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## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELERS Effective November 28, 2021: Subject to Review

**TRAVELERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, ESWATINI, MOZAMBIQUE AND LESOTHO:** All travelers from South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Mozambique and Lesotho will be taken directly from the airport to Star Base Precautionary Observation Center (POC) for seven (7) days at their own expense. The cost for lodging and meals for the 7-day quarantine period plus transportation from the airport to Star Base is \$40 per night per person.

**\*EXEMPT TRAVELERS:** All arriving diplomats, **EXCEPT THOSE FROM THE ABOVE LISTED COUNTRIES**, and their families and honorary consuls are exempt from testing. Exempt travelers from the countries listed above will be taken to Star Base at the expense of their Embassy or organization. The exempt status **does not apply** to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment. In lieu of testing, all exempt incoming travelers **MUST** present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result upon arrival at the airport in Liberia. The result must be from an accredited lab and must have been conducted within 24-72 hours of arrival in Liberia. Children under five years of age are exempt from all COVID-19 testing. However, for countries that require children to be tested, the stipulated fees will apply.

**HOW TO CHECK FOR COVID-19 TEST RESULTS ONLINE:** Incoming and outgoing travelers can check for the COVID-19 test results online at <http://www.liberiacovidresult.org> 2 to 3 days after their sample was collected. To check test results online, travelers must enter the unique case identification number they were given when their test sample was collected + their year of birth. Travelers with a negative test result can request their online certificate at <http://liberiacovidtravel.org>. Travelers with a positive result will not be allowed to travel while COVID-19 positive and will be subject to Liberia's COVID-19 case management guidelines.

### IN-COMING TRAVELERS

#### Pre-Arrival

1. Before arrival, exempt and non-exempt travelers must complete a Health Screening Arrival Form via the Liberia Travel application ("Lib travel app")
  - Android link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tuma.libtravel> OR
  - Apple Store link: <https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090>

Anyone experiencing problems with the app will receive assistance at the airport.

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2. Travelers arriving from ECOWAS Countries must pay US\$50 for cost of COVID-19 testing while those arriving from countries outside the ECOWAS Region must pay US\$ 75. Payments can either be made online prior to arrival or in cash upon arrival.

### **Arrival**

1. All incoming travelers must wear a mask upon arrival. Port Health Officers will conduct a mandatory temperature check and review all travelers' symptom screening forms and flight itineraries.
2. All incoming travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, will be tested upon arrival in Liberia
3. Travelers must show proof of completion of the symptom tracker form. Travelers who did not pay the testing fee online prior to arrival must pay at the UBA banking window and provide a proof of payment before testing.
4. The National Public Health Reference Lab team will test all non-exempt travelers for COVID-19. **Travelers should ensure they provide correct contact details and will receive a unique case identification number to retrieve their test result online.**
  - a. Travelers who test negative by RDT will be required to show their negative RDT result to exit the airport.
  - b. Travelers who test positive by RDT will be transported to the nearest Treatment Unit and undergo treatment based on Liberia's Case Management Guidelines.
5. Cabin Crew, Captains, Flight Engineers and First Officers
  - All cabin crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officer with layovers less than 48 hours will be exempted from testing if they complete pre-boarding testing per their airline's policy and comply with symptom screening procedures while in Liberia.
  - On arrival at the airport, cabin crew captain, flight engineers, and first officer will complete screening and proceed to their designated flight crew hotel.
  - Crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officers with layover of more than 48 hours must follow the testing protocols below before departure.

### **PROCEDURES FOR SHORT-TERM TRAVELERS OF 1-3 DAYS DURATION**

Short-term travel, not exceeding three days in Liberia, include those with invitations from the Government of Liberia, special government-authorized missions, technical assistance, international NGOs, military advisors, and invitations from embassies. **Short-term travelers with negative PCR result whose PCR test date is still valid to exit Liberia will not need to test again.**

Short-term travelers on arrival MUST present:

- Evidence of the short stay in Liberia, e.g., airplane ticket or confirmed flight itinerary
- Contact details while in Liberia: Phone number, email, name of hotel or lodging address
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination

### **OUTGOING TRAVELERS**

1. **COVID-19 testing is available at the Union Center located on Sophia Road in Congo Town, Monrovia from 9 am to 4 pm, 7 days per week. ALL travelers are encouraged to register at <http://liberiacovidtravel.org> prior to arrival at the Union Center. To register, select "Request a Travel Certificate" and fill out the requested information. Travelers should ensure they provide correct contact details and will receive a unique identification number to retrieve their test result online.**

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2. All non-exempt departing passengers must present certification of a negative COVID-19 PCR certificate. Results of tests conducted more than three days before their flight departure will not be accepted. **HOWEVER, SOME AIRLINES MAY REQUIRE A SHORTER TESTING PERIOD. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR AIRLINE PRIOR TO TESTING.**
3. **Testing Fees:** All non-exempt outgoing travelers are required to pay a COVID-19 testing fee of US\$50 for travel within the ECOWAS region or \$75 for travel outside the ECOWAS Region. Testing fees can either be paid online when they register at <http://liberiacovidtravel.org> OR at the UBA window at the Union Center for travel within the ECOWAS Region.
4. All duly accredited Diplomats and their families are not required to test for COVID-19 upon departure. However, testing will be available at the Union Center free of charge for exempt travelers if requested. The exempt status for diplomats **does not apply** to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment.
5. All in-coming and out-going travelers at ground crossing point must show evidence of COVID-19 vaccination and are encouraged to be tested at the point of entry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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