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SPECIAL TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR TRAVELERS ENTERING SAMOA FROM ALL PORTS OF ENTRY

Effective 3rd November 2025

In light of the increasing number of Measles cases reported in New Zealand and other neighboring countries, and to prevent potential importation and transmission within Samoa, the Ministry of Health hereby issues the following travel advisory, pursuant to the Ministry of Health Act 2006 and Section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959.

This advisory is issued in accordance with the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) and regional public health measures to protect Samoa's population and visitors from communicable diseases.

- All Travelers, including infants aged **12** months and above, are strongly advised to have received at least one dose of a Measles-containing vaccine **TWO WEEKS** before or no later than 14 days prior to arrival in Samoa.
- Infants under **12** months of age and pregnant mothers are exempted from this requirement.
- Any person exhibiting signs or symptoms suggestive of measles (fever, dry cough, red or watery eyes, runny nose, or a blotchy rash) is strongly advised to defer travel until fully recovered.
- Travellers identified with symptoms of measles upon arrival at any point of entry will be assessed and detained as required under public health regulations.
- travelers are strongly advised to carry a legitimate vaccination certificate as proof of measles immunization. Vaccination certificates in electronic form stored on mobile devices are acceptable if they include a verifiable QR code, to be presented upon request by border or health authorities.

Under Section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959, travelers who develop any symptoms consistent with measles after arrival, including fever, cough, red or watery eyes, runny nose, and a rash starting on the face and spreading to the body should:

- Isolate immediately at home or in accommodation, and
- Seek prompt medical attention.



TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA ARE ADVISED TO COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN THIS TRAVEL ADVICE AT ALL PORTS OF ENTRY.

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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