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# Update - New Measures for Passengers Entering Panama

## UPDATE

• The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Panama announced through Resolution No. 2311 of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, that the new list of high-risk countries is effective as of **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** 

## GUIDELINES

The health authorities of the Republic of Panama have established new measures for nationals, residents or foreigners entering the country.

#### Requirements for passengers entering Panama as of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

- **1.** All passengers must present **mandatory**, prior to boarding, the digital Health Affidavit registered on the website <u>www.panamadigital.gob.pa/RegistroPacoViajero</u>.
- 2. Vaccinated Passengers

#### From low and high-risk countries:

- They are exempt from presenting a negative test for COVID-19 and comply with a 3-day preventive quarantine upon presentation of a vaccination card with a complete vaccination scheme (after 14 days from the last dose) approved by the WHO, FDA or EMA.
- **3.** Non-Vaccinated Passengers

#### Originating from low-risk countries:

• Submit a negative PCR or antigen COVID -19 test performed up to 72 hours prior to arrival in Panama. Otherwise, the passengers must take a COVID-19 test performed by their own cost at the airport.

#### Originating from high-risk countries:

#### Countries identified by the health authority as high risk:

**Until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** India, United Kingdom, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Suriname and Venezuela.

As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Costa Rica, Cuba, United States, Guatemala, French Guyana, Estonia,

Georgia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, United Kingdom, Azerbaijan, Israel, Malaysia, Mongolia, Guinea Bissau, South Africa, Tunisia and Fiji.

- Submit a negative PCR or antigen COVID -19 test performed up to 72 hours prior to arrival in Panama. Otherwise, the passengers must take a COVID-19 test performed by their own cost at the airport.
- Complete the 3-day preventive quarantine as follows:
  - Nationals or Residents: at the domicile.
  - Non-resident foreigners: in hotels authorized by the health authority at the traveler's choice and cost. The hotel booking will be required during check-in at the point of origin, which must be presented upon arrival in Panama. The list of authorized hotels can be found on the <u>Visit Panama</u>.

**4.** Passengers under 12 years old will be exempt from presenting a negative test for COVID-19 and completing a 3-day preventive quarantine, if their parents, guardians or caregivers comply with the requirements established according to the risk level of the country of origin.

For more information, please access the official documents:

Executive Decree N° 833

Resolution N° 2294

Resolution N° 2311





