Cyprus

Source: European Union/Re-open EU

04.01.2023

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted in Cyprus. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is not required.

Learn more:
Cyprus Coronavirus
Travel protocol

Contact point for Cyprus:

COVID-19 call centre, available from Monday to Sunday (8: 00 - 20:00 Cyprus Time) at 1474 (calls within Cyprus) and at +357 22 285757 (calls from abroad).This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

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07.06.2022

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Cyprus. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is no longer required.

Learn more:
Cyprus Coronavirus
Travel protocol

Contact point for Cyprus:

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

08.06.2020

On 8 June, the Official Journal of the EU published a list of Member States that decided not to apply certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2020/698, which lays down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID19 outbreak concerning the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations, and the postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport legislation. Member States involved are as following:

- Sweden
- **Cyprus**
- Greece
- Romania
- Luxembourg
- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Malta

These Member States are added to those whose notification was published on 2 and 3 June: Poland, Latvia, Hungary, Estonia, Spain, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Finland, Croatia, Lithuania.

Source: European Commission

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May I transit this country?

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17.05.2022

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- **Proof of full vaccination.**
  Validity: for travellers aged 18 and older, 270 days (9 months) after the primary vaccination series was completed, or after the booster dose. For travellers younger than 18, after the primary vaccination series was completed.
  Accepted vaccines: AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria, COVISHIELD, SKBio), Comirnaty (BioNTech and Pfizer), Spikevax (Moderna), COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen, Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac), Sinopharm (BBIPCOVID-19), Sinovac (Coronavac), Covaxin, Nuvaxovid (Novavax), CovaVax and, only when administered as a booster dose, Sputnik Light.

- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**.
  Validity: between 7 and 180 days after testing positive.

- **Negative result to a pre-departure test**.
  Accepted tests: molecular (PCR) tests, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 24 hours.

Travellers can show proof or full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 with one of the following:

- A valid 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents, meeting the requirements listed above. **Note:**
  - **negative test results** are only accepted as an EUDCC or as equivalent documents.
  - certificates of vaccination and recovery from COVID-19 issued by EU and Schengen Associated countries and by countries that have joined the EUDCC system are only accepted in the digital format, as an EUDCC or an equivalent document.
- A valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 meeting the requirements listed above and issued by the competent uthorities of any non-EU country.

Travellers who do not hold any of these documents will be subject to a fine.

Note: all travellers might be subject to **random testing upon arrival**, free of charge. Self-isolation is not required until test results become available (they are sent via text message by Cyprus' authorities). Travellers who test positive to COVID-19 must quarantine for 7 days. Quarantine can be shortened to 5 days after a negative test result, performed at own cost.

Children younger than 12 are exempt from testing requirements.

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Cyprus Coronavirus
Cyprus Coronavirus - travel protocol

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- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**.
  Validity: between 7 and 180 days after testing positive.

- **Negative result to a pre-departure test**.
  Accepted tests: molecular (PCR) tests, valid 72 hours, and rapid antigen tests, valid 24 hours.

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- A valid 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents, meeting the requirements listed above. **Note:**
  - **negative test results** are only accepted as an EUDCC or as equivalent documents.
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May I transit this country?

Travellers are advised to consult airports' websites, or to call +357 25 123022.

National health measures

In Cyprus, providing proof of full vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result is only required to access nursing homes, health structures, rehabilitation centres and accommodation facilities for vulnerable groups.

Details on the requirements of the documents to provide are available in the section National use of COVID-19 Certificates.

Learn more:
VisitCyprus
Cyprus Coronavirus - travel protocol

Restrictions at the regional or local level

Currently, there are no restrictions on movement. Travellers can access all services and facilities in Cyprus. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is not required.

Use of facemasks

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory for everyone aged 12 or over in all indoor public places, including taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.

Using double surgical masks or KN95 / FFP2 masks is recommended. Fabric masks should be avoided.

Safety measures for public transportation

Wearing facemasks is mandatory.

Quarantine

In Cyprus, dedicated COVID-19 hospitals wards and quarantine hotels are available for travellers who test positive to COVID-19 during their stay.

People who have COVID-19 must quarantine for **7 days**, and a rapid antigen test is not required to end the quarantine. They can shorten the quarantine if no symptoms arise and if they perform a negative molecular (PCR) test on day 5.

Mandatory self-isolation for close contacts (close physical contact at a distance of less than 2 metres and for longer than 15 minutes) of confirmed COVID-19 cases no longer applies. For close contacts who are not fully vaccinated or have not recently recovered from COVID-19, performing a self-test on day 3 and on day 5 is compulsory. In other cases, it is recommended.

Learn more:
Cyprus Coronavirus - travel protocol
Announcement of the Ministry of Health
Guidance for isolation of close contacts

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

OPEN

Tourist accommodations

OPEN

Catering establishments

OPEN

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

OPEN

Personal care services

OPEN

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

Useful Info for tourists

Cyprus is allowing entry from four sets of countries of origin, according to epidemiological criteria. To check whether you can enter Cyprus, please use the quick-check tool on the official website of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism

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07.03.2022

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Document checklist

All passengers, regardless of their age and country of departure, must provide all the following documents:

1. They must submit all the information and documents required to obtain the **CyprusFlightPass** within **48 hours before** starting their journey. If the web platform is temporarily unavailable, travellers must print and fill in the required Passenger Locator Form, downloadable at cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/upload/forms.
2. Provide an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) with proof of full vaccination or proof of recovery from COVID-19. Details in the sections below.

Travellers who do not hold an EUDCC must follow the travel protocol depending on the colour attributed to the country of departure. Standards are set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and by Cyprus' Ministry of Health for countries not included on the ECDC's list.

Travellers are advised to consult travel measures on Cyprus' information page on COVID-19.

Note: all travellers might be subject to **random testing upon arrival**, free of charge.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Important: in Cyprus, 'EU Digital COVID Certificates' (EUDCC) issued by EU and Schengen Associated countries are **only accepted in digital format**.

Travellers can enter Cyprus without additional testing requirements, regardless of their country of departure, if their EUDCC (or equivalent document) contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid after the full vaccination programme has been administered. Accepted vaccines: all vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19), Sinovac, Covaxin, Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 and, only when administered as a booster dose, Sputnik light. Validity: 270 days (9 months) after the primary vaccination series was completed, or after the booster dose.

- Proof of **recovery from COVID-19**. Validity: between 10 and 180 days after testing positive.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Certificates equivalent to the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) are also accepted, if they meet the same requirements listed above for the EUDCC.

Travellers who do not hold an EUDCC or equivalent documents certifying full vaccination or recovery must verify and comply with the travel protocol based on the classification of their country of departure.

Important: vaccination certificates issued by EU and Schengen Associated countries are only accepted in the form of a digital EUDCC.

Travellers aged 12 and above from **green countries** can enter Cyprus if they provide a negative result to a pre-departure molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, or to a rapid antigen test, valid 24 hours. Tests must be performed by a certified laboratory.

Travellers aged 12 and above from **red countries** must fulfill all the following requirements:

- Provide a negative result to a pre-departure molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, or to a rapid antigen test, valid 24 hours
- Perform an additional molecular (PCR) test upon arrival, at own costs. Tests cost EUR15 at Larnaca Airport and EUR19 at Paphos Airport. Results will be available within 3 hours on www.covid-testcyprus.com.

Travel for people aged 12 and over from **grey countries** (Special Licence) is only allowed for:

- Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses and children)
- Persons legally residing in Cyprus
- EU citizens; citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.
- Persons allowed to enter Cyprus under the Vienna Convention
- Citizens of non-EU and non-Schengen Associated countries, provided that they obtain prior special permission via the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform: cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/special-permission-request.

Learn more:
Cyprus Coronavirus
Cyprus Coronavirus - travel protocol
Cyprus Coronavirus - country categories
Cyprus Coronavirus - decrees
Cyprus Coronavirus - important announcements

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You can find the latest information on air travel regulations for this country on the IATA website.

You can also find information about your passenger rights on our portal for citizens.

Documents you need to travel in Europe
Health cover for temporary stays

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entry rules

Travellers from the countries listed on cyprusflightpass.gov.cy can enter Cyprus without further restrictions if they provide the documents requested (see the checklist below).

Travellers who do not hold an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents must follow the travel protocol depending on the colour attributed to the country of departure. Standards are set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), and by Cyprus' Ministry of Health for countries not included on the ECDC's list.

Travel from grey countries (Special Permission) is only allowed to the following categories:

- Cypriot citizens, their spouses and minor children
- Legal residents in Cyprus
- Citizens of EU and Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland)
- Persons entitled to enter Cyprus under the Vienna Convention
- Citizens non-EU and non-Schengen Associated countries, provided that they obtain prior special permission via cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/special-permission-request.

Travellers from grey countries who do not hold proof of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 must:

- Provide a negative result to a pre-departure molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, or to a rapid antigen test, valid 24 hours.
- Perform an additional molecular test upon arrival, at own costs. Tests cost EUR15 at Larnaca Airport and EUR19 at Paphos airport. Results will be available within 3 hours on www.covid-testcyprus.com.
- Quarantine for 10 days.

Travellers are advised to consult travel measures on Cyprus' information page on COVID-19.

Note: all travellers might be subject to **random testing upon arrival**, free of charge.

Document checklist

All passengers, regardless of their age and country of departure, must provide all the following documents:

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2. Provide an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent documents certifying one of the following:

   Proof of full vaccination
   Validity: 270 days (9 months) after the primary vaccination series was completed, or after the booster dose.
   Accepted vaccines: all vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID 19), Sinovac, Covaxin, Novavax Nuvaxovid COVID-19 and, only when administered as a booster dose, Sputnik light.
   Note: vaccination certificates issued by EU or Schengen Associated countries are only accepted in the form of a digital EUDCC.

   Or

   Proof of recovery from COVID-19
   Validity: between 10 and 180 days.

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What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises Cypriot citizens to exercise caution when travelling abroad and to check in advance to make sure they are aware of the entry regulations and other measures that apply in their county of destination.

Cypriot citizens who are currently abroad, or intend to travel abroad for any reason, are encouraged to register on the website www.connect2cy@gov.cy

Passengers intending returning to Cyprus must comply with the rules listed on the sections Travelling from EU and Schengen Associated countries, or from outside EU and Schengen Associated countries, depending on their country of departure.

In case of an emergency:

Cypriot citizens may contact the numbers below.

- **Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Cyprus abroad:**

Contact details for our Diplomatic Missions are available through the relevant section of our website.

- **Consular Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22651113 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

- **Duty Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 99660129 (outside working hours*)

- **Crisis Management Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22801000 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

* The Duty Officer's line is reachable outside office hours and is intended to provide assistance in emergency situations.

May I transit this country?

Please, consult cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/important-information: **Transfer passengers** are those who travel from a departure country via Cyprus, disembark in Cyprus and continue their travel on a connecting flight to their onward destination with the same or different airline without having to re-check in. Transfer passengers must apply for and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

Transit passengers do not need to apply and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

General measures

SafePass

In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 25 people may gather at any time, it is required that people aged 6 and above shall hold a 'SafePass'. Conditions by age:

- 0 - 5 years: no restrictions apply
- 6 - 11 years: negative molecular or rapid test, valid for 7 days
- 12 - 17 years: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid 3 months), **and** a negative molecular or rapid test result, valid 72 hours.
- 18 and above: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid for 3 months), **and** a negative molecular (valid 72 hours) or rapid (valid 48 hours) test result.
  Or proof of full vaccination, valid for 7 months after the primary vaccination series is completed, or after the booster dose.

The document has to be displayed, together with proof of identification, by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores, archaeological sites and other public venues.

An **'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC)** of vaccination or recovery can also be used to generate a SafePass.

Non-residents entering legally the Republic of Cyprus:

(a) using Larnaca and Pafos Airports may present the **Cyprus Flight Pass** obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy plat form; and

(b) using legal sea points of entry if they are cruise passengers, they should use their disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof they obtain from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

When these documents are based on a negative test result, they are valid for 7 days and must be renewed with an additional negative molecular or rapid antigen test.

