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**Quarantine measures for travellers arriving  
from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19**

Due to the current COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka and globally, following quarantine measures are imposed for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka.

Following letters issued by the Director General of Health Services (DGHS) are **hereby cancelled**.

- Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 07.07.2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.
- Letter No. DGHS/COVID-19/347/2021 dated 11.08.2021 on Quarantine measures for travellers arriving from overseas during the pandemic of COVID-19.

**A Approvals to enter into the country**

**A.1** Sri Lankan Citizens (including Sri Lankan Seafarers arriving by air) or Dual Citizens (if using the Sri Lankan passport to arrive) do not need to get the prior approval from the Foreign Ministry and Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka to arrive in Sri Lanka. They have to liaise with the airline and arrive in Sri Lanka. They can request a Quarantine Hotel/ Government Quarantine Centre after arriving in Sri Lanka at the arriving airport

**A.2** Travellers arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism, should obtain Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) using the protocol stipulated in following Sri Lanka Tourism website,  
**<https://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain/>**.

Tourists / Foreign Nationals (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) / Dual Citizens / Sri Lankan Citizens, are allowed to enter through Sri Lanka Tourism and they do not need to get the prior approval of the Foreign Ministry. They have to abide by operational guidelines of Sri Lanka Tourism in addition provisions of this letter and other Health Ministry protocols on COVID-19 preventive measures.

**A.3** Dual Citizens (if using the foreign passport to arrive) and Foreign Nationals (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) should get the prior approval from the **Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka (Email: [entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)) followed by Civil Aviation Authority ([caaspax@caa.lk](mailto:caaspax@caa.lk)) of Sri Lanka to arrive in Sri Lanka, if not arriving via Sri Lanka tourism.**



A.4 Foreign Nationals arriving for important projects / meetings / discussions as invited by the Sri Lankan Government / Private Organizations, should get prior approval from the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka (Email: [entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk)) for them to arrive by submitting necessary details with the letter of invitation from Sri Lankan counterpart.

A.5 Travellers from travel restricted countries should follow the guidelines mentioned in **Section J**.

**B Approval for Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka (mentioned in Annex 01) who are holding Diplomatic / UN / Official passports to Quarantine at a Residence**

B.1 Foreign National Staff members and their **accompanying** spouse, parents and children are allowed to undergo mandatory Quarantine at a Quarantine Hotel/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ Quarantine at an area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) approved residence.

B.2 If Foreign National staff members of Diplomatic Missions or Foreign National staff members of organizations/agencies are undergoing mandatory quarantine at a residence, respective Diplomatic Mission / Organization /Agency with permanent offices in Sri Lanka should take prior approval in writing from area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) mentioning that the residence is suitable for mandatory quarantine.

B.3 Details of the Foreign National Staff members and their accompanying spouse, parents and children undergoing mandatory quarantine at approved residences should be informed to area MOH on Day one of arrival, as they have to quarantine under the supervision of area MOH

**C Pre departure negative COVID-19 PCR test report**

C.1 All travellers of **two years and above** arriving in Sri Lanka should mandatorily carry a negative **COVID-19 PCR test report** in English language done **within 72 hours prior to embarkation**.

**Note:** Pre departure COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test report is not accepted

**D COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate/Card**

D.1 Travellers who have received the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccine should carry the original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate/card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English in a non - English certificate / card) or a verifiable evidence of vaccination.

**E "Fully Vaccinated" travellers**

E.1 If the **recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccination are completed** and **departs from abroad two weeks after completion of vaccination**, they will be considered as "**Fully Vaccinated**".

E.2 As there are positive cases reported among fully vaccinated persons in Sri Lanka and in other countries, it is important to minimize the spread of COVID-19 or its variants entering in to the country. Therefore, fully vaccinated travellers should not relax the preventive measures and should abide by the COVID-19 preventive measures imposed by the Government of Sri Lanka.

