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# PROTOCOL FOR SPECIAL QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENT: WORKING QUARANTINE – HUMANITARIAN

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**AIM** The safe completion of a specific task by an individual who has travelled from a foreign country in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines during a period of humanitarian challenge.

## **OBJECTIVES**

1. Establish the status of exposure to COVID-19 of the individual.
2. Ensure the safe completion of the specific task within the quarantine period of 14 - 21 days.

# INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON TO COMPLETE A WORKING QUARANTINE:

## 1. For each person:

- a. Full name, date of birth, passport number, contact number and address in departing country.
- b. Must arrive with a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR result – 24 to 48 hours old.
- c. Address and contact information of the proposed worksite/agency/ organization/company.
- d. Address and contact information for proposed accommodation site.
- e. Daily log of worksites visited if multiple sites involved.
- f. Commitment of contracting organization/ company/agency or individual to pay for the accommodation at the approved quarantine site.

# PROCESS ON ARRIVAL

## 1. Disembarking Protocol:

- a. All passengers will be screened after disembarking the vessel;
- b. Screening may include probing for symptoms and temperature checks and may include COVID-19 PCR retesting;
- c. Persons (with appropriate face covering) will be transported to the approved working quarantine facility in an approved vehicle with an approved driver.



# CONDITIONS OF WORKING QUARANTINE IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## 1. For each person:

- a. A court order for quarantine for 14-21 days may be issued indicating the approved sites of working quarantine.
  - b. Any breach of the quarantine order may result in prosecution.
2. The person under working quarantine will be allowed to only be present at the approved quarantine site(s) and the approved work site(s).
  3. The person will only be allowed to travel between approved site(s) in an approved vehicle with an identified driver.
  4. The person will at all times observe all of the hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing and safe mask use guidance of the Health Services Subcommittee.
  5. The person will keep a daily log of their measured temperature and the appearance of any COVID-19 signs and symptoms, and report this information on a daily basis to an assigned Health Care Worker.
  6. The approved working quarantine site(s) (accommodation and work) will observe the Health Services Subcommittee guidelines for the provision of meals, cleaning and general interactions.
  7. The Health Services Subcommittee may request that a COVID-19 test be conducted at any time during or after the quarantine period.
  8. If at any time during the quarantine period the person develops any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID19, all approved working quarantine will cease immediately. Isolation of symptomatic or COVID-19 positive persons at an approved facility will be in effect immediately. Isolation may be at the expense of contracting organization/company/agency. Any restart of working quarantine must be approved by the Health Services Subcommittee.

**N.B. Applications for Working Quarantine during a period of humanitarian challenge will be approved based on the needs of the country as identified by the the National Emergency Management Organization and at the discretion of the Chief Medical Officer and the Medical Officer of Health.**

*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.*