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Health Protocol for Arrivals  
to Sri Lanka

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# New Regulations for Tourists

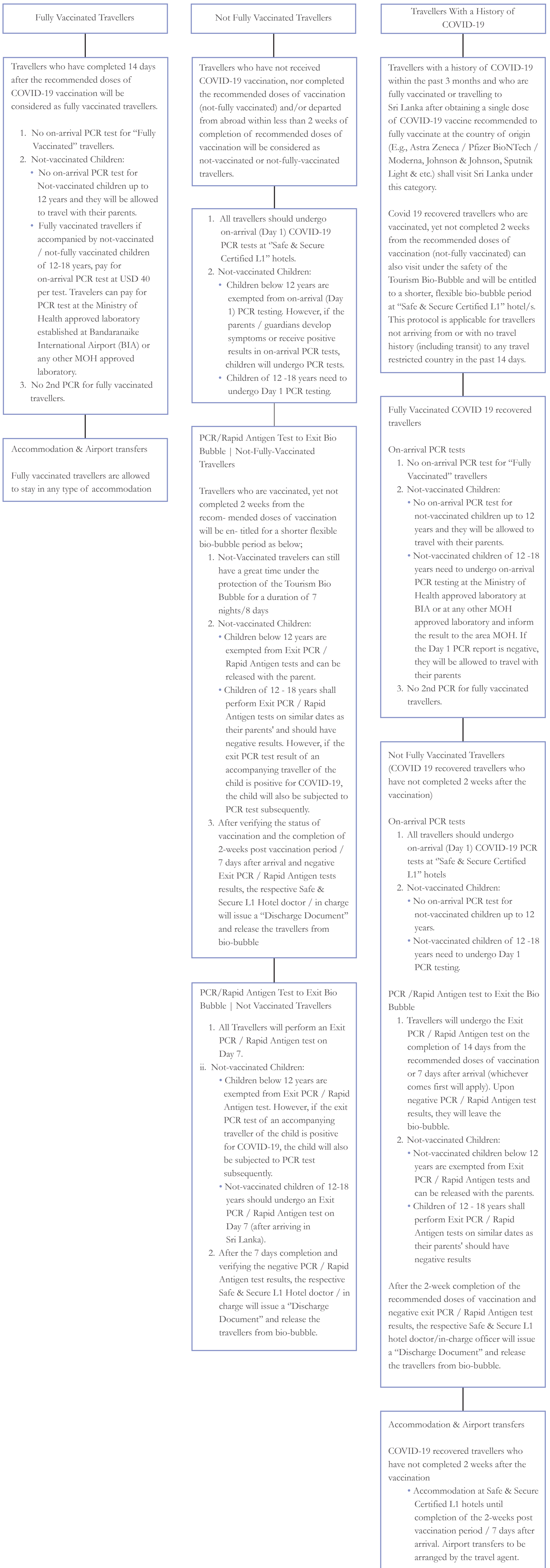
Applies to International Tourists visiting Sri Lanka under tourist visa.

Travellers who have completed 14 days after the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination and arriving with a negative COVID-19 PCR Report done within 72 hours of embarkation will be considered fully vaccinated travellers. Any vaccination type accepted by the country of origin will be accepted. This protocol is applicable for travellers not arriving from or with no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country in the past 14 days.

Before you begin preparations to visit Sri Lanka you need to note the following.

- No minimum number of days is required for a stay
- No restrictive quarantine required
- Have done a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to embarkation
- Fully Vaccinated travellers can stay at any type of accommodation and no on-arrival PCR test required
- Not Fully Vaccinated travellers stay in a 'Flexible bio-bubble' with all facilities of the hotels made available and the ability to visit approved tourist sites.
- Not-Vaccinated travelers can still have a great time under the protection of the Tourism Bio Bubble for a duration of 7 nights/8 days
- Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival and exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests.
- All visitors other than fully vaccinated individuals will pre-pay the mandatory PCR Tests (40 USD per PCR test).
- All visitors to apply for the visa online through [eta.gov.lk](https://eta.gov.lk).

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## Fully Vaccinated Travellers

Travellers who have completed 14 days after the recommended doses of COVID-19 vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated travellers.