**F Procedures to follow at the arriving airport in Sri Lanka**

F.1 Each traveller should submit a completed **Health Declaration Form** to the staff of the Airport Health Office at the health counters of arriving airport. Separate forms should be submitted for each of accompanying children if any.

Travellers who have completed the recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccination and departs from abroad after two weeks of completion of vaccination, should produce the vaccination certificate/ card to Airport Health Officer at arriving airport.

F.2 After completion of formalities at the airport, all travellers will be transferred to a Quarantine Centre managed by the Government of Sri Lanka or to a hotel designated for quarantine or to a Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel. Transport shall be provided by the government authorities or the Hotel Management on a pre-determined manner.



Respective Diplomatic Mission / Organization / Agency with permanent offices in Sri Lanka should arrange their own transport (adhering to preventive measures imposed by Government of Sri Lanka) to transport Foreign National staff members, if undergoing quarantine at an area MOH approved residence.

## **G. On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR testing**

- G.1** PCR testing of the travellers after arriving in Sri Lanka should be conducted by a Health Ministry approved laboratory (Private sector or State sector).  
List of approved Private Sector Laboratories is available at Ministry of Health Website ([http://www.health.gov.lk/moh\\_final/english/news\\_read\\_more.php?id=999](http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/news_read_more.php?id=999))
- G.2** Travellers (**including Fully Vaccinated travellers**) should undergo On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR test while staying at a Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre/ Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel.
- G.3** Foreign National staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations/ UN Specialized agencies/ International Organizations **with permanent offices in Sri Lanka**, who are undergoing mandatory quarantine at an area MOH approved residence should conduct On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR test at the approved residence, if undergoing mandatory quarantine at the residence.
- G.4** All travellers of **two years and above** should undergo On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR test from a Ministry of Health approved laboratory (Private sector or State sector laboratory).  
However, if the **children are continued to be quarantined** at an Institution (Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel), children **below twelve years** of age will be exempted from On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing.
- G.5** If the On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, exempted children will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.

## **H Quarantine measures for travellers with a negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR report**

### **H.1 Quarantine measures for travellers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination/ not completed the recommended doses of vaccination**

If the On Arrival (Day One) PCR report is negative, these travellers have to **mandatorily quarantine until completion of 14 days** after arrival in Sri Lanka

**H.1.1** Sri Lankans (including Sri Lankan Seafarers/Sea Marshalls arriving to go home), Dual Citizens, Tourists, Foreign Nationals (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel until **completion of fourteen days**.

*Follow the guidelines mentioned in Section H.3, if departed from abroad within less than two weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination*

**H.1.2** Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations/ UN Specialized agencies/ International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka (Annex 01) who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports and their **accompanying** spouse, parents, and children should be mandatorily quarantined at a Quarantine Hotel/ Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ Quarantine at a residence approved by area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) until **completion of fourteen days**.

*Follow the guidelines mentioned in Section H.3, if departed from abroad within less than two weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination*

**H.1.3** If the On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report is negative, Tourists arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism are allowed to move between Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotels in a bio-secure travel bubble and allowed to visit approved important sites in a bio-secure travel bubble during the quarantine period.



- H.1.4 **Exit PCR testing for travellers undergoing mandatory quarantine**
- H.1.4.1 All travellers of **two years and above** should undergo PCR testing on **Day Fourteen**, if undergoing Institutional Quarantine (Hotel/ Centre) or Quarantine at the residence approved by area MOH.
- H.1.4.2 Children **below two years** are exempted from exit COVID-19 PCR testing. However, if the exit PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, child will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
- H.1.4.3 Travellers should be released from the Quarantine Hotel/ Quarantine Centre / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ approved Quarantine residence **after completion of fourteen days** with a negative COVID-19 test results done on Day One (On Arrival) and Day Fourteen after arrival in Sri Lanka.

