



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRAVEL ADVISORY

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT 2016

[National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020]

[National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19))(Community Transmission) and (Public Health Safety) Regulations 2020]

[National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19))(Ports) Regulations 2020]

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(and until further notice)

The Government of the Republic of Nauru has adopted a range of measures to manage, minimise and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Republic.

As part of these measures, the Government hereby issues the following travel advisory for all persons travelling to the Republic:

A. PRE AND DURING TRAVEL

- (1) **ALL PERSONS** (including crew of aircrafts or vessels) travelling to Nauru are subject to routine Immigration, Customs and Quarantine requirements for Nauru as well as additional COVID-19 laws, directions, instructions and orders.
- (2) **ALL PERSONS** must consider whether travel to Nauru is necessary. If travel to Nauru is not necessary, please consider postponing your travel.
- (3) **ONLY** travel to Nauru if it is absolutely necessary.
- (4) Under *Regulation 6(1)* of the *National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020*, no person shall wilfully, negligently or recklessly transmit or spread COVID-19.
- (5) **ALL PERSONS** travelling into Nauru must have spent a minimum of 14 days in any one or more of the following countries or territories immediately prior to travelling to Nauru:
 - (a) Australia*
 - (b) Cook Islands
 - (c) Fiji
 - (d) French Polynesia
 - (e) Kiribati
 - (f) Marshall Islands
 - (g) Micronesia (Federated States)
 - (h) New Caledonia
 - (i) New Zealand
 - (j) Niue
 - (k) Palau
 - (l) Papua New Guinea
 - (m) Samoa
 - (n) Solomon Islands
 - (o) Taiwan
 - (p) Tonga
 - (q) Tuvalu
 - (r) Vanuatu

* NOT including the State of Victoria in Australia until further notice (a geographically localised area with community transmission of COVID-19)

(6) **ANY PERSON** travelling from a country or territory not listed in clause (5) above, within fourteen (14) days of travelling to Nauru, may apply for an exemption to enter Nauru.

(7) **ANY PERSON** who:

- (a) is presenting signs or symptoms¹ consistent with COVID-19;
- (b) is a contact case²; or
- (c) is a suspect, probable or confirmed case³,

must not travel to Nauru.

(8) **ALL PERSONS** travelling to Nauru are required to undergo pre-travel screening which may include:

- (a) responding to questions regarding their presenting signs or symptoms, COVID-19 status, contacts and travel history;
- (b) physical wellness and temperature checks.

(9) **ALL PASSENGERS** of an aircraft travelling to Nauru must:

- (a) wear a facemask for the duration of the flight (other than necessary for eating and drinking); and
- (b) notify a crew member if they become unwell or develop any COVID-19 signs or symptoms during the flight.

B. ON ARRIVAL IN NAURU

(1) REQUIREMENTS

ALL PERSONS entering Nauru shall undergo screening, which may include:

- (a) completing the “*Arriving Passenger Health Declaration*” form;
- (b) being assessed for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, their COVID-19 status, contacts and travel history;
- (c) a physical wellness and temperature check; and
- (d) may include further medical assessment.

¹ **Signs or Symptoms** consistent with Coronavirus include but are not limited to fever and respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat). Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include: loss of smell or taste, fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite

² **Contact Case**

A person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case:

1. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
2. Close contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
3. Sharing of a closed space with a confirmed or probable case for a prolonged period (e.g. more than 2 hours)
4. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment;

³ **Suspect case**

A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset;

OR having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset;
OR requiring hospitalization AND in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case

A suspect case for whom testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus is inconclusive or could not be performed for any reason.

Confirmed case

A person with laboratory confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

(2) TRANSIT STATION

- (a) Effective 16 March 2020, **ALL PERSONS** arriving in Nauru must be quarantined in a Designated Residence – Transit Station⁴ before entry into the Nauruan community.
- (b) Transportation from the point of arrival to the Designated Residence – Transit Station accommodation and three meals a day will be provided by the Government of Nauru.

C. DURING ISOLATION AT DESIGNATED RESIDENCE – TRANSIT STATION

(1) SCREENING AND TESTING

- (a) **ALL PERSONS** in a Designated Residence – Transit Station will have physical wellness and temperature checks undertaken three times a day and as deemed necessary.
- (b) **ALL PERSONS** in a Designated Residence – Transit Station will be required to undergo SARS-CoV-2 testing prior to release from the Transit Station.

(2) PERIOD OF QUARANTINE AT DESIGNATED RESIDENCE – TRANSIT STATION

All persons arriving in Nauru will remain in a Designated Residence – Transit Station for a minimum period of five (5) days or until cleared for entry into the Nauruan community.

(3) ISOLATION AT DESIGNATED RESIDENCE – OBSERVATION STATION or TREATMENT STATION

If a person is confirmed to be a contact, suspect, probable or confirmed case after screening or testing on arrival or in quarantine at the Transit Station, he or she will be accommodated at the Designated Residence – Observation Station or Treatment Station for further assessment and medical management, where he or she will remain until medically cleared for entry into the Nauruan community.

D. MARITIME TRAVEL TO NAURU

- (1) Where there is no facility to undertake laboratory testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Nauru, all vessels sailing to Nauru shall spend fourteen (14) days at sea with no contact with another vessel before entering the port at Aiwo District in Nauru.
- (2) Under the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19))(Ports) Regulations 2020*, the following documents must be submitted to the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority twelve (12) hours prior to arriving in Nauru waters:
 - (a) Health Declaration Form;
 - (b) traveller list;
 - (c) crew list;
 - (d) cargo manifest;
 - (e) last 2 ports of call list; and
 - (f) list of travellers and crew, if any, displaying any signs or symptoms of or is suffering from COVID-19,

to enable advance assessment by Nauruan authorities.

⁴ “Designated Residence – Transit Station” is a facility designated by the Minister for National Emergency Services as accommodation that the Government of Nauru has designated specifically for the purposes of COVID-19 quarantine

- (3) On arrival at the port in Nauru, the Master of the vessel must receive the Harbourmaster, Immigration Officer, Customs Officer, maritime security officer, health service providers or any other authorised person.
- (4) All persons on the vessel must undergo testing for SARS-CoV-2. The vessel must drift under the direction of the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority whilst awaiting test results and further directives from Nauruan authorities.
- (5) Once cleared, the vessel will be able to enter the port as per usual procedures and under the direction of the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority.
- (6) If there is any suspect, probable or confirmed case on board the vessel, Nauruan authorities may determine any modified procedures for operating the vessel in port or may deny the vessel entry to Nauru.

E. EXEMPTIONS

Airline crew, medical and support personnel travelling to Nauru for the purposes of a medical evacuation and transit passengers are exempted from the requirements under paragraphs (5) and (8) of Part A, and Part B, provided that such persons:

- (a) use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment during the flight and in transit;
- (b) have no physical contact with Nauru ground staff and officials; and
- (c) do not enter the terminal building.

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