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Mr. Yvon BASIL

Director

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Port Vila

Dear Director,

RE: No requirement for COVID-19 test prior to international travel to Vanuatu

Effective as of **Monday 12 September 2022**, the health requirement for a negative COVID-19 test or recovery letter prior to travel to Vanuatu has been removed. This should no longer be required at check-in or upon entry to Vanuatu. TIMATIC should therefore be updated accordingly.

The Ministry of Health continue to encourage those travellers who experience signs or symptoms of COVID-19 to postpone their travel to Vanuatu until they are well.

Further details are in the attached information note and are available on the Ministry of Health website: <https://covid19.gov.vu/index.php/travelling-to-vanuatu/travelers-to-vanuatu>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Stephens'.



Dr. Jenny Stephens
Acting Director Public Health

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Mr. Stephen Willie, Acting Director Immigration
Eslyn Kaltongga, Department of Foreign Affairs



Health requirements for International Travel to Vanuatu

Effective from 12 September 2022 onwards

This summarizes requirements stipulated by the Ministry of Health as of the date indicated. The latest health information on requirements is made available on the [Ministry of Health COVID-19 webpage](#) and supersedes previous information.

Please refer to the [Department of Vanuatu Immigration and Passport Services](#) for the most up-to-date information on the entry documents required.

Before Travel to Vanuatu

- Full vaccination against COVID-19 is encouraged but not required.
- Testing for COVID-19 is not required. Those who are unwell are encouraged to postpone travel.

During Travel to Vanuatu

- Wearing of a mask is encouraged but not required. A well-fitted mask can be worn during an air flight to Vanuatu, at the airport upon arrival, and thereafter as desired.

Upon Arrival to Vanuatu

There are no other specific health restrictions that apply to international travellers who have recently arrived in Vanuatu.

- Quarantine for arriving travellers is not required.
- Testing upon or after arrival is not required if there are no symptoms and there has been no exposure to COVID-19.

Arrival by Sea: The above requirements also apply to those entering Vanuatu by sea, if there are no symptoms and there has been no exposure to COVID-19.

Whilst in Vanuatu

- Travellers who experience COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to undertake testing for COVID-19.
- Any traveller who tests positive for COVID-19 or who develops symptoms of COVID-19 and cannot get tested is required to isolate until there has been no fever and no worsening or new symptoms for at least 48 hours. Release from isolation does not require a negative PCR or negative RAT result.
- Medical care should be sought if there are any danger signs or if symptoms have not improved within 5 days.
- Isolation can be undertaken at home or in hotels and resorts.
- Foreign nationals are to meet all medical expenses in Vanuatu for any ailments and injuries, including COVID-19. This also applies to those travellers visiting family and friends. Travel insurance for foreign nationals is encouraged for this purpose.