



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MATAGALUEGA O LE SOIFUA MALOLOINA

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Special Travel Advice for Travelers Entering Samoa

1. ALL passengers are advised to communicate straight to the Samoa Health Authorities 21 days before planned travel time by emailing enquiries@health.gov.ws or samohealth.travelenquiries@gmail.com pertaining to travel advise.
2. All travelers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis before being granted permission to travel to Samoa.
3. Due to the current COVID-19 development in Fiji and other parts of the world, the following is now re-enforced for all passengers;
 - I. A **Negative rtPCR COVID test** is required to be taken within 72 hours of departure from originating airport. The lab result must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - II. Medical Clearance signed and done within 120 hours of departure from originating airport. The medical clearance must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - III. **Blood Serology for COVID19 Antibody Test** within 5 days before departure from originating airport. Must be presented in hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - IV. All travellers originating from New Zealand or have stayed for 30 days or more are EXCEMPETD from (III) above for blood serology test. **Expect this requirement to change for JUNE and JULY 2021 repatriation flights.**
 - V. Expect quarantine as determined by the Ministry of Health depending on flight details and country of origin.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL COME INTO FORCE AT 12:00am, 1st August 2021.

4. Travelers including crew are **NOW** required to be fully vaccinated before entry into Samoa **with any COVID-19 vaccine and preferably vaccines already pre-qualified** by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Janssen, Moderna, Sinopharm,).
5. A **legitimate vaccine certificate** is required for boarding. Fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used. All should have completed 2 weeks post vaccination prior to travel.
6. A hard copy must be presented on arrival into Samoa.

- 7. Passengers who haven't been vaccinated or fail to complete required doses of vaccination will be denied boarding.**
- 8. Children under 18 years and ALL those exempted from Vaccination as per country of origin specific COVID-19 vaccination policy are required to comply with point 3 above, and must be accompanied by a written report from a registered medical officer stating reason for exemption.**
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- 11. All passengers who have complied with above requirements should expect quarantine for a period determined by the Ministry of Health depending on vaccine type, and country of origin.**

TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS NOTED.

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

For travel preparations visit the Ministry of Health website at www.health.gov.ws to download the Government of Samoa, Ministry of Health Medical Clearance Health form and for information regarding rules of quarantine.

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

We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.

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**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AT SEA PORT (WHARF) –
Cargo, Tankers and Fishing Vessels**

1. **All NEW joining crew including any traveler are NOW required to be fully vaccinated before entry into Samoa with any COVID-19 vaccine and preferably vaccines already pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Janssen, Moderna, Sinopharm,).**
2. A **legitimate vaccine certificate** is required and a hard copy must be presented on arrival into Samoa. Fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used.
3. A **Negative rtPCR COVID test** is still required to be taken within 72 hours of departure from originating seaport. The lab result must be transmitted via email or present hard copy on arrival into Samoa
4. Medical Clearance signed and done within 120 hours of departure from originating seaport is still required. The medical clearance must be transmitted via email or present hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
5. All crew who have been on the vessel for 30 days or more the current requirements apply for COVID-19 rtPCR test and medical report to be done from last port to be presented on arrival.
6. All Tankers, Cargo Ships and Fishing vessels entering Samoa **with crew change at any port that do not comply with the above, will be quarantined for a period as determined by the Ministry of Health.**

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