Note: as of 8 March, rules to access public places will depend on how they are classified according to a new protocol: high risk, medium risk, low risk, and short stay areas.

In **high-risk places** (with more than 150 attendees: entertainment and catering establishments, music and dance venues, events; nursing homes and hospitals), everyone regardless of proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 must provide a negative result to a molecular test (valid 48 hours) or to a rapid antigen test (24 hours). Children aged 6-17 must provide a test result valid 72 hours.

In **medium-risk places** (with less than 150 attendees: entertainment and catering establishments, music and dance venues, events; tourist accommodations; stadiums; places of worship; gyms; casinos):

- People who do not hold a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 must provide a negative result to a negative test (valid 48 hours) or to a rapid antigen test (24 hours). Children aged 6-17 must provide a test valid 72 hours.
- People who hold a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 can access.

In **low-risk places** (theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas, performance venues; schools; shopping malls; gaming and betting establishments; shops):

- People who do not hold a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 must provide a negative result to a negative test or to a rapid antigen test, valid 72 hours. The same rule applies to children aged 6-17.
- People who hold a valid certificate of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 can access.

The SafePass is not required to access **short stay areas** for essential needs:

- supermarkets, bakeries
- shops smaller than 100 square metres
- take-away services
- banks
- pharmacies
- kiosks

Learn more:
Implementation of the SafePass Decision as of 10 May
FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic
Cyprus Coronavirus - decrees
Cyprus Coronavirus - important announcements

Use of facemasks

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory for all people older than 6, in all indoor (i.e. taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.) and outdoor public places.

Areas such as restaurants, coffee shops, bars, snack bars, lobby bars, etc., where people are seated whilst consuming food and beverage are excluded from this provision. The same applies while on the beach, swimming pools and instances where people are exercising. Travellers should always consult the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (in Greek)

Using double surgical masks or KN95 / FFP2 masks is recommended. Fabric masks should be avoided.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures apply so that people who do not belong to the same travel group maintain a reasonable distance from each other (the minimum area occupied per person should be 2 square metres outdoors, and 3 square metres indoors).

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Mass events, gatherings, school events and celebrations, demonstrations, parades, concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohobited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Celebrations in schools and festive events in shopping malls (outdoors and indoors) are suspended.

Gatherings in private venues are limited to 20 people, excluding children up to 12 years of age (provided that the total number does not exceed 30).

Weddings, christenings, funerals and events in catering establishments and reception venues can be celebrated if the following rules are respected:

- Maximum 250 participants can attend (500 as of 8 March, if 1.5 square metres per person are ensured), subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols.
- Access is allowed to holders of a negative result to a molecular test or rapid test (valid 24 hours) and people who have received the third or booster vaccine dose can access. Children aged 6-11 can access if they have a negative result to a molecular test or to a rapid test, valid 7 days.
- Maximum 12 people per table.

Conferences and trade fairs are allowed at 50% capacity of the premises, and in observance of the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health.

Safety measures for public transportation

Employees and passengers aged 6 and above must hold a SafePass.

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory both for employees and passengers in all transport means.

Find out more:

www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek)

Places of worship

During indoors and outdoors religiouse services:

- Distancing measures and the maximum number of persons per square metre must be respected.
- The maximum number of participants is set to 250.
- Facemasks must be worn at all times, including during the Epiphany doxology. Using double surgical masks or KN95 or FFP2 masks is recommended.

Quarantine

People who have COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days.

People who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases must self-isolate in the following cases:

- People who are not vaccinated
- People who have completed their primary vaccination series for longer than 7 months
- People who have not completed their primary vaccination series
- People who hold a certificate of recovery from COVID-19 older than 90 days.

After day 7 following the first contact, self-isolation can finish with a negative result to a molecular (PCR) test.

As of 8 March:

- Quarantine can finish on day 7 after a negative test result to a molecular or rapid antigen test. If the test result is positive, it is possible to perform it again until day 10.
- People who are in self-isolation because they are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases can be released on day 10 if they perform a negative molecular test or rapid antigen test.

Learn more:
Guidance for isolation
Guidance for isolation of close contacts
Guidance for discharge and ending of isolation
Rapid tests
FAQs

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

In shops and malls:

- 1 person per 10 square metres is allowed.
- In shopping malls and shops larger than 500 square metres, an authorized person should check at the entrance that the maximum number of customers is respected.
- A 2m distance must be respected.

Farmers' markets must respecte the guidelines of the Ministry of Health; they operate at 50% capacity; a 1.5m distance between people is observed.

Tourist accommodations

Access is allowed to:

- Holders of a certificate of full vaccination or of recovery from COVID-19, or of a negative result to a molecular test or rapid antigen test, valid 24 hours
- Children aged 6-11 if they hold a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test, valid 7 days
- People who cannot be vaccinated for health reasons and hold relevant medical certificates and a negative result to a molecular test or rapid test, valid 7 days.

Catering establishments

In restaurants and other venues where dancing is permitted, access is allowed to:

- People aged 12 and over with a valid negative result to a rapid test, valid 15 hours, regardless of proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19
- Children aged 6-11 with a rapid test result, valid 7 days, regardless of proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19

In all catering establishments (restaurants, taverns, bars, pubs, snack bars, cafes) without a dance floor, access is allowed to:

- People who hold a negative result to a rapid test or molecular test, valid 24 hours
- People aged 12 or over who whold proof of full vaccination (full primary schedule or booster dose) or proof of recovery from COVID-19
- Children aged 6-11 who hold proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or a negative result to a rapid test, valid 7 days.

Further details are available in the protocol for catering and entertainment establishments.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohibited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Casinos operate at 50% capacity, and customers must hold a SafePass.

The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Theatres, cinemas and performance halls operate at 75% capacity and distancing measures must be respected. Access is allowed to:

- Holders of a certificate of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, or of a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test, valid 24 hours
- Children aged 6-11 if they hold a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test, valid 7 days
- People who cannot be vaccinated because of health resons and hold a relevant medical certificate and a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test, valid 7 days

In entertainment, music and dance venues where dancing is permitted, access is allowed to:

- People aged 12 and over with a valid negative rapid test result, valid 15 hours, regardless of proof of vaccination or of recovery from COVID-19
- Children aged 6-11 with a rapid test result, valid 7 days, regardless of proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19.

Further details are available in the protocol for catering and entertainment establishments.

Personal care services

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

Only in urgent, exceptional cases, holders of a negative lab rapid test result (valid 24 hours) who were authorized by the structures' management can also access.

The operation of hairdressing salons, barbershops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above must hold a SafePass.

Outdoors areas and beaches

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

Access to parks, beaches, squares, excursion sites, marinas, zoos and nature trails is permitted.

Hygiene measures are in place and distancing measures must be respected.

Organised group camping is suspended.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Protocols available on www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek) and on www.pio.gov.cy/eng (in English)

Also the Destination Protocol is available on various languages.

Other measures

Persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers should hold a SafePass.

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

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Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: The Schengen visa

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EU Digital COVID Certificates

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Cyprus

Important: in Cyprus, the 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) is **required to access some public spaces**, such as bars and restaurants, museums, swimming pools, large events. Please, consult the Measures section for further details. Travellers are strongly advised to carry relevant certificates at all times.

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Travel alert: until 31 January, in addition to the regular protocol described below, **all travellers older than 12** must:

- provide a pre-departure molecular (PCR) test, valid 72 hours, or a rapid antigen test (valid 24 hours).
- take another molecular (PCR) test upon arrival. Tests cost EUR15 at Larnaca Airport and EUR19 at Paphos airport. Results will be available within 3 hours on www.covid-testcyprus.com. Travellers who refuse to take this test must quarantine for 14 days, at own costs. Quarantine can end on day 7 if they take a molecular test.
- Perform an additional rapid antigen test 72 hours after their arrival. These rapid antigen tests will be provided free of charge through the sampling points of the Ministry of Health, by showing the boarding pass and proof of identification. Travellers who were administered the booster vaccine dose are exempted.

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Important: travellers **from grey countries** must **quarantine for 14 days** when they enter Cyprus, even if they are fully vaccinated. Only certain categories of travellers can enter Cyprus from grey countries. Currently, no EU or Schengen Associated countries are categorized as grey.

Travellers are advised to consult travel measures on Cyprus' i nformation page on COVID-19.

Note: all travellers might be subject to **random testing upon arrival**, free of charge.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Important: in Cyprus, 'EU Digital COVID Certificates' (EUDCC) issued by EU and Schengen Associated countries are **only accepted in digital format**.

Travellers can enter Cyprus without additional testing requirements, regardless of their country of departure, if their EUDCC contains one of the following:

- Proof of **full vaccination**, valid after the full vaccination programme has been administered. Accepted vaccines: vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19), Sinovac, AstraZeneca-Covishield and AstraZeneca-SKBio, Covaxin and, only when administered as a booster dose, Sputnik light.
- Proof of **recovery** from COVID-19. Validity: 14 days after testing positive and for a period of 180 days.
- Proof of recovery plus a single dose of an accepted vaccine (see above).

Travellers who hold an EUDCC with a **negative result to a molecular (PCR) test**, performed within 72 hours before travelling, must respect the travel protocol based on the colour attributed to their country of departure.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

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- Travellers who have received at least the first dose of an approved vaccine;
- travellers aged 12 to 15;
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Travellers from **red countries** who enter Cyprus must:

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- Perform an **additional laboratory test** immediately after they arrive in Cyprus. They must remain in quarantin until the result is available on www.covid-testcyprus.com/.

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Travellers from countries listed on cyprusflightpass.gov.cy can enter Cyprus without further restrictions if they hold an 'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC) or equivalent document certifying that:

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  Accepted vaccines: all vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID 19), Sinovac, AstraZeneca-Covishield and AstraZeneca-SKBio, Covaxin and, only when administered as a booster dose, Sputnik light.
- They have recovered from COVID-19 within 14 and 180 days before travelling.
- They have recovered from COVID-19 and received a single dose of an authorized two-dose vaccine (see above).

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- Legal residents in Cyprus
- Citizens of EU and Schengen Associated countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland)
- Persons entitled to enter Cyprus under the Vienna Convention
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What are the rules if I go abroad from this country, and when I return from abroad?

In light of the continuing spread globally of coronavirus COVID-19 and given its classification by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises Cypriot citizens to exercise caution when travelling abroad and to check in advance to make sure they are aware of the entry regulations and other measures that apply in their county of destination.

Cypriot citizens who are currently abroad, or intend to travel abroad for any reason, are encouraged to register on the website www.connect2cy@gov.cy

It should be noted that passengers intending to arrive/return to Cyprus will be required to comply with the applicable process, register at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy and meet the requirements for entry to Cyprus foreseen by relevant Decrees and Decisions of the Council of Ministers.

Relevant decrees, announcements, press releases and information published by the Ministry of Health and other competent Authorities and Services of the Republic of Cyprus, are available from the dedicated website https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/

In case of an emergency:

Cypriot citizens may contact the numbers below.

- **Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Cyprus abroad:**

Contact details for our Diplomatic Missions are available through the relevant section of our website.

- **Consular Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22651113 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

- **Duty Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 99660129 (outside working hours*)

- **Crisis Management Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22801000 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

* The Duty Officer's line is reachable outside office hours and is intended to provide assistance in emergency situations.

May I transit this country?

Please, consult cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/important-information: **Transfer passengers** are those who travel from a departure country via Cyprus, disembark in Cyprus and continue their travel on a connecting flight to their onward destination with the same or different airline without having to re-check in. Transfer passengers must apply for and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

Transit passengers do not need to apply and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

General measures

SafePass

In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, it is required that people aged 6 and above shall hold a 'SafePass'. Conditions by age:

- 0 - 5 years: no restrictions apply
- 6 - 11 years: negative molecular or rapid test, valid for 7 days
- 12 - 17 years: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid for 6 months. As of 31 January 2022, validity is reduced to 3 months), **and** a negative molecular or rapid test result, valid 72 hours.
- 18 and above: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid for 6 months. As of 31 January 2022, validity is reduced to 3 months), **and** a negative molecular (valid 72 hours) or rapid (valid 48 hours) test result.
  Or proof of full vaccination. **As of 18 December 2021**, the SafePass based on vaccination is no longer valid for individuals who have not received a booster dose after 7 months from completing the initial vaccination scheme have expired.