## H.2 **Quarantine measures for "Fully Vaccinated" Travellers**

- H.2.1 If the recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccination are completed and departs from abroad two weeks after completion of vaccination, they will be considered as "fully vaccinated" and following measures should be taken.
- H.2.2 No further quarantine is necessary for fully vaccinated travellers if the **On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report is negative** if **NOT** arrived from/ transited at a travel restricted country (travel restricted countries are **mentioned in Section J**)
- H.2.3 In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should discharge the traveller after verifying the status of vaccination (through documents) and issuing a "Discharge Document".
- H.2.4 When discharging Fully Vaccinated Travellers after On Arrival (Day One) negative PCR report, In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should issue a "Discharge Document" and email the details to the Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) of the Ministry of Health.
- H.2.5 Unvaccinated **children below eighteen years**, can be discharged with fully vaccinated parents by adhering to following measures:
- Children of **two to eighteen years** should be subjected to an On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing and they should have negative results.
  - Children **below two years** will not be subjected to PCR testing after arrival to Sri Lanka and they will be discharged with fully vaccinated caretakers. However, if the On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, child below two years will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
  - After the release, Children of **two to eighteen years** should be subjected to **Day Ten** PCR testing
- H.2.6 Should arrange their own transport to travel to residence / home and should not use public transport for this purpose.
- Throughout the travelling, they should strictly adhere to COVID-19 preventive measures imposed by Government of Sri Lanka.
- Driver and the passengers of the vehicle should properly wear a facemask throughout.
- Should travel directly to the destination without any stopovers.

## H.3 **Quarantine measures for travellers who have departed from abroad within less than two weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination and complete the two weeks period during their stay at Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre / Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel / Approved Quarantine Residence after arriving in Sri Lanka**

- H.3.1 They should be discharged **with a negative COVID-19 PCR test result (Done After Completing the two weeks from last vaccination date)** and NO further quarantine is necessary.
- H.3.2 Their unvaccinated children below 18 years can be released with the parents. Children of 2 years up to 18 years should be subjected to exit PCR tests on similar dates as their parents' and should have negative reports.



However, if the On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, child below two years will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.

- H.3.3 After verifying the status of vaccination and if completed two weeks after obtaining the recommended doses of vaccination, In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should issue a "Discharge Document" and email the details of discharging travellers to the Epidemiology Unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) of the Ministry of Health.
- H.4 **Procedures to be followed by fully vaccinated travellers after going to residence / home / hotel (hotel is allowed only for fully vaccinated foreigners exempted from further quarantine)**
- H.4.1 All travellers should immediately inform the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) by telephone or email, soon after their arrival to residence / home.
- H.4.2 Fully vaccinated foreigners (including Valid Resident Visa Holders) should immediately inform the area MOH by telephone or email, soon after their arrival to residence / home / hotel. Foreigners could get the assistance of the hotel management/ travel agents to find the contact details of area MOH. Sri Lanka Tourism should inform the details of Tourists arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism to area Medical Officer of Health.
- H.4.3 Fully vaccinated travellers who are having a negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR report **shall not be further quarantined** at home / residence/ hotel.
- H.4.4 The discharge document issued by the Quarantine Hotel / Centre / Safe and Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should be submitted to the area MOH upon request.
- H.4.5 If febrile or display COVID-19 like symptoms, should inform immediately to area MOH.
- H.4.6 **PCR test for Un vaccinated children who have been released with Fully Vaccinated parents with negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR reports**
- H.4.6.1 **Un vaccinated Children of two to eighteen years** should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on **Day Ten** after arriving in Sri Lanka from a Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory.
- H.4.6.2 Day Ten PCR test results should be immediately informed to the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) by telephone or email.
- Foreigners should get the assistance of the hotel management/ travel agents to find the contact details of area MOH to inform about the PCR reports.
- Travellers arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism should submit the PCR report to area MOH and Sri Lanka Tourism ([helloagain@srilanka.travel](mailto:helloagain@srilanka.travel)). In addition, Sri Lanka Tourism should inform the COVID-19 PCR reports of Travellers arriving via Sri Lanka Tourism to area MOH.
- H.4.6.3 **Un vaccinated children of two to eighteen years who have been released within first ten days after arriving in Sri Lanka with the parents who have completed two weeks after vaccination after arriving in Sri Lanka during quarantine.**
- They should undergo Day Ten COVID-19 PCR test if not subjected to a PCR test between Day Six to Day Ten after arrival in Sri Lanka.
- H.5 **Quarantine Measures for Travellers with a past history of COVID-19**
- H.5.1 **Travellers with a past history of COVID-19 if fulfilling following criteria**
- H.5.1.1 Travellers with a past history of COVID-19 infection should have a valid document certifying COVID-19 illness (in English). The traveler should depart between the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 90<sup>th</sup> day from the date of positive COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) \*.
- This certificate should contain the name of the person, Dates and Names of the positive NAAT \*.



