Bahrain

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Entry procedures through Kingdom of Bahrain

Starting from Sunday, 20 February 2022:

- **All passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain do not need to conduct a PCR test upon arrival.**
- **Cancellation of the precautionary quarantine for all passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

Update to the Kingdom of Bahrain's entry procedures via the King Fahd Causeway

- **All passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain via the King Fahd Causeway are not required to present a PCR test for entry.**

https://healthalert.gov.bh/en/category/guidelines

Source: https://healthalert.gov.bh/en/article/entry-procedures-through-kingdom-of-bahrain

Source: Bahrain International Airport

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LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE

Passengers arriving from the below Red List countries, including passengers who have transited through any of those countries at any point in the preceding 14 days, are prohibited from entry unless they are citizens or residents of the Kingdom of Bahrain: Georgia, Ukraine, Malawi, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam.

Red Listed Countries:

1. Republic of Georgia
2. Republic of Ukraine
3. Republic of Malawi
4. Republic of Mozambique
5. Republic of the Union of Myanmar
6. Republic of Zimbabwe
7. People's Republic of Mongolia
8. Republic of Namibia
9. The United States of Mexico
10. The Republic of Tunisia
11. The Islamic Republic of Iran
12. The Republic of South Africa
13. The Republic of Indonesia
14. The Republic of Iraq
15. The Republic of the Philippines
16. The Republic of Panama
17. The Kingdom of Malaysia
18. The Republic of Uganda
19. The Dominican Republic
20. The Republic of India
21. The Republic of Islamic Pakistan
22. Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka
23. People's Republic of Bangladesh
24. Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
25. Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Passengers arriving from red list countries, including passengers who have transited through any of those countries at any point in the preceding 14 days, are prohibited from entry unless they are:

1. Bahrain citizens
2. Residents of Bahrain
3. GCC citizens who do not need visas (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait and Oman)
4. Passengers eligible to obtain a visa on arrival
5. Passengers with a valid electronic visa
6. Military
7. Airline Crews

Bahraini nationals and passengers holding a valid residency visa arriving from a Red Listed country are exempted from the above restriction, provided they:

1. Present an approved PCR test certificate with a QR Code 48 hours before departure for passengers authorized to enter the kingdom and who are coming from countries on the red list.
2. Undergo two PCR tests (costing BHD 24 for both), which will take place on arrival and on the 10thday of their stay.
3. Quarantine for 10 days in their own homes or at a licensed quarantine facility approved by the National Health Regulatory Authority.
4. Provide proof of a pre-paid booking in their name at a quarantine facility before their departure to Bahrain.
5. Travelers who choose to spend their quarantine periods at their homes must provide proof of residence, whether owned or rented in their name or in the name of an immediate relative, before boarding.
6. This decision does not apply to passengers younger than the age of 6.

All passengers, vaccinated or non-vaccinated, arriving to the Kingdom of Bahrain, aged 6 or above must:

1. Undergo two PCR tests (costing BHD 24 for both), which will take place on arrival and on the 10thday of their stay.
2. The cost of the PCR test can be paid through the "BeAware Bahrain" mobile application in addition to the platforms at the airport which permit to pay in cash or electronically by credit cards.
3. This decision does not apply to passengers younger than the age of 6.

Passengers who have received a single dose or are not vaccinated must present a negative test certificate with a QR code for a PCR test administered within 48 hours of their departure. They must also:

1. Present an approved PCR test certificate with a QR Code 48 hours before departure for passengers authorized to enter the kingdom.
2. Undergo two PCR tests (costing BHD 24 for both), which will take place on arrival and on the 10thday of their stay.
3. Quarantine for 10 days in their own homes or at a licensed quarantine facility approved by the National Health Regulatory Authority.
4. Provide proof of a pre-paid booking in their name at a quarantine facility before their departure to Bahrain.
5. Passengers who choose to spend their quarantine periods in their homes must provide proof of residence, whether owned or rented in their name or the name of an immediate relative, before boarding.
6. This decision does not apply to passengers younger than the age of 6.

General Procedures:

1. All arrivals must also activate the 'BeAware Bahrain' application and sign an agreement to self-isolate, which requires them to quarantine at their place of residence until their arrival test results are available.
2. Citizens planning to travel abroad must comply with entry procedures and requirements at their destinations. They must also sign a declaration form prior to departure, agreeing to bear any medical costs while abroad, as well as mandatory COVID-19 testing once they arrive in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

What precautionary measures are in place at Bahrain International Airport?

What sterilization and disinfection measures are in place at Bahrain International Airport to respond to COVID-19?

What safety measures are in place for shuttle bus services at Bahrain International Airport?

What are the procedures for arriving passengers?

- Due to current global circumstances in the world as a result of the pandemic, arrival procedures to the Kingdom of Bahrain through Bahrain International Airport is reviewed periodically for the safety of all.

What are the procedures for transit passengers?

- Passengers transiting through Bahrain International Airport from red-listed or other countries are advised to review their details with the airlines they are intending to travel with due to ongoing changes resulting from COVID-19 repercussions.

What are the procedures for departing passengers?