The document has to be displayed, together with proof of identification, by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores, archaeological sites and other public venues.

An **'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC)** of vaccination or recovery can also be used to generate a SafePass.

Non-residents entering legally the Republic of Cyprus:

(a) using Larnaca and Pafos Airports may present the **Cyprus Flight Pass** obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy plat form; and

(b) using legal sea points of entry if they are cruise passengers, they should use their disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof they obtain from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

When these documents are based on a negative test result, they are valid for 7 days and must be renewed with an additional negative molecular or rapid antigen test.

Rules listed here are valid until 31 January 2022.

Find out more:
Implementation of the SafePass Decision as of 10 May
FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic
Cyprus Coronavirus - decrees
Cyprus Coronavirus - important announcements

Use of facemasks

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory for all people older than 6, in all indoor (i.e. taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.) and outdoor public places.

Areas such as restaurants, coffee shops, bars, snack bars, lobby bars, etc., where people are seated whilst consuming food and beverage are excluded from this provision. The same applies while on the beach, swimming pools and instances where people are exercising. Travellers should always consult the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (in Greek)

Using double surgical masks or KN95 / FFP2 masks is recommended. Fabric masks should be avoided.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures apply so that people who do not belong to the same travel group maintain a reasonable distance from each other (the minimum area occupied per person should be 2 square metres outdoors, and 3 square metres indoors).

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Mass events, gatherings, school events and celebrations, demonstrations, parades, concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohobited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Celebrations in schools and festive events in shopping malls (outdoors and indoors) are suspended.

Gatherings in private venues are limited to 20 people, including minor children and hosts.

Weddings, christenings, funerals and events in catering establishments and reception venues can be celebrated if the following rules are respected:

- Only holders of a negative lab rapid test result (valid 24 hours) and people who have received the third or booster vaccine dose can access.
- Maximum 300 participants can attend, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols. For weddings and christenings, the rule applies as of 3 January 2022.
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children younger than 6, children aged 6-11 who hold a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test (valid 7 days), children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.

Conferences and trade fairs are allowed at 50% capacity of the premises, and in observance of the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health.

Safety measures for public transportation

Employees and passengers aged 6 and above must hold a SafePass.

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory both for employees and passengers in all transport means.

Find out more:

www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek)

Places of worship

During indoors and outdoors religiouse services:

- Distancing measures and the maximum number of persons per square metre must be respected.
- The maximum number of participants is set to 200.
- Facemasks must be worn at all times, including during the Epiphany doxology. Using double surgical masks or KN95 or FFP2 masks is recommended.

Quarantine

As of 28 December 2020, the SARS-CoV-2 antigen detection tests carried out by the mobile units of the Ministry of Health do not need confirmation by the molecular method (RT-PCR). Citizens with a positive test result will receive the self-isolation instructions via a text message. At the same time, the virus-positive person should inform his/her close contacts to self-isolate until the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit contacts them, and send a list with the details of his/her close contacts to contacttracing@moh.gov.cy.

Close contacts of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case (e.g. family members, friends, colleagues) should self-isolate themselves in a well-ventilated room, while the other family members should stay in a separate room, if possible. Isolated people will receive instructions through a text message by the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit and they should self-monitor their health and check their temperature twice a day for the following 14 days from the last contact. They should also maintain regular communication with their personal doctor for the entire duration of the period.

In the case of a positive test result, the text message is considered official and these citizens have an obligation to immediately self-isolate, adhering to the relevant instructions provided by the Tracing Team.

Find out more:

Guidance for isolation

Guidance for isolation of close contacts

Guidance for discharge and ending of isolation

Rapid tests

FAQs

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

In shops and malls:

- 1 person per 10 square metres is allowed.
- In shopping malls and shops larger than 500 square metres, an authorized person should check at the entrance that the maximum number of customers is respected.
- A 2m distance must be respected.

Farmers' markets must respecte the guidelines of the Ministry of Health; they operate at 50% capacity; a 1.5m distance between people is observed.

Tourist accommodations

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

Only people who have started or completed their vaccination scheme, and for who the period required for the administration of the second or third dose of vaccine has not elapsed, can visit or stay at hotels and tourist accommodations.

Catering establishments

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

The operation of catering establishments is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. In addition:

- Distancing measures are respected.
- The maximum number of persons allowed is 200.
- Everyone must hold a valid SafePass.
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children younger than 6, children aged 6-11 who hold a negative result to a molecular or rapid antigen test (valid 7 days), children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.
- Only seated service is provided.
- Maximum 8 people can sit at the same table.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

OPEN WITH LIMITATIONS

Concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohibited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Casinos operate at 50% capacity, and customers must hold a SafePass.

The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Entertainment venues, music and dance clubs operate according to the following rules:

- Only holders of a negative lab rapid test result (valid 24 hours) and people who have received the booster or third vaccine dose can access.
- Maximum 200 people are allwed.
- Distancing measures and health protocols are respected.
- Venues operate at maximum 75% capacity. All attendants must hold a certificate of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 (valid for 6 months after the first positive test). If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.
- Only seated service is provided and maximum 8 people can sit at a table.
- Dancing is prohibited.

Personal care services

Only people who have received the third or booster vaccine dose can access hospitals. In urgent, exceptional cases, holders of a negative lab rapid test result (valid 24 hours) who were authorized by the structures' management can also access.

The operation of hairdressing salons, barbershops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above must hold a SafePass.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Access to parks, beaches, squares, excursion sites, marinas, zoos and nature trails is permitted.

Hygiene measures are in place and distancing measures must be respected.

Organised group camping is suspended.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Protocols available on www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek) and on www.pio.gov.cy/eng (in English)

Also the Destination Protocol is available on various languages.

Other measures

Persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers should hold a SafePass.

As of 29 November 2021, rapid tests are carried out by mobile units in high-risk areas, regardless of individuals' age and vaccination history.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

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Travel alerts:

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2. Entry is **restricted** for all travellers who have visited or transited the following countries in the **14 days before** entering Cyprus: **Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe**. Only Cypriot citizens, their spouses and underage children, EU and Schengen Associated countries citizens, and legal residents in Cyprus are allowed to enter from these countries. They must hold a negative test result performed within 72 hours, and perform an additional test upon arrival, at own costs. Children under 12 are exempt from testing requirements. Travellers will then be transported in facilities indicated by the Deputy Ministry of Tourism, and quarantine for 10 days (where the date of arrival counts as day 0), at own costs. Travellers must perform a test on the 10th day after arrival. If the result is negative, the quarantine is lifted.

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In light of the continuing spread globally of coronavirus COVID-19 and given its classification by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises Cypriot citizens to exercise caution when travelling abroad and to check in advance to make sure they are aware of the entry regulations and other measures that apply in their county of destination.

Cypriot citizens who are currently abroad, or intend to travel abroad for any reason, are encouraged to register on the website www.connect2cy@gov.cy

It should be noted that passengers intending to arrive/return to Cyprus will be required to comply with the applicable process, register at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy and meet the requirements for entry to Cyprus foreseen by relevant Decrees and Decisions of the Council of Ministers.

Relevant decrees, announcements, press releases and information published by the Ministry of Health and other competent Authorities and Services of the Republic of Cyprus, are available from the dedicated website https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/

In case of an emergency:

Cypriot citizens may contact the numbers below.

- **Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Cyprus abroad:**

Contact details for our Diplomatic Missions are available through the relevant section of our website.

- **Consular Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22651113 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

- **Duty Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 99660129 (outside working hours*)

- **Crisis Management Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22801000 (8:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

* The Duty Officer's line is reachable outside office hours and is intended to provide assistance in emergency situations.

May I transit this country?

Please, consult cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/important-information: **Transfer passengers** are those who travel from a departure country via Cyprus, disembark in Cyprus and continue their travel on a connecting flight to their onward destination with the same or different airline without having to re-check in. Transfer passengers must apply for and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

Transit passengers do not need to apply and obtain a CyprusFlightPass.

Cruise passengers travelling to Cyprus for no longer than 24 hours must provide a negative rapid test performed 24 hours before they disembark, and might be subject to random rapid testing upon arrival.

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

General measures

SafePass

In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, it is required that people aged 6 and above shall hold a 'SafePass'. Conditions by age:

- 0 - 5 years: no restrictions apply
- 6 - 11 years: negative molecular or rapid test, valid for 7 days
- 12 - 17 years: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid for 6 months), **and** a negative molecular or rapid test result, valid 72 hours.
- 18 and above: at least one dose of vaccine administered, or a certificate of recovery (valid for 6 months), **and** a negative molecular (valid 72 hours) or rapid (valid 48 hours) test result.
  Or proof of full vacciantion. **As of 18 December 2021**, the SafePass based on vaccination will no longer be valid for individuals who will not have received a booster dose after 7 months from completing the initial vaccination scheme have expired.

The document has to be displayed by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores, archaeological sites and other public venues.

An **'EU Digital COVID Certificate' (EUDCC)** of vaccination or recovery can also be used to generate a SafePass.

Non-residents entering legally the Republic of Cyprus:

(a) using Larnaca and Pafos Airports may present the **Cyprus Flight Pass** obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy platform; and

(b) using legal sea points of entry if they are cruise passengers, they should use their disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof they obtain from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

When these documents are based on a negative test result, they are valid for 7 days and must be renewed with an additional negative molecular or rapid antigen test.

As of **15 December 2021**, only people aged 12 and above who have received at least one dose of vaccine and hold a negative PCR or rapid test result will be allowed to access closed and outdoors stadiums, theatres, cinemas, amphiteatres, entertainment halls, nightclubs, discos, music and dance venues and catering facilities (including in shopping malls.

Details on the current health measures can be consulted in the Minister of Health's statement of 24 November 2021 and in the Ministry of Health's clarifications of 26 November 2021.

Find out more:
Implementation of the SafePass Decision as of 10 May
FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic
Cyprus Coronavirus - decrees
Cyprus Coronavirus - important announcements

Use of facemasks

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory for all people over 6 indoors (i.e. taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.) and in outdoor public places.

Areas such as restaurants, coffee shops, bars, snack bars, lobby bars, etc., where people are seated whilst consuming food and beverage are excluded from this provision. The same applies while on the beach, swimming pools and instances where people are exercising. Travellers should always consult the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (in Greek)

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures apply so that people who do not belong to the same travel group maintain a reasonable distance from each other (the minimum area occupied per person should be 2 square metres outdoors, and 3 square metres indoors).

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

Mass events, gatherings, school events and celebrations, demonstrations, parades, concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohobited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Gatherings in private venues are limited to 20 people, including minor children and hosts.

Weddings, christenings, funerals and events in catering establishments and reception venues can be celebrated if the following rules are respected:

- Maximum 300 participants indoors, 350 outdoors, subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols.
- Maximum 500 participants if everyone holds a certificate of completed vaccination or recovery (valid for 6 months after the first positive test).
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.

Conferences and trade fairs are allowed at 50% capacity of the premises, and in observance of the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Health.

As of **15 December 2021**, only people aged 12 and above who have received at least one dose of vaccine and hold a negative PCR or rapid test result will be allowed to access closed and outdoors stadiums.

Safety measures for public transportation

Employees and passengers aged 6 and above must hold a SafePass.

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory both for employees and passengers in all transport means.

Find out more:

www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek)

Places of worship

Open with limitations

During indoors religiouse services:

- Distancing measures must be respected.
- The maximum number of participants is set to 300. It can be increased to 500 if all participants hold a certificate of full vaccination or recovery (valid for 6 months after the first positive test).
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also attend.

