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Qatar Travel and Return Policy

The below travel & return policy came into effect on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 at 7pm.

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List of Approved and Conditionally Approved Vaccines by the Ministry of Public Health

Immunity Status:

• **Immune-Vaccinated:** Anyone who received any of the following COVID-19 vaccine approved/recognized by the Ministry of Public Health within its immunity validity period:

- Valid for nine (9) months from fourteen (14) days after 2nd dose vaccination of Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zenica COVID-19 vaccines.
- Valid for twelve (12) months after the booster dose vaccination of Pfizer, Moderna, Astra Zenica COVID-19 vaccines.
- Valid for nine (9) months from (14) days after the 1st dose of Jansen & Jansen COVID-19 vaccine.
- Valid for twelve (12) months from seven (7) days of receiving the booster dose of Jansen & Jansen COVID-19 vaccine.
- Valid for six (6) months from fourteen (14) days after the 2nd dose or booster dose of conditionally approved COVID-19 vaccines, where a *positive* Serology on Antibody Test lab result is required and is valid for 30 days from testing; If the traveler is unable to take a Serology Antibody test in the country of origin or if the Antibody test result appear negative, the traveler must undergo relevant quarantine for 5 days; Those who received booster dose using MOPH approved vaccines immune status is extended to twelve (12) months from fourteen (14) days after the booster dose and Serology Antibody test is no longer required.

• **Immune-Recovered:** Anyone who had a medically confirmed COVID-19 infection overseas is considered to have immune status valid for twelve (12) months from the date of recovery. This should be an official and verifiable laboratory test result as evidence of the past infection.



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- **Non-immune/Unvaccinated:** Anyone who does not meet any of the above criteria.

List of Approved and Conditionally Approved Vaccines by the Ministry of Public Health:

Approved Vaccines	Conditionally Approved vaccines*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer / BioNTech (Comirnaty) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinopharm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderna (SpikeVax) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinovac
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AstraZeneca (Covishield / Oxford / Vaxzevria) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sputnik V
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jansen / Johnson & Johnson (only one dose) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covaxin

Travelers who are vaccinated outside Qatar are required to submit the original vaccine certificate and any other supporting documents –in Arabic or English language– as a proof that they have obtained the vaccine and should at least include the following information:


- o The name of the traveler must be identical to that on the passport.
- o Doses and dates of vaccine given (one dose for Jansen vaccine and two doses for other vaccines).
- o Type/name of vaccine.
- o The serial number of the vaccine batch and QR code (if available).

General policy:

1. Based on COVID-19 epidemiology in different countries and their local health risk indicators, Qatar has developed specific health and safety measures for travelers coming to Q. COVID-19 Services Assistant
Red Health Measures.

2. Citizens and residents are free to travel abroad at any time provided that the Travel and Return Policy is adhered to when returning to Qatar.
3. The Ministry of Public Health advises citizens and residents to look up and comply with COVID-19 health measures currently in place in the destination country.
4. Travelers are responsible for keeping up to date with changes to the Travel and Return Policy through official sources before planning to travel to Qatar.
5. Travelers must comply with Qatar's COVID-19 procedures at all time to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
6. Travelers who are required to have a PCR lab result before traveling to Qatar must have it at a medical center authorized by the health authorities in the country of departure. A negative test result is required and must be obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin. (Please see the pre-travel test rules for detailed guidance.)
7. Unvaccinated children **below the age of 12 years** travelling with immune or recovered parent/s will follow the same rules that apply to their parent/s and are not required to have a pre-travel PCR test but only post-arrival test (Rapid Antigen Test) at the following locations:
 - a. Citizens and Residents: at any public/private clinic within 24 hours of arrival in Qatar and parent/s must sign an Undertaking form.
 - b. GCC Citizens (non-resident) and Visitors: if parent/s are exempted from quarantine, testing for children will be at the port of entry (airport, land, sea) upon arrival in Qatar; if parent/s are subject to hotel quarantine, testing will be at the quarantine hotel.
8. Documentary requirements for non-residents of Qatar - In addition, fully vaccinated (i.e., those who received a third COVID-19 shot or who had a second dose within the last 9 months) and recovered (within the last 12 months) :
 - a) For GCC nationals and GCC residents who meets the immunity criteria, the following COVID health app used in any of the GCC countries shall be honored and accepted in Qatar, they may also download the Ehteraz mobile application (App) using an international SIM card, in lieu of online pre-travel registration on condition that it reflects Immune status:

Bahrain	BeAware Bahrain
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Tawakkalna
Kuwait	Shlonik
Oman	Tarassud
United Arab Emirates	Al Hosn 

- b) COVPass health app for EU nationals and EU residents shall be honor COVID-19 Services Assistant 
online registration on condition that they meet the immunity criteria and received ...

