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## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL FOR INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRAVELERS

The purpose of these guidelines is to protect Liberia from further spread of COVID-19 and to limit the spread of COVID-

#### SUMMARY POINTS:

- 1. All travelers must wear a mask during transit and upon arrival in Liberia.
- 2. ALL incoming travelers MUST present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result upon arrival at the airport in Liberia. The result must be from an accredited lab and must have been conducted within 96 hours of arrival in Liberia.
- 3. All non-exempt\* incoming travelers will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in Liberia.
- 4. ALL incoming travelers must show their flight itinerary upon arrival.
- 5. Outgoing travelers must show proof of a negative PCR test result conducted within 3 days of their departure flight. The testing fee is US\$50 for travel within the ECOWAS Region and US\$ 75 for travel outside of ECOWAS Region. This fee will be used to support the costs associated with the COVID-19 outbreak response, e.g. testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and data management.

\*EXEMPT TRAVELERS: All arriving diplomats and their families and honorary consuls are exempt from testing. The exempt status does not apply to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment. In lieu of testing, all exempt incoming travelers MUST present a negative PCR COVID-19 test result upon arrival at the airport in Liberia. The result must be from an accredited lab and must have been conducted within 96 hours of arrival in Liberia. Children under five years of age are exempt from all COVID-19 testing. However, for countries that require children to be tested, the stipulated fee will apply.

HOW TO CHECK FOR COVID-19 TEST RESULTS ONLINE: Incoming and outgoing travelers can check for the COVID-19 test results online at http://www.liberiacovidresult.org 2 to 3 days after their sample was collected. To check test results online, travelers must enter the unique case identification number they were given when their test sample was collected + their year of birth.

## IN-COMING TRAVELERS

### Pre-Arrival

- 1. Before arrival, exempt and non-exempt travelers must complete a Health Screening Arrival Form via the Liberia Travel application ("Lib travel app")
  - Android link: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tuma.libtravel OR

Apple Store link: <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090">https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090</a>

Anyone experiencing problems with the app will receive assistance at the airport.

 Travelers arriving from ECOWAS Countries must pay US\$50 for cost of COVID-19 testing while those arriving from countries outside the ECOWAS Region must pay US\$ 75. Payments can either be made online prior to arrival or in cash upon arrival.

#### Arrival

- Port Health Officers will conduct a mandatory temperature check and review all travelers' symptom screening forms and flight itineraries.
- All incoming travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, must present proof of a negative PCR COVID-19
  test result upon arrival at the airport in Liberia. The result must be from an accredited lab and must have been
  conducted within 96 hours of arrival in Liberia.
- 3. All non-exempt incoming travelers will be tested for COVID-19 in Liberia.
- Travelers must show proof of payment and completion of the symptom tracker form. Travelers who did not pay
  the testing fee online prior to arrival must pay at the UBA banking window and provide a proof of payment before
  testing.
- The National Public Health Reference Lab team will test all non-exempt travelers for COVID-19. Travelers should
  ensure they provide correct contact details and will receive a unique case identification number to retrieve their
  test result online.
- 6. Exempt travelers who do not provide a valid negative COVID-19 test result will also be tested upon arrival. Voluntary testing will be available at the airport free of charge for exempt travelers, if desired.
- 7. Travelers who test PCR positive for COVID-19 will undergo treatment based on Liberia's case management guidelines.
- 8. It is strongly recommended that ALL INCOMING TRAVELERS stay home for 7 days and self-monitor their symptoms via the Lib Travel app for a period of 14 days, beginning the day after arrival in Liberia.
- 9. Cabin Crew, Captains, Flight Engineers and First Officers
  - All cabin crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officer with layovers less than 48 hours will be exempted from testing if they complete pre-boarding testing per their airline's policy and comply with symptom screening procedures while in Liberia.
  - On arrival at the airport, cabin crew captain, flight engineers, and first officer will complete screening and proceed to their designated flight crew hotel.
  - Crew, captains, flight engineers, and first officers with layover of more than 48 hours must follow the testing protocols below before departure.

## **OUTGOING TRAVELERS**

COVID-19 testing is available at the Union Center located on Sophia Road in Congo Town, Monrovia from 9 am
to 4 pm, 7 days per week. ALL travelers are encouraged to register at <a href="http://libeiracovidtravel.org">http://libeiracovidtravel.org</a> prior to arrival
at the Union Center. To register, select "Request a Travel Certificate" and fill out the requested information. Please
take along with you your passport and travel ticket, when going for your test.

- 2. All non-exempt departing passengers must present certification of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result from a test that was conducted by Liberia's National Public Health Reference Laboratory within 3 days of their flight. Results of tests conducted more than three days before their flight departure will not be accepted. Example: If their flight leaves on Friday, travelers should be tested at Union Center on the Tuesday prior to their flight. HOWEVER, SOME AIRLINES MAY REQUIRE A SHORTER TESTING PERIOD. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR AIRLINE PRIOR TO TESTING.
- Testing Fees: All non-exempt outgoing travelers are required to pay a COVID-19 testing fee of US\$50 for travel
  within the ECOWAS region or \$75 for travel outside the ECOWAS Region. Testing fees can either be paid online
  when they register at <a href="http://libeiracovidtravel.org">http://libeiracovidtravel.org</a> OR at the UBA window at the Union Center for travel within the
  ECOWAS Region.

EXPEDITED TESTS: Travelers can request an expedited test and result certificate (within 24 hours) for an additional charge of \$100. Example: Travelers flying to an ECOWAS country will pay \$150 for an expedited test (\$50 testing fee + \$100 expedited fee). Travelers whose destination is a non-ECOWAS country will pay \$175 for an expedited test (\$75 testing fee + \$100 expedited fee).

- 4. All duly accredited Diplomats and their families are not required to test for COVID-19 upon departure. However, testing will be available at the Union Center free of charge for exempt travelers if requested. The exempt status for diplomats does not apply to Liberian diplomats without foreign assignment. PLEASE NOTE: Although the Government of Liberia does not require exempt outgoing travelers to be tested for COVID-19, airlines may nevertheless require proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from all travelers prior to boarding the plane regardless of exempt status. DIPLOMATS REQUESTING EXPEDITED RESULTS (WITHIN 24 HOURS) MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE \$100 EXPEDITED FEE.
- 5. Travelers with a negative test result can request their online certificate at <a href="http://libeiracovidtravel.org">http://libeiracovidtravel.org</a>

6. Travelers with a positive result will not be allowed to travel while COVID-19 positive and will be subject to Liberia's COVID-19 case management guidelines.

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