Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Safe Travel to Singapore & Covid Measures Applicable in Singapore

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This document is prepared to assist participants of the APRU conference. Please note that while we have done our utmost to ensure that the information is accurate, it is subject to prevailing Singapore government regulations. If in doubt, please contact the relevant authorities.

Travelling to Singapore

1. Do I have to take a Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test prior to entering Singapore?

A pre-departure test before entry to Singapore is no longer needed if you are fully vaccinated.¹

2. Do I need to book a special (VTL) flight?

Fully vaccinated travellers are no longer required to secure a VTL flight.

3. What entry approvals are required to enter Singapore?

All fully vaccinated travellers¹ and non-fully vaccinated children aged 12 and below arriving via air or sea checkpoints are permitted to enter Singapore. They will not need to apply for entry approvals or take any COVID-19 tests. Please check the ICA website for other entry requirements and processes.

4. Do I have to be vaccinated to enter Singapore?

Non-fully vaccinated travellers are permitted to enter Singapore, subject to additional entry requirements.

All non-fully vaccinated travellers aged 13 and above who are allowed to enter Singapore are required to take a Pre-Departure Test within 2 days before departure for Singapore, undergo a 7-day Stay Home Notice (self-isolation), and take a Polymerase Chain Reaction COVID-19 test at the end of their SHN period.

5. Do I have to purchase COVID-19 travel insurance to enter Singapore?

Short-term visitors who are fully vaccinated, and non-fully vaccinated children aged 12 and below, are not required to have travel insurance for their COVID-19 related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs in Singapore. However, travellers are still encouraged to ensure sufficient travel insurance coverage as they will have to pay for their own treatment costs either through insurance or in cash.

Short-term visitors who are not fully vaccinated are required to have travel insurance for their COVID-19-related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs in Singapore and should ensure that their insurance has a minimum coverage of S\$30,000 (based on COVID-19 bill sizes at private hospitals).

¹ https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/arriving/general-travel/fully-vaccinated

Visitors can purchase travel insurance prior to travelling to Singapore, from any insurer providing such services in their country/region. Travellers may also consider Singapore-based insurers offering such services if it suits their needs.²

Which Covid Safe Management Measures remain in place?

Many safe management measures were removed at the end of April 2022. The following remain in place:

1. Mask wearing indoors:

Mask-wearing is required in indoor settings, including on public transport. Mask-wearing is optional outdoors and recommended in busy locations.

- a. <u>Definition of 'indoors'</u>: Indoor places refer to areas within buildings or enclosed places, and typically have clearly defined entrances/exits. Places which are sheltered but which are not enclosed at the sides and allow open access generally will be regarded as outdoor areas)
- b. Which Mask?: Masks with good filtration capability are recommended. These include reusable masks that are made of at least 2 layers of fabrics, and surgical masks. Single-use masks would typically report their filtration efficiency as part of their product specifications. Face coverings such as neck gaiters, bandannas, scarves or handkerchiefs are not considered as masks.

2. Safe distancing/ social distancing measures:

Safe distancing will no longer be required between individuals or between groups, and the group size limit has been removed for most situations.

3. Contact tracing applications (TraceTogether and SafeEntry)?

This will continue to be a requirement for certain nightlife establishments and larger events with more than 500 participants at any one time. Most other venues including hotels, shopping malls and university buildings will also no longer require the public to check in using the TT application or token.

Testing Positive while in Singapore

1. What happens if I test positive for COVID-19 while staying at the APRU APM designated hotel?

If a guest is tested positive during the hotel stay, the <u>Singapore Covid Protocols</u> apply. You will be required to self-isolate until the earlier of a) a negative Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or b) the expiry of 7 days from the positive test. The hotel has advised that you may continue to stay at the existing room for self-isolation. ART self-testing kits are available for purchase at the hotel, chargeable at S\$10 nett per set. You will have access to telemedicine services if you require medical advice.

2. My roommate/close contact has tested positive for COVID-19. What do I do?

Perform an ART COVID-19 test. If you test negative for your Day 1 ART, you may inform your hotel Duty Manager so that they can arrange for your transfer to another room.

² For more information, see https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/health/insurance-and-treatment

Staying in Singapore as Non-fully Vaccinated Traveller

1. Additional safe distancing measures for non-fully vaccinated travellers:

We regret to inform that we will not be able to serve non-fully vaccinated visitors meals in the same dining area as vaccinated visitors, according to the latest government legislations.

Where to find the latest updates on COVID-19 guidelines?

For more information, please locate the most recent news highlights released on

- https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/further-easing-of-community-and-border-measures.
- https://www.covid.gov.sg/