European Union countries	European pass app
United Kingdom	NHS COVID Pass

Travelers who are fully immunized and hold any of the above health apps shall be exempted from online registration and are required to proceed to any authorized private clinics for Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours of their arrival in Qatar. Pre-travel RT-PCR test is required for immune and non-immune travelers coming from the countries under Red Health Measures. Meanwhile, non-immune travelers must register on the pre-travel registration platform and submit their pre-travel PCR test.

Travelers of the above two categories are reminded that it is mandatory to download and activate Qatar's Ehteraz mobile health app as soon as they arrive.

c) Non-residents of Qatar who are non-immune/unvaccinated OR who does not fall in the above 2 categories must register via the pre-travel registration system for people entering the State of Qatar on www.ehteraz.gov.qa website and upload all relevant official documents, where applicable, such as vaccination certificates, evidence of previous COVID-19 infection, serology antibody test results (for conditional vaccines), and PCR lab result at least 3 days before arrival. Although uploading the PCR test result is not mandatory during the electronic pre-registration process, travelers who are required to have pre-travel PCR test, must present the original copy of the PCR test result to the airlines in order to allow them to board the plane, or at the country's ports (land and sea). Your pre-travel online registration will help accelerate your passage and clearance at the port of arrival for a better arrival experience in Qatar.

9. While pre-travel registration remains optional for citizens and residents of Qatar, the Ministry of Public Health recommends that all individuals entering Qatar pre-register to ensure the best experience upon arrival particularly those traveling with unvaccinated family members who are required to complete home quarantine as they are required to sign an Undertaking which is readily available in the Ehteraz online registration.
10. The Ministry of Public Health has the right to conduct random COVID-19 testing (Rapid Antigen Test or PCR) of travelers upon arrival in Qatar through its air, land and sea ports.
11. Travelers must download the Ehteraz mobile application and activate it on their mobile phones using a local or international SIM card.
12. All passengers must sign an Undertaking and [Acknowledgement Form](#) before arriving in Qatar. The form is available on the Ministry of Public Health website, pre-registration platform website www.ehteraz.gov.qa and airline online booking form. Citizens and residents are exempted from this requirement on the condition that they are fully vaccinated inside the State of Qatar arriving from one of the following countries. The following measures apply.

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13. Self-testing of Rapid Antigen is not applicable to travelers. Post-travel/upon arrival Rapid Antigen Testing must

13. Self-testing of Rapid Antigen is not applicable to travelers. Post-travel/upon arrival Rapid Antigen testing must be conducted at an authorized healthcare facility: (Please see our post-travel testing policy for detailed instructions) as follows:
- Citizens and Residents: at any public (PHCC) or Private clinic.
 - GCC Citizens (non-resident) and Visitors: anyone subject to home quarantine with first-degree relatives shall have their testing done at any authorized private clinics; for unvaccinated children below 12 yrs old who are accompanied by parent/s exempted from quarantine, testing will be at the port of entry (airport, land, sea).
 - Travelers who are subject to hotel quarantine will have their testing done at the hotel.
14. Travelers who are required to complete quarantine in a hotel quarantine facility must book a Welcome-Home quarantine package through Discover Qatar's website <https://www.discoverqatar.qa/welcome-home/>.
15. In the case of home quarantine, accommodation conditions must be appropriate, and if the property does not comply with the conditions mentioned in the undertaking, the traveler must book the hotel quarantine package through Discover Qatar's website before travelling to Qatar.
16. Travelers arriving in Qatar should go to the COVID-19 test clinic at the entry port in case of any COVID-19-related symptoms and take the necessary isolation measures.
17. Travelers should not go to work or mix with others until the Rapid Antigen Test result is out.
18. For unvaccinated travelers, their health status in the Ehteraz app will be Yellow because they are under quarantine (please review the quarantine policy for detailed instructions).
19. Travelers should, on regular basis, check the MoPH Travel and Return Policy for up-to-date detailed guidance according to the country classification and health and safety measures.
20. Mekhaines quarantine period shall remain at 7 days for non-immune/unvaccinated.

