

## REPUBLIC OF SURINAME



### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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#### **COVID-19 Measures for Passengers travelling to The Republic of Suriname**

Considering the recent COVID-19 developments, it is necessary to convey the updated provisions of the Republic of Suriname for persons travelling to Suriname. In determining the conditions and protocols specific to the relevant country or region from which the person comes directly, the current Incidence Rate (IR)<sup>1</sup> of the countries and the circulation of 'variants of concern' are used. Based on the IR, there are specific conditions that a traveler must meet.

Starting January 22, 2022, all persons traveling to Suriname will have to show proof of full vaccination to enter Suriname.

**a) Persons who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 from high-risk countries IR > 1**

The following documents are required:

- Proof of complete vaccination with a WHO EUL COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 recovery certificate not older than six (6) months.
- Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result not older than 48 hours, issued by an accredited medical test entity, before departure.
- Valid travel documents.
- Medical insurance/COVID-19 insurance (with at least 30-day coverage)
- Yellow fever certificate for persons traveling from or transiting countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

After arrival in Suriname passengers will have to observe the following:

- i. A SARS-CoV-2 antigen test must be taken 3 days after arrival in Suriname at one of the following test locations:
  - The Bureau of Public Health Suriname (BOG)
  - MeDiLab
  - Mylab
  - The Academic Hospital (AZ)
  - Health Control

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bogsuriname.com/incidentie-landen/>

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#### **b) Persons who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 from low or medium-risk countries IR < 1**

The following documents are required:

- Proof of complete vaccination with a WHO EUL COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 recovery certificate not older than six (6) months.
- Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result issued by an accredited medical test entity not older than 72 hours before departure or a negative SAR-CoV-2 antigen test result within 24 hours before departure.
- Valid travel documents.
- Medical insurance/COVID-19 insurance (with at least 30-day coverage)
- Yellow fever certificate for persons traveling from or transiting countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

For above passengers (a and b) traveling to Suriname, it is advised to observe a seven (7) day self- or home-quarantine after arrival.

#### **c) Guyana and French Guyana**

**Exception on the Incidence Rate list for persons who have stayed in Guyana or French Guyana at least 14 days and are travelling to Suriname.** Aforementioned persons will have to show proof of full vaccination or a COVID-19 recovery certificate not older than six (6) months and present a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result not older than 24 hours to enter Suriname.

#### **d) Exception will be made for persons who are not or not-fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to travel to Suriname.**

The following categories of persons can apply for an entry permit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation; [conza@gov.sr](mailto:conza@gov.sr)

- i. Surinamese Residents (Repatriants)
- ii. Diplomats
- iii. Persons who in connection with the death of a relative or visit of a seriously ill relative (only first-degree relatives)

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The applicable conditions are:

- Immediately after arrival in Suriname a 7-day compulsory home quarantine must be observed.
- Presentation of a Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result not older than 48 hours before departure.
- A SARS-CoV-2 antigen test must be taken 3 days after arrival in Suriname.
- Valid travel documents.
- For the repatriants a proof of permanent residency in Suriname must be provided when applying for an entry permit.
- **For category iii:**
  - Medical insurance/COVID-19 insurance (with at least 30 days coverage).
  - Yellow fever certificate for persons traveling from or transiting countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

**Note:** the 7-day compulsory home quarantine will be waived for category ii and iii

#### e) **Not or not fully vaccinated persons traveling abroad**

Traveling abroad (outbound) from Suriname in the period from January 22, 2022, until further notice is possible, provided that persons travel to their country of birth or residence or a country of which they have the nationality.

Surinamese residents who need to travel abroad must take into account the entry measures of those countries to which they travel to as well as the entry measures for re-entering Suriname. Entry permission to return to Suriname must be requested via [conza@gov.sr](mailto:conza@gov.sr)

#### **Important Information:**

- A person is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the last COVID-19 vaccination shot (for Johnson & Johnson/Jansen, only 1 shot is required).
- Fully vaccinated also includes persons who after being tested positive for COVID-19, from 14 days to 6 months ago with a COVID-19 recovery certificate showing the relevant test results (SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR and CT value).
- The vaccines accepted are: AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), AZD1222 (SK Bioscience Co Ltd.), Covishield, Janssen, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinopharm and Sinovac.
- The following vaccines are also accepted Soberana 1, 2, plus or Abdala or Spoutnik V under the condition that travelers also present a negative SARS-

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CoV-2 PCR test result not older than 48 hours issued by an accredited medical test entity before departure and a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test must be taken 3 days after arrival in Suriname. The test condition is regardless of the incidence rate of the departing country.

- Children under the age of 18 years are exempted from the vaccination requirement.
- Children under the age of 12 years are exempted from the requirement to present a Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR or a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result.
- Vaccination against yellow fever is required if arriving within six (6) days after leaving or transiting countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. The yellow fever certificate must be issued 10 days before arrival.

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