Such travellers should arrive after getting at least a single dose of Astra Zeneca/ Pfizer BioNTech/ Moderna/ Johnson & Johnson vaccine or any other single dose COVID-19 vaccine recommended for the general population to fully vaccinate them. This vaccine should be given during the period between two weeks after the positive NAAT\* and up to 14 days before departure.

- H.5.2** If fulfilled the criteria mentioned in Section H.5.1.1, they should be quarantined until **negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report** is available and **NO** further quarantine is necessary if the On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report is negative.
- H.5.3** If do not fulfil the criteria mentioned in Section H.5.1.1, they should be quarantined and will be released with a negative PCR report done on **Day Fourteen** of arrival in Sri Lanka
- H.5.4** In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should discharge the traveller who fulfil the criteria in Section H.5.1.1, after verifying the status of vaccination and document certifying COVID-19 illness.
- H.5.5** When discharging travellers who fulfilled the criteria in Section H.5.1.1 after On Arrival (Day One) negative PCR report, In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre or Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should issue a "Discharge Document" and email the details to the Epidemiology Unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) of the Ministry of Health.
- H.5.6** If there are **children below eighteen years**, they can be discharged with the parents **who fulfilled the criteria in Section H.5.1.1** by adhering to following measures:
- Children of **two to eighteen years** should be subjected to an On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing and they should have negative results.
  - Children **below two years** will not be subjected to PCR testing after arrival to Sri Lanka and they will be discharged with the parents. However, if the On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, child below two years will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.
- H.5.7** Should arrange their own transport to travel to residence / home and should not use public transport for this purpose.
- Throughout the travelling, they should strictly adhere to COVID-19 preventive measures imposed by Government of Sri Lanka.
- Driver and the passengers of the vehicle should properly wear facemasks throughout.
- Should travel directly to the destination without any stopovers.
- H.5.8** Unvaccinated children of **two years to eighteen years** who have been released with the parents **should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day Ten** after arriving in Sri Lanka from a Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory. Day Ten PCR test results should be immediately informed to the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) by telephone or email

## **I Seafarers or Maritime Security Officers (Sea marshals) arriving via airports**

- I.1** Foreign national Seafarers or Sea Marshals should obtain approval from the Foreign Ministry to enter the country and should be quarantined in an Isolation Centre (used to quarantine seafarers / sea marshals)
- I.2** Sri Lankan seafarers / sea marshals who intend to board a vessel should be quarantined in an Isolation Centre.
- I.3** Sri Lankan seafarers / sea marshals who do not intend to board a vessel but intend to enter the community should undergo quarantine in a Quarantine Hotel / Government Quarantine Centre as per the provisions of this letter. They are not permitted to enter the country through Sri Lanka Tourism pathway.
- I.4** All seafarer / sea marshal operations including quarantine measures of seafarers / sea marshals **arriving via seaports** should be done adhering to the provisions in Standard Operating Procedures issued by the Ministry of Health.



