

Subject: COVID 19 - Update on inbound and transit Travels to Dubai

1. Reference to the subject above and the directive issued by the COVID-19 Command and Control Centre (CCC), kindly note that inbound and transit international passenger(s) operation from any Country to the airports in the Emirate of Dubai, **are updated, effective from 26th February 2022 at 08:00hrs. Dubai Local Time (LT)**, subject to the conditions set out in paragraph (2) below.

2. Airlines/private operators shall ensure that the passenger(s) and the airline crew members comply with the following :
 - a. Present a valid vaccination certificate(s) that reflects the completion of doses of vaccine approved by the WHO or the United Arab Emirates (UAE), provided with QR code System; or
 - b. Present a VALID Negative Covid-19 Test certificate that should be based on a molecular diagnostic test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid for SARS-COV-2 viral RNA, that is issued within the valid time frame, namely, (48) hours from the time of collecting the sample and from an approved health service provider,



REVISED UPDATE – 27/12/2021

Dear Partners,

Kindly be advised that the following conditions must be met for all flights to/from DXB & DWC effective immediately:

1. **UAE residents, GCC citizens & tourists arriving to DXB/DWC**

All UAE residents, GCC citizens, and visitors traveling to Dubai will need to conduct a pre-travel (before departure) PCR test, irrespective of the country they are coming from.

All Negative COVID19 Certificates must be printed in English or Arabic languages only (No Handwritten Reports) PCR test validity for all other destinations that are not mentioned in the below lists is no more than 72 hours before the first embarkation point to DXB/DWC. Children under 12 and passengers with moderate to severe disabilities are exempt from PCR.

2. UAE Nationals from all countries arriving to DXB/DWC

All UAE Nationals are **Not** required to conduct PCR test before arriving at DXB/DWC, PCR Test on arrival **only**.

An exemption is also extended to the below categories of passengers from the requirement of mandatory PCR test or GDRFA pre-approval prior traveling to Dubai, from all destinations.

- The inbound passengers escorting a 1st degree UAE nationals' relative.
- Domestic workers escorting a UAE national sponsor during travel.

Given that they are traveling on the same flight with the relative or sponsor.

3. If travelling from one of the countries mentioned below all arriving passengers require a negative **PCR test validity no more than 72 hours** before departure of flight inbound to DXB/DWC, and a **second PCR test** will also be conducted upon arrival in Dubai:

Middle East & Africa		
Djibouti	Jordan	South Sudan
Egypt	Lebanon	Syria
Eritrea	Morocco	Tunisia
Iran	Senegal	
Iraq	Somalia	
Ivory Coast	Somaliland	

Europe	
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Russia
Georgia	Slovakia
Ukraine	

Asia

Azerbaijan	Philippine	Uzbekistan
Cambodia	Tajikistan	Turkey
Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan	Vietnam
Myanmar		

South America		
Argentina	Brazil	Chile

4. Holders of type of visa and/or entry permission granted by the appropriate authority in the United Arab Emirates (i.e. employment visa, short stay/long stay visa, visit visa, residence visa newly issued...etc.,) are permitted to travel to Dubai, from the countries listed below.

Restricted Countries

Arriving from the following countries (**including those who visited/travelled to the below mentioned countries in the last fourteen (14) days**):

1. The People's Republic of **Bangladesh**
2. The Republic of **India**
3. The Republic of **Burundi**
4. The Republic of **Cameroon**
5. The Republic of **Chad**
6. The Republic of **Rwanda**
7. The Republic of **Liberia**
8. The Republic of **Namibia**
9. The Federal Democratic Republic of **Nepal**
10. The Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**

11. The Republic of **Sierra Leone**
12. The Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**
13. The Republic of **Uganda**
14. The Republic of **Zambia**
15. The Republic of **Indonesia** (72 hour PCR)
16. The Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan** (no approval is required from the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) OR from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA))
17. The Republic of the **Sudan**
18. **The Republic of Ghana**

Airlines shall ensure that the passenger(s) comply with the following :

5. Hold QR code approval granted by the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship approval (ICA) **OR** an approval granted by GDRFA to enter the United Arab Emirates (UAE); For the holders of residence visa only (links <https://smartservices.ica.gov.ae> ,https://smart.gdrfad.gov.ae/Smart_OTCServicesPortal/ReturnPermitService.aspx)

1. Note: with the exception of Afghanistan as noted above in para 4

6. Present a VALID Negative Covid-19 Test certificate that is issued within the valid time frame, namely, (48) hours from the time of collecting the sample to departure of the last flight to Dubai and from and approved health service, which use QR code System; and

