



**INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**  
**NO.2 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following Measures:

1. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for Papua New Guinea or otherwise enter Papua New Guinea, unless they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 using one of the vaccines listed in Schedule 2, unless they are a citizen of Papua New Guinea or under the age of 18.
2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, a person is considered fully vaccinated if:
  - a. they have had the recommended number of doses for the vaccine as listed in Schedule 2, within the past 6 months; or
  - b. they have had the recommended number of doses for the vaccine, as listed in Schedule 2 and they have had a booster vaccine.
3. Travel operators to PNG will check all persons at check-in for the documents listed in Schedule 1, a person must not be allowed to book a flight without these documents.
4. Subject to paragraph 5, 6 and 7, no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:
  - a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 72-hour period prior to boarding at their first port of departure to PNG; and
  - b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.
5. For the purposes of paragraph 4, only Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) shall be accepted.
6. Children aged five years and under are not required to be tested in accordance with paragraph 4.





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7. For the purposes of paragraph 4 and 10:
  - a. if a person has within the last 3 months tested positive for COVID-19; and
  - b. their COVID-19 test result required under paragraph 4 and 10 is positive;a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner from their country of departure, certifying that the person is no longer infectious for COVID-19 shall be accepted in lieu of a negative COVID-19 test result.
8. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.
9. All incoming arrivals, except children under 5, shall be tested for COVID-19 on their day of arrival at the first port of arrival, the protocols and procedures for which are covered in Schedule 3.
10. Subject to paragraph 7, persons who test positive for COVID-19, shall have a second confirmatory PCR Test.





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11. If a person tests positive for COVID-19 on the PCR test:
- a. subject to paragraph 12, they shall be quarantined for 7 days at:
    - i. an approved quarantine facility (as listed in Schedule 4) the choice of which shall be the individual and at the individuals own cost; or
    - ii. at home, if the quarantine officer is satisfied that a person can safely isolate at home away from other persons (ie: in a self contained house, unit or apartment).
  - b. the quarantine officer must provide in writing to the individual a notice that they are to quarantine; and
  - c. the quarantine officer must provided information in writing (provided by the relevant authorities) to the individual as to appropriate methods of travel to an approved quarantine facility or location; and
  - d. the relevant testing organisation shall, notify the National Control Centre or the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary informing them of the positive test result.
12. A child (any person under the age of 18) who tests positive for COVID-19 shall be quarantined at home with a parent or guardian.
13. No incoming arrival may leave the port of arrival without being tested except under the following circumstances:
- a. approved in writing by the Controller to do so;
  - b. in the case of an emergency, as directed by authorised officers, including a member of the National Airports Authority or the Royal Papua New Guinean Constabulary; or
  - c. in the case of a medical emergency.



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14. Any person who refuses to be tested in accordance with paragraph 9 shall at the discretion of the Controller:
  - a. be quarantined, details of this quarantine shall be conducted on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Controller and at the individuals own cost; or
  - b. returned to their original Port of Departure, at the individuals own cost.
15. Subject to paragraph 11 and 14, no incoming arrival shall be quarantined.
16. ISOS shall test all incoming arrivals on flights coming from Australia.
17. Trackpro shall test all other incoming arrivals, for which they may charge up to K350 to an individual required to be tested upon arrival.
18. ISOS and Trakpro shall test all incoming arrivals using Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Tests (Ag-RDT).
19. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refueling.
20. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.
21. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.
22. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these Measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.





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23. A person that attempts to or does enter PNG in breach of these Measures shall be returned to their original port of departure at the cost of individual if they did not take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with these Measures.
24. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.
25. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.
26. These Measures come into effect on 16 February 2022 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

Date:



*16 February 2022*

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, O.St.J, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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**Schedule 1 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In**

- PCR Test Result (Negative)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (<https://www.pnghdf.info>)
- Proof of Vaccination – Vaccination certificate (not applicable for Citizens or Permanent Residents)

**Schedule 2 – Approved Vaccines**

<b>Vaccine Name</b>	<b>Number of Doses to be Fully Vaccinated</b>
Oxford-AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine	2
AstraZenica COVID-19 Vaccine (COVISHIELD/SII)	2
Pfizer–BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine	1
Sinopharm-BBIBP	2
CoronaVac Sinovac	2
Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine	2
Covaxin (Bharat Biotech)	2
Covovax (SIINVX-CoV2373)	2

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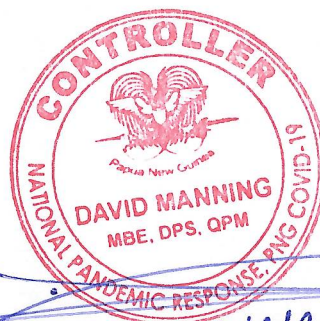


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**Schedule 3 – COVID-19 Arrival Protocols and Testing of Arriving International Passengers**

1. Location of testing – COVID-19 testing of arriving passengers must occur within the airport arrival terminal. Testing facilities must be established so that arriving passengers are tested for COVID-19 prior to proceeding to Customs and Immigration and prior to leaving the airport terminal building.
2. All arrivals shall, after exiting the plane, be tested and if they return a negative test result, arrivals will proceed to health officials and provide;
  - a. proof of vaccination – this may be electronic or physical certificate, a copy does not need to be physically provided to the health official; and
  - b. e-Health Declaration Form barcode.
3. Arrivals shall then proceed to Customs and Immigration.
4. Unless required for the purpose of conducting a COVID-19 test, or directed by an authorised officer, or otherwise exempted, arriving passengers must wear an appropriate mask at all times whilst in the airport precinct.



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**Schedule 4 – Designated Hotel and Facilities**

Holiday Inn Hotel	Lamana Hotel
Ok Tedi Mining LTD	Air Niugini Apartments
Ela Beach Hotel	Gateway Hotel
Oil Search LTD	Simberi
Grand Papua Hotel	Dixies Bungalows
Exxon Mobil	Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission
Ramu Nickel	New Tribes Mission
Hilton Hotel	AES Facilities
Hidden Valley	Northbuild Camp Facility
Stanley Hotel	TWM Roku facility
NewCrest Lihir	MSF Facilities
Airways Hotel	Dougura Isolation Facility
Summer Institute of Linguistic	NKW Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility
Comfort Inn	Kumul Petroleum Academy – Idubada
Pacific Helicopters	Liebenzell Mission International – Gordons
Hideaway Hotel	K92 Gold Mine – Kainantu
Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)	Lae International Hotel

