



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
MATAGALUEGA O LE SOIFUA MALOLOINA

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AT SEA PORT (WHARF)

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Due to Fiji's current status worsening the following requirements now enforced;

1. **All NEW joining crew including any traveler are NOW required to be fully vaccinated before joining any vessel designated for Samoa with any COVID-19 vaccine and preferably vaccines already pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Janssen, Moderna, Sinopharm,).**
 - a) **A legitimate vaccine certificate** is required and a hard copy to be present on arrival into Samoa, an e-copy can be emailed before departure. Fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used.
 - b) 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.
 - c) A **blood serology for COVID-19 IgG and IgM antibodies** to be done within 7 days is required before departure from originating seaport. The lab result must be transmitted via email or present hard copy on arrival into Samoa.
 - d) 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.
2. All crew who have been on the vessel for 30 days or more who have or haven't been vaccinated is required to have a PCR test done at last port of call before onward voyage to Samoa.
3. Shipping companies and agents are advised to redirect voyages to last port of call where PCR tests can be done or Countries categorized as COVID-19 free (countries with no community transmission) before direct voyaging to Samoa.
4. **Any New Crew with a history of a positive COVID 19 rtPCR test is not allowed to enter Samoa:**
 - i. **Unless Six (6) months have passed from date of the first positive test result;**
 - ii. **Must provide genome sequencing test of the virus if available;**
 - iii. **Must provide proof of 3 consecutive negative test results at least 28 days apart before intended date of departure and must comply with all requirements stated above.**
 - iv. **All COVID 19 PCR test results, genomic sequencing test and Serology tests must be submitted via email to Director General of Health on email ceo@health.gov.ws and Dr Robert Thomsen email robertt@health.gov.ws**

5. A Vessel **Crew who has been tested POSITIVE for COVID19** at last port of call will not be accepted.
6. **All vessels are assessed on a case by case basis.**
7. All vessels and Fishing vessels entering Samoa **that do not comply with the above, will be quarantined for a period not less than 21 days unless determined by the Ministry of Health.**


WE EXPECT ALL TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA WILL COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.

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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