COVID-19 UPDATE: REOPENING OF CYPRUS

Resumption of Flights to and from the Republic of Cyprus – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has announced the reopening of the Republic's airports based on the epidemiological criteria and data (the "**Data**") in which countries will be categorised as Category A, Category B and Category C.

In terms of epidemic prevention and control, the Data of countries, will be considered and re-evaluated on a regular basis.

The main, non-exhaustive, list of indicators (the "**Indicators**") leading to the categorisation of countries based on risk assessment are:

i.   Real reproduction number R(t);
ii.   Daily tests per 100,000 citizens;
iii.   Cumulative impact per 14 days per 100,000 citizens;
iv.   Total and COVID-19 specific death rate per 100,000 citizens (on a weekly or monthly basis);
v.   Estimated incubation period of the disease;
vi.   Estimated impact of the disease;
vii.   Estimated notification or number of diagnosis tests per 100000 citizens on a weekly basis;
viii. Country risk assessment based on WHO and ECDC reports.

It must be noted that the classification of each country will be performed following detailed and continuing research based on various criteria including the Data and the Indicators. These criteria are indicative and they may be altered at any time.

Currently countries are categorised as follows:

Countries Category A: Malta, Greece, Bulgaria, Norway, Austria, Finland, Slovenia, Hungary, Israel, Denmark, Germany, Slovakia, Lithuania

Countries Category B: Switzerland, Poland, Romania, Croatia, Estonia, Czech Republic

Countries Category C: This category includes all countries not featured in the above two Categories, A and B. Travel from Category C countries to the Republic of Cyprus is allowed only in exceptional circumstances and after receiving prior approval by the Cyprus Government. This will also be the case for transit travel from these countries.

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*It is reiterated that the above categorisation will be continuously changed on the basis of the Data and the Indicators.

Entry Requirements for Passengers to the Republic of Cyprus Effective from 20.06.2020 (Phase B):

Category A Countries

The following documents will be required for entry to the Republic of Cyprus:

1. **Passengers should complete the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations (the "Forms") (the Forms are available upon request);**

2. **No COVID-19 test or quarantine required upon arrival to the Republic of Cyprus.**

Note 1: Passengers who travel from Category A Countries but have stayed/lived or travelled abroad within the last 14 days or that have been passengers on an international flight to/from a country from Category B or C, accordingly within the last 14 days are considered as travelers from Category B or C Countries respectively. All the below requirements for Category B or C Countries have to be satisfied. Airlines will permit them to board on aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus provided that they carry with them the required documentation and Declarations for Category B or C Countries.

Note 2: Passengers should complete in advance the above requirements of Category A on a dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus, except for those passengers who are 65 years of age and older, especially for those who are not familiar with electronic media, or for passengers who, for any justified reason, did not complete the required documents on the electronic platform or in cases where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance. In that case they have to carry with them at the Departure terminal the required Documentation. In case the above requirements are not satisfied, either electronically or manually (for the cases permitted), airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus.

Category B Countries

The following documents will be required for entry to the Republic of Cyprus:

a. **Passengers should have conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 during the last 72 hours before departure and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory.**

b. **Passengers should complete the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations (the Forms are available upon request).**

Note 1: The list of passengers appearing below will have the option of either arranging themselves a COVID-19 test 72 hours before departure or having this test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, at their own expense. In the case where they choose to have the test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, they will self-isolate until the test results are completed and following that, if the test is positive, they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), following the Medical Protocol of the Ministry of Health and shall take precautions and self-protection measures according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

1. Cypriot citizens in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members;
2. Persons legally living in the Republic of Cyprus;
3. Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission from the competent Minister/Deputy Minister of the Republic of Cyprus;

5 Persons, in country categories A and B, where the authorities of these countries, duly substantiated and following an announcement by the Ministry of Health, are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to Cyprus.

Note 2: *Passengers who travel from Category B Countries but have stayed/lived or travelled abroad within the last 14 days or have been passengers on an international flight to/from a country from Category C within the last 14 days are considered as travelers from Category C Countries. All the below requirements for Category C Countries have to be satisfied. Airlines will permit them to board on aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus, provided that they carry with them the required documentation and Declarations for Category C Countries.*

Note 3: *Passengers should complete in advance the above requirements of Category B on a dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus, except for those passengers who are 65 years of age and older, especially for those who are not familiar with electronic media, or for passengers who, for any justified reason, did not complete the required documents on the electronic platform or in cases where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance. In that case they have to carry with them at the departure terminal the required documentation for each Country Category. In case the above requirements are not satisfied, either electronically or manually (for the cases permitted), airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus.*

Airlines will permit the below categories of passengers to board aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus, without having conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 during the last 72 hours before departure, provided that they have the «Cyprus Flight Pass» with the indication that the covid-19 test will be performed in the Republic of Cyprus. For the below category of passengers who are 65 years of age and older and especially for those who are not familiar with electronic media or for passengers who, for any justified reason, did not complete the required documents on the electronic platform or in cases where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance the airline or its handling agent will be responsible to check whether the below category of passengers complete manually and carry with them the Passenger Locator Form and Declarations described above.

