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COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL FOR INCOMING AND OUTGOING TRAVELERS

The purpose of these guidelines is to protect Liberia from the entry and further spread of COVID-19 from Liberia or to other countries.

PLEASE NOTE: **Different countries and airlines require proof of PCR or antigen rapid diagnostic COVID-19 tests ranging from 24 -72 hours before the date of departure from Liberia. Travelers leaving Liberia are responsible for checking the entry requirements of their destination country.**

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*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: Outgoing travelers and non-travelers who have had a COVID-19 PCR test can check for the COVID-19 test results online at http://www.liberiacovidresult.org 1 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: https://apps.apple.com/us/apps/lib-travel/id1537552090

Anyone experiencing problems with the app will receive assistance at the Roberts International Airport (RIA) in Liberia.

2. 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
1. Port Health Officers will conduct a mandatory temperature check and review all travelers' symptom screening forms and flight itineraries.

2. All incoming travelers, **regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status**, must present proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test result conducted at an accredited lab within 96 hours of arrival in Liberia.

3. 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.

4. The National Public Health Reference Lab team will test all non-exempt travelers for COVID-19 with a rapid antigen COVID-19 test upon arrival in Liberia.
   - Travelers who test negative by RDT will be required to show their negative RDT result to exit the airport.
   - Travelers who test positive by RDT will be transported to the Star Base COVID-19 Treatment Unit.

5. Exempt travelers who do not provide a valid negative COVID-19 test result will also be tested upon arrival.

6. **It is strongly recommended that ALL INCOMING TRAVELERS who test negative 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.

7. 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.

PROCEDURES FOR SHORT-TERM TRAVELERS OF 1-3 DAYS DURATION
Short-term travel, not exceeding 3 days in Liberia, include those with invitations from the Government of Liberia, special government-authorized missions, technical assistance, international NGOs, military advisors, and invitations from embassies. **Short-term travelers whose PCR test date is still valid to exit Liberia will not need to test again.**

Short-term travelers on arrival MUST present:

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- Evidence of the short stay in Liberia, e.g., airplane ticket or confirmed flight itinerary
- Contact details while in Liberia: Phone number, email, name of hotel or lodging address

OUTGOING TRAVELERS

1. 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.**

2. **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 http://liberiacovidtravel.org prior to arrival at the Union Center. To register, select "Request a Travel Certificate" and fill out the requested information. **Travelers should ensure they provide correct contact details and will receive a unique identification number to retrieve their test result online.**

3. **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 http://liberiacovidtravel.org **OR** at the UBA window at the Union Center for travel within the ECOWAS Region.

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.**

5. Travelers with a negative test result can request their online certificate at http://liberiacovidtravel.org

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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