**I.5 Fully vaccinated Sri Lankan seafarers arriving via airports**

- I.5.1 Fully Vaccinated Sri Lankan seafarers arriving via airports should undergo quarantine in an Isolation Centre (used to quarantine seafarers) / Quarantine Hotel / Government Quarantine Centre / Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel until On Arrival PCR testing is done and the negative PCR report is available.
- I.5.2 No further quarantine is necessary for "Fully Vaccinated" seafarers if the On Arrival PCR test report is negative
- I.5.3 After verifying the status of vaccination and if completed recommended doses of vaccination, In charge officer of the Isolation Centre (used to quarantine seafarers)/ Quarantine Hotel / Government Quarantine Centre should issue a "Discharge Document" and email the details to the Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk and samithag@hotmail.com) of the Ministry of Health.
- I.5.4 All seafarers should immediately inform the area MOH by telephone or email, soon after their arrival to residence / home.

**I.6 Sri Lankan seafarers arriving via airports with a past history of COVID-19**

- I.6.1 If fulfilled the criteria mentioned in Section H.5.1.1, they should be quarantined until negative On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report is available and NO further quarantine is necessary if the On Arrival (Day One) PCR test report is negative.
- I.6.2 If do not fulfil the criteria mentioned in Section H.5.1.1, they should be quarantined and will be released with a negative PCR report done on **Day Fourteen** of arrival in Sri Lanka

**J Travellers from Travel restricted countries**

**J.1 Following countries are named as Travel Restricted Countries:**

South American countries and South African countries (South Africa, Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe).

**J.2** Following categories of travellers with a travel history (including transit) in the past 14 days to **Travel Restricted Countries** mentioned in **Section J.1** are allowed to disembark in Sri Lanka **with the permission** of the Director General of Health Services/ Ministry of Health (dghs@health.gov.lk), followed by the permission of Foreign Ministry (entry.permission@mfa.gov.lk) and Civil Aviation Authority (caaspax@caa.lk) of Sri Lanka.

- Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children)
- Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children)
- Valid Resident Visa Holders (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children)
- Foreign national staff members of the diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations **with permanent offices in Sri Lanka** who are holding Diplomatic/UN/Official passports (mentioned in Annex 01) and their accompanying spouse, parents, and children
- Foreign Nationals arriving for important government projects / government meetings / discussions as invited by the **Sri Lankan Government**.

**Following details need to be submitted when requesting the approvals to arrive from travel restricted countries:**

- Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children)/ Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children) should submit the copies of their passports, marriage certificate if foreign national spouse is arriving, birth certificates of children.
- Resident Visa Holder (and their Foreign National Spouses/ children) should submit a copy of the passport, copy of the valid resident visa, marriage certificates if foreign national spouse is arriving, birth certificates of children.
- Foreign National staff member of diplomatic missions or UN organizations / UN Specialized agencies / International Organizations with permanent offices in Sri Lanka and their accompanying spouse, parents, and children should submit copies of the passports and copy of the Official Identity Card of the staff member.



- Inviting **Sri Lankan Government counterpart** should submit the details including the reason for inviting with a copy of passport if Foreign Nationals arriving for important projects / meetings / discussions

**Note:** If the Foreign National Spouse/ Children do not have a valid visa, they have to obtain a landing permit/visa from the Department of Emigration & Immigration prior to their departure.

- J.3** All Sri Lankan Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouse/ children), Dual Citizens (and their Foreign National Spouse/ children) who have been granted approval to arrive from travel restricted countries have to undergo **mandatory Institutional Quarantine (irrespective of their vaccination status) at a Quarantine Hotel / Quarantine Centre (Centre: only if facilities are available to separate from travellers arriving from other countries)** and will be released from institutional quarantine only after obtaining a negative PCR report done on Day Fourteen of arrival in Sri Lanka.