Group 1: Citizens and Residents of Qatar

A- Qatar Citizens

Standard Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Not required	Exempted from quarantine	COVID-19 Services Assistant 

Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	not required	5 days Home quarantine	PCR test within 24 hours of arrival, plus Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of home quarantine
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Red Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Not required	Exempted from quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours of arrival
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	5 days Home quarantine	PCR test within 24 hours of arrival, plus Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of home quarantine

B- Residents

Standard Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Not required	Exempted from quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours of arrival
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune		5 days Home quarantine	PCR test within 24 hours of arrival, plus Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of home quarantine

Red Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of C	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar



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Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Not required	Exempted from quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test within 24 hours of arrival
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	5 days Hotel quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of Hotel quarantine



Group 2: GCC Citizens (who are Non-Residents) and Visitors (*)

C- GCC Citizens (who are Non-Residents)

Standard Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Optional: Pre-travel RT-PCR	Exempted from quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test in private clinic within 24hrs of arrival (this is not required in case of presenting Pre-travel RT-PCR upon arrival)
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	5 days Hotel , or Home quarantine for those with first-degree relatives (on condition that a proof of relationship and residence is provided)	Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of Hotel/Home quarantine

Red Health Measures


	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Mandatory: Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	1-day Hotel quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test on day 1 
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	5 days Hotel quarantine	Hotel quarantine 

D- Visitors

Standard Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Optional: Pre-travel RT-PCR if traveler is a resident of a GCC country, or an EU national/resident. Mandatory: negative RT-PCR is required for other travelers	Exempted from quarantine	If a resident of GCC country or an EU national/resident who does not have a pre-travel PCR, the traveler must proceed to any authorized private clinics for Rapid Antigen test within 24hrs of arrival; otherwise, not applicable.
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	5 days Hotel , or Home quarantine for those with first-degree relatives (on condition that a proof of relationship and residence is provided)	Rapid Antigen Test on day 5 of Hotel/Home quarantine

Red Health Measures

	COVID-19 Test Required Before Traveling to Qatar	Type & Duration of Quarantine	COVID-19 Test Required On Arrival in Qatar
Fully Vaccinated / Recovered	Mandatory: Must submit a negative pre-travel PCR lab result obtained no more than 48 hours before the time of departure from the country of origin	1-day Hotel quarantine	Rapid Antigen Test on day 1 of hotel quarantine
Unvaccinated / Non-Immune	No entry 		

* Please refer to the general policy for more information about pre-reg COVID-19 Services Assistant 

Ehteraz Mobile Application Policy:

- Passengers arriving in Qatar must download and activate the Ehteraz app on their mobile devices upon arrival at Qatar's entry ports. To do so, the traveler must have the following:
 1. SIM card from one of Qatar's service providers (Ooredoo or Vodafone) or an international SIM card.
 2. Mobile internet connection.
 3. The smartphone should support Android 6, newer versions or IOS 13.5 and later versions.
 4. Download and install the app on the mobile phone either via Google Play, Apple App Store or from any online search engines.
 5. SIM cards and smartphones are available for purchase at Hamad International Airport and Abu Samra border crossing if the passenger does not own them before arrival.
- Diplomats, administrative card holders and VIP visitors arriving on official state visits are excluded from this measure.
- The Health Status on the Ehteraz app will remain yellow throughout the quarantine period, until the result of the COVID-19 test comes out negative in accordance with the above quarantine policy.
- The Health Status on the Ehteraz mobile app for fully vaccinated persons in Qatar will remain green with a golden frame to indicate that they are excluded from quarantine if the result of the PCR test is negative and that they have completed 14 days from the date of the prescribed doses of the vaccine.
- The Health Status for citizens and residents who have received the vaccine outside Qatar will remain green without a golden frame until their vaccine data is updated in the system.
- The Health Status on the Ehteraz app for visitors who have received the vaccine outside Qatar will remain green without a golden frame until their vaccine data is updated in the system.

COVID-19 tests cost:

Type of Test	Cost Per Test
PCR Test	QR 160
Rapid Antigen	QR 50
Serology Antibody test (point of care)	QR 50



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Countries based on Level of COVID-19 Risk

The below listing of countries came into effect on Saturday, 26 March 2022 at 7pm.

- **Countries Subject to COVID-19 Red Health Measures.**

		Search	Download Red Countries List
SN	Country / Territory	Category	
1	Egypt	Red Health Measures	
2	Bangladesh	Red Health Measures	
3	India	Red Health Measures	
4	Nepal	Red Health Measures	
5	Pakistan	Red Health Measures	
6	Philippines	Red Health Measures	
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