



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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Special Travel Advice for

TRAVELERS From AMERICAN SAMOA ENTERING SAMOA

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COVID19 Variants affecting our region and the global communities is noted with much concern, hence our Border control efforts is elevated and strictly enhanced.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY;

ALL passengers are advised to communicate straight to the Samoa Health Authorities at least 21 days before planned travel time by emailing enquiries@health.gov.ws or samohealth.travelenquiries@gmail.com) for clarification pertaining to this travel advise

All Passengers travelling from outside of American Samoa **must spent 21 days or more** in American Samoa post quarantine before traveling to Samoa. Any passenger arriving within the 21 day period will be denied entry and returned back to American Samoa.

All travelers will be assessed on a case-by-case basis before being granted permission to travel to Samoa. A passenger holding a valid airline ticket to Samoa has been pre-approved by the Samoan Government to travel.

Only Samoan Residents/Citizen are allowed to Return

All Children below 12 years of age are not permitted to travel unless they have completed the prescribed two doses of a COVID-19 Vaccine.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE ENFORCED AND MUST BE COMPLIED WITH.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH - ANY OTHER LANGUAGE WILL BE DENIED BOARDING WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

1. All Travelers 12 years and above including flight crew are NOW required to be fully vaccinated with the prescribed 2 doses with the exception of Janssen vaccine before entry into Samoa with any COVID-19 vaccine and preferably vaccines already pre-qualified by the World Health Organization (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Janssen-single dose, Moderna, Sinopharm,).
2. A legitimate vaccine certificate is required for boarding. Being fully vaccinated implies completion of the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used. All should have completed 2 weeks (14 days) post vaccination prior to travel. The vaccine certificate must be a Health Authority Approved Certificate/Card of country where vaccination took place and should contain at least the following information:
 - a. Name of Country
 - b. Name of person - should be the same as name on passport or birth certificate
 - c. National Identification/Registration Number if available
 - d. Address of Clinic and contact details

- e. Name of Vaccine and Batch Number
 - f. Dates of Vaccination
 - g. Name of Vaccinator (optional)
 - h. Health Institution Stamp if available
3. A hard copy of vaccine certificate must be presented at check in and on arrival into Samoa for sighting and also during registration at quarantine/isolation facilities.
 4. Encourage all eligible passengers to have a booster dose done prior to travel.
 5. Medical Clearance signed by attending physician within 48 hours before departure. The medical clearance report must be presented in hard copy on arrival
 6. COVID-19 rtPCR tests report within 48 hours before departure. The COVID-19 rtPCR report must be presented in hard copy on arrival
 7. **All passengers entering Samoa from Pagopago will go into quarantine for at least 14 days or as determined by the Ministry of Health (up to 21 days or more if tested positive in quarantine).**
 8. **Due to limited quarantine sites and rooms available we can only accept and accommodate a maximum of 40 passengers per week.**

Any Passenger or Crew with a **Positive COVID-19 rtPCR test is NOT allowed** to enter Samoa, unless they have satisfied the following:

- a. **30 days have passed** from date of the last NEGATIVE test result locally following the date of the positive test;
- b. Must provide genome sequencing test of the virus if available;
- c. Must provide proof of 3 consecutive negative tests results on **Day10, Day5 and Day2** before intended date of departure and must comply with all other requirements stated above.
- d. 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

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.

Travellers are also required to download the Samoa Travel Tracer app onto their phones before travel. You can download the app from the Samoa Tourism Authority website or directly from Google play for android and Apple for IPHones or use the following links:

Google Play - <https://bit.ly/3zYPxL5>

App Store - <https://apple.co/3k01wlO>

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

We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.



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