

Ministry of Health Guyana



Protocols for Entry into Guyana via Guyana-Suriname Border

- All travelers to Guyana **MUST** take a molecular COVID-19 RT-PCR test within 72 hours prior to arrival in order to enter the country. Please note: **NO** rapid tests are acceptable for travel to Guyana, **NO** antibody nor antigen tests will be permitted. Or
- Written or electronic documentation of recovery from COVID-19 after previous SARS-CoV-2 infection in the form of a positive viral test (Antigen or RT-PCR) and a letter from a licensed health care provider or public health official stating that the passenger has been cleared for travel (Certificate of Clearance).
- Travelers are required to present a copy of their test result bearing their name to the Port Health Officials and check-in/Port Health counter in Suriname. Failure to do so will result in passengers being prohibited from boarding the Ferry.
- Persons whose tests were taken more than 72 hours prior to travel **WILL NOT** be allowed to board the ferry.
- The Port Health Officer will verify that the COVID 19 Molecular PCR test was done within the stipulated 72 hours for persons to qualify to board the ferry.
- Upon arrival in Guyana, test results must be validated by the Port Health Officials from the Ministry of Health. These results should be presented in English to facilitate validation.
- Passengers with a negative PCR result taken within 72 hours of travel will be assessed by the Port Health Officials and if asymptomatic they will be allowed to proceed to the immigration points.
- These passengers will be permitted to leave the Port Authority after being granted clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health Officials.
- Arriving passengers without a valid, negative COVID 19 PCR test result will be denied entry into Guyana.

Procedures at Guyana Port Authority

- 1- Masks **MUST** be worn at all time while onboard the ferry and at the port.
- 2- Children less than 2 years are not recommended to wear masks.
- 3- All incoming travelers must undergo a health assessment which may include a temperature check and brief interview by Port Health Officials.
- 4- Children younger than 2 years travelling with parents or guardians who have tested negative are not required to be tested. Older children must present a valid negative PCR test result.
- 5- Passengers who are not in possession of a negative PCR test result will not be allowed to board the Ferry for travel between these two countries.
- 6- Arriving passengers will be directed to the Port Health Officials where they **WILL** present their PCR test results and passport for verification and validation.
- 7- Port Health Officials shall visually evaluate each arriving passenger, record their temperature and review the PCR test results.
- 8- Passengers who record a temperature above 37.5C (99.5F) or who appear ill and/or display symptoms of COVID 19 shall be further evaluated by Port Health Official and maybe subjected to isolation/quarantine.

- 9- The Ministry of Health shall determine if it is necessary for passengers to undergo any additional medical evaluation or testing.

Passenger transport measures for passengers wishing to travel to Suriname:

- I. Only passengers authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation (Consular Affairs) will be admitted on the Repatriation Flights.
- II. The following persons who meet one (1) of the following criteria will be admitted:
- a. Persons in possession of a Surinamese passport and foreign nationals with a valid Surinamese residence permit, work permit or foreign nationals with a valid PSA card who reside here.
 - b. Persons of Surinamese Origin who wish to travel due to a death of a 1st or 2nd degree family member. It is necessary to submit a death certificate and documentary evidence showing the family relationship with the deceased.
 - c. Persons of Surinamese Origin who wish to travel due to serious illness of a 1st or 2nd degree family member. It is necessary to submit a statement from a medical specialist and a document showing the family relationship with the patient.
 - d. Persons who must necessarily travel to Suriname because of serving the public interest (essential professional groups).

Persons covered by the above exceptions can make a request within five (05) working days before the target departure date via the email address: conza@gov.sr.

- III. To prevent the further spread of COVID-19, as well as to guarantee the health of all passengers and the Surinamese community, the following conditions apply to entering Suriname:
- a. Submit a negative RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours. The test is not necessary for children under 12 years old.
 - b. Submitting medical insurance including COVID-19 cost coverage.
 - c. Persons who cannot provide medical insurance that includes COVID-19 cost coverage will be held liable for all medical costs associated with any COVID-19 contamination. A statement will have to be made in this context be signed.
 - d. Persons traveling to Suriname will be required to be quarantined for a period of seven (07) days under the supervision of the National Coordination Center for Disaster Management (NCCR) and the Public Health Service (BOG). The costs for the quarantine (hotel) are fully borne by the passenger.
 - e. Passengers will be required to present the quarantine (hotel) reservation upon check-in

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