During outdoors religious services, the same rules apply, but the maximum number of participants is set to 350.

Quarantine

As of 28 December 2020, the SARS-CoV-2 antigen detection tests carried out by the mobile units of the Ministry of Health do not need confirmation by the molecular method (RT-PCR). Citizens with a positive test result will receive the self-isolation instructions via a text message. At the same time, the virus-positive person should inform his/her close contacts to self-isolate until the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit contacts them, and send a list with the details of his/her close contacts to contacttracing@moh.gov.cy.

Close contacts of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case (e.g. family members, friends, colleagues) should self-isolate themselves in a well-ventilated room, while the other family members should stay in a separate room, if possible. Isolated people will receive instructions through a text message by the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit and they should self-monitor their health and check their temperature twice a day for the following 14 days from the last contact. They should also maintain regular communication with their personal doctor for the entire duration of the period.

In the case of a positive test result, the text message is considered official and these citizens have an obligation to immediately self-isolate, adhering to the relevant instructions provided by the Tracing Team.

Find out more:

Guidance for isolation

Guidance for isolation of close contacts

Guidance for discharge and ending of isolation

Rapid tests

FAQs

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

In shops and malls:

- 1 person per 10 square metres is allowed.
- In shopping malls and shops larger than 500 square metres, an authorized person should check at the entrance that the maximum number of customers is respected.
- A 2m distance must be respected.

Farmers' markets must respecte the guidelines of the Ministry of Health; they operate at 50% capacity; a 1.5m distance between people is observed.

Tourist accommodations

Open with limitations

The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. In addition:

- Distancing measures are respected.
- The maximum number of persons allowed is 300 indoors, and 350 outdoors.
- Maximum 500 participants if everyone holds a certificate of completed vaccination or recovery (valid for 6 months after the first positive test).
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.
- Only seated service is provided.
- Maximum 12 people can sit at the same table.

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

The operation of catering establishments is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. In addition:

- Distancing measures are respected.
- The maximum number of persons allowed is 300 indoors, and 350 outdoors.
- Maximum 500 participants if everyone holds a certificate of completed vaccination or recovery (valid for 6 months after the first positive test).
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.
- Only seated service is provided.
- Maximum 12 people can sit at the same table.

As of **15 December 2021**, only people aged 12 and above who have received at least one dose of vaccine and hold a negative PCR or rapid test result will be allowed to access catering facilities, including those located inside shopping malls.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

Concerts and festivals in public or private places are prohibited, except for events for which the Ministry of Health has issued guidelines.

Casinos operate at 50% capacity, and customers must hold a SafePass.

The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls operate according to the following rules:

- Maximum 300 spectators are allowed indoors, and maximum 350 outdoors.
- Distancing measures and health protocols are respected.
- Venues operate at maximum 75% capacity. All attendants must hold a certificate of full vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 (valid for 6 months after the first positive test). If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.

Night clubs, event venues, clubs and music and dancing venues operate according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. In addition:

- Distancing measures are respected.
- The maximum number of persons allowed is 300 indoors, and 350 outdoors.
- Maximum 500 participants if everyone holds a certificate of completed vaccination or recovery (valid for 6 months after the first positive test).
- If the maximum number is not exceeded, children under 12, children aged 12-17 with a negative molecular or rapid antigen test performed within 72 hours and people who cannot be vaccinated due to medical reasons who hold supporting documents and a negative test can also participate.
- Only seated service is provided.
- Maximum 12 people can sit at the same table.

Detailed rules about sports activities and competitions are available in the decree of 29 October 2021 (articles 35-37).

As of **15 December 2021**, only people aged 12 and above who have received at least one dose of vaccine and hold a negative PCR or rapid test result will be allowed to access closed stadiums, theatres, cinemas, amphitheatres, entertainment halls, nightclubs, discos, music and dance venues and catering facilities (including in shopping malls).

Personal care services

Open with limitations

Excepted for emergency cases and exceptional circumstances, visitors and outpatients in hospitals, clinics, medical and diagnostic centres aged 6 and above must hold a SafePass.

The operation of hairdressing salons, barbershops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above must hold a SafePass.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Open with limitations

Access to parks, beaches, squares, excursion sites, marinas, zoos and nature trails is permitted.

Hygiene measures are in place and distancing measures must be respected.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Protocols available on www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek) and on www.pio.gov.cy/eng (in English)

Also the Destination Protocol is available on various languages.

Other measures

Persons who enter reception and hospitality centres for asylum seekers should hold a SafePass.

As of 29 November 2021, rapid tests are carried out by mobile units in high-risk areas, regardless of individuals' age and vaccination history.

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

Useful Info for tourists

Cyprus is allowing entry from four sets of countries of origin, according to epidemiological criteria. To check whether you can enter Cyprus, please use the quick-check tool on the official website of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism

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What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Cyprus is following a colour-coded system harmonised with evaluation standards set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Therefore, a separate evaluation is only carried out by Cyprus for countries not included on these lists.

Countries are categorized according to their epidemiological situation into "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, with the category "Green" having the most favourable epidemiological status.The categorisation of Countries is updated weekly by the Ministry of Health.

All passengers have to submit, within 48 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents required to obtain theCyprusFlightPass.

If the web platform is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance, travellers need to complete by hand and carry with them the required Passenger Locator Form. The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found athttps://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Contact point for Cyprus:

A Covid-19 call centre is available from Monday to Sunday (8: 00 - 20:00 Cyprus Time) at 1474 (calls within Cyprus) and at +357 22 285757 (calls from abroad).This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

Also, a dedicated email address has been set up for this purpose attravel2021@visitcyprus.com.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

Cyprus is accepting "EU Digital COVID certificates" (EUDCC) since**1 July 2021**.

The following certificates are accepted:

- **Vaccination certificate**, which is valid**from the day of the second dose**of the vaccine (or 14 days after the single dose of the Janssen/Johnson&Johnson vaccine).

The following vaccines are accepted:*Pfizer /BioNTech,Moderna,AstraZeneca,Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19) and Sinovac.*

- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, which is valid**be tween 14 and 180 days**from a positive result to a PCR test.
- Proof of recovery from Covid-19 plus a single dose of an authorized vaccine (*Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19 and Sinovac)).*
- A negative result to a**PCR Covid test, with the sampling being carried out within 72 hours prior to departure.**

It should be noted that, vaccination certificates issued by the competent authorities of the Member States of the European Union, the Member States of the European Economic Area (including Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) and Switzerland, are only being accepted in digital form through the EU Digital Covid Certificate

Holders of a vaccination-based or recovery-based EUDCC will be exempt from any additional testing upon entering Cyprus, irrespective of the colour categorisation of their country of departure.

Holders of a test-based EUDCC will need to follow the measures based on the colour categorisation of their country of departure or of the country they have visited within the last 14 days before their travel (if it is categorised as a higher risk country).

Between 1 July and 15 August 2021, the use of EUDCC is not compulsory for travel from EU or Schengen Associated countries. Prior to travel, holders of a EUDCC need to fill out all required information on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform.

Travellers may still be subject to random testing upon arrival and are still obliged to follow all destination protocols.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Cyprus is following a colour-coded system harmonised with evaluation standards set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

Countries are categorized according to their epidemiological situation into "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, with the category "Green" having the most favourable epidemiological status. The categorisation of Countries is updated weekly by the Ministry of Health. The measures applicable depend on thecolour code assigned to each country.

The following entry requirements apply:

Travel from countries classified as "GREEN"

Persons traveling from **“GREEN”** countries will not need to demonstrate a negative PCR test for COVID-19 when traveling to Cyprus; they only need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass and provide certain information and solemn declarations.

Travel from countries NOT classified as "GREEN"

Travellers arriving from countries NOT classified as "GREEN" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any isolation or test requirement in case they have been**fully vaccinated**. These passengers, regardless of their nationality, holding avalid vaccination certificate, will be able to travel from any country to the Republic of Cyprus without being subject to isolation or test requirement. Adedicated formmust be filled in within 24 hours before the last departure flight to the Republic of Cyprus. Full information for vaccinated travellers is available atCyprus Flight Pass.

Persons traveling from **“ORANGE”** countries are required to undergo a molecular test (PCR test) at a certified lab, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours prior to flight departure, and upload a certificate that demonstrates a negative PCR for COVID-19, on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform. Children who arrive in Cyprus before their 12th birthday, are exempted from testing. All travelers need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass where they will be asked to provide certain information and solemn declarations.

The following persons will be allowed to be exempted from the provision to undergo a molecular test (PCR test) at a certified lab, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours prior to the flight departure, and they will be allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus,and undergo a lab test (PCR test) at their own expense, upon entry to the Republic of Cyprus. However, they need to self-isolate until they get a negative result:

Cypriot citizens and members of their families (foreign spouses and children) or Legal residents of the Republic, who meet at least one of the following conditions:

1. a)havereceived at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine approved by the Republic of Cyprus.
2. b)cannotbe vaccinated for medical reasons, and are holders of a relevant medical certificate issued by the Cyprus Ministry of Health.
3. c)areminors between the ages of 12 and 15.

Persons traveling from **"RED"** countries are required to undergo a molecular test (PCR test) at a certified lab, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours prior to flight departure, and upload a certificate that demonstrates a negative PCR for COVID-19, on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform. They will also need to pay for and undergo a molecular PCR test upon arrival to Cyprus, the cost of which is 15 Euros at Larnaca airport and 19 Euros at Paphos airport; results of the test will be available within 3 hours on the digital platform www.covid-testcyprus.com. Children, who arrive in Cyprus before their 12th birthday, are exempted from testing. All travelers need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass where they will be asked to provide certain information and solemn declarations.

The following categories from "RED" countries may opt to be tested only upon arrival in Cyprus (at their own expense), without the necessity to provide a pre-departure test:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents)who have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine approved by the Republic of Cyprus or cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, and are holders of a relevant medical certificate issued by the Cyprus Ministry of Health or they are minors between the ages of 12 and 15;
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;

These persons may choose to undergo one lab test, namely upon their arrival to Cyprus, but must then remain in a status of obligatory self-isolation for a minimum of 72 hours from the time of their arrival. After the 72 hour self-isolation, they must undergo a second PCR test for Covid-19, again at their own expense. They are released from self-isolation after a negative test result which must be submitted online to the CyprusFlightPass platform.

Travel from countries classified as "GREY"

Travel from "GREY" countries is allowed only for:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses and children);
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus
3. EU citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland;
4. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the Vienna Convention.
5. Citizens of third countries, provided they obtain prior special permission from the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the Infectious Diseases Decree (N.2 /2021 8.1.21), as amended. The application for a Special Permission must be submitted on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform (https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/specialpermission).

Note: European Union citizens, citizens of European Economic Area (including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway), citizens of Switzerland and citizens of third countries, must undergo a molecular test prior to departure, as stipulated above.

The other categories of passengers have the choice of either taking the test prior to their departure or taking it upon entry to the Republic of Cyprus, at their own expense.

Persons traveling from GREY countries are required to undergo a molecular test (PCR test) at a certified lab, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours prior to the flight departure, and upload a certificate that demonstrates a negative PCR for COVID-19, on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform. In addition, they will remain in a status of obligatory self-isolation / quarantine for fourteen (14) days or a status of obligatory self-isolation / quarantine for seven (7) days, provided they undergo another PCR test for Covid-19 on the 7th day, at their own expense. The result of the lab test must be submitted online to the CyprusFlightPass platform. Children who arrive in Cyprus before their 12th birthday, are exempted from testing. All travelers need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass where they will be asked to provide certain information and solemn declarations.

It should be noted that the Republic of Cyprus still reserves the right to randomly test any arriving flight.