- No on-arrival PCR test for “Fully Vaccinated” travellers.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - No on-arrival PCR test for Not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
  - Fully vaccinated travellers if accompanied by not-vaccinated / not-fully vaccinated children of 12-18 years, pay for on-arrival PCR test at USD 40 per test. Travelers can pay for PCR test at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory established at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) or any other MOH approved laboratory.
- No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

**Accommodation & Airport transfers**

Fully vaccinated travellers are allowed to stay in any type of accommodation

## Not Fully Vaccinated Travellers

Travellers who have not received COVID-19 vaccination, nor completed the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) and/or departed from abroad within less than 2 weeks of completion of recommended doses of vaccination will be considered as not-vaccinated or not-fully-vaccinated travellers.

- All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at “Safe & Secure Certified L1” hotels.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from on-arrival (Day 1) PCR testing. However, if the parents / guardians develop symptoms or receive positive results in on-arrival PCR tests, children will undergo PCR tests.
  - Children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

### PCR/Rapid Antigen Test to Exit Bio Bubble | Not-Fully-Vaccinated Travellers

Travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination will be entitled for a shorter flexible bio-bubble period as below;

- Not-Vaccinated travelers can still have a great time under the protection of the Tourism Bio Bubble for a duration of 7 nights/8 days
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parent.
  - Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents' and should have negative results. However, if the exit PCR test result of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
- After verifying the status of vaccination and the completion of 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival and negative Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a “Discharge Document” and release the travellers from bio-bubble

### PCR/Rapid Antigen Test to Exit Bio Bubble | Not Vaccinated Travellers

- All Travellers will perform an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 7.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test. However, if the exit PCR test of an accompanying traveller of the child is positive for COVID-19, the child will also be subjected to PCR test subsequently.
  - Not-vaccinated children of 12-18 years should undergo an Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on Day 7 (after arriving in Sri Lanka).
- After the 7 days completion and verifying the negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 Hotel doctor / in charge will issue a “Discharge Document” and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

## Travellers With a History of COVID-19

Travellers with a history of COVID-19 within the past 3 months and who are fully vaccinated or travelling to Sri Lanka after obtaining a single dose of COVID-19 vaccine recommended to fully vaccinate at the country of origin (E.g, Astra Zeneca / Pfizer BioNTech / Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik Light & etc.) shall visit Sri Lanka under this category.

Covid 19 recovered travellers who are vaccinated, yet not completed 2 weeks from the recommended doses of vaccination (not-fully vaccinated) can also visit under the safety of the Tourism Bio-Bubble and will be entitled to a shorter, flexible bio-bubble period at “Safe & Secure Certified L1” hotel/s. This protocol is applicable for travellers not arriving from or with no travel history (including transit) to any travel restricted country in the past 14 days.

### Fully Vaccinated COVID 19 recovered travellers

- On-arrival PCR tests**
- No on-arrival PCR test for “Fully Vaccinated” travellers
  - Not-vaccinated Children:
    - No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years and they will be allowed to travel with their parents.
    - Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo on-arrival PCR testing at the Ministry of Health approved laboratory at BIA or at any other MOH approved laboratory and inform the result to the area MOH. If the Day 1 PCR report is negative, they will be allowed to travel with their parents
  - No 2nd PCR for fully vaccinated travellers.

### Not Fully Vaccinated Travellers (COVID 19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination)

- On-arrival PCR tests**
- All travellers should undergo on-arrival (Day 1) COVID-19 PCR tests at “Safe & Secure Certified L1” hotels
  - Not-vaccinated Children:
    - No on-arrival PCR test for not-vaccinated children up to 12 years.
    - Not-vaccinated children of 12 -18 years need to undergo Day 1 PCR testing.

### PCR /Rapid Antigen test to Exit the Bio Bubble

- Travellers will undergo the Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test on the completion of 14 days from the recommended doses of vaccination or 7 days after arrival (whichever comes first will apply). Upon negative PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, they will leave the bio-bubble.
- Not-vaccinated Children:
  - Not-vaccinated children below 12 years are exempted from Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests and can be released with the parents.
  - Children of 12 - 18 years shall perform Exit PCR / Rapid Antigen tests on similar dates as their parents' should have negative results

After the 2-week completion of the recommended doses of vaccination and negative exit PCR / Rapid Antigen test results, the respective Safe & Secure L1 hotel doctor/in-charge officer will issue a “Discharge Document” and release the travellers from bio-bubble.

### Accommodation & Airport transfers

COVID-19 recovered travellers who have not completed 2 weeks after the vaccination

- Accommodation at Safe & Secure Certified L1 hotels until completion of the 2-weeks post vaccination period / 7 days after arrival. Airport transfers to be arranged by the travel agent.

