  
**For visiting the Republic of Cyprus for a few hours**

I, .....,

holder of identity card/passport no ....., hereby:

- declare that I will depart from the Republic of Cyprus within 24 hours;
- consent for possible COVID-19 testing, if requested, upon arrival to the Republic of Cyprus (Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention of 1961 and 1963 are exempted);
- I fully understand the risks, due to Covid-19, connected to my entry and stay in the Republic of Cyprus. I assume and accept full responsibility for any risks, loss, damage or harm to property or personal injury or death, and I agree not to have a claim and not to initiate proceedings against any person and/or any kind of undertaking and/or authorised officers and/or the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus for any loss, liability, cost or damage that I may suffer or that may arise due to my trip and stay in the Republic of Cyprus, as a result of COVID-19 and/or for any suffering I may endure due to the preventive measures implemented during my trip and stay in the Republic of Cyprus, for the protection of public health against COVID-19. This disclaimer shall be binding on my family members and/or spouse and heirs, assigns and personal representatives, executors and successors.
- When I return to my country of permanent residence or to the country where I shall return after the conclusion of my trip to the Republic of Cyprus, I shall inform the Medical Services of the Republic of Cyprus in case I develop COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days following my departure from the Republic of Cyprus (email: [monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy](mailto:monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy)).
- I have not developed the following symptoms – fever, cough, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath, pharyngitis, congestion or runny nose, during the last 14 days or I have not been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- I have not stayed/lived in countries with less favourable epidemiological criteria compared to the country of departure within the past 14 days before my departure to the Republic of Cyprus and/or I am not a passenger on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries with an overnight stay(s) with less favourable epidemiological criteria compared to the country of departure, as per relevant [Country categorization](#) announcement of the Republic of Cyprus.
- I declare subject to sanctions under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus that the facts and information I have provided, are complete, correct and true.

**In addition to the above, in case of accompanied minors or unaccompanied passengers under the age of 18, the following Declaration shall be filled in on behalf of the minors, by the custodian parent(s) or the adoptive parent(s) / legal guardian(s) / legal representative(s):**

- I/We solemnly declare and affirm that all declarations made herein on behalf of my/our child are true. I am/We are fully aware and consent to the submission of this application on behalf of the child. I/We make this SOLEMN DECLARATION consciously and knowing that making a false and/or misleading declaration entails sanctions under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus.

(Sgd): .....

Date: .....

**SOLEMN DECLARATION – B**  
**For staying in the Republic of Cyprus for more than 24 hours**

I, .....

holder of identity card/passport no ....., hereby

- declare that I will stay in the Republic of Cyprus for more than 24 hours.
- I am aware of and agree that:
  - In case some of the destinations of the cruise include countries of orange category, upon disembarking from the vessel I shall undergo a laboratory COVID-19 PCR test, when I enter the Republic of Cyprus, inside the port's premises and at my own expenses.
  - In case some of the destinations of the cruise include countries of red category, upon disembarking from the vessel I shall undergo a laboratory COVID-19 PCR test, when I enter the Republic of Cyprus, inside the port's premises and at my own expenses and then I shall be in self-Isolation at quarantine hotels compulsorily for 72 hours and I shall repeat the PCR test 72 hours after my arrival in the Republic of Cyprus, at my own expenses and I shall send the results of the laboratory test to the following email address: [monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy](mailto:monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy).

**For passengers** with Cypriot passport or/and those residing legally in the Republic, I hereby solemnly declare that instead of being in self-confinement at quarantine hotels, I shall be in self-confinement at my residence while waiting for the results of the laboratory test.

- I consent for possible COVID-19 testing, if requested, upon arrival to the Republic of Cyprus (Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention of 1961 and 1963 are exempted).
- I fully understand the risks, due to Covid-19, connected to my entry and stay in the Republic of Cyprus. I assume and accept full responsibility for any risks, loss, damage or harm to property or personal injury or death, and I agree not to have a claim and not to initiate proceedings against any person and/or any kind of undertaking and/or authorised officers and/or the authorities of the Republic of Cyprus for any loss, liability, cost or damage that I may suffer or that may arise due to my trip and stay in the Republic of Cyprus, as a result of COVID-19 and/or for any suffering I may endure due to the preventive measures implemented during my trip and stay in the Republic of Cyprus, for the protection of public health against COVID-19. This disclaimer shall be binding on my family members and/or spouse and heirs, assigns and personal representatives, executors and successors.
- When I return to my country of permanent residence or to the country where I shall return after the conclusion of my trip to the Republic of Cyprus, I shall inform the Medical Services of the Republic of Cyprus, in case I develop COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days following my departure from the Republic of Cyprus (email: [monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy](mailto:monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy)).
- I have not developed the following symptoms – fever, cough, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath, pharyngitis, congestion or runny nose, during the last 14 days or I have not been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case).
- I have not stayed/lived in countries with less favourable epidemiological criteria compared to the country of departure within the past 14 days before my departure to the Republic of Cyprus and/or I am not a passenger on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries with an overnight stay(s) with less favourable epidemiological criteria compared to the country of departure, as per relevant [Country categorization](#) announcement of the Republic of Cyprus.
- I declare subject to sanctions under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus that the facts and information I have provided, are complete, correct and true.

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- I/We solemnly declare and affirm that all declarations made herein on behalf of my/our child are true. I am/We are fully aware and consent to the submission of this application on behalf of the child. I/We make this SOLEMN DECLARATION consciously and knowing that making a false and/or misleading declaration entails sanctions under the laws of the Republic of Cyprus.

Signature: .....

Date: .....