

Standards for quarantine of travellers entering the Maltese Islands

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The following standards are issued under the Public Health Act Chapter 465 of the Laws of Malta and require strict adherence. Failure to adhere to these standards will result in enforcement procedures as provided by this same Act.

LN 301 of 2021 Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021, and LN 300 of 2021, Period of Quarantine (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021, which came into force on 14th July 2021, and its amendments LN 316 of 2021, LN 317 of 2021; and LN 368 of 2021 - Period of Quarantine (Amendment No. 6) and LN 368 of 2021 and LN 369 of 2021- Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment Order No.6) Order 2021, which came into force on 23th September 2021 relate to the conditions and the countries/zones by which travel to and from Malta.

Persons may travel to Malta from the countries listed in Annex A. They are only permitted to travel from these countries/territories without undergoing quarantine provided that all the criteria below are fulfilled:



- They are in possession of a recognised vaccination certificate which confirms that the person has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if aged 12 years or over
- The vaccination certificate presented shall only be valid and accepted if issued in an official form as recognized and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health.

Which are the certificates recognised by the Superintendent of Public Health?

A recognised vaccination certificate as notified by the Superintendent of Public Health (age 12+) for a full course of vaccination (2 doses or 1 dose of a single dose vaccine) with EMA approved vaccines (Comirnaty [Pfizer], Janssen [Johnson & Johnson], Spikevax [Moderna], Vaxzevria [AstraZeneca]), that are authorized by the national regulatory authority of the administering country, with 14 days after the last dose and which have been officially recognised as published in the Government Gazette. The list of recognised vaccine certificates can be accessed at the [Ministry for Health](#) website. This list is updated periodically.

As of the 1st October 2021, the Maltese authorities will be accepting recognised vaccine certificates showing recovery from COVID plus one dose of an EMA approved vaccine, as per the vaccination policy of the issuing country, administered at least 14 days prior to arrival in Malta.



Who needs to quarantine in relation to travel?

1. Persons aged 12 years and over who are **not** in possession of a recognised vaccination certificate travelling from countries classified as red shall be required to submit themselves to a period of quarantine of 14 days in terms of Article 2(1) of the LN 300 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021 and its amendments LN 317 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No.5) Order, 2021, and LN 368 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No.6) Order, 2021.
2. Persons of all ages authorised to travel from dark red countries shall be required to submit themselves to a period of quarantine of 14 days in terms of article 2(1) of the LN 300 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021 and its amendments LN 317 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No.5) Order, 2021, and LN 368 of 2021 Period of Quarantine (Amendment No.6) Order, 2021

Where can quarantine be carried out?

A. For persons arriving from Red zones (confirmed to have been in a red zone for a full 14-day period prior to travel to Malta)

Residents in possession of a valid Maltese ID or Residence Card, whose permanent residence is in Malta, may apply to undergo quarantine at an alternative address, other than a designated quarantine hotel, provided that no other unvaccinated persons aged 12 years and over other than the travel party,



will be residing at the preferred quarantine address during the quarantine period.

In order to obtain authorisation to quarantine at one's preferred address, persons must submit an application at <https://travelauthorisation.gov.mt/> at least ten days prior to their arrival in Malta.

This form may also be used by parents/guardians with a valid Maltese ID or residence card for their minor children who are travelling to Malta to quarantine at their preferred alternative address. Health authorities reserve the right to accept or reject such requests.

B. For persons arriving from Dark Red zones

B1. A Specific authorisation for travel is required for travellers from dark red zones since these countries/ zones are subject to an effective travel ban. This can be requested on <https://travelauthorisation.gov.mt/>

All persons returning from countries categorised as dark red are subject to quarantine irrespective of their vaccination status.

B2. Travellers coming to Malta from dark red countries with an authorisation to travel may also apply for quarantine at an alternate personal residence by applying at <https://travelauthorisation.gov.mt/> if they:



- a) **are in possession of a valid Maltese ID or Residence card**
- b) **have a valid recognised vaccine certificate or else are under 12 years of age and thus ineligible for vaccination**

At the address where the returning traveller/s is/are proposing to follow quarantine, there should be no more than 4 additional persons residing (apart from the passengers arriving from dark red countries). In this same residence/address, all persons (12+ years) who will quarantine with the traveller/s require to be fully vaccinated. Details of travellers and non-travelling household members will be requested and verified.

In all cases, anyone remaining in the same household with a return traveller/s who is required to quarantine, will be in quarantine for the same period even if they are vaccinated, and would not be eligible for early release from quarantine. This application to quarantine at an alternative address may also be submitted by parents/guardians of minor children on behalf of their minor children.

Hotel Quarantine

Non-Malta residents of all ages who require to be quarantined, unvaccinated Malta residents aged 12 years and over travelling from dark red countries and those not authorised to quarantine at an alternative quarantine address need to follow a 14-day period of quarantine in an officially designated quarantine hotel which is recognised as such by the Superintendent of Public Health. The applicable cost borne by a person in quarantine at a quarantine hotel is 100 euros per room per night which includes breakfast brought to the room and is



to be paid at the hotel. Any requirement for PCR carried out by public health authorities shall be subject to the payment of a fee of 120 euros for the administration of this test.

Any other additional expenses need to be borne by the person in quarantine.

Testing requirements

Prior to boarding, all persons who are subject to quarantine as per standards above need to present a negative nasopharyngeal Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test performed not longer than seventy-two (72) hours before that person's arrival in Malta.

Requirements for COVID-19 testing for passengers arriving from Red Zones and are subject to quarantine

No COVID-19 test is generally required for release from quarantine at the end of the 14-day quarantine period in the case of persons arriving from red countries, however Maltese public health authorities may require individuals in quarantine to be tested at their discretion.

Requirements for COVID-19 testing for passengers arriving from Dark Red Zones

Persons arriving from countries from Dark red zones, shall be required to be subjected to an additional nasopharyngeal Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test in Malta pursuant to entry and another nasopharyngeal PCR COVID-19 test is required on Day 10-11 of quarantine for the release from



quarantine on Day 14 if the test is negative. Maltese public health authorities may require further tests at their discretion.

Airlines are to deny boarding to those persons who are not abiding with the above standards.

Persons symptomatic while in quarantine

Any individuals in quarantine who experience possible COVID-19 symptoms are required to contact 111 COVID-19 helpline (or +356 2132 4086 from a foreign number) for a swab test.



Annex A – Countries classified as Red as per LN 369 of 2021 Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 2021

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Belarus
Belgium
Bermuda
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
Cape Verde
China (including Taiwan, Macao and Hong Kong)
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechia
Denmark
Egypt
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Georgia



Germany
Gibraltar
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
India
Ireland
Iraq
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Kosovo
Kuwait
Latvia
Lebanon
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Maldives
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Myanmar



Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
North Macedonia
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
San Marino
St Kitts and Nevis
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
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Slovenia
South Africa
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Timor
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