



## **SPECIAL TRAVEL ADVICE FOR TRAVELERS ENTERING SAMOA FROM AMERICAN SAMOA**

**Commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

The Measles Outbreak in American Samoa with imminent spread to Samoa realizes the need for vigilance at our international borders.

The Ministry of Health pursuant to section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959 hereby strongly advises that:

All Travelers (*including infants aged 6 months and above*) are **required to be vaccinated with at least a single dose of a Measles containing vaccine** before entering Samoa, even if this was given the day before.

Infants below 6 months and pregnant mother are exempted from this requirement.

A legitimate vaccine certificate/note is required before boarding and a hard copy must be presented both at check-in *and* upon arrival into Samoa for sighting. Vaccine certificates in electronic form stored on phones or other electronic devices must have a QR code.

Failure to provide a legitimate vaccination certificate, or can result in **NO BOARDING or Denied Entry** into Samoa.

### **Upon Arrival into Samoa and pursuant to section 29 of the Health Ordinance 1959:**

- a. All passengers are required to wear face masks at all times and are strongly encouraged to take precautionary and preventative measures within the first seven days of arrival.
- b. Passengers must submit to a Nasal pharyngeal Swab for PCR testing upon request by Health Officials at the Airport.
- c. If you are experiencing any Signs and symptoms of measles include **fever, dry cough, redness or swelling in eyes or eyelids or watery eyes; sensitivity to light; runny nose, sneezing, reddish-brown rash that starts from the head and spreads throughout the whole body; feeling of tiredness and body aches, and loss of appetite.** Seek medical attention immediately if anyone in your household has these symptoms.
- d. Inform the Healthcare worker (Doctor, Nurse etc) of your recent travel history.

**TRAVELLERS AND CREW ENTERING SAMOA MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED IN THIS TRAVEL ADVICE.** The compliance of all travelers with the conditions listed is imperative in ensuring the safety of all travelers and your families in Samoa.





The Ministry of Health appreciates your full cooperation and patience as we work together in preventing the spread of and minimizing the impact of communicable diseases in Samoa. We pray for your safe travel to Samoa.

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