



SPTO Member Countries' Consolidated Response to 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Cook Islands:

Pursuant to s9A of the Entry Residence and Departure Act 1972 the following travel restrictions are in place:

- Persons intending to travel to the Cook Islands who have been to the following countries within the last 14 days will be denied entry into the Cook Islands.
- CHINA, HONG KONG, TAIWAN, MACAU, JAPAN, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, MALAYSIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, VIETNAM, CAMBODIA, LAOS, ITALY AND IRAN
- In addition any person who has been in contact with someone from these countries, including visitors with connecting flights in these locations will be denied entry.
- Entry may also be denied to anyone who has been in close proximity with someone suspected or diagnosed with Coronavirus.
- More information on travel restrictions and updates can also be sought from the Cook Islands Ministry of Health [website](#) and the full advisory can be accessed [here](#)

Federated States of Micronesia:

- A 14-day waiting period is in place for travelers originating from COVID-19 affected countries until March 13th, 2020, where it may be reinstated again pending review and advice from the COVID-19 Task Force.
- All travel to and from the People's Republic of China remains banned, regardless of any 14-day waiting period.
- All visitors, returning citizens and residents will require a health form certifying that they do not presently show symptoms of the coronavirus, and that they have resided in a coronavirus-free location for a minimum of 14 days

- The President has implemented a memo for all National Government employees to cease travel abroad.
- All citizens of FSM are banned from travelling to mainland China until further notice
- A detailed announcement on these restrictions can be found [here](#)

Fiji:

- Fiji's borders are closed to all foreign nationals who have been in mainland China, Italy, Iran and South Korea within 14 days of their intended travel to Fiji.
- Screening measures have been enforced at all ports of entry.
- All travellers to Fiji are encouraged to keep abreast of these restrictions by regularly checking Fiji's Ministry of Health website, which can be accessed [here](#) and the Tourism Fiji website which can be accessed [here](#)

French Polynesia:

- All incoming passengers (including airline crews) must present a medical certificate, dated within 5 days of departure and stating that the person is free from any sign of detectable infection. This requirement is mandatory until 31st March, 2020.
- Areas of risk, as identified by the government of French Polynesia include:
 - China
 - Japan
 - South Korea
 - Cambodia
 - Hong-Kong
 - India
 - Macau
 - Malaysia
 - Nepal
 - Singapore
 - Sri Lanka
 - Taiwan
 - Thailand
 - Vietnam
 - Philippines
 - Iran
 - Italy: Lombardy, Venetia and Emilia Romagna
- In the absence of a health certificate, the airlines are asked to refuse the boarding of the passengers concerned. However, in order to facilitate the repatriation of Polynesian residents, they will in all cases be authorized to embark and return to French Polynesia.
- On board, all passengers will be given a [health control survey](#) by the airline. The traveler will hand over the completed survey to the medical service present upon arrival in French Polynesia.

- Ocean liners will enter French Polynesia exclusively through the port of entry of Papeete. Ships that have been granted first berth exemptions for outer islands will be cancelled.
- French Polynesia's Health Department website is updated regularly and can be accessed [here](#) and the official statement on these measures can be accessed [here](#)

Kiribati:

- All incoming international travellers, into all ports of entry of Kiribati, will be subjected to a temperature check.
- All Travellers from areas and territories in countries with ongoing local transmission of novel coronavirus must spend at least 14 days in a country free of the 2019-nCoV.
- If travellers arrive earlier than the required 14-day-period, health quarantine measures may be applied and deportation to the country of travel origin will be considered depending on the health status of the individual.
- The Ministry of Health & Medical Services also recommends that citizens and residents avoid non-essential travel to areas and territories in countries with sustained transmission. However, if travel cannot be postponed, then preventive measures should always be adhered to.
- The full advisory can be accessed [here](#)

Nauru:

- Travellers from or transmitting through mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau within 21 days of boarding will be denied entry.
- Travellers from or transmitting through areas with a publicly declared outbreak will be denied entry.
- Travellers with intention to board within 21 days from places listed by Nauru's Department of Health as an outbreak concern will be denied entry.