Find out more:
Epidemiological risk assessment of countries concerning COVID-19 (02/08/2021)

COVID-19 Destination Protocol Cyprus

Documents you need to travel in Europe
Health cover for temporary stays

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

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The following entry requirements apply:

Travel from countries classified as "GREEN"

Persons traveling from **“GREEN”** countries will not need to demonstrate a negative PCR test for COVID-19 when traveling to Cyprus; they only need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass and provide certain information and solemn declarations.

Travel from countries NOT classified as "GREEN"

Travellers arriving from countries NOT classified as "GREEN" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any isolation or test requirement in case they have been**fully vaccinated**. These passengers, regardless of their nationality, holding avalid vaccination certificate, will be able to travel from any country to the Republic of Cyprus without being subject to isolation or test requirement. Adedicated formmust be filled in within 24 hours before the last departure flight to the Republic of Cyprus. Full information for vaccinated travellers is available atCyprus Flight Pass.

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Cypriot citizens and members of their families (foreign spouses and children) or Legal residents of the Republic, who meet at least one of the following conditions:
a) havereceived at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine approved by the Republic of Cyprus.
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c) areminors between the ages of 12 and 15.

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Also, a dedicated email address has been set up for this purpose attravel2021@visitcyprus.com.

May I transit this country?

Partially

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

General measures

SafePass

In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold a "SafePass".

The pass consists of a document stating that the bearer has either:

- been vaccinated against Covid-19;
- recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months;
- tested negative for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.

The document has to be displayed by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores, archaeological sites and other public venues.

To obtain a SafePass, citizens must present one of the following forms of evidence:

1. Vaccination certificate with at least one dose and after a period of 3 weeks has passed (citizens can present the Vaccination Card given to them at the vaccination centres);
2. Proof that a person has contracted COVID-19 in the last 6 months (citizens may present the release text message or the recovery text message sent to their mobile phone by the Ministry of Health);
3. Citizens aged 12 and over are given the option to present a negative test certificate, from a PCR or a rapid test, valid for 72 hours. Citizens may present either the form provided by the different test units, or the text message sent to their mobile phone with the result of the test.

EU Digital Covid Certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 or recovery from Covid-19 is also accepted.

NON-RESIDENTS entering legally the Republic of Cyprus:

(a) using Larnaca and Pafos Airports may present the **Cyprus Flight Pass** obtained on the www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy platform; and

(b) using legal sea points of entry if they are cruise passengers, they should use their disembarkment card and if they are passengers of recreational craft, they should have the proof they obtain from their Marina Operator subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Transports, Communications and Works and the Deputy Ministry of Shipping.

Find out more:
Implementation of the SafePass Decision as of 10 May
FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic

Use of facemasks

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory for all people over 12 indoors (i.e. taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.) and in outdoor public places.

Areas such as restaurants, coffee shops, bars, snack bars, lobby bars, etc., where people are seated whilst consuming food and beverage are excluded from this provision. The same applies while on the beach, swimming pools and instances where people are exercising. Travellers should always consult the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health (in Greek)

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures apply so that people who do not belong to the same travel group maintain a reasonable distance from each other (the minimum area occupied per person should be 2 square metres outdoors, and 3 square metres indoors).

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

The holding of events, including weddings and christenings is permitted in catering establishments, event and reception venues, hotels or/and tourist accommodation units, night clubs, clubs and music and dancing venues, as well as in residences, subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

In particular,

- The maximum number of persons allowed indoors is 250 subject to the distancing measures set out by the health protocols.
- The maximum number of persons allowed outdoors is 350 subject to the distancing measures. This number can be also increased to 500 people if some specific conditions are met.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold:

- a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours; or
- a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed; or
- proof of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

Additional details are available on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Safety measures for public transportation

Employees and passengers aged 12 and above must hold a SafePass.

The use of protective facemasks is mandatory both for employees and passengers in all transport means. Capacity is allowed at 100%.

Find out more:

www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek)

Places of worship

Open with limitations

The presence of congregants during church services and/or other forms of religious worship is permitted following specific requirements specified on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Quarantine

As of 28 December 2020, the SARS-CoV-2 antigen detection tests carried out by the mobile units of the Ministry of Health do not need confirmation by the molecular method (RT-PCR). Citizens with a positive test result will receive the self-isolation instructions via a text message. At the same time, the virus-positive person should inform his/her close contacts to self-isolate until the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit contacts them, and send a list with the details of his/her close contacts to contacttracing@moh.gov.cy.

Close contacts of a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case (e.g. family members, friends, colleagues) should self-isolate themselves in a well-ventilated room, while the other family members should stay in a separate room, if possible. Isolated people will receive instructions through a text message by the Epidemiological Monitoring Unit and they should self-monitor their health and check their temperature twice a day for the following 14 days from the last contact. They should also maintain regular communication with their personal doctor for the entire duration of the period.

In the case of a positive test result, the text message is considered official and these citizens have an obligation to immediately self-isolate, adhering to the relevant instructions provided by the Tracing Team.

Find out more:

Guidance for isolation

Guidance for isolation of close contacts

Guidance for discharge and ending of isolation

Rapid tests

FAQs

Non-essential (other than medicine and food) shops

Open with limitations

Retail trade enterprises including shopping centres, malls and large stores, are open.

Specific measures can be found on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Tourist accommodations

Open with limitations

The operation of hotels or/and tourist accommodation units is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Deputy Ministry of Tourism.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold:

- a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours; or
- a certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 for at least one dose and provided that three weeks have elapsed; or
- proof of recovery from Covid-19 and provided that a period of six months has not elapsed since the date of the initial positive diagnosis.

Additional details are available on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Catering establishments

Open with limitations

The operation of catering establishments is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Details are available on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Cinemas, museums and indoor attractions

Open with limitations

The operation of archaeological sites, museums and historic sites, visual art places and galleries is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

The operation of theatres, amphitheatres, cinemas and performance halls is be permitted as of 21 July 2021.

Details are available on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Personal care services

Open with limitations

The operation of hairdressing salons, barbershops, beauty centres and tattooing shops is permitted subject to the guidelines of the Ministry of Health.

Moreover, in all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, including the employees, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold:

- a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen rapid test performed within 72 hours; or
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Additional details are available on the Decree of n. 31 of 19 July 2021.

Outdoors areas and beaches

Open with limitations

Hygiene measures are in place and it is required a distance of 4 metres between umbrellas and 2 metres between sunbeds occupied by different groups.

The operation of playgrounds, luna parks and thematic parks is allowed, on the basis of a Health Protocol.

It is not required to present the Cyprus Flight Pass or Safe Pass.

Health protocols for tourism services and tourists

Protocols available on www.pio.gov.cy (in Greek) and on www.pio.gov.cy/eng (in English)

Also the Destination Protocol is available on various languages.

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

Useful Info for tourists

Cyprus is allowing entry from four sets of countries of origin, according to epidemiological criteria. To check whether you can enter Cyprus, please use the quick-check tool on the official website of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism

Before starting your journey, please check visa requirements for your destination at: The Schengen visa

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22.07.2021

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Cyprus is following a colour-coded system harmonised with evaluation standards set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Therefore, a separate evaluation is only carried out by Cyprus for countries not included on these lists.

Countries are categorized according to their epidemiological situation into "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, with the category "Green" having the most favourable epidemiological status. The categorisation of Countries is updated weekly by the Ministry of Health. For Categories GREEN, ORANGE and RED, please see here: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/country-categories.

Any country not defined below is treated as GREY (Special Permission) category.

Travel from "GREY" countries is allowed only for:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses and children)
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus.
3. EU citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland.
4. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the Vienna Convention.

All passengers have to submit, within 48 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/home and https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Contact point for Cyprus:

A Covid-19 call centre is available from Monday to Sunday (8: 00 - 20:00 Cyprus Time) at 1474. This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

Also, a dedicated email address has been set up for this purpose at travel2021@visitcyprus.com.

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Provisional information subject to further revision and confirmation from National Authorities

Cyprus is accepting "EU Digital COVID certificates" (EUDCC) since **1 July 2021**.

The following certificates are accepted:

- **Vaccination certificate**, which is valid **from the day of the second dose** of the vaccine (or 14 days after the single dose of the Janssen /Johnson&Johnson vaccine). F

  The following vaccines are accepted: *Pfizer /BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19) and Sinovac.*

- **Proof of recovery from COVID-19**, which is valid **be tween 14 and 180 days** from a positive result to a PCR test.
- Proof of recovery from Covid-19 plus a single dose of an authorized vaccine (*Pfizer /BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), Sputnik V, Sinopharm (BBIBP COVID-19 and Sinovac).*
- A negative result to a **PCR Covid test, with the sampling being carried out within 72 hours prior to departure.**

Holders of a vaccination-based or recovery-based EUDCC will be exempt from any additional testing upon entering Cyprus, irrespective of the colour categorisation of their country of departure.

Between 1 July and 15 August 2021, the use of EUDCC is not compulsory for travel from EU or Schengen Associated countries. Prior to travel, holders of a EUDCC need to fill out all required information on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform.

Travellers may still be subject to random testing upon arrival and are still obliged to follow all destination protocols.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

Cyprus is following a colour-coded system harmonised with evaluation standards set by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Therefore, a separate evaluation is only carried out by Cyprus for countries not included on these lists.

Countries are categorized according to their epidemiological situation into "Green", "Orange" and "Red" categories, with the category "Green" having the most favourable epidemiological status. The categorisation of Countries is updated weekly by the Ministry of Health. For Categories Green, Orange and Red, please see here: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy

The following entry requirements apply:

Travel from countries classified as "GREEN"

Travellers arriving from countries classified as "GREEN" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any test requirement.

These travellers only need to fill out the Cyprus Flight Pass.

Travel from countries NOT classified as "GREEN"

blocked URL Travellers arriving from countries NOT classified as "GREEN" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any isolation or test requirement in case they have been **fully vaccinated**. These passengers, regardless of their nationality, holding a valid vaccination certificate, will be able to travel from any country to the Republic of Cyprus without being subject to isolation or test requirement. A dedicated form must be filled in within 24 hours before the last departure flight to the Republic of Cyprus. Full information for vaccinated travellers is available at Cyprus Flight Pass.

All other travellers arriving from countries classified as "ORANGE" or "RED" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**. The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to the flight departure**.

Additionally, travellers from countries classified as "RED" are subject to a **second test upon their arrival**, at their own expense.

Children under the age of 12 are exempted from the testing requirement.

The following categories may opt to be tested upon arrival in Cyprus only (at their own expenses):

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons from countries classified as "orange", irrespective of their nationality, whose country of residence does not provide a laboratory testing service.

Travellers from countries classified as "ORANGE" or "RED" shall remain in mandatory self-isolation until they receive the test result. People arriving from "RED" countries falling under categories 1-3 above must remain in self-isolation for 72 hours and, after that, they must undergo a second PCR test at their own expense. If the last test is negative, isolation is ended.

Travel from countries classified as "GREY"

Travel from "GREY" countries, is allowed only for:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses and children)
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus
3. EU citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland
4. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the Vienna Convention

All other travellers arriving from countries classified as "GREY" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**. The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to the flight departure.**

In addition, they must complete a compulsory self-isolation of 14 days. Self-isolation may be shortened by taking a PCR test on day 7 of the isolation period.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

All travellers who test positive will be placed in compulsory confinement for **14 days**.

Children under the age of 12 are exempted from the testing requirement.

Find out more:
Epidemiological risk assessment of countries concerning COVID-19 (19/07/2021)

COVID-19 Destination Protocol_Cyprus

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Cyprus implements travel restrictions according to a classification of high, medium and low-risk countries based on data and criteria communicated every Thursday by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). The measures applicable to travel to Cyprus depend on the colour code assigned to each country.

Travel from countries classified as "GREEN"

Travellers arriving from countries classified as "GREEN" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any isolation or test requirement.

For these travellers, testing and quarantine are not required also in case of transit through high-risk countries, provided that no overnight stay has taken place (as well as no stay has taken place in such countries in the last 14 days).

Travel from countries NOT classified as "GREEN"

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Additionally, travellers from countries classified as "RED" are subject to a **second test upon their arrival**, at their own expense.

