

# Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism Tourism Bio Bubble

## NOT-VACCINATED & NOT-FULLY-VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

Valid for arrivals from 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa. No prior approval required from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

Travellers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination, nor completed the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) and/or departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination will be considered as not-vaccinated or not-fully-vaccinated travellers.

Travellers under this category will stay in the safety of the Tourism Bio Bubble until the completion of the 14 day period from,

- the completion of recommended doses of vaccination for not-fully-vaccinated travellers (flexible bio-bubble) or
- the completion of 14 days from arrival for not-vaccinated travellers (full bio-bubble)

The travellers are allowed to visit approved tourist sites and use all facilities of the hotel upon negative results of the on-arrival PCR test.

This protocol is applicable for travellers not arriving from or with no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country in the past 14 days.

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### Prior to boarding, travellers are required to:

- Visit [visitsrilanka.gov.lk](http://visitsrilanka.gov.lk) to pay for the mandatory COVID 19 Insurance, PCR tests and to obtain the tourism reference number required to apply for visa.
- Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit [eta.gov.lk](http://eta.gov.lk). Ensure you include the Tourism reference number when applying for visa.
- Before applying for a visa, ensure you have the following.
  - A pre-confirmed booking at a Level 1 'Safe & Secure Certified' hotel/s for up to 14 days depending on the duration of your stay and vaccination status. Hotel bookings could be made directly with the hotel or through a 'Safe & Secure' certified travel Agent or OTA. Visitors are allowed to move within L1 hotels and use all facilities of the hotel upon a negative PCR on arrival.  
For L1 hotel details visit [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain).
  - Pay for the mandatory COVID-19 local travel insurance cover at USD 12 for a policy of USD 50,000 up to a period of one month (including children below 2 years).
  - Pay for the PCR tests (USD 40 per PCR test) depending on the status of your vaccination.
- Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted).
- Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotels or Certified Safe & Secure travel agents. Visit [www.srilanka.travel/helloagain](http://www.srilanka.travel/helloagain) for details.

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### At the airport produce the following:

- Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (All travellers excluding children below 2 years).
- Original vaccination certificate / card (together with a certified copy of English language translation if the certificate / card is not in English or if relevant data are not indicated in English).
- Completed Health Declaration Form. A separate form should be submitted for each of the accompanying children (if any).

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### On-arrival (Day 1) PCR test

- All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at "Safe & Secure Certified L1" hotels.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival (Day 1) PCR testing. However, if the parents / guardians develop symptoms or receive positive results in on-arrival PCR tests, children will undergo PCR tests.
  - Children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

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### Exit PCR/Rapid Antigen Test

#### Not-Fully-Vaccinated Travellers (Travellers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination)

Travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination will be entitled for a shorter flexible bio-bubble period as below;

- Travellers will undergo the Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination and upon negative PCR test results, they will leave the bio-bubble.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parent
  - Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents' and should have negative results.  
However, if the exit PCR test result of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
- After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks of the recommended doses of vaccination and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

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### Exit PCR/Rapid Antigen Test

#### Not-Vaccinated Travellers

- All Travellers will perform an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 12.  
If the particular traveller departs the country before Day 14 from arrival, Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test is NOT required.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test. However, if the exit PCR test of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
  - Not-vaccinated children of 12-18 years should undergo an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 12 (after arriving in Sri Lanka).
- After the 2-week completion and verifying the negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor/in charge will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travellers from bio-bubble.



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