Outbound (from Nauru)

- Nauruans and Government of Nauru Officials should avoid the following areas: Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau.
- Any Country that Declares a National Outbreak of Coronavirus (This list correlates with those listed by others concerned with COVID-19 and is constantly updated).

- Any Country that Nauru Department of Health declares officially as a location of Outbreak Concern (none yet).
- For other countries with confirmed cases but not at outbreak levels, travellers are advised to take standard precautions.

New Caledonia:

- Epidemiological monitoring and border surveillance measure are being enforced
- Those visiting New Caledonia on a cruise ship are advised to check with their travel agent or cruise companies' representative regarding their service and its stops.
- Cruise ships are not stopping at ports of Lifou and Maré in the Loyalty Islands and the Isle of Pines at the current time. Lifou, Maré and the Isle of Pines are still open for tourism, and visitors who undergo prior checks can access these destinations via domestic flights.
- The list of high-risk countries as of 6th March (excluding transits) as identified by the government of New Caledonia includes: China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Iran, Germany, Egypt, Spain, France, Japan, Switzerland and Norway.

Niue:

- All travelers who have been in or travelled to China within 30 days prior to arriving in Niue must spend no less than 14 days in quarantine, in a country free from Novel Coronavirus (2019 n-CoV); and must acquire medical clearance within 3 days prior to arrival in Niue. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in refusal of entry into Niue.
- Cancellation of all official government travel to and from China and other countries with reported cases of 2019 n-CoV.
- All residents of Niue are strongly advised against traveling to or transiting through China and will be subject to refusal of entry if necessary.
- Full advisory can be accessed [here](#) and any queries may be directed to Gaylene.Tasmania@mail.gov.nu

Papua New Guinea (PNG):

- A travel ban is in force and applies to all travellers from Asia
- PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority staff are stationed at all the main ports of entry, to ensure that travellers who have been in China within a 14 day period are properly screened and have the proper quarantine assurances
- All arriving international ships must call into Motukea, Lae and Rabaul wharves for screening before proceeding to their final domestic destinations

- The full advisory can be accessed [here](#) and those intending to travel to PNG are encouraged to check the official website of the Immigration and Citizenship Authority of PNG, which can be accessed [here](#)

Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI):

- Total suspension of all persons travelling via air into RMI until 22nd March, 2020.
- Aircrafts which need to land in RMI for refueling purposes are required to adhere to RMI Ports Authority Standard Operating Procedures. Human to human contact is strictly prohibited.
- All cruise ships and yachts are suspended from visiting RMI until further notice
- All GRMI government and sponsored official trips are to be suspended until further notice, with the exception of patients approved by the RMI Medical Referral Committee.
- RMI residents and citizens are advised to consider postponing international travel and may be subjected to restriction upon reentering RMI.
- Full details on the Travel Advisory can be accessed [here](#)

Samoa:

- A Special Health Declaration Card is required to be filled out by all travelling passengers in-flight or on arrival into Samoa.
- ALL Travellers including returning residents entering Samoa are now required to undergo medical examination by a Registered Medical Practitioner within (3) days before ARRIVAL.
- Medical clearance report IS REQUIRED for check-in prior to issuing of boarding passes.
- Airlines - 'Both Carriers SHOULD NOT exceed 830 passengers per week.'
- All Travellers originating FROM or TRANSITING through:

- 1) CHINA
- 2) HONG KONG
- 3) MACAU
- 4) JAPAN
- 5) SINGAPORE
- 6) THAILAND
- 7) SOUTH KOREA

- 8) ITALY
- 9) IRAN
- 10) KUWAIT
- 11) TAIWAN
- 12) GERMANY
- 13) SPAIN
- 14) FRANCE
- 15) BAHRAIN

Must spend at least 14 days self-quarantine at country of last port that is free of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and must undergo medical clearance within (3) days prior to final route to Samoa. This must be their final stop before travelling to Samoa.