The following categories may opt to be tested upon arrival in Cyprus only (at their own expenses):

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons from countries classified as "orange", irrespective of their nationality, whose country of residence does not provide a laboratory testing service.

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Travel from "GREY" countries, is allowed only for:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses and children)
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus
3. EU citizens, citizens of the European Economic Area (including Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland
4. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the Vienna Convention;
5. Citizens of third countries, provided they obtain prior special permission from the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the Infectious Diseases Decree (N.2 /2021 8.1.21), as amended. The application for a Special Permission must be submitted on the Cyprus Flight Pass Platform (https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/specialpermission)

All other travellers arriving from countries classified as "GREY" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**. The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival**.

In addition, they must complete a compulsory self-isolation of 14 days. Self-isolation may be shortened by taking a PCR test on day 7 of the isolation period.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

All travellers who test positive will be placed in compulsory confinement for **14 days**.

Children under the age of 12 are exempted from the testing requirement.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers have to submit, within 48 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

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Find out more:
Epidemiological risk assessment of countries concerning COVID-19 (19/07/2021)

COVID-19 Destination Protocol_Cyprus

Issuance of the EU Digital COVID Certificate for individuals who have been vaccinated or have tested positive for the virus in countries outside the EU, EEA or Switzerland

Contact point for Cyprus:
A Covid-19 call centre is available from Monday to Sunday (8: 00 - 20:00 Cyprus Time) at 1474 (calls within Cyprus) and at +357 22 285757 (calls from abroad). This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

Also, a dedicated email address has been set up for this purpose at travel2021@visitcyprus.com.

May I transit this country?

Partially

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

General measures

SafePass

In all indoor and outdoor areas and premises where, subject to the distancing measures, more than 20 people may gather at any time, it is required that people aged 12 and above shall hold a "SafePass".

The pass consists of a document stating that the bearer has either:

- been vaccinated against Covid-19;
- recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months;
- tested negative for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.

The document has to be displayed by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores, archaeological sites and other public venues.

To obtain a SafePass, citizens must present one of the following forms of evidence:

1. Vaccination certificate with at least one dose and after a period of 3 weeks has passed (citizens can present the Vaccination Card given to them at the vaccination centres);
2. Proof that a person has contracted COVID-19 in the last 6 months (citizens may present the release text message or the recovery text message sent to their mobile phone by the Ministry of Health);
3. Citizens aged 12 and over are given the option to present a negative test certificate, from a PCR or a rapid test, valid for 72 hours. Citizens may present either the form provided by the different test units, or the text message sent to their mobile phone with the result of the test.

EU Digital Covid Certificate of vaccination against Covid-19 or recovery from Covid-19 is also accepted.

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Use of facemasks

Facemasks are compulsory in all indoor areas (taxis, buses, diving/safari jeeps, lifts, theatres, malls, etc.) and outdoor public places. Areas where people are seated whilst consuming food and beverage (e.g. restaurants, coffee shops, bars, snack bars, lobby bars, etc.), are excluded from this provision.

An exemption on mask-wearing is also in place on the beach and during physical exercise.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures apply so that people who do not belong to the same travel group maintain a reasonable distance from each other (the minimum area occupied per person should be 2 square metres outdoors, and 3 square metres indoors).

Indoor and outdoor meetings, public or private gatherings and events

From 9 to 31 July:

- The maximum number of individuals in indoor spaces is set at 450, provided that they are all fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the last six months. The health protocol applies to each establishment/sector.
- The maximum number of individuals in outdoor spaces shall be set at 350 individuals with necessary SafePass presentation or 500 individuals provided that all individuals are vaccinated at least with the first dose and a period of three weeks has elapsed, or have been infected with COVID-19 during the last six months. The health protocol applies to each establishment/sector.

Corresponding press release

Information on Tourism at National level

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Visit Cyprus

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EU Digital COVID Certificates

This country is already connected to the Gateway and is issuing and/or verifying at least one EU Digital COVID Certificate (Vaccination, Recovery, Test)

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Cyprus

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation entered into force on 01 July 2021. EU citizens and residents will now be able to have their Digital COVID Certificates issued and verified across the EU. National authorities are in charge of issuing the certificate.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from Covid-19, or test result. **Despite the European Digital COVID Certificate, each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level.** This means that what is required to enter upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your destination.

Find out more:

Information on the "EU Digital COVID Certificate"

Press Release

Questions & Answers

Factsheet

Further information: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CYP/7011

18.06.2021

What are the rules to enter this country from an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entering this country with the EU Digital COVID certificate

Information not yet available.

Entering this country without the EU Digital COVID certificate or with a certificate not compliant with national requirements

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Travel from countries classified as "green"

Travellers arriving from countries classified as "green" can enter Cyprus without being subject to any isolation or test requirement.

For these travellers, testing and quarantine are not required also in case of transit through high-risk countries, provided that no overnight stay has taken place (as well as no stay has taken place in such countries in the last 14 days).

Travel from countries NOT classified as "green"

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All other travellers arriving from countries classified as "orange" or "red" are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**. The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival**.

Additionally, travellers from countries classified as "red" are subject to a **second test upon their arrival**, at their own expenses.

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4. Persons from countries classified as "orange", irrespective of their nationality, whose country of residence does not provide a laboratory testing service.

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Travellers from countries classified as "gray" must complete a compulsory self-isolation of 14 days. Self-isolation may be shortened by taking a PCR test on day 7 of the isolation period.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

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Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

General measures

A curfew is in place and the movement of citizens is banned **from midnight to 05:00** (with some exceptions).

SafePass

From 10 May, a "SafePass" aimed at safely reopening social and economic activities has been introduced.

The pass consists of a document stating that the bearer has either:

- been vaccinated against Covid-19;
- recovered from COVID-19 in the last 6 months;
- tested negative for COVID-19 within the last 72 hours.

The document has to be displayed by all residents and visitors at hotels, restaurants, cafes or bars, places of worship, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls, gyms, retirement homes, beauty salons, beaches, food stores and other public venues.

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3. Citizens aged 12 and over are given the option to present a negative test certificate, from a PCR or a rapid test, valid for 72 hours. Citizens may present either the form provided by the different test units, or the text message sent to their mobile phone with the result of the test.

Find out more:
Implementation of the SafePass Decision as of 10 May
FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic

Use of facemasks

The use of a facemask is mandatory for people from the age of 12:

- in closed public spaces with more than 1 person;
- in outdoor public places with more than 2 people;
- in any workplace that involves physical proximity with the public, in retail stores and for people delivering goods.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures of **2 metres outdoors** and **3 metres indoors** are in place.

Information on Tourism at National level

National website with coronavirus-related information for TOURISM

Visit Cyprus

Useful Info for tourists

Cyprus is allowing entry from two sets of countries of origin, according to epidemiological criteria. To check whether you can enter Cyprus, please use the quick-check tool on the official website of the Deputy Ministry of Tourism

EU Digital COVID Certificates

THIS COUNTRY IS READY AND CONNECTED TO THE EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE GATEWAY

Information on "EU Digital COVID Certificates" issued in Cyprus

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The EU Digital COVID Certificate (available from **1 July 2021**) provides proof that a person has either:

- **been vaccinated against COVID-19** (vaccine type and manufacturer, number of doses, date of vaccination);
- **received a negative test result**, PCR or rapid antigen, with the name of the test, date and time of test, test centre and result (self-tests are not valid);
- **recovered from COVID-19**.

When travelling, holders of the EU Digital COVID Certificate will have the same rights as citizens of the visited Member State who have been vaccinated, tested or recovered.

The certificate provides a standardised recognition of the holder's status related to vaccination, recovery from COVID or test result. Each country continues to be responsible for the definition of its own entry requirements and rules, which are not standardised at the EU level. This means that **what you will be eligible for, upon presentation of this certificate, depends on the measures and entry rules in place at your country of destination**.

How does it work:

1. **Member States** issue a certificate automatically or upon request, which is issued either digitally or on paper, and has a QR code with an electronic signature;
2. **Citizens** store the certificate in their digital app or wallet and can use it when they travel;
3. When the **verifier** asks the citizen for the certificate, the QR code is shown and the digital signature is verified.

Find out more:
Information on the EU Digital COVID Certificate

Press Release
Questions & Answers
Factsheet

04.05.2021

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

PARTIALLY

Cyprus has introduced a traffic light system of high, medium and low-risk countries. It is based on the data and criteria communicated by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) every Thursday. Each country is given a colour code **(red, orange, green)**. The measures applicable to travel to Cyprus depend on the colour code assigned to each country.

Find out the current colour code assigned by Cyprus to each country

Is a coronavirus test required?

As of **1 April 2021**, passengers from countries of the **"Green Category"** are not required to hold a Covid-19 test certificate and to self-isolate.

Travellers from **"Orange Category"** countries are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival**.

Additionally, the following categories may be tested upon arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, irrespective of nationality, whose country of residence does not provide a laboratory testing service.

Travellers from **"Red Category"** countries are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival**. Additionally, these travellers are subject to a **second test upon their arrival**.

The following categories of passengers from a "Red Category" country may enter Cyprus after having taken, at their own expense, only a test upon their arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention.

As of 1 April 2021, all passengers holding a **vaccination certificate** from the Republic of Cyprus are not required to undergo a Covid-19 test upon arrival and to self-isolate.

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "Orange" and "Red" countries shall remain in mandatory self-isolation until they receive the test result.

People from "Red" countries falling within the categories 1-3 above must remain in mandatory self-isolation for 72 hours and, after the end of the 72 hours, they must undergo another PCR test, at their own expenses. If the last test is negative, isolation is ended.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

All travellers who test positive should be placed in compulsory confinement for **14 days** and follow the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is mandatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Find out more:
Updated information on Country Categories
Epidemiological risk assessment (19/04/2021)

Contact point for Cyprus:
A Covid-19 call center is available from Monday to Sunday (8:00 - 20:00) at 1474. This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Specific measures for the new variant of coronavirus

In the case of passengers arriving from the UK:

1. Passengers will undergo a molecular test upon their arrival at the Airports;
2. They will then be transferred to designated hotels for compulsory 7-day self-isolation;
3. On the 7th day of isolation, they will undergo a new molecular test and, in case of a negative result, they will continue their self-isolation at home for another 3 days (total self-isolation: 10 days);
4. On the 10th day, and provided no symptoms occur, they are automatically released. In case symptoms occur, the General Practitioner should be contacted.

As of 1 March 2021, the evaluation of third countries will be carried out by the Ministry of Health which classifies them as "green", "orange", "red" and "grey".

As of 1 April 2021, all passengers holding a **vaccination certificate** from the Republic of Cyprus are not required to undergo a Covid-19 test upon arrival and to self-isolate.

Is a coronavirus test required?

As of **1 April 2021**, all passengers from **"Green Category"** co untries are not required to hold a Covid-19 test certificate and to self-isolate.

Travellers from **"Orange Category"** countries have to provide a document showing a negative result of a PCR test taken within 72 hours before entering the country.

The following categories have also the option to be tested upon arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, irrespective of nationality, whose countries of residence ("orange" countries) do not provide a laboratory testing service.

Travellers from **"Red Category"** countries have to undergo a **double testing procedure**, showing a negative result of a PCR test taken within 72 hours before entering the country and carrying out another PCR test upon arrival.

The following categories of passengers may enter from a "red" country after having undergone, at their own expense, only a laboratory test upon their arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention.

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "orange" and "red" countries shall remain in mandatory self-isolation until they receive the PCR test result. People from "red" countries falling within the categories 1-3 above must remain in mandatory self-isolation for 72 hours and after the end of the 72 hours they must undergo another PCR test, at their own expense. If the last test is negative, isolation expires.

All travellers who test positive should be placed in compulsory confinement for 14 days and follow the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.

