

COVID-19 (Quarantine) Regulations 2021

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THE QUARANTINE ACT 2020

Regulations made by the Minister under section 13 of the Quarantine Act 2020

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the **COVID-19 (Quarantine) Regulations 2021**.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations —

"Act" means the Quarantine Act 2020;

"aircraft" has the same meaning as in the Civil Aviation Act;

"airport" means the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport;

"ATOL" means the Airport Terminal Operations Ltd;

"child" means a person under the age of 18;

"COVID-19" means the virus known as the novel coronavirus (2019-n CoV) or SARS CoV2;

"infected", in relation to COVID-19, means suffering from, or in the incubation stage of, or contaminated with, COVID-19;

"MTPA" means the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority established under the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority Act;

"parent", in relation to a child —

(a) means his father, mother, legal guardian or caregiver;

(b) means his step father or step mother; and

(c) includes any other person who has the custody, or is in control, of the child;

"private health institution" means a private health institution licensed under the Private Health Institutions Act;

"quarantine" means —

(a) the separation from persons who may be infected with COVID-19,

(b) the segregation and the separation from, and interdiction of communication with, persons who are infected with COVID-19;

"quarantine certificate" means a certificate in the form set out in the First Schedule;

"quarantine facility" —

(a) means a place or hotel designated by the Minister for the confinement of persons; but

(b) does not include a resort hotel;

"quarantine period" means the quarantine period declared by the Minister to be in force in Mauritius by virtue of section 4 of the Act;

"RT-PCR test" means the COVID-19 Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test;

"SICOM" means the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Limited;

"transit passenger" means a passenger in transit for less than 24 hours and holding an onward reservation on the same

aircraft or interlining at the airport, provided that the passenger does not check out at the airport.

3. Application of regulations

(1) These regulations shall be in addition to, and not in derogation from, the Quarantine Regulations 1953.

(2) In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between these regulations and the Quarantine Regulations 1953, these regulations shall prevail.

4. PCR test and assessment

(1) For the purposes of these regulations —

(a) a PCR test is carried out on a person by taking the person's biological sample, including a sample of the person's respiratory secretions or blood by appropriate means or by swabbing the person's nasopharyngeal cavity, or by requiring the person to provide such a sample; and

(b) any other assessment may be carried out in relation to that person.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), an assessment may require the person to —

(a) answer questions about his health or other relevant circumstances, including travel history and information about other persons with whom he may have travelled or had contact with;

(b) produce any document which may assist in assessing his health;

(c) provide his contact details or such other sufficient information so that he may be contacted immediately.

- (3) Where the person is a child, the parent of the child shall —
- (a) allow a PCR test to be carried out on the child;
 - (b) ensure that the child answers questions in accordance with paragraph (2)(a);
 - (c) produce any document, required under paragraph (2)(b), on the child's behalf;
 - (d) provide such information as may be required under paragraph (2)(c); and
 - (e) answer the questions where the child is unable to do so or cannot reliably do so.

(4) Any person who is tested as being infected with COVID-19 shall, forthwith, be transferred to a hospital for treatment.

5. Period of confinement

(1) For the purpose of section 7 of the Act, the period during which a person is to be confined in a quarantine facility shall be for a minimum period of 14 clear days, excluding the first day on which the person is confined.

(2) On the fourteenth day of being confined in a quarantine facility, the quarantine officer shall carry out another medical examination on the person by taking a biological sample from that person, including a sample of that person's respiratory secretions or blood by appropriate means or by swabbing that person's nasopharyngeal cavity, or by requiring the person to provide such a sample.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where a person from whom a biological sample is taken pursuant to paragraph (2) is tested as not being infected with COVID-19, the person shall be released from the quarantine facility.

- (4) A person who is tested as not being infected with COVID-19 shall —
- (a) not be released from the quarantine facility; and
 - (b) be confined for another minimum period of 7 clear days,

where another person, who is confined in that quarantine facility, is tested as being infected with COVID-19.

(5) Where a person is to be confined in a quarantine facility, the quarantine officer shall issue to that person a certificate of quarantine.

(6) Any person who is tested as being infected with COVID-19 shall, forthwith, be transferred to a hospital for treatment.

6. Persons travelling from abroad

(1) Any person who intends to travel to Mauritius shall book a quarantine facility or resort hotel.

(2) (a) Every non-citizen, except a non-citizen staying in a resort hotel shall, on booking his quarantine facility, pay, in addition to his lodging expenses, to the quarantine facility a non-refundable fee of 12,000 rupees.

(b) The quarantine facility shall, on receipt of the nonrefundable fee under subparagraph (a), remit, on behalf of the non-citizen —

- (i) not later than 7 days after his arrival into Mauritius, a sum of 2,000 rupees to ATOL, through MTPA, in respect of the expenses specified in item 1 of the Second Schedule that ATOL shall incur;
- (ii) a sum of 9,500 rupees to the Ministry in respect of the expenses specified in items 2 to 6 of the Second Schedule that the Ministry shall incur; and
- (iii) a sum of 500 rupees, through MTPA, to SICOM.

