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MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

REINFORCEMENT ACTIONS FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) FOR TRAVELERS FROM OVERSEAS

As of December 6, 2021, a total of 43 countries have reported cases of COVID-19 infection with the new Omicron variant. Out of the 43 countries reported, eight (8) countries have been imposed temporary travel restrictions which started on November 27, 2021, and five (5) other countries have reported the transmission of the Omicron variant in their community. Those countries are as follows:

NOs	Countries are subject to temporary travel restrictions	NOs	Countries reported the Omicron variant transmission in the community
1	South Africa	1	United Kingdom
2	Botswana	2	United States of America
3	Eswatini	3	Australia
4	Lesotho	4	France
5	Mozambique	5	Norway
6	Namibia		
7	Zimbabwe		
8	Malawi		

****This list will be updated from time to time***

Accordingly, to prevent the entry and transmission of this variant into Malaysia, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) would like to inform that the reinforcement actions for preventive and control measures will be in place and will be available for travelers arriving in Malaysia according to the following categories:

1. Vaccinated Travel Lane (Air);
2. Vaccinated Travel Lane (Land);
3. Langkawi International Tourism Bubble (LITB);
4. One-Stop Center (OSC) for short-term business visitors;

5. Travelers from countries subject to temporary travel restrictions; and
6. Travelers from countries reported the spread of the new Omicron variant in the community.

For **travelers under categories 1 to 4**, a reinforcement action to the preventive and control measures are as follows :

- Travelers must have been **fully vaccinated**
- **COVID-19 PCR test** was performed within **2 days before departure to Malaysia**, replacing the previous procedure which was prescribed 72 hours before departure.
- COVID-19 detection test upon arrival in Malaysia.
- **RTK-Ag test** or rapid antigen test (self) on **2nd day, 4th, and 6th** after arrival.
- **RTK-Ag test** or rapid antigen test (professional) on the **3rd day and 5th** after arrival.

All test results must be reported through the MySejahtera application.

For travelers under **categories 5 and 6**, the reinforcement action to the prevention and control measures are as follows:

(a) Countries subject to temporary travel restrictions (Citizens and long-term visit pass holders):

- **COVID-19 PCR test** must be performed within **2 days before departing for Malaysia**.
- **Wearing digital tracking devices** during the quarantine period is mandatory.
- Mandatory quarantine for 14 days at quarantine stations regardless of vaccination status.
- Quarantine and testing procedures upon arrival and throughout the quarantine period shall follow the current/existing procedures.

(b) Countries reported the spread of Omicron variant in communities (Citizens and non-citizens):

- **COVID-19 PCR test** must be performed within **2 days before departing for Malaysia**.
- **Wearing digital tracking devices** during the quarantine period is mandatory.
- The quarantine period depends on the vaccination status.
- To adhere to the existing procedures previously announced.



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Detailed information regarding the type and frequency of tests to be performed by travelers entering Malaysia as well as other conditions that are set, is explained in **Appendix 1. These requirements will be effective on December 8, 2021.** These reinforcement actions will be reviewed from time to time.

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Appendix 1

The Omicron Variant Transmission and the Reinforcement Actions Management for Travelers Entering Malaysia

Item	Traveler Category	The new protocol takes effect on December 8, 2021
1.	Travelers (Citizens and long term visit pass holders) arriving from the Country which are subject to temporary restrictions travel : i. South Africa ii. Botswana iii. Eswatini iv. Lesotho v. Mozambique vi. Namibia vii. Zimbabwe viii. Malawi Note - This list will be updated from time to time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be quarantined at the quarantine station for 14 days • No <i>time-off</i> allowed • COVID-19 PCR test within 2 days before departure • RT PCR test upon arrival. • RT PCR test of the 10th day of quarantine • To wear a digital tracker • 14th-day risk assessment and extension of quarantine if necessary. • Released from quarantine on the 15th day if there is no extension of quarantine and the testing on the 10th day COVID-19 PCR test is negative.
2.	Travelers arriving from the following countries : i. United Kingdom ii. United States of America iii. Australia iv. France v. Norway <i>*Note: List of high-risk countries with the transmission of the Omicron variant in the community as of December 6, 2021. This list will be updated from time to time.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 PCR test within 2 days before departure • COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival • To wear an electronic tracking device (digital tracker) upon arrival at PMA • Mandatory quarantine; 7 days or 10 days depending on Vaccination status • Place of quarantine either at a residential house or quarantine station, as per approval by HQA • PCR test on the 5th day (for 7-day quarantine) and 8th day (for 10-day quarantine) • Risk assessment on the last day of quarantine (on the 7th or 10th day). The period of the quarantine is extended if symptomatic • Released from quarantine on the 8th or 10th day if there is no extension of quarantine and if the 5th or 8th day PCR test for COVID-19 is negative.
3.	The International Tourism Bubble For Langkawi Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed for travelers OTHER THAN those coming from eight (8) countries which are subject to temporary travel restrictions



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to undergo COVID-19 PCR test; • within 2 days before departure and • upon arrival at the Langkawi International Gateway (PMA). Will be granted the Digital HSO and can go directly to the hotel accommodation while waiting for the test results from the samples taken at PMA Langkawi • Additional tests as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergo rapid antigen testing (professional) on the current 3rd and 5th day on Langkawi Island; • Undergo rapid antigen testing (self) on the current 2nd, 4th, and 6th day while in Malaysia. The individual involved is responsible for reporting the test results through the MySejahtera application. • Undergo PCR / rapid molecular testing of COVID-19 within 2 days before departing Langkawi Island.
4.	Complete Travel Route Vaccines Through Air between Malaysia-Singapore (VTL-Air and VTL-Land)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only for travelers who have completed the COVID-19 vaccine • Must undergo a test within 2 days before leaving for Malaysia • COVID-19 PCR for VTL-Air. • RTK Ag (professional) or PCR COVID-19 for VTL-Land • Test on arrival in Malaysia; • COVID-19 PCR at KLIA/klia2 for VTL-Air • RTK Ag (professional) at Larkin Sentral Bus Terminal, Johor Bahru for VTL-Land • No need to undergo a mandatory quarantine period • Additional number of tests as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergo rapid antigen testing (professional) on the 3rd and 5th day • Undergo rapid antigen testing (self) on days 2, 4 and 6 • The individual involved is responsible for reporting his or her test results through the app MySejahtera • This additional testing requirement should also be implemented among travelers with the VTL scheme returning to Malaysia from Singapore.
5.	Short Term Business Visitors (STBT - Short term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only for STBT with completed COVID-19 vaccine • Need to undergo COVID-19 PCR test;

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	<p>business traveler) Entering Malaysia Via the One-Stop Center (OSC) Platform Provided by MIDA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• within 2 days before departure and• upon arrival at the country's International Gateway (PMA) as in Business Traveler Center, KLIA• No need to undergo mandatory quarantine• The period of stay in Malaysia is limited to the number of days approved by the OSC Committee and not exceeding 14 days• Need to follow a controlled itinerary that has been approved by the OSC Committee• Must be accompanied by a liaison officer (LO) provided by MIDA• Additional tests as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergo rapid antigen testing (professional) on the 3rd and 5th day• Undergo rapid antigen testing (self) on days 2, 4, and 6.• Responsible for reporting test results through the MySejahtera application and LO to ensure all procedures are implemented.
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