For travellers from "grey" countries, quarantine measures apply, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health. Passengers shall remain in mandatory self-isolation /quarantine for a period of 14 days or alternatively, for a period of 10 days provided that they undergo another test (at their own expense) on the 10th day and the result is negative.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Find out more:
Epidemiological risk assessment (19/04/2021)

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

General measures

As of 10 January, a strict lockdown is applied. From 16 March, a curfew is in place and the movement of citizens is banned from 23:00 to 5:00 (with some exceptions).

The enterprises serving the public, as well as the offices of the public sector and the Local Authorities, should take the necessary measures to guarantee a minimum distance of 2 metres and the maximum presence of 1 person per 10 square metres for shops below 1000 square metres and of 1 person per 15 square metres for shops exceeding 1000 square metres.

Find out more:

FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic

Decree 12/2021

Use of facemasks

The use of a facemask is mandatory for people from the age of 12:

- in closed public spaces with more than 1 person;
- in outdoor public places with more than 2 people;
- in any workplace that involves physical proximity with the public, in retail stores and for people delivering goods.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures of **2 metres outdoors** and **3 metres indoors** are in place.

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CYP/7001

31.03.2021

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

NO

Cyprus implements the commonly agreed EU "traffic lights" approach to travel restrictions.

Is a coronavirus test required?

Travellers from **"Green Category"** countries are not required to provide a COVID-19 test certificate or self-isolate.

During the period **1-31 March 2021**, all passengers from countries of the "Green Category" will undergo a PCR laboratory test upon their arrival in Cyprus, the cost of which will be covered by the Republic of Cyprus. As of **1 April 2021**, no restriction will be in place.

Travellers from **"Orange Category"** countries are subject to the requirement for a **pre-departure negative PCR test**.

The test must be taken within **72 hours prior to arrival**.

The following categories may also be tested upon arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, irrespective of nationality, whose countries of residence ("orange" countries) do not provide a laboratory testing service.

Travellers from **"Red Category"** countries are subject to the requirement for a pre-departure negative PCR test. The test must be taken within 72 hours prior to arrival. Additionally, these travellers are subject to a second test upon their arrival.

The following categories of passengers may enter from a "Red Category" country after having taken, at their own expense, only a test upon their arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention.

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "Orange" and "Red" countries shall remain in mandatory self-isolation until they receive the PCR test result.

People from "Red" countries falling within the categories 1-3 above must remain in mandatory self-isolation for 72 hours and, after the end of the 72 hours, they must undergo another PCR test, at their own expense. If the last test is negative, isolation is ended.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

All travellers who test positive should be placed in compulsory confinement for **14 days** and follow the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is mandatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Find out more:
Updated information on Country Categories
Epidemiological risk assessment (22/03/2021)

Contact point for Cyprus:
A Covid-19 call centre is available from Monday to Sunday (8:00 - 20:00) at 1474. This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives related to COVID-19.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Specific measures for the new variant of coronavirus

In the case of passengers arriving from the UK:

1. Passengers will undergo a molecular test upon their arrival at the Airports;
2. They will then be transferred to designated hotels for compulsory 7-day self-isolation;
3. On the 7th day of isolation, they will undergo a new molecular test and, in case of a negative result, they will continue their self-isolation at home for another 3 days (total self-isolation: 10 days);
4. On the 10th day, and provided no symptoms occur, they are automatically released. In case symptoms occur, the General Practitioner should be contacted.

As of 1 March 2021, the evaluation of third countries will be carried out by the Ministry of Health which classifies them as "green", "orange", "red" and "grey".

Is a coronavirus test required?

Travellers coming from the **Green Category** countries are not required to hold a COVID-19 test certificate or self-isolate.

During the period **1-31 March 2021**, all passengers from countries of the "Green Category" will undergo a PCR laboratory test upon their arrival in Cyprus, the cost of which will be covered by the Republic of Cyprus. As of **1 April 2021**, no restriction will be in place.

Travellers from **countries** of the "Orange Category" have to provide a document showing a negative result of a PCR test taken within 72 hours before entering the country.

The following categories have also the option to be tested upon arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, irrespective of nationality, whose countries of residence ("orange" countries) do not provide a laboratory testing service.

Travellers from **countries** of the "Red Category" have to undergo a **double testing procedure**, showing a negative result of a PCR test taken within 72 hours before entering the country and carrying out another PCR test upon arrival.

The following categories of passengers may enter from a "red" country after having undergone, at their own expense, only a laboratory test upon their arrival:

1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (spouses, underage children and parents);
2. Persons legally residing in Cyprus;
3. Persons entitled to enter the Republic under the Vienna Convention.

Is a quarantine required?

Travellers from "orange" and "red" countries shall remain in mandatory self-isolation until they receive the PCR test result. People from "red" countries falling within the categories 1-3 above must remain in mandatory self-isolation for 72 hours and after the end of the 72 hours they must undergo another PCR test, at their own expense. If the last test is negative, isolation expires.

All travellers who test positive should be placed in compulsory confinement for 14 days and follow the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health.

For travellers from "grey" countries, quarantine measures apply, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health. Passengers shall remain in mandatory self-isolation /quarantine for a period of 14 days or alternatively, for a period of 10 days provided that they undergo another test (at their own expense) on the 10th day and the result is negative.

The test result must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey, all the information and documents to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The download forms for passengers travelling to Cyprus can be found at https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Find out more:
Epidemiological risk assessment (22/03)

May I transit this country?

PARTIALLY

As a general rule, passengers in transit in the EU+ area are exempted from temporary travel restriction.

EU citizens entering the EU from a third country, as well as their family members, irrespective of their nationality, are exempted from the travel restrictions regardless of whether or not they are returning to their country of nationality or residence.

Passengers travelling from a non-EU country to another non-EU country may transit through the international transit area of airports located in the Schengen area. Rules regarding airport transit visa requirements continue to apply.

May I enter this country by sea transport?

PARTIALLY

All Ports shall operate only for commercial transactions and activities. The boarding of cruise ships is prohibited.

May I fly to this country?

Specific measures for the new variant of coronavirus

from 18:00 of 21 December 2020, taking into account the information concerning the new strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and in an effort to safeguard Public Health, for precautionary reasons and until new clarifications are provided by the scientific community, the following measures apply to all passengers arriving at Larnaka and Pafos Airports from the UK:

1. Passengers may either present the negative result of a molecular test taken in the 72 hours before entering Cyprus or undergo a molecular test upon their arrival at the Airports or Larnaca and Paphos;
2. They will then be transferred to designated hotels for compulsory 7-day self-isolation (persons under the age of 18 may choose to self-isolate at their homes or to remain in isolation in the hotels if they are travelling with their parents or legal guardians);
3. On the 7th day of isolation, they will undergo a new molecular test and, in case of a negative result, they will continue their self-isolation at home for another 3 days (total self-isolation: 10 days).
4. On the 10th day, and provided no symptoms occur, they are automatically released. In case symptoms occur, the General Practitioner should be contacted for medical guidance and the relevant health protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

It is noted that the cost of transfer and hotel stay is undertaken by the State.

The samples taken from travellers who arrived from the UK during last week and who were found positive will be sent to the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics to be checked and to determine whether the new mutant strain of coronavirus is found. The Scientific Advisory Committee on Coronavirus, in accordance with the competent EU bodies, is closely monitoring the developments and any new recommendation or suggestion will be announced accordingly.

You can find the latest information on air travel regulations for this country on the **IATA website**.

You can also find information about **air passenger rights** on our portal for citizens.

General measures

As of 10 January, a strict lockdown is applied. From 16 March, a curfew is in place and the movement of citizens is banned from 23:00 to 5:00 (with some exceptions).

The percentage of physical presence of employees in private service businesses decreases from 50% to 25%.

The enterprises serving the public, as well as the offices of the public sector, and the Local Authorities, should take the necessary measures to guarantee a minimum distance of 2 metres and the maximum presence of 1 person per 10 square metres.

To know more:

FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic

Decree 11/2021

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

The use of a facemask is mandatory for people from the age of 12:

- in closed public spaces with more than 1 person;
- in outdoor public places with more than 2 people;
- in any workplace that involves physical proximity with the public, in retail stores and for people delivering goods.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures of **2 metres outdoors** and **3 metres indoors** are in place.

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CYP/7001

22.01.2021

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

PARTIALLY

Note: *Cyprus adopts its own national classification of risk areas, hence travel restrictions for Cyprus are not based on the common "EU Traffic Lights" map.*

The classification of countries is available at **cyprusflightpass.gov.cy** and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

Category A

Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Category B

Travellers from a Category B country, or who have stayed in a Category B country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country.

In the following cases, travellers have also the option to be tested upon arrival and should be in isolation until they receive the results:

- Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);
- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
- persons from category B countries that are not in the position to offer a laboratory testing service (public or private) to those wishing to travel to Cyprus, provided that an announcement by the Ministry of Health of Cyprus grants this permission

Category C

In case of travellers from a Category C country, or who have stayed in a Category C country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, only the following categories are allowed to enter the territory:

- Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);
- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
- persons, regardless of nationality, having special permission as defined under the infectious Diseases Decree N.30 (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease), as amended.
- patients, regardless of nationality, who received treatment by an approved private or public hospital /medical centre in the Republic and who are in need to continue such treatment;
- persons, regardless of nationality, whose presence in the Republic, due to their professional or scientific capacity, is approved by the competent medical body to reinforce the efforts against COVID-19;
- first-degree relatives of persons residing in the Republic and/or who are doing business in the Republic (spouse, children, parents) for reunion purposes.

The above-mentioned categories have the possibility either to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country or to be tested upon arrival at their own expenses.

Travellers from Category C countries have also to undergo a compulsory 14-days self-isolation, following the special precautions and preventive measures provided by the Ministry of Health. In addition, they have to submit to a second PCR test conducted on the 10th day of the period of self-isolation, at their own expenses. The result of the PCR test must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy and the self-isolation will come to an end on the 14th day, provided that the test result is negative.

All travellers who test positive for COVID-19 should be placed in compulsory confinement for 14 days and the medical protocol of the Ministry of Health shall be observed.

The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Additional details can be found on the Decree n.2/2021

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers travelling to the Republic of Cyprus have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey from the country of origin to the Republic of Cyprus (either via direct flight or with intermediate stops), all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is obligatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, which will be officially announced in the platform itself, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Specific measures for the new variant of coronavirus

from 21 December 2020, the following measures apply to all passengers arriving from the UK:

1. Passengers will undergo a molecular test upon their arrival at the Airports;
2. They will then be transferred to designated hotels for compulsory 7-day self-isolation (persons under the age of 18 may choose to self-isolate at their homes or to remain in isolation in the hotels if they are travelling with their parents or legal guardians);
3. On the 7th day of isolation, they will undergo a new molecular test and, in case of a negative result, they will continue their self-isolation at home for another 3 days (total self-isolation: 10 days);
4. On the 10th day, and provided no symptoms occur, they are automatically released. In case symptoms occur, the General Practitioner should be contacted for medical guidance.

Entry rules for Cyprus depend on the epidemiological situation in countries of origin and transit.

Travel restrictions have been lifted for residents of **Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand** (Category A countries).

The categorisation of countries is available at **cyprusflightpass.gov.cy** and is revised on a weekly basis.

May I enter this country by sea transport?

PARTIALLY

All Ports shall operate only for commercial transactions and activities. The boarding of cruise ships is prohibited.

General measures

As of 10 January 2021, a strict lockdown is applied.

A curfew is in place and **the movement of citizens is banned from 21:00 to 5:00.** The movement of persons during curfew hours is permitted for the following reasons:

- To move from/to the workplace, with the presentation of a form ("Form A"), completed and signed by the employer, which certifies the necessity for the movement during the aforementioned hours;
- For urgent reasons, such as going to a medical centre (or hospital or pharmacy), to a veterinarian for medical emergencies, and to provide assistance to people who are unable to care for themselves or who need to self-isolate.

Movement by exception will be permitted twice a day by sending a text message to 8998. Persons over the age of 65 may use "Form B" for their movement by exception. To move from/to the workplace, no text message is required, but the employee must present "Form A" signed by his/her employer.

