



PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

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AIM The safe entry of travellers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

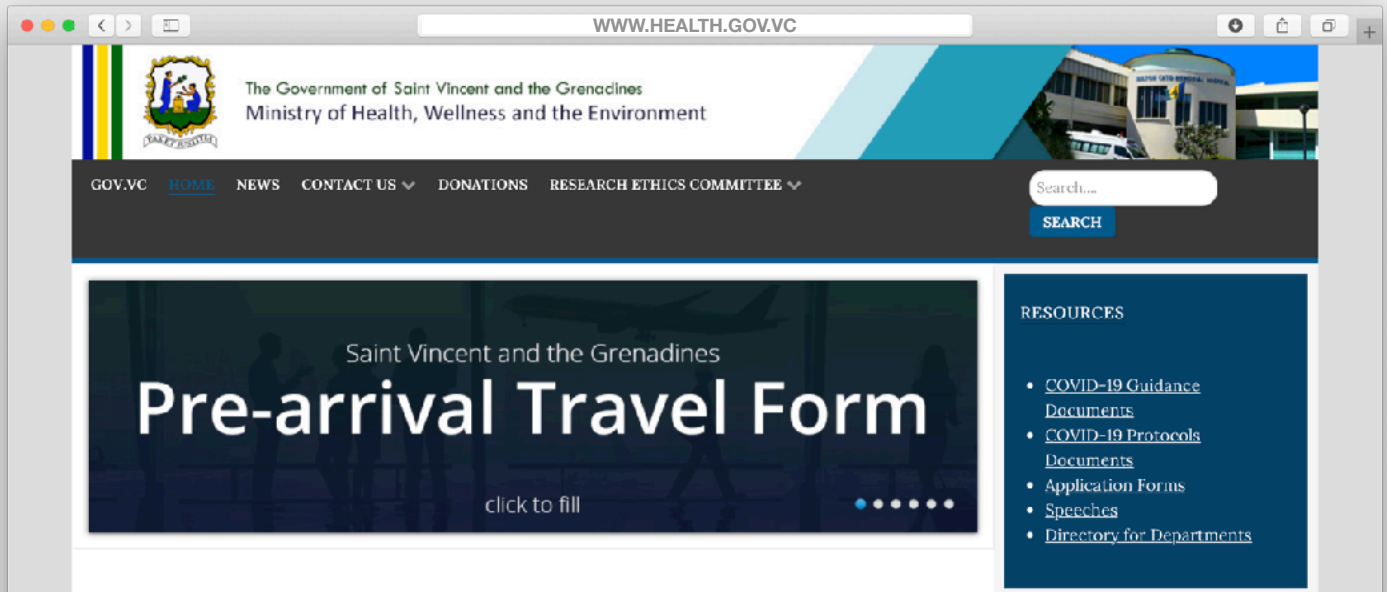


OBJECTIVES

1. To establish the risk of the arriving traveller introducing new COVID-19 cases to SVG;
2. To minimise exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19 cases;
3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19 cases, and
4. Early containment of new COVID-19 cases.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER

The arriving traveler will:



1. Complete the Pre-Arrival Form available at www.health.gov.vc

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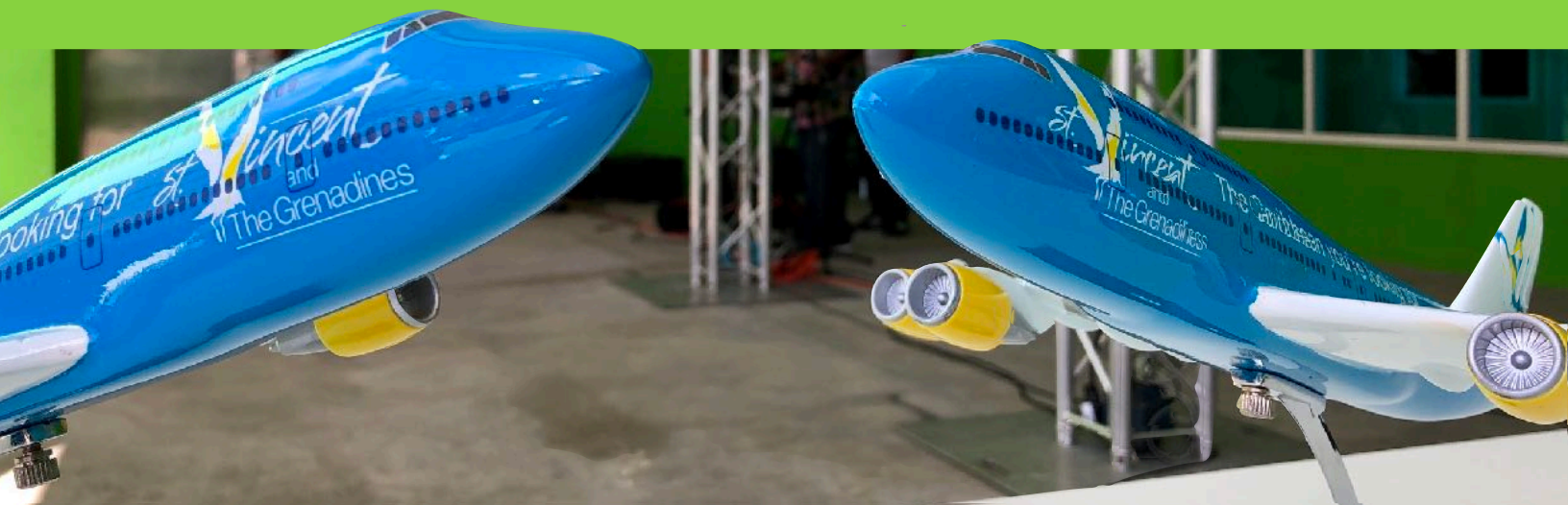
2. Complete Pre-Arrival form (hard copy) prior to arrival.



