

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, GENDER, ELDERLY AND
CHILDREN**



**INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC ON COVID-19 RAPID TESTING FOR PASSENGERS
TRAVELLING ABROAD**

Following the increase of COVID-19 new cases globally, various countries have put in place measures to travelers during arrival and departure for the purpose of controlling the spread of the disease. These measures include mandatory COVID-19 testing to reduce or prevent further spread of the disease

I would like to inform you that travellers whose destination is the United State of America, the United Arab Emirates, some European countries and India will be required to undergo a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test within six hours before departure.

This implies that all travellers leaving Tanzania (and those on transit) are required to:

- a) Have a valid RT PCR COVID-19 Test Certificate;
- b) Undertake COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test at the Airport six hours before travelling. This requirement is mandatory to travellers whose destination is to the United States of America, India and some of the European countries;
- c) Conduct Rapid PCR COVID-19 test to travellers travelling to the United Arab Emirates or to those on transit in Dubai (b-above is not required for (c), and vice versa)
- d) Have a valid COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate

I would like to urge everyone to adhere to the public health and social measures for COVID-19 control particularly, vaccinating, hand washing with soap and running water, face masking and observe social distance. The Ministry will continue to take concrete steps to ensure every citizen is protected from COVID-19.

The implementation of some of these directives has been communicated to the public in the past. Actions to the new measures start with effect from 25th December, 2021.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abel N. Makubi'.

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