They shall **NOT** be quarantined at a Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel.

- J.4** All Foreign Nationals who have been granted approval to arrive from travel restricted countries have to undergo **mandatory Institutional Quarantine (irrespective of their vaccination status) at a Quarantine Hotel** and will be released from institutional quarantine only after obtaining a negative PCR report done on Day Fourteen of arrival in Sri Lanka.

They shall **NOT** be quarantined at a **Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel, Quarantine Centre or at a Residence.**

## **K Travellers with Positive PCR test reports**

- K.1** If the **PCR testing is positive**, In charge officer of the Quarantine Hotel / Centre or Hotel Doctor/Hotel Management at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel/ Isolation Centre (Quarantine facility for seafarers/ sea marshals)/ local Shipping Agents should immediately inform the area Medical officer of Health (MOH) and email the details to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com).

The treatment protocol of the Ministry of Health for COVID-19 patients will follow.

Immediate close contacts of the positive person will be further quarantined after assessing the risk by area MOH / Regional Epidemiologist / Consultant Community Physician of the RDHS office.

## **L Other Measures**

- L.1** Quarantine period of above-mentioned travellers will be extended, if they are identified as immediate close contacts of a COVID-19 positive person or if they arrive from high-risk countries as instructed by health authorities.
- L.2** Travellers who are under mandatory quarantine at a Quarantine Hotel/ Centre/ Safe & Secure Certified Level One Hotel or at an approved quarantine residence are allowed to travel to foreign countries during the quarantine period with negative COVID-19 PCR reports.
- L.3** All COVID-19 PCR test results of the travellers should be informed to area Medical Officer of Health.
- L.4** All approved laboratories (Private and State sector) conducting COVID-19 PCR tests should inform about the Positive PCR test results immediately to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@sltnet.lk and samithag@hotmail.com).

**\*A Nucleic Acid Amplification Test, or NAAT**, is a type of viral diagnostic test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. NAATs detect genetic material (nucleic acids). NAATs for SARS-CoV-2 specifically identify the RNA (ribonucleic acid) sequences that comprise the genetic material of the virus. NAATs can use many different methods to amplify nucleic acids and detect the virus, including:

- Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (**RT-PCR**)
- Isothermal amplification including:
  - Nicking endonuclease amplification reaction (**NEAR**)



- Transcription mediated amplification **(TMA)**
- Loop-mediated isothermal amplification **(LAMP)**
- Helicase-dependent amplification **(HDA)**
- Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats **(CRISPR)**
- Strand displacement amplification **(SDA)**

Summary on quarantine measures for travellers arriving in Sri Lanka from countries other than travel restricted countries, is shown in **Annex 02**.

This guideline is **effective for the travellers arriving in Sri Lanka from 00:00 on 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 and travellers who have already arrived in Sri Lanka.**

This guideline will be revised depending on the COVID-19 situation in the country or the global situation.

