

## Standards for quarantine of unvaccinated 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 the Act.

### Requirements for boarding

In terms of LN 301 of 2021 Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021, which came into force on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021, persons may travel to Malta from the countries listed in Annex A provided they are in possession of:

a valid vaccination certificate showing that that person has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if aged 12 years of age or over.

Provided further that a vaccination certificate shall only be valid and accepted if issued in that official form, and with regards to a vaccine recognized and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health.

The list of approved vaccine certificates include:

- “MT Vaccine certificate” full course of vaccination with 14 day after last dose
- “NHS COVID Pass “– NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination record – full course of vaccination with 14 day after last dose
- “EU Digital COVID Certificate (Vaccination Certificate) “ full course of vaccination with 14 day after last dose
- “Dubai Health Authority Vaccine Certificate “- TWO doses received” with 14 days from last dose
- “Turkish vaccine certificate” - TWO doses received with 14 days from last dose

As from Monday 19th July 2021 Malta will recognise the United States CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card with an EMA approved vaccine (full course and 14 days post last dose) as a valid vaccination certificate.

As from 1st August 2021 the United States CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card will need to be verified through a specific app to be acceptable as a valid vaccination certificate.

The list will be updated from time to time.

### Quarantine requirements

Persons who are not in possession of a recognised vaccination certificate shall be required to submit themselves to a period of quarantine of 14 days in terms of article 2(1) of the Period of Quarantine Order.

Quarantine on arrival applies to all persons except those to whom the exemptions in article 2 of LN 301 of 2021 apply (medical conditions with approval of public health authorities and children aged 11 or less). This period of quarantine needs to be followed at a 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 euro per room per night which includes breakfast brought to the room. Any other additional expenses need to be borne by the person in quarantine.

Residents who have a permanent residence in Malta may apply to undergo quarantine at an alternative address if authorised by the Superintendent of Public Health if no unvaccinated persons will be residing at the quarantine address during the quarantine period. Persons who are eligible to quarantine at another address need to submit an application via an online form at least ten days prior to their arrival in Malta. This form can be accessed [here](#). Health authorities reserve the right to accept or reject such requests.

It is assumed that unvaccinated children aged 12-15 (both years inclusive) travelling with vaccinated parent/s /guardian/s who are resident in Malta will follow quarantine at their home address. In all cases, anyone remaining in the same household with a returning traveller who is required to quarantine, will be in quarantine for the same period even if they are vaccinated. Non-residents of all ages need to follow quarantine in the quarantine hotel.

#### Testing requirements

All persons who will be boarded without a vaccine certificate and have accepted to be in quarantine as per standards above need to present a negative pharyngeal Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test performed not longer than seventy-two (72) hours before that person's arrival in Malta.

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 countries in Annex A, however Maltese public health authorities may require individuals in quarantine to be tested at their discretion.

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.

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

#### Quarantine requirements for travellers from countries not listed in Annex A

In the case of persons arriving from countries not listed in Annex A, these persons need to follow the established medical protocol for COVID-19 testing and are required to quarantine for 14 days in terms of article 2(1) of the Period of Quarantine Order. This period of quarantine

needs to be followed at a 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 euro per room per night which includes breakfast brought to the room. Any other additional expenses need to be borne by the person in quarantine.

#### Requirements for COVID-19 testing

In the case of persons arriving from countries not listed in Annex A, shall be required to be subjected to a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test in Malta pursuant to entry and a nasopharyngeal PCR COVID-19 test is required on Day 10-11 of quarantine for the release from quarantine on Day 14 if test is negative. Maltese public health authorities may require further tests at their discretion.

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.

#### Persons symptomatic while in quarantine

Any individuals in quarantine who experience potential 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

### List of countries/Zones

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belgium
- Belize
- Bhutan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- China (including Taiwan, Macao and Hong Kong)
- Croatia
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Fiji
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Gibraltar
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Iran
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg

- Moldova
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Panama
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Romania
- San Marino
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom
- Vatican City
- Vietnam
- United States of America (limited to the following states: Alabama, Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Federated States of Micronesia, Florida, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Northern Mariana Islands, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Palau, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Republic of Marshall Islands, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming).