

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism

APPLIES TO CHILDREN UP TO YEARS 18

Valid for arrivals from 29th January 2022

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Children of 12- 18 years if departed two weeks after obtaining at least a single dose of Pfizer Vaccine, will be considered as Fully Vaccinated.

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Prior to boarding,

- Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit **www.eta.gov.lk**.
- Have done a negative PCR test report within 72 hours or Rapid Antigen Test report (self-swabs are disallowed) within 48 hours prior to embarkation. (Children below 12 years are exempted).
- If the children above 12 years (12-18) are COVID 19 recovered and having a history of infection during the past 6 months, they should carry a diagnosis card / verifiable evidence / positive PCR Test report / positive Rapid Antigen Test report as a proof of past history of illness (in English).
- Visit **portal.pionline.lk/covidinsurance** and pay for the MANDATORY COVID-19 Local Insurance Cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 75,000 up to a period of one MONTH (Including children below 2 years).
- Fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated/not-fully vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for on-arrival PCR test at USD 40 per test. Travelers can pay for PCR test at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory established at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) or any other MOH approved laboratory.

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Fully Vaccinated Travelers

Not-vaccinated Children (When travelling with a fully vaccinated adult):

- No on-arrival PCR test for Not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR test report is negative (or if positive with a CT value > 30), they will be allowed to travel with their parents.

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Not-vaccinated & Not-fully-vaccinated Travellers

Not-vaccinated Children (When travelling with a Not-vaccinated / Not-fully-vaccinated adult):

On arrival PCR test,

No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years.

Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH.

Exit PCR /Rapid Antigen test

Not-vaccinated children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parents.

Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents and should have negative results.

After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

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Covid-19 Recovered Travellers

Not-vaccinated Children (When travelling with a Fully-vaccinated COVID 19 recovered adult):

On arrival PCR test,

- No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
- Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative (or if positive with a CT value > 30), they will be allowed to travel with their parents.

On arrival PCR test,

Not-vaccinated Children (When travelling with a Not-vaccinated / Not-fully-vaccinated COVID 19 recovered adult):

- Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival (Day 1) PCR testing. However, if the parents / guardians develop symptoms or receive positive results in on-arrival PCR tests, children will undergo PCR tests.
- Children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH.

Exit PCR /Rapid Antigen test

Not-vaccinated Children (When travelling with Not-vaccinated / Not-fully-vaccinated COVID 19 recovered adult):

- Not-vaccinated children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parents.
- Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents and should have negative results.

After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

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Solo travelers below 18 years,

Solo travelers under 12 arriving through the tourist route with a residence visa, will join their fully vaccinated parents on arrival

12 – 18 year-old solo travelers arriving through the tourist route with a residence visa will join their fully vaccinated parents upon a negative PCR test result on arrival.

If the solo traveler arriving through the tourist route doesn't hold residence visa, a clearance should be obtained from DGHS and follow the above procedure.



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