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MANAGEMENT OF PASSENGERS AT ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Reference is made to your letter dated 15 September 2020, reference UCAA/08/EIA/3.

Following H.E. The President's directive to open Entebbe International Airport and other Border Entry Points with effect from 1st October 2020, Ministry of Health would like to guide you on the requirements for incoming and outgoing passengers amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic. Standard Operating Procedures need to be followed in order to control the spread of COVID-19 into Uganda or from our country to abroad. The procedures will affect both incoming and outbound passengers as indicated below:

Incoming passengers

- a) Every Passenger must come with a **NEGATIVE PCR COVID 19** test done within 72 hours before arrival in Uganda. Airlines must be instructed not to board any passengers coming to Uganda, without a **negative PCR COVID-19 test**.
- b) Any foreign passengers arriving without a negative PCR test should not be allowed to enter the country and must go back with the airline that brought them.
- c) The PCR test must have been done from a laboratory **approved by the country** where the journey was initiated.
- d) On arrival, all passengers will be scanned / screened for temperature and other signs of infectious diseases by the Port Health Team supported by Ministry of Health.

A passenger who shows signs and symptoms of an infectious disease on arrival will be put in a waiting ambulance and taken to an isolation center (Entebbe Hospital) where infectious disease checks and a Sample for COVID-19 test will be carried out. Results will be returned within 24- 48 hours as the passenger remains in the isolation center.

- e) If a passenger tests positive for COVID 19 he/she will be taken to the COVID 19 treatment center, whether Ugandan or Foreign national. If a foreign national wishes to be repatriated for treatment in another facility outside Uganda, this will be done at their own cost following COVID 19 medical evacuation protocol.
- f) In the unlikely event that a returning Ugandan arrives without a PCR Test, he/she will be allowed to enter the country but will have a COVID-19 test done at his / her own cost (US\$65), and also quarantined at his/her own cost until results are back.
- g) Tour Agencies should be advised to closely monitor the health conditions of the tourists for the duration of their stay in the country.
- h) Any situation deviating from the above will be handled on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Health.

Outgoing Passengers

- a) A Passenger leaving Uganda will ensure he/she has a **NEGATIVE COVID 19 PCR** test done within 72 hours before boarding
- b) In special circumstances where Passengers are not required to present a negative COVID 19 PCR test in the countries of destination, such passengers should ensure they have a clearance from the country they are travelling to and will be allowed to board.
- c) A Passenger who shows up with signs and symptoms of an infectious disease as detected by Port Health staff will not be allowed to board but will be taken to an isolation facility for medical investigation and treatment.

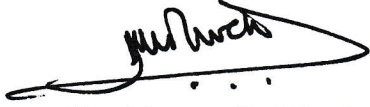
The guidelines apply to all airports / aerodromes in the country for all incoming / departing international flights.

These guidelines have been compiled in consultation with the current International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) guidelines and regional airports practices of COVID 19 SOPs.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Health will not establish a COVID-19 testing lab at the airport, as earlier requested.



For any further clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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