

The Republic of South Sudan



Ministry of Health
Office of the Undersecretary



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**To: All Ports of Entry Authorities
In South Sudan**

Subject: Ministry of Health Guidance for Screening of International Travelers at Points of Entries in South Sudan

Based on the current COVID-19 decreasing epidemiological trend, in line with World Health Organizations (WHO) guidelines and increasing relaxation of COVID-19 travel measures by many countries, and recent efforts at the East African Community level to harmonize COVID-19 testing across Member States through the EAC Pass system, the Ministry of Health, Republic of South Sudan hereby directs all Points of Entry to observe the following Ministry of Health guidance for screening of international travelers in South Sudan:

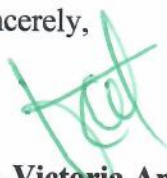
1. Presentation to port health officials of a valid SARS-COV-2 PCR negative test certificate (in line with the validity period of the country of destination) before departing from South Sudan. A hard copy of the PCR result or verifiable QR code is required from a Ministry of Health approved laboratory in South Sudan
2. Presentation to port health officials of a valid SARS-COV-2 PCR negative test certificate for a sample collected not more than 72 hours prior to arrival in South Sudan. A hard copy of the PCR result or verifiable QR code is required from a recognized laboratory from the country of origin. Exemption from this requirement maybe granted for the following categories of travelers:
 - 2.1 Crew members
 - 2.2 Medical emergencies
 - 2.3 Children not eligible for COVID-19 testing (that's children below the age of 5 years)
3. Use of Ag-RDTs for symptomatic travelers (i.e., those showing symptoms or illness consistent with COVID-19). The Ag-RDT will be administered by a designated port health official at no fee
 - 3.1 A positive Ag-RDT result for a symptomatic traveler confirms SARS CoV-2 infection, therefore case management and contact tracing protocols should be followed.
 - 3.2 A negative Ag-RDT result for a symptomatic traveler should be confirmed using a GeneXpert/PCR test (at no fee). If the result is positive, the traveler has SARS CoV-2 infection, and all case management and contact tracing protocols

should be followed. If the result is negative, the traveler has no SARS-CoV-2 infection and can proceed with their journey.

4. Ag-RDT/PCR results will be sent to an email address provided by the traveler during sample collection.
5. This travel advisory will be reviewed and updated periodically based on guidance on evolving epidemiological trends at the national, regional, and global levels.

For any queries and clarifications please contact COVID-19 Incident Management through the Public Health Emergency Operation Center. Email: sspheoc@gmail.com; Phone: 0917235355.

Sincerely,



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