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All Heads of Mission

RE: REVIEW OF COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS INTO KENYA

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

Please disregard our earlier letter Ref.No MFA/HRM/67/VOL.I (38) dated 12th September 2022 because of typographical errors which are highly regretted.

The amended information is as follows:

1. Currently, all arriving passengers into the country are required to be in possession of a COVID-19 vaccination¹ certificate uploaded onto the *panabios* system (<https://panabios.org/>)
2. Any passenger without a vaccination certificate is required to be in possession of a negative PCR-based COVID-19 test result, conducted not more than 72 hours before departure.
3. In addition, all passengers arriving by air are required to complete the online surveillance form through the *jitenge* platform and obtain a QR code before boarding. (https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/)

¹ Vaccination means having received the prescribed doses of the specific vaccine, with the last dose administered at least 14 days before arrival (not including the day of vaccination)

4. In view of the above, the Ministry of Health has recommended the following additional measures, **effective 1st September 2022**, with regards to travellers arriving into the country:
- a. All travellers above the age of 12 years arriving into the country through any point of entry will be required to show proof of either:
 - i. COVID-19 vaccination or
 - ii. A negative COVID-19 PCR test result conducted not more than 72 hours before departure
 - b. Travellers below the age of 12 years shall be exempted from the requirement of vaccination certificate or PCR test.
 - c. Any traveller above the age of 12 years arriving at any point of entry with no proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or those with flu-like symptoms, shall be subjected to rapid antigen test at their own cost of 30 USD. Any person who tests positive on the rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate as per guidance from the Ministry of Health on isolation.
 - d. Persons travelling out of the country will be required to abide by the particular travel, health and COVID-19 related requirements of the destination country.
 - e. Truck drivers entering the country shall no longer be required to have proof of PCR test if they are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated truck drivers shall be required to be in possession of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result conducted not more than 72 hours before arrival.
 - f. Pre-departure rapid diagnostic tests or PCR testing may be considered at the discretion of any of the airlines departing from or terminating in Kenya.

Please communicate this update to all stakeholders under your jurisdiction.



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