



Government of Samoa

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Special Travel Advice and Information Paper for Travelers Entering Samoa

Flights into Samoa are considered under special circumstances for repatriation and evacuating nationals requiring urgent medical treatment and bringing in essential supplies.

This travel advice and information sheet is to inform you prior to your arrival into Samoa.

The Ministry of Health appreciates your full compliance and patience on arrival as you may experience long delays.

ALL Travelers:

- ✓ All are required to complete the Health Declaration Card in Flight.
- ✓ All are required to have a COVID-19 test done with a negative result within three days or 72 hours before arrival. Only RT-PCR COVID-19 is accepted.
- ✓ All are required to undergo medical examination by a Registered Medical Practitioner within three days or 72 hours before arrival.
- ✓ All are required to declare any history of Covid 19 infection or COVID 19 positive test in the past 6 (six) months on medical assessment form
- ✓ You will **NOT** be allowed to board the plane;
 - If you have a **positive COVID-19** test or **COVID-19 test NOT Done** OR
 - **Medical Clearance Report/Certificate NOT done** OR
 - If you declare any history of Covid 19 infection or COVID 19 positive test in the past 6 (six) months on medical assessment form
- ✓ You have any of the following symptoms;
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Sore throat
 - Flu-Like Symptoms
- ✓ Hard copies of both COVID-19 test result and medical report should be presented at check in and on arrival to airline and health officials. Text messages or verbal communication of COVID-19 results will not be accepted.
- ✓ **Any intending traveller with a history of a positive COVID 19 rtPCR test is not allowed to travel to Samoa:**
 - Unless Six (6) months have passed from date of the positive test result and
 - Must provide proof of 3 consecutive negative test results 7 days apart after six months have passed and
 - Required to have blood serology (Antibody) test done within 72 hours of arrival and
 - All COVID 19 PCR test results and Serology tests must be submitted via email to Director General of Health on email ceo@health.gov.ws and Dr Robert Thomsen email robertt@health.gov.ws
 - Must comply with all requirements stated in the travel advise.
- ✓ Failure to do so at check in can result in no board or entry denied.

- ✓ You will go directly into managed isolation upon arrival into Samoa at a designated location, **minimum period of quarantine is 14 days and can change any time**, and you will be informed of any changes.
- ✓ You must bring your own personal necessities e.g. soap, tooth brush, tooth paste etc.etc to last for 14 days or more.
- ✓ Passengers are advised to check in only one piece luggage (required weight 23kg)
- ✓ You are **not allowed** to bring in any additional packages/parcels for delivery upon arrival into Samoa to family members etc.
- ✓ If you have any medical conditions or above 60 years of age and require regular medical assistance while in quarantine, you are advised to defer your travel until borders are fully open.
- ✓ You are required to ensure you have sufficient medications to last you three months and note your medical condition on the Health declaration card.
- ✓ You are responsible for the cost of any medications prescribed while in quarantine.
- ✓ You are **not allowed** to bring alcohol or consume any alcohol on quarantine site.
- ✓ Passengers **requiring special diets will be responsible for their own dietary needs** and must inform the quarantine site staff of your dietary needs. **You are responsible for costs** associated with your dietary needs.
- ✓ You must **change any foreign currency to Samoan Tala before traveling to Samoa** as no banks will be open at the airport on arrival.
- ✓ You are **required to wear a face mask at all times** during the flight, upon arrival and while in quarantine.
- ✓ All travelers requiring wheelchair assistance and those with special needs must be accompanied by an adult relative in flight and during the mandatory quarantine period.
- ✓ The cost of accommodation, breakfast and lunch during quarantine will be paid by Government. **Dinner will be the passenger's responsibility.**
- ✓ The Ministry of Health is not responsible or liable for any costs or lost items while in quarantine.

Infants and Children less than 18 years of age:

- All infants and children should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the duration of the quarantine period.
- A written consent is required from parent or legal guardian for any child going into quarantine alone.
- Parents are advised that all children's immunizations are up to date especially measles vaccines due to the recent outbreak.
- Parents/legal guardian travelling with infants/child must ensure sufficient supplies of basic needs e.g. milk, wipes, diapers, formula etc. for the duration of quarantine.

Travelers entering Samoa from **COVID-19 FREE Pacific Countries** are required to provide proof of **staying at their COVID-19 free country for the last 28 days or more** prior to travelling to Samoa.

ALL TRAVELLERS ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS.

SEA VESSELS – Cargo, Tankers, and Fishing Vessels

1. ALL **sea vessels crew** are required to **provide medical reports and COVID19 test result from last port before arrival into Samoa**. Fishing vessels are assessed on a case by case basis.
2. All Cargo Ships, Tankers and Fishing vessels Entering Samoa **with crew change at any port must complete 14 days out at sea before entering Samoa**.

There are penalties if the conditions of quarantine are breached. This applies to all people in quarantine leaving or individuals and families going to quarantine sites.

For more information regarding rules of quarantine visit the Ministry of Health website
www.health.gov.ws

Your compliance with the conditions listed is imperative to ensuring the safety of all who are travelling and our people in Samoa. We endeavor to keep Samoa COVID-19 Free.

We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.



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