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**DECISION 03. REQUIREMENT FOR NEGATIVE SARS-COV-2 PCR TEST RESULT
IN ADVANCE OF ENTRY TO VANUATU**

I, Mr Silas Bule Melve, Minister of Health, by virtue of the Public Health Act [Cap. 234] and amendments thereof, and all other enabling powers, hereby confirm the following decision:

1. All persons who travel to Vanuatu from a foreign origin must provide evidence of a negative (not detected) result from a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for SARS-CoV-2.
2. The test as stipulated in (1) must have been conducted on a sample taken from the traveler no more than 72 hours and no less than 24 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the flight.
3. In the event of connecting flights during a period of uninterrupted travel, (2) refers to the initial flight from the travel origin.
4. Persons travelling from some countries may be exempt from (1) based on an assessment by the Ministry of Health. These exempt countries can change depending on the COVID-19 situation. Exempt countries are indicated on the Ministry of Health webpage: <https://covid19.gov.vu/index.php/travelling-to-vanuatu>
5. All persons who desire to travel to Vanuatu from a foreign origin must provide advance proof of a negative PCR test result as deemed acceptable by the Ministry of Health so as to receive health clearance for travel. Provision of false or misleading information may attract a fine under the Public Health Act [Cap 234].

This Decision comes into effect on 1 February 2022 and shall remain valid during the period of the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, or as amended in writing by the Minister of Health or the Health Emergency Advisory Committee. This decision replaces any other previous decision or decisions by the same authority regarding the same topic.

Signed

Dated



14 February 2022

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Honourable Silas Bule Melve
Minister of Health