(3) (a) Every non-citizen who stays in a resort hotel shall, on booking his resort hotel, pay, in addition to his lodging expenses, to the resort hotel a non-refundable fee of 2,500 rupees.

(b) The resort hotel shall, on receipt of the non-refundable fee under subparagraph (a), remit, on behalf of the non-citizen —

- (i) not later than 7 days after his arrival in Mauritius, a sum of 2,000 rupees to ATOL, through MTPA, in respect of the expenses specified in item 1 of the Third Schedule that ATOL shall incur; and
- (ii) a sum of 500 rupees, through MTPA, to SICOM.

(4) The Minister may exempt the following persons from payment of the fees required to be paid under this regulation —

- (a) the Head of any State on official visit; and
- (b) the Prime Minister of any State on official visit.

7. Mandatory RT-PCR test for persons travelling from abroad

(1) (a) Every person shall, on arrival, undergo a RT-PCR test at the airport.

(b) Subparagraph (a) shall not apply to a member of an airline crew on duty and to a transit passenger.

(2) (a) A person who stays in a quarantine facility shall —

- (i) on the seventh day, excluding the day of his arrival, undergo a second RT-PCR test; and
- (ii) on the fourteenth day, excluding the day of his arrival, undergo a third RT-PCR test.

(b) The RT-PCR test to be conducted on a person referred to in subparagraph (a) shall be conducted at the quarantine facility.

(3) (a) A person who stays in a resort hotel shall, depending on the number of days he stays in Mauritius, undergo such number of RT-PCR tests as may be applicable during his stay.

(b) The RT-PCR test to be conducted on a person referred to in subparagraph (a) shall be conducted at a private health institution on payment of such fee as the private health institution may determine.

(c) The resort hotel where a person stays shall make appropriate arrangements for the RT-PCR test to be conducted on the person at a private health institution.

8. Obligations of private health institutions

(1) Every private health institution shall, on a daily basis, inform the Ministry of the number of RT-PCR tests which it conducts.

(2) (a) Every private health institution which conducts a RT-PCR test shall, as soon as the result of the test is obtained, forthwith communicate it to the Ministry.

(b) Where the result of the test referred to in subparagraph (a) is positive, the result shall be provided to the Ministry together with the sample.

9. Offences

Any person who —

- (a) refuses to be confined in a quarantine facility;
- (b) refuses to undergo a PCR test or an assessment;
- (c) absconds, or attempts to abscond, from the quarantine facility where he is confined;
- (d) provides false or misleading information whilst being assessed under regulation 5(2);
- (e) obstructs, whilst being confined in a quarantine facility, another person in the discharge of his functions under these regulations;
- (f) enters or remains, without the authorisation of a quarantine officer, in a quarantine facility;
- (g) whilst being in a quarantine facility, damages any property therein;
- (h) fraudulently abstracts anything not belonging to himself from a quarantine facility; or
- (i) otherwise contravenes these regulations,

shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

10. Revocation

The Quarantine (COVID-19) Regulations 2020 are revoked.

11. Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on 15 July 2021.

Made by the Minister on 14 July 2021.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulations 2 and 5(5)]



**REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

**CERTIFICATE OF QUARANTINE ISSUED UNDER COVID-19
(QUARANTINE) REGULATIONS 2021**

In accordance with the COVID-19 (Quarantine) Regulations 2021, I, the undersigned Quarantine Officer, certify that you, Mr/Mrs/ Ms
(*surname/name*), holder of National Identity Card no./Passport no.....

shall, as from (*first day of confinement*), be confined in the quarantine facility at (*address*) for a minimum period of 14 clear days, excluding the first day of confinement.

You shall be required —

- (a) on the first day of your confinement;
 - (b) on the seventh day of your confinement (excluding the first day of confinement); and
 - (c) on the fourteenth day of your confinement (excluding the first day of confinement),
- to undergo a RT-PCR test.

If you are tested as being infected with COVID-19, you shall forthwith be transferred to a hospital for treatment.

Where, after having undergone all your RT-PCR tests, you are tested as not being infected with COVID-19, and subject to no other person confined in the same quarantine facility being tested as being infected with COVID-19, you shall be discharged on
(*date*

If, on the fourteenth day of your confinement (excluding the first day of confinement), you have not been tested as being infected with COVID-19 but another person who was confined in the same quarantine facility as you are tested as being infected with COVID-19, you shall be confined for a further period of 7 days and shall undergo another RT-PCR test on your last day of confinement.

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Name of Quarantine Officer

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Signature of Quarantine Officer

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Date

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Stamp

SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulation 6(2)]

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		(Rs)
1.	RT-PCR test for DAY 1	2,000
2.	RT-PCR test for DAY 7 (excluding the first day of confinement) and DAY 14 (excluding the first day of confinement)	4,000
3.	Staffing and administrative overhead expenses	4,000
4.	Logistics and protective equipment	300
5.	Disinfection exercise, including materials and equipment	200
6.	Accommodation for medical team	1,000
7.	Health insurance	500

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 6(3)]

F E E S

	(Rs)
1. RT-PCR test for DAY 1	2,000
2. Health insurance	500
