

Health Protocol for Arrivals to Sri Lanka Tourism Travel Bio Bubble

Valid for arrivals from 19th August 2021.

1 Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa and optional for dual citizens, valid resident visa holders, Sri Lankan citizens who opt to come under the tourism route. No prior approval required from Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Civil Aviation Authority. There is no minimum duration of stay in Sri Lanka.

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. Tourists arriving from India (including transit) have a separate health protocol and please visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain for details.

2 Prior to boarding, travelers are required to:

- Have a valid tourist visa. All visas must be applied online. Visit eta.gov.lk.
- 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 15 days depending on the duration of your stay and vaccination status. Hotel booking/s could be made directly with the hotel or through '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 more information please visit 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. (Refer 'Table 1' below).
- Have a negative PCR test done within 72 hours prior to embarkation (Children below 2 years are exempted). Also, please check the requirements of your airlines.

Airport transfers to be arranged by either the respective Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel or Certified Safe & Secure travel agent.

All travelers should undergo On Arrival (Day One) COVID-19 PCR tests;

- Children between 2- 12 years of age will be exempted from On Arrival (Day One) PCR testing ONLY if they are following the not-fully vaccinated route.
- Children below 2 years are exempted from PCR testing. However, if the parents/guardians develop symptoms or result in positive PCR test reports, children will undergo PCR tests.

COVID-19 recovered passengers travelling to Sri Lanka with one dose of vaccine will be considered as 'fully vaccinated'. The vaccination certificate should indicate that the vaccination course has been completed following the administration of one dose.

3 At the airport produce the following:

- Negative COVID-19 PCR report (English) taken within 72 hours prior to embarkation (All travelers 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). Also, for travelers who have recovered from Covid 19 with one vaccination dose to submit a valid document (in English) certifying the information. (Refer 6.1. below)
- Completed Health Declaration Form.

4 Fully Vaccinated Travelers

4.1 Travelers who have completed the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving after 2 weeks of completion of vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated travelers. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin is acceptable.

4.2 On arrival PCR test

- Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel until the on-arrival PCR test is performed (for 24-48 hours).
- Upon a negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test report, vaccinated travelers can leave the bio-bubble. The respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" upon verifying the status of vaccination and PCR test results.
- Unvaccinated children between 2-18 years are allowed to leave the bio-bubble with fully vaccinated parents upon a negative on arrival PCR test.
- After leaving the bio-bubble, travelers are not allowed to re-enter the Tourism bio-bubble (i.e., stay at 'L1 Safe and Secure Certified' hotels are not permitted upon leaving the bio-bubble. If you decide to leave the bio-bubble, it is strongly recommended to use the 'Certified Safe and Secure' hotels (non- L1) for the rest of your journey).

4.3 Fully vaccinated adults who have not arrived from / have no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country (Please visit: www.srilanka.travel/helloagain) in the past 14 days and were discharged from an 'L1 Safe & Secure Certified' hotel with a negative on arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR report, are exempted from 2nd PCR test.

- Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who left the bio-bubble with the fully vaccinated parents and negative on arrival (Day 1) PCR test results, should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day 10 after arriving in Sri Lanka. Ministry of Health approved private sector or state sector laboratory test are accepted and the area MOH should be informed of the results immediately by telephone or email.
- The respective Safe and Secure L1 hotel/Travel Agent is responsible to arrange and ensure the travelers perform the 2nd PCR test and submit the results duly.

5 Not Fully Vaccinated Travelers

5.1 Travelers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination/not completed the recommended doses of vaccination/departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination will be considered as not fully vaccinated travelers.

5.2 On Arrival PCR

Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel/s for the first 15 days of the visit and undergo an on-arrival PCR test. Travelers are allowed to stay at any number of Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotels and are permitted to use all facilities of the hotel upon a negative on-arrival PCR test. Travelers are also allowed to visit approved tourist sites in a bio bubble. For more information please visit www.srilanka.travel/helloagain.

5.3 2nd PCR Test

Travelers who have not completed two weeks after the vaccination

- Travelers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination will be entitled for a shorter bio-bubble period as below;
 - Travelers will undergo the 2nd PCR test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination and upon negative PCR test results, they shall leave the bio-bubble.
 - Unvaccinated children below 18 years can be released with the parents. Children of 2 - 18 years shall perform exit PCR tests on similar dates as their parents' and should have negative reports.

Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who have been released within the first 10 days after arriving in Sri Lanka with the parents who have completed two weeks post-vaccination period after arrival in Sri Lanka, should undergo a PCR test on Day 10 (if not subjected to a PCR test between Day 6 -10 after arrival in Sri Lanka).

 - Children under 2 years are exempted from PCR tests; However, if the exit PCR test of an accompanying traveler 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 2-week completion of the recommended doses of vaccination and negative PCR test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travelers from bio-bubble.

