

## Press Releases

# New International Air Travel Restrictions

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#### Entrance to Israel

• As of today (03.05.21), Israeli citizens and residents (including vaccinated and recovered people) who enter Israel from the following countries: Ukraine, Ethiopia, Brazil, South Africa, India, Mexico, and Turkey, will be required to stay in isolation for 10 days subject to two negative PCR tests (one test upon entry into Israel and further test on day 9 of isolation), or alternatively, will be required to isolate at home for 14 days subject to one PCR test (upon entry into Israel, which is mandatory for all those entering Israel). It should be noted that vaccinated and recovered people who have been in one of the above-mentioned countries for less than 12 hours as part of a flight connection – and did not leave the airport – will not be required to self-isolate.

• Remember that all those entering the country (citizens and foreigners, including recovered and vaccinated), from any destination who have been abroad for more than 72 hours are required to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of takeoff /entry into Israel to the operating airline in the country of origin. In addition, all those entering the country (civilians and foreigners, including recovered and vaccinated), are required to do a PCR test upon landing / entering Israel. A link to submit an exemption from performing a PCR test in exceptional cases prior to departure to Israel, can be requested at the following link: <https://survey.gov.il/he/PCR2>

#### Departure from Israel

• As of today (03.05.21), the departure of Israeli citizens and residents, barring exceptions, will be prohibited to travel to the following countries: Ukraine, Ethiopia, Brazil, South Africa, India, Mexico, and Turkey. The ban on departure to these countries will not apply to anyone who is taking a connecting flight through these countries, provided that they stay less than 12 hours in the country and do not leave the airport.

For the purpose of obtaining an exit permit to the above countries, a request to the Exceptions Committee, and will be subject to approval under one or more of the following conditions, among others:

- A humanitarian or essential need;
- Athletes (with the approval of the Director General of the Ministry of Culture and Sports); and/or
- Official emissaries of national institutions (with the approval of the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption).

Below is a link to submit a request for an exceptional exit from Israel to one of the listed countries:

<https://govforms.gov.il/mw/forms/LeavingTheCountryApp@piba.gov.il#!applicantDetails>

• Israeli citizens and residents returning to their permanent residence in these countries are required to declare as such before the Exceptions Committee and attach supporting documents.

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• Airline crews, Israeli envoys (approved by the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Director General of the Ministry of Defense, or the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office), foreign representatives, and foreign nationals are not required to obtain an exit permit from Israel.

• Remember that it is the responsibility of each passenger (Israeli or foreign) to present, prior to boarding an aircraft departing from Israel (to any destination) a certificate of recovery, a vaccination certificate, or a negative PCR test performed at most 72 hours before departure from Israel. In addition, it is the responsibility of each passenger to verify the entry policy for the destination country and to prepare in accordance with the policy. A link to submit an exemption from performing a PCR test in exceptional cases, prior to departure from Israel, can be requested at the following link: <https://survey.gov.il/he/PCR2>

• Those who were ill with COVID-19 and recovered or were vaccinated abroad must enter isolation upon arrival in Israel and can request an exemption from isolation as follows:

- Perform a serological test in Israel in one of the laboratories recognized by the Ministry of Health. It must be emphasized that one should remain in isolation until the result of the serological examination is obtained from the Ministry of Health;
- Upon receiving of a positive serological test, a request via the online form must be submitted. The form must be accompanied by documentation including the positive serological test performed in Israel, documentation of a positive PCR, antigen, or serological test performed abroad, and evidence of infection or an official immunization certificate.
- Please note that there must be at least 10 days between receiving a positive result for COVID-19 (from a PCR test) and performing the serological test.
- This provision shall not apply to returnees from Ukraine, Ethiopia, Brazil, South Africa, India, Mexico, and Turkey

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