



# COVID-19 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

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## **TOURISTS TRAVEL PROCESS**

## **ALL TRAVELERS**

- Plan your holiday with Connaissance & Apply for Visa online 1.
- Arrange for PCR (\$40 Per Test) and Insurance (\$12 pp) payments with Connaissance. 2.
  - Test negative on a PCR test done 72 hours before boarding your flight. 3.

## **VACCINATED TRAVELERS**

PCR ON DAY 1 **IF NEGATIVE** 

**CAN FREELY TRAVEL** 

**STAYING LESS THAN 14 DAYS** 

PCR ON DAY 1 **IF NEGATIVE** 

**TRAVEL TO SITES IN A BIO-SECURE BUBBLE** 

PCR ON DAY **BEFORE DEPARTURE** 

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## **NON-VACCINATED TRAVELERS**

### STAYING MINIMUM 14 DAYS OR MORE

PCR ON DAY 1 IFNEGATIVE

### **TRAVEL TO SITES IN A BIO-SECURE BUBBLE**

PCR ON DAY 14 **IF NEGATIVE** 

**CAN FREELY TRAVEL FROM DAY 14** 

**VACCINATED TRAVELERS** 

The Process for Vaccinated Travelers



## **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Travelers need to have completed 14 days after their Second/Final Vaccination.
- Travelers should carry original Vaccination Certificate/Card (Together with a certified English Translation if the Certificate/Card is not in English or relevant Data is not in English).
- Any vaccination accepted by the country of origin is acceptable under the vaccinated route.



## **VISA**

A visa needs to be obtained online (http://www.eta.gov.lk) before traveling to Sri Lanka at a cost of \$35 USD. Visa on arrival will not be allowed.



## **PCR TESTING**

**PRE-BOARDING PCR -** A Negative PCR report issued by an accredited laboratory within **72 hours** prior to the departure or as per requirement of the airline. 1<sup>ST</sup> PCR TEST (ARRIVAL)- Will be taken on arrival at the hotel, before checking in.

Children (2-18 years old) will need a PCR test on arrival and again on day 7 if they are not vaccinated. Only infants under 2 years of age will be exempt from PCR testing. Only Infants bellow 2 will be exempt from PCR Testing.



## **NON-VACCINATED CHILDREN AND ACCOMPANYING TRAVELERS**

**INFANTS (BELLOW 2 YEARS)** – Will be able to accompany parents/guardians and will **NOT need to have a PCR test on Arrival**.

CHILDREN (2 TO 18 YEARS) – Will be able to accompany parents/guardians and will need to have a PCR test on Arrival & Day 7. Other Passengers (18 years and above) - Will not be able to move freely with parents/other passengers and will need to stay 14 days in a Bio-Secure Bubble. If they wish to travel together, they can spend 14 days in the Bio Secure Bubble.



## MOVEMENT

Travelers will only need to stay in the Bio-Secure Bubble (Level 1 Hotel) until they receive the results of their Arrival PCR Test. Tests results usually come within 24 hours taking a maximum of 36 hours. Once they receive a negative result, they are free to travel without any restrictions. Once they leave the Bio-Secure Bubble (Level 1 Hotel) they may not reenter



**NON-VACCINATED TRAVELERS** 

The Process for Non-Vaccinated Travelers

**VISA** 

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## **PCR TESTING**

**PRE-BOARDING PCR -** A Negative PCR report issued by an accredited laboratory within **72 hours** prior to the departure or as per requirement of the airline.

1<sup>ST</sup> PCR TEST (ARRIVAL)- Will be taken on arrival at the hotel, before checking in.

2<sup>ND</sup> PCR TEST (DEPARTURE / DAY 14) - . If stay is between 5-14 days – perform the PCR 24 hours before departure. If stay is more than 14 days – perform PCR on 11-14th day. If stay is less

than 5 days - no exit PCR required.

CHILDREN BELLOW 2 ARE EXEMPT FROM PCR. CHILDREN BETWEEN 2 AND 12 WILL NEED TO TAKE ONLY 1 PCR UPON DEPARTURE OR ON DAY 14, WHICH EVER COMES FIRST.



## MOVEMENT

Travelers will only need to stay in the Bio-Secure Bubble (Level 1 Hotels) for 14 days. After the 14 days, guests are free to travel without any restrictions. After receiving a negative result from the arrival PCR, they are free to travel to approved sites.







## VACCINATED TRAVELERS — WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED 14 DAYS AFTER THE VACCINATION

The Process for Travelers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination



A visa needs to be obtained online (http://www.eta.gov.lk) before traveling to Sri Lanka at a cost of \$35 USD. Visa on arrival will not be allowed.



## **ARRIVING 7 OR MORE DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF VACCINATION**

**PRE-BOARDING PCR -** A Negative PCR report issued by an accredited laboratory within **72 hours** prior to the departure or as per requirement of the airline.

1<sup>ST</sup> PCR TEST (ARRIVAL)- Will be taken on arrival at the hotel, before checking in. 2<sup>ND</sup> PCR (DAY 7) – Will be taken on day 7. They can then leave the Bio-Bubble and travel without any restriction after negative second test.