- To allow time for additional screening procedures, passengers will need to arrive at the airport at least 3 hours before their flight departure time. Only passengers are allowed entry into the airport, except for those accompanying passengers with disabilities and escorting unaccompanied minors. All passengers will undergo a temperature check upon entering the airport.

Who is eligible to enter the Kingdom and how can I apply for my visa?

- At present, entry to the Kingdom is restricted to Bahraini citizens, residents, GCC citizens who don't need visas, passengers eligible to obtain a visa on arrival, passengers with a valid eVisa, diplomats, military personnel, airline crew, or holders of official, service or UN Passports. Visas on arrival have been reintroduced for citizens of eligible nationalities. To determine eligibility, and to obtain an eVisa prior to your departure, please visit evisa.gov.bh.

Are children required to undergo the PCR test?

- Children below the age of 6 are not required to undergo the PCR test.

Which passengers are exempted from COVID-19 testing on arrival at Bahrain International Airport?

- Cabin crew, diplomatic staff, children under the age of 6, and those arriving from medical travel are exempt.

Will passengers be temperature screened at Bahrain International Airport?

- In line with the regulations issued by the National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and circular issued by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs (CAA), all passengers and airline staff are screened at all entry points of the airport and at travel gates. If a passenger has a high fever, the relevant authorities shall take further action.

Source: https://www.bahrainairport.bh/covid-19-travel-information

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Source: IATA

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COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 15 March 2022.

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12.08.2021

1. Passengers are not allowed to enter.
- This does not apply to:
- nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates;
- passengers with a residence permit issued by Bahrain;
- passengers with an e-visa obtained before departure;
- passengers who can obtain a visa on arrival;
- military personnel.

2. Passengers are not allowed to enter if in the past 14 days they have been in or transited through Bangladesh, Dominican Rep., Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Viet Nam or Zimbabwe;
- This does not apply to:
- nationals of Bahrain
- passengers with a residence permit issued by Bahrain.

3. Nationals of Bahrain and passengers with a residence permit issued by Bahrain, who in the past 14 days have been in or transited through Bangladesh, Dominican Rep., India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam or Zimbabwe must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 48 hours before departure. The test result must have a QR code.

4. Passengers who in the past 14 days have not been in or transited through Bangladesh, Dominican Rep., India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uganda, Viet Nam or Zimbabwe, must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 48 hours before departure. The test result must have a QR code
- This does not apply to passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival.

5. Passengers are subject to a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival;
- This does not apply to:
- passengers younger than 6 years;
- nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, who are older than 17 years, with:
- a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival; or
- a COVID-19 recovery certificate;
- nationals of nationals of Cyprus, Greece, Hungary and Israel who are older than 17 years, with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival;

6. Passengers could be subject to quarantine for 10 days.- This does not apply to passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival. The vaccination certificate must be issued in: Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland (Rep.), Italy, Japan, Korea Rep., Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, USA, United Arab Emirates or the United Kingdom.

7. Flights from Addis Ababa (ABB) and Baku (BAK) are suspended.
- This does not apply to humanitarian, medevac and repatriation flights.

8. Flights from Iraq, Lebanon and Syria are suspended.
- This does not apply to humanitarian, medevac and repatriation flights.

9. Visa on arrival facility restarted.
- This does not apply to passengers with a residence permit issued by Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia or United Arab Emirates.

10. Border crossing on the causeway is suspended.

Source: https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php

- Bahrain Customs Affairs is part of Team Bahrain in combating the (COVID-19) pandemic, which is led by the office of His Royal Highness First Deputy Prime Minister.
- In light of the current global conditions, and in implementation of the Customs Cooperation Council's resolution on the role of customs in natural disaster relief, we are speeding up the clearance and release of relief shipments at the borders and making them a very high priority for shipments (medicines, medical equipment and food)
- We have equipped our Customs Officers who are in the frontline facing the threat of the pandemic virus by providing them with protective clothing, masks, gloves, sanitizers and sanitizing their facilities.
- Officers have been educated and trained on the symptoms of virus, the importance of dealing with the situation and dealing with people who have contracted it, outline the reporting method.
- We have implemented new technics and adopted modern technology applications in conducting virtual meetings and communication.
- We are applying the principle of dividing employees into small work teams to limit the spread of the epidemic and imposing direct contact.
- Depending on the nature of the work in different departments, a decision has been taken to reduce the workforce by 50%. We have divided the workforce in to two Teams A and B, which will be rotated depending on the working schedule daily or weekly.
- Staff that bear chronic illness and pregnant women, whose infection with the virus poses a danger to their health, are exempted from attending to work and assigned them to work remotely from home to the tasks assigned to them.
- With the increase in demand for e-Commerce transactions, the Customs Affairs increased staffing to support the e-Commerce stakeholders (DHL, Aramex, FedEx etc.).
- With the Customs brokers, we emphasized the clearance of shipments and electronic payment from distance, as well as circulating the contact numbers of the call center and customer service for the purpose of non-attendance.
- We believe that all Countries are currently focusing on securing the import of medicines and foodstuffs, in light of the presence of materials of great importance that are not expected to be dispensed, such as materials that are used in power generation or water desalination by the importing countries.

Arabic version

Further information: http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/facilitation/activities-and-programmes/natural-disaster.......