



SPECIAL TRAVEL ADVICE FOR TRAVELERS ENTERING SAMOA FROM AMERICAN SAMOA

Commencing 1st May 2023

The ongoing emergence of different Infectious Diseases of International Concern (e.g. Measles, COVID-19, Monkey pox, Dengue) with imminent global spread realizes the need for vigilance at our international borders.

The Ministry of Health pursuant to section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959 hereby strongly advises that:

With the outbreak of Measles in American Samoa, ALL travelers from the Territory (*including infants aged 6 months and above*) are required to be vaccinated with a Measles containing vaccine before entering Samoa. For children below 2 years of age must comply with the following:

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| a. Infants aged 6 months to 15 months | Single dose |
| b. 15months to 24 months | Complete required 2 doses |

A legitimate vaccine certificate/note is required before boarding and a hard copy must be presented both at check-in *and* upon arrival into Samoa for sighting. Vaccine certificates in electronic form stored on phones or other electronic devices must have a QR code.

Being fully vaccinated indicates having completed the required prescribed doses as per vaccine used. All passengers should have completed 2 weeks (14 days) post vaccination prior to travel. The vaccine certificate/Note must be a Health Authority Approved Certificate/Card of country where vaccination took place.

Failure to provide a legitimate vaccination certificate, or meet the above conditions will result in **NO BOARDING or Denied Entry** into Samoa.

Upon Arrival into Samoa and pursuant to section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959:

- All passengers are required to wear face masks at all times and are strongly encouraged to take precautionary and preventative measures within the first seven days of arrival.
- Passengers must submit to a Nasal pharyngeal Swab for PCR testing upon request by Health Officials at the Airport.

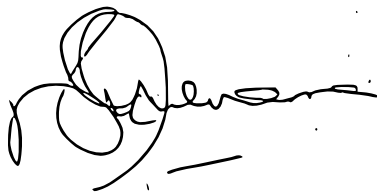


- c. Do not travel if you feel unwell. If you are experiencing any signs and symptoms of measles include **fever, dry cough, redness or swelling in eyes or eyelids or watery eyes; sensitivity to light; runny nose, sneezing, reddish-brown rash that starts from the head and spreads throughout the whole body; feeling of tiredness and body aches, and loss of appetite** indicate to our port health health staff or seek medical attention immediately.
- d. Inform the Healthcare worker (Doctor, Nurse etc) of your recent travel history.

TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN THIS TRAVEL ADVICE.

The compliance of all travellers with the conditions listed is imperative in ensuring the safety of all travellers and your families in Samoa.

The Ministry of Health appreciates your full cooperation and patience as we work together in preventing the spread of and minimizing the impact of communicable diseases in Samoa. We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.



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