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Public health measures to be adopted by Sri Lankans or foreign nationals residing in Sri Lanka who are undertaking an important state visit/ official visit/business visit under bio safety travel bubble

- (1) These measures are applicable only to Sri Lankans or foreign nationals who are residing in Sri Lanka and undertaking an important state visit/ official visit/ business visit under bio safety travel bubble.
- (2) Sri Lankans or foreign nationals travelling from Sri Lanka to undertake important state visit/ official visit/ business visit under bio safety travel bubble should make their request to Director General of Health Services at least **two weeks prior** to the date of departure with following details,
 - a. Full name
 - b. Passport number
 - c. Address of the residence in Sri Lanka
 - d. Address in Sri Lanka staying after return from overseas visit (if different from “c”)
 - e. Name of the visiting country
 - f. Address in the foreign country
 - g. Official letter of invitation from foreign country
 - h. Approval letter from the work place
 - i. Date of departure
 - j. Date of arrival
 - k. Flight details
 - l. COVID-19 vaccination status: Date/s of vaccination, Name of the vaccine
- (3) Granting approval will be considered case by case basis subjected to the conditions stipulated by the Director General of Health Services.
- (4) Should travel within a bio safety bubble practicing recommended COVID-19 preventive measures throughout the visit.

- (5) Should inform the arrival details, flight details and address of the approved residence in Sri Lanka to Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk, samithag@hotmail.com) and Quarantine Unit (quarantinelk@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before embarkation.
- (6) On the Day One of arriving to Sri Lanka, the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) should be informed.
- (7) Following criteria are applicable **upon arrival** to Sri Lanka

1.	If the duration between the departure from Sri Lanka and arrival to Sri Lanka is 96 hours or less	<p>Should carry negative COVID-19 PCR test results (in English) done within 96 hours of embarkation or antigen test done within 48 hours of embarkation.</p> <p>Should undergo home quarantine upon arrival to Sri Lanka.</p> <p>After arriving to Sri Lanka, COVID-19 PCR testing should be done between Day 5-7 and if test result is negative shall be released from home quarantine on day 7.</p>
2.	If the duration between the departure from Sri Lanka and arrival to Sri Lanka is more than 96 hours	<p>Should carry negative COVID-19 PCR test results (in English) done within 96 hours of embarkation or antigen test done within 48 hours of embarkation.</p> <p>Should undergo home quarantine upon arrival to Sri Lanka.</p> <p>After arriving to Sri Lanka, COVID-19 PCR testing should be done on Day 1 and between Day 5-7. If both test results are negative shall be released from home quarantine on day 7.</p>

- (8) After arriving to Sri Lanka, COVID-19 PCR testing should be done from a Health Ministry approved private sector laboratory/state laboratory (only for state/official visit) and the results to be submitted immediately via email to the Epidemiology Unit (chepid@slt.net.lk, samithag@hotmail.com) and Quarantine Unit (quarantinelk@gmail.com). If febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19, a PCR test should be done immediately and results should be submitted to relevant units as indicated above.
- (9) Should practice recommended COVID-19 preventive measures during the quarantine at residence. If the COVID-19 PCR test is negative as indicated above, shall be released from quarantine and the area MOH should be informed for the release.
- (10) Should arrange own transport method to travel to their residence from arriving airport in Sri Lanka. Driver/ other officials should adhere to recommended personal protective measures. If the driver/ other officials travelling in the vehicle become febrile or display symptoms of COVID-19, PCR test should be done immediately and results should be submitted to relevant units as indicated above.

- (11) If the person travelled under bio safety bubble has obtained the recommended doses of the Covid-19 vaccine completely, shall be exempted from quarantine.
- (12) This guideline will be reviewed in two weeks time or may change according to the COVID-19 case reporting situation on the country.


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