

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism

APPLIES TO CHILDREN UP TO YEARS 18

Valid for arrivals from 26th October 2021 / Updated on 14th December 2021

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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 within 72 hours prior to embarkation. If the children above 12 years (12-18) are COVID 19 recovered and having a history of infection within the last 3 months, they could arrive with a negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test report done within 48 hours prior to embarkation. 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). Children below 12 years are **EXEMPTED** from PCR/Antigen tests.

Visit www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay for COVID 19 Local Insurance Cover which will be **MANDATORY** from 1st January 2022.

Till 31st December 2021, fully vaccinated travellers are EXEMPTED from obtaining the mandatory COVID-19 Local Insurance cover. However, travellers should ensure that they have a comprehensive travel insurance that will cover health and other expenses related to COVID-19 should there be a need as Government of Sri Lanka will not bear any costs resulting.

Till 31st December 2021, fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated/not-fully vaccinated children, (all age groups) ensure that the comprehensive travel insurance is extended to cover the children adequately as the Government of Sri Lanka will not bear any costs resulting.

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. Also, travellers can visit www.visitsrilanka.gov.lk to pay in advance.

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Fully Vaccinated Travelers

When travelling with a fully vaccinated adult,

Not-vaccinated Children:

- 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, they will be allowed to travel with their parents.

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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Not-vaccinated & Not-fully-vaccinated Travellers

When travelling with a non- 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.

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

On arrival PCR test,

When travelling with Fully-Vaccinated COVID 19 recovered travellers,

Not-vaccinated Children:

- 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, they will be allowed to travel with their parents.

On arrival PCR test,

When travelling with Not-Fully-Vaccinated COVID 19 recovered travellers,

Not-vaccinated Children:

- 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.

Exit PCR /Rapid Antigen test

Not-vaccinated Children

- 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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