



Standards for quarantine of travellers entering the Maltese Islands

Effective as of 17/09/2021, 8.00hrs

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.

In terms of LN 301 of 2021 Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021, which came into force on 14th 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.

A valid vaccination certificate recognised 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.

The list of recognised vaccine certificates can be accessed here <https://traveltomalta.gov.mt/>

Quarantine requirements

Persons aged 12 years and over who are not in possession of a recognised vaccination certificate travelling from countries classified as red and 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



Location of Quarantine

For persons arriving from Red zones (confirmed to have been in 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 provided that no other unvaccinated persons will be residing at the quarantine address during the quarantine period. 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 utilised by parents/guardians with a valid Maltese vaccine certificate or residence card for their minor children to quarantine at an alternative address. Health authorities reserve the right to accept or reject such requests.

For persons arriving from Dark Red zones

Specific authorisation is required for travellers from dark red zones which are subject to an effective travel ban due to high risk in such countries. All these travellers are subject to quarantine.

Travellers coming to Malta from dark red countries who are in possession of a valid Maltese ID or Residence card and whose permanent residence is in Malta and who are in possession of a valid recognised vaccine certificate or are under 12 years of age may apply to undergo quarantine at an alternate residence provided that at the address where the returning traveller/s will be residing during the quarantine period there are no more than 4 additional persons residing (apart from the passengers arriving from dark red countries). Furthermore, any other persons aged 12 years and over residing at the same quarantine address as travellers returning from dark red countries need to be fully vaccinated. Travellers returning from dark red countries who request to quarantine at an alternative address will be asked to submit a declaration confirming on the number of household members not returning from travel who will form part of the household during the quarantine period and their vaccination status.



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.

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-residents of all ages who require to be quarantined, unvaccinated residents aged 12 years and over travelling from dark red countries and those not approved to quarantine at an alternative quarantine address need to follow quarantine in the quarantine hotel.

The 14 day period of quarantine from arrival 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 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

All persons who will be boarded and will be subject to 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 (Red zones) , however Maltese public health authorities may require individuals in quarantine to be tested at their discretion.

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

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.

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

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 – countries classified as Red as per LN 301 of 2021 Travel Ban (Extension to All Countries) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 2021

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belgium
- Belize
- Belarus
- 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



- o **Vatican City**
- o **Vietnam**
- o **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.**