



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SEYCHELLES

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Conditions for entry of persons into Seychelles

These guidelines are in force during the month of June and will be reviewed periodically.

As of 1st June 2020

- Airport opens gradually for transactions on conditions set by Department of Health.
- Application for international flights carrying passengers to be made to Public Health Commissioner (PHC). A standard form (APPLICATION FOR ENTRY INTO SEYCHELLES BY AIR AND SEA) is available on DoH website is to be completed and submitted.
- Applications will be processed on a case by case basis as per Public Health Order:

7A.(1) *Where a public health emergency or the incidence of infectious disease renders it necessary to restrict or prohibit the entry into or exit of any person or class of persons from Seychelles, the Commissioner, may make orders prohibiting the entry into or exit of any person or class of persons from Seychelles within a specified period and with such restrictions or exemptions as may be specified in the order.*

(5) The Commissioner, in consultation with the relevant public authorities, may issue a permit to a person or class of persons to enter into, or exit from, Seychelles within a specified period and with such restrictions or conditions as may be specified in the order.

7B.(1) *Where a person returns to Seychelles after the publication of a Public Health Emergency Notice or where the incidence of infectious disease renders it necessary that person shall be required to undergo medical examination, medical surveillance or isolation or quarantine, as the case may be.*

Types of flights to be allowed:

- Private jets with passengers destined to authorized resort, yacht or residential facilities.
- Chartered passengers flights with passengers from low risk countries published by the Department of Health.

- Chartered cargo flights that may carry passengers under permission (eg patients, returning Seychellois, students who completed their studies)

Criteria for allowing entry into Seychelles

- For the month of June, private flights carrying passengers who have been given approval will be permitted.
- Chartered flights carrying passengers from approved countries may be permitted.
- All passengers must have proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test that is 48 hours or less prior to boarding the flight to Seychelles.
- Aircraft/Airline are not to board any passengers or crew who are symptomatic of COVID-19.
- Any passengers who arrives in Seychelles without this proof will be turned back on the same aircraft.
- Exit screening must have been completed by all incoming passengers and crew.
- Entry screening will be done upon arrival starting with completion of the health check form, symptomatic check, temperature scanning. The passenger may be required to undergo a rapid antigen test.
- All passengers must provide proof of accommodation in an approved establishment for the entire period of stay and must show booking vouchers at Immigration on entry.
- During the month of June, they are not to change accommodation during their stay and must not interact with the community apart from those at their place of residence.
- In order to minimize interaction between groups of clients arriving on different dates client groups should be segregated within the Establishment. The Establishments will be visited prior to re-opening to verify that this can be effected.
- For 14 days after arrival the client will be monitored daily by the designated Health and Safety officers or focal person.
- All clients must ensure strict hygiene measures and physical distancing are enforced.
- All staff must be monitored daily by the designated Health and Safety Officer or focal person and record kept.
- Any illness must be reported immediately to the nearest Health Facility who will provide appropriate guidance.
- All cost of screening and test will be borne by the passenger.

Entry by Seychellois

- All Seychellois entering Seychelles will be quarantined for at least 14 days.
- Seychellois currently overseas may return if Seychelles has opened travel from the country they are in.
 - Until further notice only the following groups are permitted to enter:
 - Seychellois who had to delay their return because of travel restrictions
 - Seychellois students who have completed their studies
 - Seychellois working with international organisations and diplomatic missions
- The following conditions will apply:
 - All passengers must have proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test that is 48 hours or less prior to boarding the flight to Seychelles.
 - Aircraft/Airline are not to board any passengers or crew who are symptomatic of COVID-19.
 - Exit screening must have been conducted by all incoming passengers and crew.

- Entry screening will be done upon arrival starting with completion of the health check form, symptomatic check, temperature scanning. The passenger may be required to perform a rapid antigen test.
- All cost of screening and test will be borne by the passenger.
- Seychellois and persons holding resident permit in Seychelles are strongly advised not to travel overseas until further notice.
- Any person who disregards this advise should note that entry into Seychelles will be based on condition that the country from which they are returning or have visited is on the permitted list for entry. Travellers will be required to deposit the full cost of quarantine and testing prior to departure.

Maritime leisure activities

- Yacht, superyacht and leisure fishing vessels may enter Seychelles waters and must clear immigration at port Victoria and must receive clearance for any subsequent visit or disembarkation at any site or island from relevant authorities.
- Permission to disembark any crew or passengers will not be given until the vessel has spent at least 14 days at sea during which time daily temperature check should be submitted to port Health office. A COVID 19 test may be requested at the end of the 14 days
- All passengers and crew must have been screened for COVID-19 and have a recent negative PCR test (<48 hours) prior to entering Seychelles waters.
- There should be a lapse of at least 48 hours before boarding of new clients to allow thorough cleaning as per guidelines and inspection by authorities.
- Yacht and leisure crafts operators must abide by all conditions laid down by health and tourism through the guidelines issued.

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