



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE CABINET SECRETARY**

Telephone: Nairobi 254-020-2717077
Fax: 254-2719008
Email:cs@health.go.ke
When replying please quote:

AFYA HOUSE
CATHEDRAL ROAD
P. O Box 30016-00100
NAIROBI

REF: MOH/DC/9/1/33

4th May, 2023

Dr. Alfred Mutua, EGH,
Cabinet Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs,
P O Box 30551-00100,
NAIROBI.

Dear *Wagiri,*

REVIEW OF COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS INTO KENYA.

The Ministry of Health has been conducting periodic reviews of travel restrictions from different countries based on the guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) on the Public health considerations while resuming international travel. The guidance is based on analysis of the epidemiological situation which will vary among countries.

Currently, all passengers above the age of 12 years arriving into the country are required to be in possession of proof of COVID-19 vaccination certificate. Those without a vaccination certificate for valid reasons are required to be in possession of a negative PCR-based COVID-19 test results conducted at least 72 hours before commencement of travel.

Over the last three (3) months Kenya like most other jurisdictions has witnessed a decline in the number of COVID-19 cases and a drop in the overall positivity rate from a weekly average of 2.5 % in mid-January 2023 to a weekly average of 0.5 % as at the week ending 30 April 2023. The risk of transmission of the disease therefore remains relatively low.

In view of the above, and in keeping with guidance from World Health Organization, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with regard to de-escalation of containment measures, and the insights from analysis and monitoring of the pandemic in Kenya, the Ministry of Health has recommended a revision of containment measures including the **lifting of the requirement to provide proof of vaccination or PCR testing for travelers into the country.**

The Ministry of Health recommends the following measures with regards to travelers arriving into the country with effect from 3rd May 2023:

- a. All travelers arriving into the country through any point of entry shall **no longer be required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination; or a pre-departure COVID-19 test.**
- b. Only travelers arriving at any port of entry into Kenya with flu-like symptoms will be expected to fill the passenger locator form on the 'Jitenge' platform. They will also be required to take a COVID-19 antigen test upon arrival at their own cost. Those who turn positive for Antigen testing will be required to take a further COVID-19 PCR test at their own cost. Those with severe symptoms shall thereafter be allowed isolate as per the prevailing isolation requirements for mild, moderate and severe disease.
- c. Truck drivers entering the country **shall no longer be required to have proof of COVID-19 PCR test or COVID-19 vaccination** at the points of entry.
- d. Persons traveling out of the country will be required to abide by the particular travel, health and COVID-19 related requirements of the destination country
- e. Pre-departure RDT or PCR testing may be considered at the discretion of any of the airlines departing from or terminating in Kenya.

By copy of this letter, the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority is directed to amend the latest NOTAM to reflect the above measures.

Thank you for your continued support in the fight against COVID-19.

Yours



NAKHUMICHA S WAFULA
CABINET SECRETARY.