1. Note: with the exception of The Republic of Indonesia which only requires 72 hours PCR

7. Present a Rapid PCR test report that should be based on molecular diagnostic testing intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid for SARS-COV-2 viral RNA; conducted at the departure airport prior to six (6) hours of departure, provided with QR code system

1. Note: with the exception of The Republic of Indonesia

2. Note that the Rapid PCR test report mentioned in para 7 for the below listed Countries must be conducted at the **last point of departure:**

- The Republic of **Burundi**

- The Republic of **Cameroon**
- The Republic of **Chad**
- The Republic of **Rwanda**
- The Republic of **Uganda**
- The Republic of **Zambia**
- **The Republic of Ghana**

8. A **second PCR test** will also be conducted upon arrival in Dubai:

Airlines who wish to operate to Dubai from points in the restricted countries listed above, shall submit their request for review and approval to Dubai Civil Aviation Authority via email: air.transport@dcaa.gov.ae (48 hours) prior their operation, provided with the following:

- a. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the airline for the intended operation.
- b. Full description of the machine to be used for Rapid PCR test report, that should be based on molecular diagnostic testing intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid for SARS-COV-2 viral RNA; conducted at the departure airport prior to six (6) hours of departure.

***NOTE:** All airlines irrespective of previous submission (s) to operate from point(s) in the above listed countries are to reapply to Dubai Civil Aviation Authority.

9. **Transit passengers**

All transiting passengers **excluding the below listed** are not required to present a COVID 19 PCR test certificate unless it is mandated by their final destination.

a. **Transiting from restricted countries:**

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh
2. The Republic of India
3. The Republic of Liberia
4. The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
5. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan

6. The Republic of Sierra Leone
7. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
8. The Republic of the Sudan

All passengers who are traveling from the above listed countries and transiting through UAE, shall ensure that the following preventive measures are compiled by them:

- a) Obtain necessary entry permission/approval from Country of the final destination;
- b) Hold a VALID Negative Covid-19 Test certificate that is issued within the valid time frame, namely, (72) hours from the time of collecting the sample. Issued from approved health service, which use QR code System;
- c) The airlines shall ensure and/or verify the authenticity of the above requirement(s) prior to the passenger(s) boarding the aircraft and shall not accept any passenger(s) who does not fulfil the aforesaid condition(s) and/or requirements;

If the airline carries any passenger(s) who fails to meet the aforesaid requirements, the airline will be held responsible to return such passenger to the point of embarkation and also any other matters that may arise therefrom.

b. Transit passengers from restricted countries

All passengers transiting through Dubai from the below listed countries must comply with the following guidelines:

- a. Present a VALID Negative Covid-19 Test certificate that is issued within the valid time frame, namely, (48) hours from the time of collecting the sample and from an approved health service, which includes a QR code;
- b. Present a Rapid PCR test report that should be based on molecular diagnostic testing intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid for SARS-COV-2 viral RNA; conducted six (6) hours prior to the **last point of departure**, provided with a QR code;

- The Republic of **Burundi**
- The Republic of **Cameroon**
- The Republic of **Chad**
- The Republic of **Rwanda**
- The Republic of **Uganda**

- The Republic of **Zambia**
- The Republic of **Ghana**

10. Departing from DXB to all countries

All passengers are required to follow final destination requirements.

11. Suspension

Inbound and transit passenger(s) operation from any point(s) located in the countries mentioned below to the airports in the Emirate of Dubai are suspended until further notice. **This is applicable to those who visited/travelled to the below mentioned countries in the last fourteen (14) days**

- The Republic of **Botswana**
- The Kingdom of **Eswatini**
- The Kingdom of **Lesotho**
- The Republic of **Mozambique**
- The Republic of **Namibia**
- The Republic of **South Africa**
- The Republic of **Zimbabwe**
- The Republic of Congo (**Congo-Brazzaville**)
- The Democratic Republic of Congo (**Congo-Kinshasa**)
- The Republic of **Kenya**
- The Federal Democratic Republic of **Ethiopia**
- The Federal Republic of **Nigeria**
- The United Republic of **Tanzania**
- The Republic of **Angola**
- The Republic of **Guinea (Guinea-Conakry)**

This does not apply to UAE Nationals, Official Delegation, Members of the diplomatic mission and golden visa holders. All passengers who are exempted as provided above to enter the Emirate of Dubai, shall ensure that the preventing measures will be complied by them based on Country travelling from. **Diplomats must go through diplomatic channels for approval.**

Your continuous support to curtail the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus SARS Cov-2), is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

Aviation Business Management Team – Dubai Airports