And the Port Health Officer will:

1. Complete Port Health form for each arriving passenger

PHASED PROCESS OF ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



TESTING & QUARANTINE:

PHASE #2 - Commencing August 1, 2020:

1. During this phase passengers arriving from:

a. **CARICOM Bubble Countries:**

- i. The CARICOM Bubble applies to **intra regional travel only** and consists of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, BVI, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The countries included in the CARICOM Bubble are subject to change.
- ii. For the purposes of the CARICOM Bubble, the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 14 days.



- i. Travellers whose country of residence is in the CARICOM Bubble:
 - 1. Must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within **seven (7) days of arrival** or
 - 2. Will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
 - ii. **ALL travellers who arrive by air, with or without PCR COVID-19 results, will be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await the PCR test results of all passengers from the same flight.**
- b. All countries **excluding the United States of America and CARICOM Bubble Countries:**
- i. **ALL** travellers entering St Vincent and the Grenadines must either:
 - 1. Have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within **five (5) days of arrival** or
 - 2. Will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
 - ii. **ALL travellers who arrive by air, with or without PCR COVID-19 results, will be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await the PCR test results of all passengers from the same flight.**
- c. **The United States of America:** All passengers arriving from the United States of America, **including those transiting through another country to SVG, having travelled on a commercial flight out of the USA:**
- i. Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done **seven (7) days before arrival.**
 - ii. **Will have a COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival.**
 - iii. Must arrive with proof of a fully paid reservation in a Tourism Authority/Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment (TA/MOHWE) approved hotel for five (5) nights.
 - iv. Will be quarantined in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel for five (5) days .
 - v. Will be tested for COVID-19 before release from quarantine in the approved hotel.
 - vi. Will continue quarantine in an approved home/facility for a period of nine (9) to sixteen (16) days for a total of fourteen (14) to (21) days at the discretion of the Port Health Officer according their assessed risk.

2. In-transit Passengers:

- a. Through St. Vincent and the Grenadines:
 - i. Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within **five (5) days of arrival**.
 - ii. If the in-transit period does not include an over-night stay, that period must be spent at the Argyle International Airport.
 - iii. If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel.
- b. Travellers intending to transit through another country are advised to visit the country's travel website to determine the requirements for travel. For
 - i. Grenada - <https://www.nowgrenada.com/2020/07/protocol-for-travellers-into-grenada/>
 - ii. Antigua - <https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/>
 - iii. Barbados - <https://www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2020>
 - iv. St. Lucia - <https://www.stlucia.org/en/covid-19/>

3. Diplomats:

- a. Must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within **seven (7) days of arrival** or
- b. Will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
- c. **ALL Diplomats who arrive by air, with or without PCR COVID-19 results, will be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await the PCR test results of all passengers from the same flight.**

4. BUBBLE SITES - Travellers to SVG Island Resorts /Hotels considered Bubble Sites on private planes (the entire island or hotel facility is considered a COVID-19 free space):

- a. Must arrive with a negative IgM antibody tests result done within 5 days or
- b. A negative rapid COVID-19 antigen test (a test done within 3 days) or
- c. A negative PCR result done within 5 days of arrival.

Travellers meeting these conditions will not be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival and will not be required to quarantine.

PROCESS ON ARRIVAL

ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT:

- a. Review of Pre-Arrival Form online or
- b. Review of Pre-Arrival Form hard copy.

ESTABLISH SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 STATUS:

- a. Approval of SARS-CoV-2 test result by Port Health Team
or
- b. Collection of a nasal swab specimen for a COVID-19 PCR test from all qualifying disembarking travellers.
- c. Travellers by air:
 1. All travellers will be assessed by the Port Health Officers to determine their final level of risk and the length of mandatory quarantine required.
 2. All travellers will then immediately proceed to an approved place of accommodation for a 24 hour quarantine period to await the result of the COVID-19 PCR test.
- d. Travellers by sea:
 1. All travellers with approved documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 3-5 days will not need to quarantine.
- e. All travellers will be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.
- f. All travellers with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result will be isolated in an approved accommodation/facility for the next 14 days at the cost of the traveller.

REQUIREMENTS OF DISCHARGE FROM QUARANTINE

1. Objective measures:
 - a. Negative PCR Test
 - b. Not a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
2. Subjective measures:
 - a. Absence of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Not determined to be at high risk for being exposed to COVID-19.



Please note that this protocol may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Management Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.