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HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS

IN RELATION TO THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID -2019)

All travelers FROM and TO KIRIBATI (Tarawa and Kiritimati) are advised to take note of the following:

1. Citizens and residents of Kiribati who are planning to travel to areas and territories in countries with sustained transmission are recommended to avoid non-essential travel
2. In the event that travel cannot be postponed; preventive measures should be adhered to at all times.
3. In case of symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory illness before travel, travelers are encouraged to seek medical attention and advise about travel restrictions.
4. In case of symptoms suggestive of acute respiratory illness during and after travel, travelers are encouraged to seek medical attention and share travel history with health care providers.
5. A Health Arrival Form is to be filled out and copies of e-tickets to be provided by all incoming travellers upon arrival to Kiribati through Tarawa and Kiritimati.
6. All incoming international travelers will be subjected to temperature check upon arrival to the international airports and seaports in Kiribati.
7. All Travelers from areas and territories in countries with local transmission¹¹ of novel coronavirus must spend 14 days² in a country free of the COVID-2019, and to provide a medical clearance to confirm and/or prove this coronavirus free status.
8. All passengers traveling from Kiritimati to Nadi on the Honolulu-Xmas-Nadi flight need to be quarantined in Fiji for 14 days before traveling back to Kiribati
9. Medical clearance can be obtained in Nadi from Zens clinic in Namaka town and in Suva from Tebana's surgery. MHMS Kiribati will add more clinics in due course
- 10. The 14 days quarantine implies that traveling can only be on the 15th day onwards**
11. Exemptions for medical clearance can be considered for transit passengers and came from the Countries NOT listed in this health travel advisory (HTA).

¹ confirmed local transmission in line with WHO SitRep

² 14 days calculated from the date of departure from the affected country. Day 15 arrival in Kiribati

12. In the event that travelers arrive earlier than the required 14-day period, health quarantine measures may be applied and deportation to the country of travel origin would be considered, depending on the health status of the individual

13. Such travel advisory applies to all travelers including returning residents as the country has highly vulnerable group (high incidence of NCDs) of COVID-19 and also the absence or limited capacity of clinical management and ability to contain the virus if introduced.

THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL COME INTO FORCE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

All travelers are required to comply with the required preventive measures.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

At all times

- Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing and wash hands)
- Avoid contact with animals (alive or dead), visiting animal markets, and purchasing products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).²
- Wash hands often with soap and clean water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Older travelers and those with underlying health issues may be at risk for more severe disease and should discuss travel to affected areas and territories with their health care provider.
- In order to minimize the risk of transmission, people travelling to the affected area should maintain good hand and personal hygiene.
- Travelers should seek medical attention if they develop respiratory symptoms within 14 days of visiting any other affected countries or countries with local transmissions, informing their health service prior to their attendance about their recent travel to the affected country.
- Self-Quarantine at home to minimize spread of infection

These measures are being undertaken to protect Kiribati from the introduction of this infection into our communities. For more information contact **Mrs Kaaro Neeti** (Secretary, MHMS) on (686) 74028100 extension 202; or (686) 73072357 or Director of Public Health 73058772, or Deputy Director of Public Health 73007258

Countries with Confirmed Local Transmission of COVID-19

China	Belgium	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Peru	South Africa
South Korea	Norway	Thailand	Ecuador	Senegal
Singapore	Czechia	India	Algeria	
Japan	Finland	Indonesia	Cameroon	
Australia	Greece	Maldives	Brunei Darussalam	
Malaysia	Israel	Bangladesh	Estonia	
Philippines	Ireland	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Luxembourg	
Viet Nam	San Marino	Bahrain	Albania	
Cambodia	Iceland	United Arab Emirates	Serbia	
New Zealand	Slovenia	Iraq	Ukraine	
Italy	Poland	Egypt	Sri Lanka	
Spain	Romania	Lebanon	Qatar	
France	Portugal	Pakistan	Kuwait	
Germany	Slovakia	Occupied Palestinian territory	Saudi Arabia	
Switzerland	Croatia	The United State of America, including Hawaii	Tunisia	
Denmark	Hungary	Canada	Morocco	
Sweden	Belarus	Brazil	Argentina	
Netherlands	Bulgaria	Chile	Panama	
The United Kingdom	North Macedonia	Costa Rica	Paraguay	
Austria				
Pacific Countries with Confirmed Cases				
French Polynesia				
Guam				