1. Cypriot citizens in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members;
2. Persons legally living in the Republic of Cyprus;
3. Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;
4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission from the competent Minister/Deputy Minister of the Republic of Cyprus;
5 Persons, in country categories A and B, where the authorities of these countries, duly substantiated and following an announcement by the Ministry of Health, are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to Cyprus.

Category C Countries

The following conditions to entry apply:

a. The following category of passengers will be permitted to fly to the Republic of Cyprus:

   1. Cypriot citizens in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members;

   2. Persons legally living in the Republic of Cyprus;

   3. Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention;

   4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having special permission from the competent Minister/Deputy Minister of the Republic of Cyprus;

b. Passengers should have conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 during the last 72 hours before departure and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory;

c.Passengers should complete the Passenger Locator Form and Declarations (Forms available upon request).

 Note 1: The above passengers (numbers 1-2), will have the option of either arranging themselves a COVID-19 test 72 hours before departure or having this test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus at their own expense. In the case where they choose to have the test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, they will remain until the test results are completed, at a place designated by the Republic of Cyprus for one day or for as long as is necessary until the test results are completed, they will pay both testing and accommodation costs, including transportation and following that, if the test is positive, they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), following the Medical Protocol of the Ministry of Health and they will take precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health and if the result is negative they will self-isolate for 14 days in their residence, according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

The above passengers (numbers 3-4), will have the below options:

i. Citizens of EU Member States and Third countries who will enter the Republic of Cyprus and will stay for up to 4 days, will have the option of either arranging themselves a COVID-19 test 72 hours before departure or having this test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus at their own expense. In the case they choose to have the test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, they will remain in self-isolation until the test results are completed, at a place designated by the Republic of Cyprus for one day or for as long as necessary, they will pay the costs for the test and for their accommodation, including transportation, and following that, if the test is positive, they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), following the Medical Protocol of the Ministry of Health and they will take precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health. If the test is negative they will take the precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health.

ii. Citizens of EU Member States and Third countries who will enter the Republic of Cyprus and will stay for more than 4 days, will be required to conduct, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 during the last 72 hours before departure and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory. Upon their arrival in Cyprus they will be placed in compulsory self-isolation for 14 days. Alternatively, they may choose to perform the test upon their arrival in Cyprus, at their own expense. In this case they will remain until the test results are completed at a designated place for one day or for as long as necessary, they will pay the costs for the test and for their accommodation, including transportation and following that, either if the test is positive they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), following the Medical Protocol of the Ministry of Health and they will take precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health and if the result is negative they will self-isolate for 14 days at a place designated by the Republic of Cyprus, according to the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

Note 2: Passengers should complete in advance the above requirements on a dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus, except for those passengers who are 65 years of age and older, especially for those who are not familiar with electronic media, or for passengers who, for any justified reason, did not complete the required documents on the electronic platform or in cases where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance. In that case they have to carry with them at the Departure terminal the required Documentation for each Country Category. In case the above requirements are not satisfied, either electronically or manually (for the cases permitted), airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus.

Airlines will permit the below categories of passengers to board aircraft and fly to the Republic of Cyprus, without having conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 during the last 72 hours before departure, provided that they have the «Cyprus Flight Pass» with the indication that the covid-19 test will be performed in the Republic of Cyprus. For the below category of passengers who are 65 years of age and older and especially for those who are not familiar with electronic media or for passengers who, for any justified reason, did not complete the required documents on the electronic platform or in cases where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance the airline or its handling agent will be responsible to check whether the below category of passengers complete manually and carry with them the Passenger Locator Form and Declarations described above.

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5 Persons, in country categories A and B, where the authorities of these countries, duly substantiated and following an announcement by the Ministry of Health, are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to Cyprus.

*Note: Country classification is based on the Data and the Indicators, as defined above, both the Data and the Indicators are continuously changing, as such, country classification may change at any time and without warning.