THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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PRESS RELEASE: UPDATED TRAVEL ADVICE

The Ministry of Health wishes to inform the general public that the national COVID-19 protocol is hereby updated based on monitoring the epidemiological trends of the disease in the country, the region, and the rest of the world.

Due to the intense vaccination campaigns and protocols adopted by most countries, it is assumed that most travelers coming to The Gambia are vaccinated against COVID-19 and other public health measures reducing the risk as well as the cases, the testing and quarantine protocol is updated with effect from **4th November, 2022 as follows**:

Fully vaccinated Passengers: Passengers who have been fully vaccinated need to show proof of full vaccination status or certificate and do not require a PCR test to enter The Gambia. However, the travelers are advised on self-monitoring and avail themselves of the COVID-19 testing centers, if they happen to notice any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or call **1025** for enquiry.

Children: Children are exempted

Departure passengers

The public is informed that all outgoing passengers from The Gambia will be required to adhere to COVID-19 testing and vaccination requirements in force at the destination countries upon confirmation by the Port Health Officers or airline representatives as might be published.

Transit passengers

All travelers on transit must adhere to COVID-19 testing requirement for the destination countries upon confirmation by the Port Health Officers or airline representatives as might be published.

Public Health measures

For the general population, the Ministry of Health is soliciting the continuous support and cooperation of the public in its efforts to contain COVID-19 in the country. Any member of the public who has symptoms similar to that of COVID-19 can call **1025** for enquiry. The general public is advised to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus by:

I. Regularly wearing a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth.

II. Ensuring that your hands are clean when you put on and remove your mask.

III. Keeping a physical distance of at least 1 meter from others.

IV. Avoiding poorly ventilated or crowded spaces.

V. Opening windows to improve ventilation indoors.

VI. Washing your hands regularly with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer.

VII. Getting vaccinated. All COVID-19 vaccines available in The Gambia are approved by the World Health Organization and are considered safe and effective. Persons interested in getting vaccinated in The Gambia can call 1025 for details.

For more information, please call our toll-free line: **1025**

Signed

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