



Republic of Zambia
Ministry of Health

**PRESS RELEASE ON THE LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN UNION TRUSTED PLATFORM
FOR THE VERIFICATION OF THE COVID19 CERTIFICATES
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Good morning members of the press and all fellow Zambians.

As many countries globally lift travel restrictions, we remain cautious of the continued transmission of the COVID-19 causing SARS-CoV-2. To ensure safety of travellers and populations in countries they travel to, many countries have varying regulations including evidence of having tested negative to SARS-CoV-2 in country of origin a few days prior to travel. In Zambia, one must have tested negative to SARS-CoV-2 using Polymerase Chain Reaction Tests at-least 72 hours prior to entry.

Aligned to International Health Regulations and as part of the efforts to control and prevent the COVID-19 transmission, the African Union (AU), and the Africa CDC in collaboration with PanaBios have introduced the Africa CDC Trusted Travel Initiative to support AU member States harmonise point-of-entry screening systems and entry regulations.

The Zambian Government remains aligned to the various statutes of the AU and in this regard, will utilise the Africa CDC Trusted Travel Initiative (TTI) for screening travellers entering and exiting the Country effective 1 July 2021.

As part of assuring the test results are accurate, laboratories providing testing facilities for travellers should be accredited by the Africa CDC TTI. So far, in Zambia, the Virology Laboratory and the Paediatric Center of Excellence Laboratory in both the University Teaching Hospitals as well as the Arthur Davison Children's Hospital in Ndola are the only Africa CDC TTI accredited laboratories. In this regards, any results from tests performed outside the realms of the accredited laboratories will not be accepted by countries aligned. The Government has put in place a strategy to get more of its laboratories accredited and ensure smooth travel arrangements. We will continue to update the travel advisory as the list of accredited laboratories grows.

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Prior to travel, ensure to register into the Africa CDC TTI portal. You will find information on where the accredited laboratories are on the platform; and may choose to pick the laboratory convenient to you. Swabbing to get specimen for testing will be done at the existing travel clinic sites in the country and they will arrange transportation of samples to the laboratories. The laboratories are responsible for entering results and a unique Trusted Travel Test code (TT code) on to the Africa CDC TTI platform. You will receive notification of your unique TT code by text from PanaBios and a link from the laboratory through email that will allow you to create your travel account and access your Travel Code (TC). The travel Code is availed when the test results satisfy the requirements of both the country of exit and destination. All this is actioned on the www.trustedtravel.panabios.org. You may visit the same platform for more detailed instructions. If one is traveling from a non-TTI country, they must upload a copy of their results on the Global Health System (GHS) www.globalhaven.org for authentication before travel. Travellers encountering challenges with the use of the TTI and GHS are assured of technical support on globalhaven@panabios.org.

It is important to note that the uploading of false documents is a liable offence and will undermine your ability to travel globally.



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