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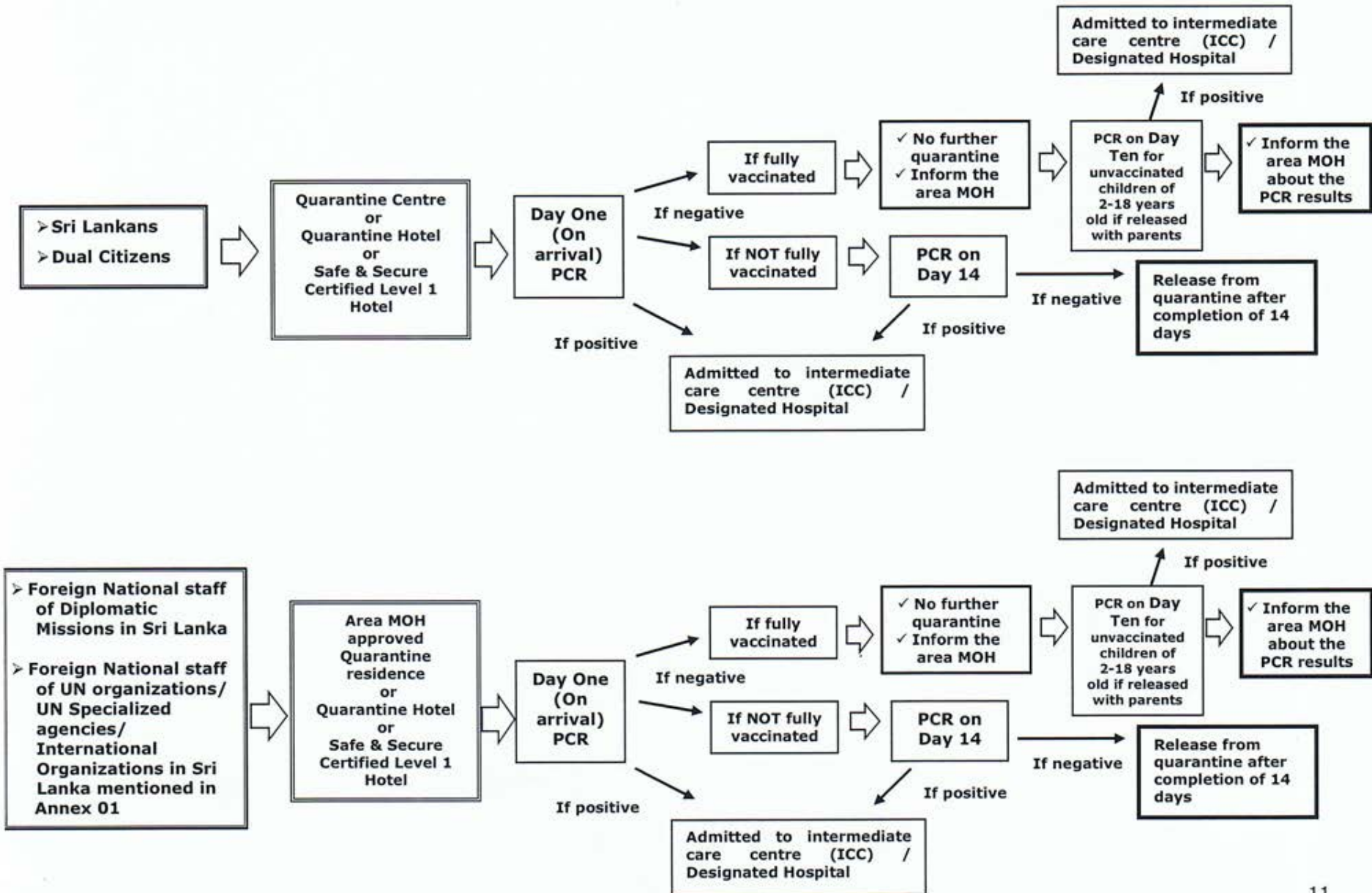


**United Nations & its Specialized Agencies and International Organizations  
with permanent offices in Sri Lanka and having recognized diplomatic status**

<b>SNo.</b>	<b>Name of the Organization having permanent offices in Sri Lanka</b>
1	United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator (UNRCO)
2	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
3	United Nations Information Centre (UNIC)
4	World Food Programme (WFP)
5	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
6	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
7	World Health Organization (WHO)
8	World Bank
9	International Finance Cooperation (IFC)
10	International Monitoring Fund (IMF)
11	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
12	International Labour Organization (ILO)
13	United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
14	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
15	The Colombo Plan Secretariat
16	South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP)
17	International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
18	International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
19	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
20	International Organization of Migration (IOM)
21	International Federation of Red Cross and Red crescent Societies (IFRC)
22	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
23	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
24	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
25	United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
26	Asia Foundation
27	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
28	Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)
29	Korea Exim Bank
30	Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)



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