5.4 2nd PCR Test

Not-vaccinated

- All Travelers will perform the 2nd PCR (Exit PCR) on Day 14.
- If the particular traveler departs the country before Day 14 from arrival, 2nd PCR is NOT required.
- Children below 2 years are exempted from exit COVID-19 PCR test. However, if the exit PCR test of an accompanying traveler of the child is positive for COVID-19, child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
- Upon negative exit PCR test result, travelers can leave the bio-bubble on completion of Day 14 and go into the community. The respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor will issue a "Discharge Document" and release the travelers from bio-bubble.

6 Travellers with a past history of COVID-19

6.1 Travelers with a past history of COVID-19, carrying a valid document certifying COVID-19 illness (in English) and departed between 28 - 90 days from the date of positive COVID-19 Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)** will be considered under this category.

Such travellers should arrive after getting at least a single dose of Astra Zeneca/ Pfizer BioNTech/ Moderna/ Johnson & Johnson vaccine or any other single dose COVID-19 vaccine recommended. This vaccine should be given 14 days after the positive NAAT** and 14 days before departure.

** This certificate should contain the name of the person, dates and names of the positive NAAT**

6.2 Stay at a Certified Safe & Secure L1 hotel for 24-48 hours until the on-arrival PCR test (Day 1) report is available and NO further quarantine is necessary if the test report is negative.

Hotel Doctor at Safe & Secure Certified Level 1 Hotel should discharge the traveller by issuing a "Discharge Document" after verifying the vaccination status and the document certifying history of COVID-19.

Children below 18 years will be allowed to leave the bio-bubble with the parents by adhering to following measures:

- Children of 2-18 years are subjected to an on arrival (Day 1) PCR testing and they should have negative results.
- Children below 2 years will not be subjected to on arrival PCR testing and will be allowed to leave bio-bubble with the parents. However, if the on arrival (Day1) PCR testing of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, child below 2 years will also be subjected to PCR testing subsequently.

6.3 No 2nd PCR for the adults who have not arrived/ no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country (Please visit: www.srilanka.travel/helloagain) in the past 14 days and discharged from an 'L1 Safe & Secure Certified' hotel with an on arrival (Day 1) negative COVID-19 PCR report.

Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who left the bio-bubble with the parents should undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on Day 10 after arriving in Sri Lanka. Ministry of Health approved private sector or state sector laboratory tests are accepted and the area MOH should be informed of the results immediately by telephone or email.

The respective Safe and Secure L1 hotel/Travel Agent is responsible to ensure the travelers perform the 2nd PCR test and submit the results duly.



Table 1 (Summary of the PCR testing)

1 st PCR Test					
Status	When	Adults	< 2 Years	2-12 Years	12-18 Years
Fully Vaccinated	On arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Not Vaccinated	On arrival	Yes	No	No	Yes
Vaccination incomplete (Due to 2 week period)	On arrival	Yes	No	No	Yes
Travellers with a past history of COVID-19	On arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
2 nd PCR Test					
Status	When	Adults	< 2 Years	2-12 Years	12-18 Years
Fully Vaccinated	Day 10 after arrival	No	No	Yes	Yes
Not Vaccinated	Day 14 after arrival	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Not Vaccinated (If departing the country before 14 days from arrival)	No 2 nd PCR				
Vaccination incomplete (Due to 2-week period)	On Completion of Day 14 from the recommended doses of vaccination (Entitled for a shorter bubble period)	Yes	No	Yes*	Yes*
Travellers with a past history of COVID-19	Day 10 after arrival	No	No	Yes	Yes

i) ** Unvaccinated children of 2-18 years who have been released within the first 10 days after arriving in Sri Lanka with the parents who have completed two weeks post-vaccination period after arrival in Sri Lanka, should undergo a PCR test on day 10 (if not subjected to a PCR test between day 6 to day 10 after arrival in Sri Lanka).

ii) If the travellers who are in the bio-bubble at an 'L1 Safe & Secure Certified' hotel want to travel to a foreign country (during the bio-bubble period), they have to undergo a PCR test (Pre-departure PCR test) and obtain negative results. The 'L1 Safe & Secure Certified' hotel is responsible to arrange and ensure the travelers perform this PCR test from the Ministry of Health approved Private Sector or State Sector Laboratory.

iii) If required by the final destination, all travellers have to do the Pre-departure PCR test.

Nucleic Acid Amplification Test, or NAAT,

This is a type of viral diagnostic test for SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. NAATS detect genetic material (nucleic acids). NAATS for SARS-CoV-2 specifically identify the RNA (ribonucleic acid) sequences that comprise the genetic material of the virus. NAATS can use many different methods to amplify nucleic acids and detect the virus, including:

- Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)
- Isothermal amplification including:
 - Nicking endonuclease amplification reaction (NEAR)
 - Transcription mediated amplification (TMA)
 - Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)
 - Helicase-dependent amplification (HDA)
 - Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats (CRISPR)
 - Strand displacement amplification (SDA)