- In the event you arrive within the 14 day period as noted above, you will be returned to the country of last port before arrival in to Samoa.
- All Travellers before entering Samoa are required to be tested for the Coronavirus.
- All Chartered Flights and Cruise Ships intended for Samoa WILL NOT be granted entry into Samoa until further notice.
- All sea port entries will be screened at the quarantine buoy before the vessel docks at the wharf.
- Ships and Fishing vessels Entering Samoa with crew change at any port or out at sea MUST COMPLY with ALL REQUIREMENTS stated above. Entry will be denied unless they comply with requirements.
- Those intending to travel to Samoa are urged to check the updated requirements and restrictions on the Government of Samoa website which can be accessed [here](#)

Solomon Islands:

- Travel controls are in place for travellers who have spent any time during the previous 14 days in a country where there have been confirmed cases of an illness or disease, specified in a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) declared by the World Health Organisation and in force on the day of arrival.
- All travellers will be subject to risk-based health screening by health officials and should this screening identify health concerns, Immigration Officers may refuse entry or permit entry on condition of quarantine.
- Pursuant to Section 7 of the Immigration Act 2012, a travel restriction is now enforced for travelers from the People's Republic of China (PRC) or countries with confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus transiting through Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Nauru or any other Pacific countries.

- Solomon Islands will also be refusing entry for passengers travelling from PRC through Australia. This is subject to review every 24 hours.

Tokelau:

- Noting the entry requirement for Samoa, individuals travelling from outside of Samoa who are booked to travel to Tokelau, need to provide a copy of the medical clearance for coronavirus that is required for entry into Samoa. This must be taken to the Tokelau Health Office or Tokelau Transport Officer in Apia for confirmation before travelling to Tokelau.
- Failure to show medical clearance will result in passengers having to stay in Samoa for 14 days, after which medical clearance will need to be obtained to confirm that the passenger is free of infectious disease
- Individuals who have been living in Samoa for more than 14 days will also need medical clearance
- Passengers from Tokelau travelling to Apia and abroad must act in accordance with Samoa Entry requirements
- The full travel advisory can be accessed [here](#) and queries may be directed to

Tonga:

- All travellers are required to complete a health declaration card on arrival into Tongan territory
- Travellers coming from or having transited through mainland China will need a 14 day self-quarantine in a country free from novel coronavirus
- All foreign travellers will need medical clearance within three days before traveling to Tonga
- The above restrictions will not apply to:
 - Tongan citizens, permanent residents and members of their nuclear family
 - International travelers who have not been in China within 14 days prior to arriving in Tonga
- Tongatapu will be the first port of entry for all international flights and vessels
- Further information can be sought from Tonga's Ministry of Health website, which is accessible [here](#)

Vanuatu:

- Travellers of ALL nationalities MUST complete an Incoming Passenger Health Declaration form prior to boarding any craft entering Vanuatu (see example attached at the end of this advisory). This form provides information on their travel itinerary over the last 14 days, previous travel to **mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran and Italy** and details of their current health status, phone number, email address and physical address while visiting Vanuatu. It is an offense under the Public Health Act to not complete this declaration form truthfully and penalties apply.

- Any travellers wishing to enter Vanuatu who have originated from the following ports **mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran and Italy** in the previous 14 days will be denied entry to Vanuatu until further notice.
- Any foreign national wishing to enter Vanuatu who has originated from or has transited through any ports in **China** including **Taiwan, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR**, as well as **South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Iran and Italy** since 31st December 2019, and who has spent the previous 14 days outside the places mentioned above **MUST** obtain a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner certifying that they are free from any respiratory illness suspected of being caused by COVID-19 (see example attached at end of this Advisory
- Travellers planning to come to Vanuatu by aircraft or ship but having symptoms of respiratory illness (flu, running nose, fever, headache, chest pain, or difficulty in breathing) are advised **NOT** to travel to Vanuatu.
- Any visitors travelling to Vanuatu **MUST** have a return ticket.
- The full advisory can be accessed [here](#)

Wallis and Futuna:

- A thermal camera is in operation at the airport and all arriving passengers are being screened before being granted entry.
- The Prevention Department of the Wallis Hospital has increased the presence of its staff at the Wallis Airport to monitor the origin of travellers.
- If a person records +38.5°C fever they are immediately transferred to the private SAS isolation lounge at the airport before being sent into quarantine in an isolated room at the SIA hospital (Wallis).