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Update - Entry requirements for passengers proceeding from South America, United Kingdom, South Africa and India to the Republic of Panama

UPDATE:

• Update of Authorized Hotels.

The Republic of Panama's health authorities announced new sanitary requirements for passengers coming from, who have stayed in or transited through any country in **South America, United Kingdom, South Africa or India during the last 15 days**.

GUIDELINES

As of May 3rd , 2021,

When checking in at the airport of origin:

 Must present a PCR or COVID-19 antigen test with negative result performed 48 hours before arrival in Panama.

Upon arrival in Panama:

- Must have a COVID -19 molecular test performed before check-in at immigration. The cost of the test is usd85.00, and the passenger will be responsible for the payment.
- Comply with **mandatory isolation** as follows:

- Passengers with negative results:

- Must comply with mandatory isolation for **3 days**, either:
 - At home for nationals o residents,
 - Or in a Hotel Hospital, for no COVID-19 travelers, as provided by the Health Authority,
 - Or in hotels that the Heath Authority has authorized* at the traveler's choice and expense.
- On the third day, a repeat swab test for COVID-19 antigen will be performed, and if it is negative, the quarantine ends. The Health Authority will cover the cost of this test.
- Passengers with positive results:
 - Must perform a COVID-19 RT-PCR test for ICGES typing/analysis and comply with mandatory 14-day isolation in a COVID-19 Travelers' Hospital Hotel, as

arranged by the Health Authority. The Health Authority will cover the cost of this test.

- *Authorized hotels are subject to change, we recommend checking the <u>Visit Panama</u> website before booking.
- Passengers must present a confirmed printed reservation upon arrival in Panama.

Important Information

- This new requirement for entry into the Republic of Panama will not affect passengers with connections at the Hub of the Americas.
- Passengers who need to contact the Ministry of Health of Panama can do so by emailing protegete1@minsa.gob.pa and calling +507 6330 5551 and +507 6330 5546 for followup on quarantine days and certifications at the end of the quarantine.

For more information, please access the official document here.