A Covid-19 call centre is available from Monday to Sunday (8: 00 - 20:00) at 1474. This service provides direct, timely and comprehensive information regarding all governmental initiatives for dealing with COVID-19.

To know more:

FAQs on measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic

Decree n.2/2021

Decree n.3/2021

Health cover for temporary stays

Use of facemasks

The use of a mask is mandatory for people from the age of 12:

- in closed public spaces;
- in outdoor public places;
- in any workplace that involves physical proximity with the public, in retail stores and for people delivering goods.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing measures of **2 metres outdoors** and **3 metres indoors** are in place.

14.12.2020

What are the rules to enter this country from outside an EU Member State or Schengen Associated country?

Entry rules for Cyprus depend on the epidemiological situation in countries of origin and transit.

Restrictions to non-essential travel has been lifted for residents of **Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand.**

The categorisation of countries is available at **cyprusflightpass.gov.cy** and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

Category A

Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Category B

Travellers from a Category B country, or who have stayed in a Category B country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country.

In the following cases, travellers have also the option to be tested upon arrival, at their own expenses:

- Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);

- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;

- persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;

- persons from category B countries that are not in the position to offer a laboratory testing service (public or private) to those wishing to travel to Cyprus, provided that an announcement by the Ministry of Health of Cyprus grants this permission.

Category C

Travellers from a Category C country, or who have stayed in a Category C country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country.

In the following cases, travellers have also the option to be tested upon arrival, at their own expenses:

- Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);

- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;

- persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;

- persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission as defined under the infectious Diseases Decree N.30 (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease), as amended.

Travellers from Category C countries have also to undergo a compulsory 14-days self-isolation, following the special precautions and preventive measures provided by the Ministry of Health. In addition, they have to submit to a second PCR test conducted 48 hours prior to the end of the period of self-isolation, at their own expenses. The result of the PCR test must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy and the self-isolation will come to an end on the 14th day, provided that the test result is negative.

The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers travelling to the Republic of Cyprus have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey from the country of origin to the Republic of Cyprus (either via direct flight or with intermediate stops), all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is obligatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Consequently, when booking a flight, passengers have to be informed in advance by airlines, travel agents and/or internet booking platforms, before the final step of booking, that the acquisition of the CyprusFlightPass is necessary for their travel to the Republic of Cyprus.

Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, which will be officially announced in the platform itself, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

From an EU Member State or Schengen Associated Country, may I enter this country without being subject to extraordinary restrictions?

Partially

Entry Restrictions

Entry rules for Cyprus depend on the epidemiological situation in countries of origin and transit.

The categorisation of countries is available at **cyprusflightpass.gov.cy** and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

Category A

Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Category B

Travellers from a Category B country, or who have stayed in a Category B country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country.

In the following cases, travellers have also the option to be tested upon arrival, at their own expenses:

- Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);

- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;

- persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;

- persons from category B countries that are not in the position to offer a laboratory testing service (public or private) to those wishing to travel to Cyprus, provided that an announcement by the Ministry of Health of Cyprus grants this permission.

Category C

Travellers from a Category C country, or who have stayed in a Category C country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have to provide a document showing a negative PCR result for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before entering the country.

In the following cases, travellers have also the option to be tested upon arrival, at their own expenses:

- Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children);

- persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;

- persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;

- persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission as defined under the infectious Diseases Decree N.30 (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease), as amended.

Travellers from Category C countries have also to undergo a compulsory 14-days self-isolation, following the special precautions and preventive measures provided by the Ministry of Health. In addition, they have to submit to a second PCR test conducted 48 hours prior to the end of the period of self-isolation, at their own expenses. The result of the PCR test must be sent to the following email address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy and the self-isolation will come to an end on the 14th day, provided that the test result is negative.

The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

Mandatory Travel Documentation

All passengers travelling to the Republic of Cyprus have to submit, within 24 hours before starting their journey from the country of origin to the Republic of Cyprus (either via direct flight or with intermediate stops), all the information and documents required to obtain the CyprusFlightPass.

The use of the platform is obligatory for anyone who wishes to travel to Cyprus. Consequently, when booking a flight, passengers have to be informed in advance by airlines, travel agents and/or internet booking platforms, before the final step of booking, that the acquisition of the CyprusFlightPass is necessary for their travel to the Republic of Cyprus.

Only in case of technical problems or scheduled maintenance of the electronic platform, which will be officially announced in the platform itself, passengers will be allowed to fill in the required form in writing.

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Third-country nationals coming from outside the EU and Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein

Travellers from Australia, Korea, New Zealand and Thailand (Category A) are allowed to enter and are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Travellers from Canada, China, Georgia, Hong Kong, Japan, Rwanda,Uruguay (category B) have the option to perform the COVID-19 test upon arrival in Cyprus, at the price of 60 euros. Self-isolation is required until the result of the test is available.

The same applies to passengers travelling to Cyprus via category B countries with an overnight stay and belong to at least one of the following categories:

Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents)Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention Persons from category B countries that are not offering COVID-19 tests to those wishing to travel to the Republic of Cyprus.

Travellers from countries other than those mentioned in the first two categories (Category C) or who have stayed in a Category C country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, and passengers travelling to Cyprus via intermediate countries of Category C with an overnight stay, are allowed to enter Cyprus and to perform the COVID-19 test only if they belong to one of the following categories:

Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents)Persons legally residing in the Republic of CyprusPersons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission as defined under the infectious Diseases Decree N.30 (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease), as amended

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Entry Restrictions

Entry rules for Cyprus depend on the epidemiological situation in countries of origin and transit.

The categorisation of countries is available at **cyprusflightpass.gov.cy** and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

Category A

Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Category B

Travellers from a Category B Country, or who have stayed in a Category B Country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, have the option to perform the COVID-19 test upon arrival in Cyprus, at the price of 60 euros. Self-isolation is required until the result of the test is available.

The same applies to passengers travelling to Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category B, with an overnight stay and belong to at least one of the following categories:

Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents)Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention Persons from category B countries that are not offering COVID-19 tests to those wishing to travel to the Republic of Cyprus

Category C

Travellers from a Category C Country, or who have stayed in a Category C Country in the 14 days before arrival to Cyprus, and passengers travelling to Cyprus via intermediate countries of Category C with an overnight stay, are allowed to enter Cyprus and to perform the COVID-19 test only if they belong to one of the following categories:

Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents)Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission as defined under the infectious Diseases Decree N.30 (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus disease), as amended

The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

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Travelling to Cyprus
Countries are divided in 3 categories, based on epidemiological criteria and data: Category A, Category B, and all other countries not belonging to either Category A or B (classified as Category C).

The categorisation of countries is available at **https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/country-categories** and is revised on a weekly basis, according to the evolution of the epidemiological situation.

Rules and Exceptions
Passengers from Category A countries are only asked to provide some specific information and a declaration.

Passengers from Category B and C countries will need to:
- have undergone a test for Covid-19 at a certified lab, within 72 hours prior to their departure, and hold a certificate demonstrating the negative result to the test;
- provide specific information and a declaration.

In the following cases, passengers travelling from Category B countries have the option to be tested - at their own expenses - upon their arrival at the Republic of Cyprus, if they didn't take the test for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to their departure:
1. Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents);
2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
3. Persons allowed to enter the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission by the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus disease) Decree (N.30), as amended;
5. Persons from countries in category B, whose authorities are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to the Republic of Cyprus, are allowed to perform the Covid-19 test upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus.

Only the following passenger categories can travel to Cyprus from Category C countries:
1) Cypriot citizens permanently residing in the Republic, and their family members (foreign spouses, their minor children and their parents);
2) Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus;
3) Persons allowed to enter the Republic in accordance with the Vienna Convention;
4) Persons of any nationality who are allowed to enter the Republic after obtaining special permission from the Republic of Cyprus, as defined under the infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus disease) Decree (N.30), as amended.

The above groups of passengers, travelling from Category B or C countries, will have the option of taking the test upon their arrival in Cyprus and pay for the cost of the test. Passengers should constantly visit the dedicated electronic platform to be informed of possible changes that will affect their trip. The prerequisites for passengers travelling to Cyprus from each country category can be found at: https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/en/download-forms

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Documents you need to travel in Europe

Source: https://reopen.europa.eu/en/map/CYP

Source: European Commission

22.07.2020

Conditions to enter the country for foreign visitors (29.05.2020)

Cyprus has published a protocol for the entry into the country for foreign visitors.

Further information:
https://www.pio.gov.cy/assets/pdf/newsroom/2020/05/29.5.2020...

More info:
https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/en/

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/home_en

Source: WCO/Department of Customs and Excise

07.05.2020

1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies

1.1. Facilitation for the import of medical equipment.

1.2. Offer relaxation and facilitation according to the Commission's guidance:
https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/covid-19-taxud-response/guidance-customsissues-related-covid-19-emergency_en

1.3. Automatic electronic notification for the release of cargo by the Customs
Authorities to the Port Controlling Authorities.

2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity

2.1. For companies approved for deferred payment of excise duty and VAT, the
legislation has been amended in order to allow the prolongation of the payments
period.

2.2. On a temporary basis T2L copies instead of originals are accepted, as long as
circumstances prevail making the timely presentation of originals impossible. However
post-controls or other measures apply.
In addition, upon request of the person concerned and if justified under the current
specific circumstances, flexibility may be applied as regards the period of validity of
the proof of customs status.

2.3. The period for taking goods out of the customs territory without the export or reexport declaration being invalidated by the customs office of export is prolonged.
Under the current exceptional circumstances, the customs office of export should not
initiate such invalidation, unless the declarant of the declaration concerned explicitly
requests this.

2.4. Exceptionally during the crisis period and until further notice, when requiring the
provision by importers of origin certificates issued for preferential purposes in the form
of a copy, issued on paper or electronically are accepted. More specifically this applies
to:
- a copy, either in paper or in electronic form (scanned or available online), of the original certificate signed and stamped by the competent
authorities as normally required;
- the certificate, not signed and stamped by the competent authorities as
normally required but with a digital signature of the competent authorities, or a copy of it, either in paper or in electronic form (scanned
or available on-line).

A copy of a certificate which is not issued in accordance with any of the
two possibilities mentioned above cannot be accepted, unless the
customs authorities of the importing country ascertain their issuance
and authenticity through other means (for instance, via communication
with the customs of the exporting country providing confirmation).
The above apply only to certificates that have been issued since the
start of the CoVid19 crisis where it has affected the possibility to issue
them in due form. For the purpose of this note, such situation is
deemed to exist from 1st March 2020.

Once the exceptional situation ceases, customs authorities will be
entitled to request the importer to present the original certificate.

3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs administrations' Staff

3.1. Protection and social distancing measures taken by front line officers, in order to
prevent spreading of the infection and safeguarding the operation of the Customs
Offices in case of an incident during a shift.

3.2. Staff with chronic illness, pregnant women and parents with children under 15
years old working remotely from home by the end of school year.

4. Other Measures

5.1. Further facilitation of the use of electronic payments.

Suspension of flights from all EEA countries and Switzerland

Cyprus has notified a suspension of flights from all EEA countries and Switzerland. Exempt include cargo, ferry, humanitarian, ambulance and repatriation flights to Cyprus.

Start date: 21.03.2020

End date: not available

Entry ban to non-resident citizens and mandatory 14-day quarantine (16.03.2020)

Between 16/3/2020 and 30/4/2020, entry to the Republic of Cyprus will only be granted to Cypriot citizens, legal residents, European or third-country nationals working in Cyprus and a number of exceptional cases. All travelers returning to Cyprus from abroad, regardless of their country of origin, will be placed under a 14-day compulsory quarantine at accommodation facilities designated by the Republic of Cyprus. In addition, passengers arriving in Cyprus must be in possession of a recent medical certificate.

Start date: 16.03.2020

End date: 30.04.2020

Further information: https://www.pio.gov.cy/en/press-releases-article.html?id=12683#flat