

Health Entry and Stay Conditions for Travellers

Interim Conditions v4.0; with effect from 6 January 2022; Ministry of Health.

Key Changes from v3.8 –

- Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe have been removed from the list of restricted countries.
- Asymptomatic children under age 2 are exempted from PCR or Antigen testing requirements.
- Considerations introduced for incoming travellers with proof of recent past infection (see Additional Notes).

Visitors to Seychelles

	Procedures and Conditions ¹
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry from All Countries.• Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure (children under age 2 are exempted).• Complete Health Travel Authorisation at seychelles.govtas.com.• Valid Travel & Health insurance to cover COVID-19 related quarantine, isolation or treatment.• Entry/stay conditions will not be affected by COVID-19 Vaccination status; but visitors are strongly encouraged to be fully immunised before travel.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay in any certified tourism establishments.• Where a visitor is residing in a certified tourism establishment in Seychelles, they need <i>not</i> take a routine Day 5 PCR test². Where this is not the case, visitors are expected to take a day 5 PCR test.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conditions for stay for children up to age 17, will be as for the parent/guardian they are accompanying.• All visitors must report any illness at any point during stay to hotel management and public health authority for further evaluation.• Anyone tested positive, and/or assessed to be a close contact, will be required to undergo isolation or quarantine as per national protocols.

Seychellois, Residents and their Dependents

	Procedures and Conditions
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May enter from any country.• Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin (children under age 2 are exempted).• Complete Health Travel Authorisation.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No quarantine required³.• Day 5 PCR test is required.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conditions for Children (up to age 17) will be as for their accompanying parent/guardian.• All individuals arriving in Seychelles must report any illness to their local health centre and/or public health authority, even if vaccinated.• Diplomats on short-term official work-visits to Seychelles follow conditions as for Residents.

Gainful-Occupation-Permit (GOP) Holders and their Dependents

	Procedures and Conditions
	For other countries
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin (children under age 2 are exempted).• Complete Health Travel Authorisation.• Cover for COVID-19-related health costs: testing, quarantine, isolation, treatment.

¹ Visitors are also advised to refer to Department of Tourism travel advisory at: <http://tourism.gov.sc/>.

² Conditional to stay and daily monitoring in a certified tourism establishment. COVID-19 testing may still be indicated for public health reasons, e.g. have symptoms of COVID-19 illness, or if close contacts of known cases of COVID-19.

³ Prior to day 5 PCR test, additional precautions must be taken at the residence and workplace.

Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required⁴. A day 5 PCR test⁵ (at client's/employers' cost).
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependents of GOP-holders will follow same procedures as for the GOP-Holder.

Entry by Sea to Seychelles (by Yachts)

	Procedures and Conditions
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply by e-mail to pha@health.gov.sc for Health Travel Authorisation. Valid Travel & Health insurance to cover potential COVID-19 related costs.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spend at least 10 days at sea from last port of call. All crew and passengers should be without symptoms of COVID-19 during this period. No need for Arrival or Day 5 PCR test. Earlier disembarkation is allowed provided all crew undertake a COVID-19 PCR test (at cost) upon arrival, with all results negative.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors/crew must report any illness during stay to hotel management, port health authority and/or public health authority for further evaluation. Conditions for entry of diplomatic or military vessels will be based on discussions with Public Health Authority, through Department of Foreign Affairs.

Seafarers (by Flight⁶)

	Procedures and Conditions
Pre-Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May enter from any country. No pre-travel quarantine required. Negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 72h of departure from country of origin. Complete Health Travel Authorisation. Valid Health insurance to cover any potential COVID-19 related costs.
Arrival and Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required on arrival. Encouraged to directly board vessels and depart as soon as possible after arrival. Where there may be delays, a day 5 PCR test (at clients'/employers' cost) is indicated. Daily surveillance as per protocol with Rapid Antigen Test⁷ aboard vessel is encouraged.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any seafarer showing symptoms of COVID-19 illness during their stay/work must report it to relevant supervisors and/or company doctor. Any suspect cases must be immediately reported to Port Health using standard forms.

List of Restricted countries

Nil at present.

Additional Notes

Individuals who have had a recent past infection (between 2 and 12 weeks before date of departure), can produce a negative rapid antigen test within 72h of departure, with evidence of this infection (positive test result, and certificate confirming completion of isolation or certificate of recovery), instead of a PCR test. These documents should be submitted during the Travizory application process.

⁴ Prior to day 5 PCR test, additional precautions must be taken at residence and workplace.

⁵ Encouraged to use certified private testing facilities for this test.

⁶ Entry of Seafarers by sea requires additional discussions with the Public Health Authority.

⁷ Testing must be with WHO/FDA-Approved Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Tests, and be conducted by trained personnel.