Only Infants bellow 2 will be exempt from PCR Testing.



## **ARRIVING LESS THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE VACCINATION**

**PRE-BOARDING PCR -** A Negative PCR report issued by an accredited laboratory within **72 hours** prior to the departure or as per requirement of the airline.

1<sup>ST</sup> PCR TEST (ARRIVAL)- Will be taken on arrival at the hotel, before checking in. 2NP PCR – Will be taken on the day they complete 14 days after vaccination. They can leave the Bio-Bubble and travel without any restriction after a negative second test.

Only Infants bellow 2 will be exempt from PCR Testing.

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PCI	R TEST SUMMARY	When	Adults	< 2 Years	2-12 Years	12-18 Years
1 <sup>st</sup>	1. VACCINATED	On Arrival at hotel		X		
P C R	2. NON-VACCINATED	On Arrival at hotel		X		
	<b>3.VACINNATED</b> BUT NOT FINSIHED 14 DAYS AFTER VACCINATION	On Arrival at hotel		X		
1846	1. VACCINATED	Day 7 Not required if staying less than 7 days	X	X	If non-vaccinated	If non-vaccinated
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2. NON-VACCINATED	Day 14 or before departure. <i>Not required if staying less than 5 days</i>		X		
	<b>3a. VACCINNATED</b> But Arriving 7 or more Days After Completion Of Vaccination	Day 7 Or before departure.		X		
	<b>3b. VACCINNATED</b> But arriving less than 7 days after the end of the vaccination	14 days after completion of vaccination Or before departure. Version 10   19th July 2021				6



General Travel Requirements for Travel to Sri Lanka



A visa needs to be obtained online (http://www.eta.gov.lk) before traveling to Sri Lanka at a cost of \$35 USD. Visa on arrival will not be allowed.



- Apply and pay for Visa online (http://www.eta.gov.lk) and provide booking confirmation code of Level 1 hotel bookings, this will be provided 1. by Connaissance. Once done the Visa will be in *"Pending"* status.
- Pay Connaissance for PCR Tests depending on duration of stay and Sri Lanka Covid-19 Insurance, provide us guest details and the ETA number from the 2. visa application.
- Once done, the authorities will enter the details into the system and the Visa will be confirmed.











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## **COVID-19 INSURANCE COVER**

At the price of USD 12 per person, the insurance will provide a maximum cover of USD 50,000 for **1 Month** (Please check the link for more details). This will cover costs of private hospitalization, ambulance and other expenses in the case a client is positive. The payment for the Insurance will need to be made to DMC or hotel (In this case to Connaissance).

If clients are staying for longer than 1 month, they will need to get an extension of the insurance. Please contact us for more details.

For all the details of the Insurance - https://sltda.gov.lk/storage/common\_media/COVID-19%20Insured%20(1)2114407123.pdf







**THE BIO-SECURE BUBBLE** 

Summary of the NON-RESTRICTIVE Bio-Secure Bubble



## **TO WHOM DOES THIS APPLY?**

**VACCINATED TRAVELER-** Only need to stay in the Bio-Secure Bubble until the results of arrival PCR. 24-36 Hours.

**NON-VACCINATED TRAVELER-** Will need to stay 14 days in the Bio-Secure Bubble.



## **LEVEL 1 HOTELS**

- Travelers Adhering to the bubble, can only stay in Level 1 hotels. Hotels can be found at www.Srilanka.travel/helloagain.
- The stay is NON-RESTRICTIVE, and they can use all hotel facilities, such as Beach, Spa, Pool, etc...
- Guests can change between Level 1 hotels as they wish.
- Hotels need to certified "Safe & Secure" through an audit by Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority conducted by KPMG or E&Y. Hotels then opt in to level 1.
- Once a guest stays overnight in a non level 1 hotel after required stay period, they can not reenter a level 1 hotel.

## **APPROVED VISITS, SITES AND MOVEMENT**

- Guests adhering to the Bubble, will only be able to visit approved sites. This includes almost all cultural sites & national parks; An updated List can be found at - www.Srilanka.travel/helloagain
- All visits will need to be preplanned. Guests will not be able to change the itinerary without prior notice.
- Outside Restaurants and niche visits such as Boat Rides can be organized on case-by-case basis.







# **PROCEDURE IF COVID -19 POSITIVE**

What happens in the off-chance that a guest is Covid-19 Positive,



## **NON-SYMPTOMATIC COVID POSITIVE GUESTS**

- The guests will be isolated within the current hotel. They will not have contact with outsiders.
- If Isolation not possible in the hotel, they will be moved to an isolation hotel.
- If recommended by the designated medical officer, guests will be moved to a private hospital approved by the Ministry of Health.

## **SYMPTOMATIC COVID POSITIVE GUESTS**

• Guests will be moved to a private hospital approved by the Ministry of Health.

## **MANDATORY COVID-19 INSURANCE COVER**

The insurance will provide a maximum cover of USD 50,000. This will cover costs of private hospitalisation, ambulance and other expenses in the case a client is positive.









## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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