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PROTOCOL FOR
**THE ENTRY OF
TRAVELLERS TO
ST. VINCENT
AND THE
GRENADINES**

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AIM The safe entry of travellers to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

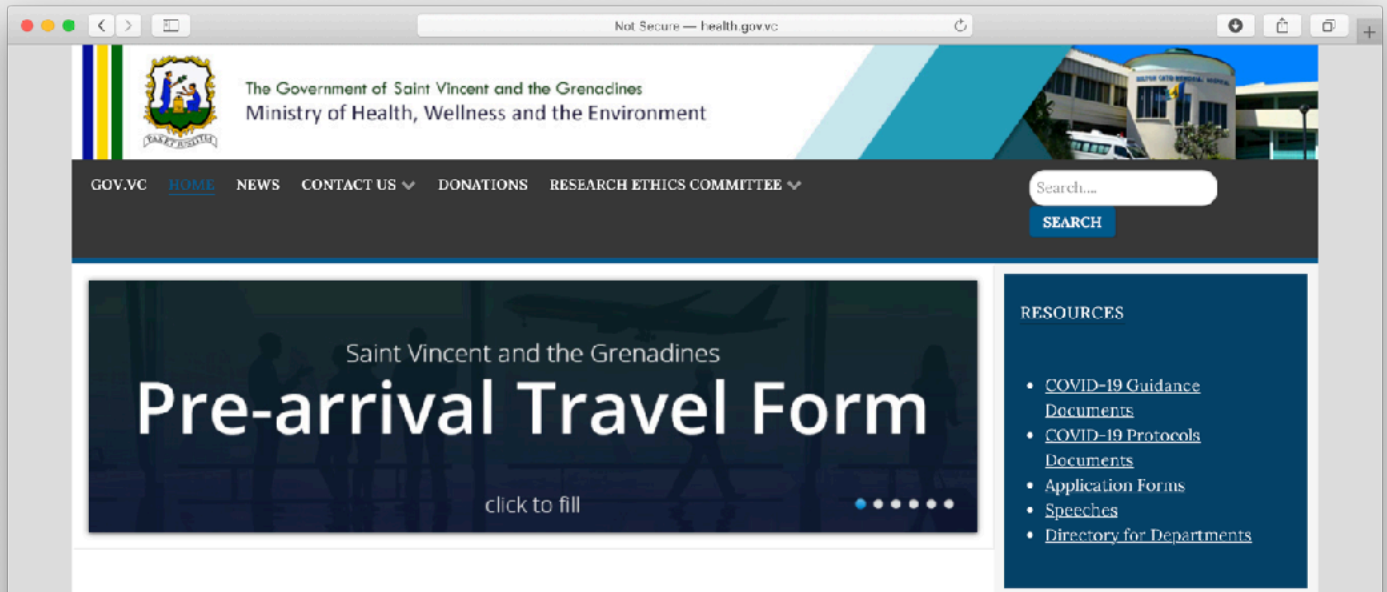


OBJECTIVES

1. To establish the risk of the arriving traveller introducing new COVID-19 to SVG;
2. To minimize exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19;
3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19, and
4. Early containment of new COVID-19.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER

The arriving traveler will:



1. Complete the Pre-Arrival Form available at **health.gov.vc**

Or

2. Complete Pre-Arrival form (hard copy) prior to arrival.



And the Port Health Officer will:

1. Complete of Port Health form for each arriving passenger

PHASED PROCESS OF ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



TESTING & QUARANTINE:

1. **PHASE #1** - The period of July 1-31 will be used to determine the incidence of COVID-19 in passengers arriving from different countries. During this phase:
 - a. **ALL** travellers entering St Vincent and the Grenadines must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within five (5) days of arrival or will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
 - b. **ALL** travellers who have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival will be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await their PCR test results.

- c. **ALL travellers who arrive by air will be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await the PCR test results of all passengers from the same flight.**
- d. During this phase the CARICOM Bubble will not apply.



- 2. **PHASE #2** - Commencing August 1, 2020, based on the data gained during Phase #1 and the current epidemiology of the COVID-19 Pandemic, arriving travellers will be subject to PCR COVID-19 testing, depending on their country of residence and the origin of travel:
 - a. The CARICOM Bubble applies to **intra regional travel only** and consists of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, BVI, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Turks and Caicos and Trinidad and Tobago. (subject to change)
 - b. For the purposes of the CARICOM Bubble, the country of residence will be the last country that the traveler was present in for at least 14 days.
 - c. Travellers whose country of residence is in the CARICOM Bubble will not require a PCR COVID-19 test on entry or a negative test result to enter St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



- d. Travellers whose country of residence or origin of travel is not in the CARICOM Bubble must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result done within five (5) days of arrival or will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
 - e. ALL travellers who arrive by air may be quarantined for at least 24 hours to await the PCR test results of all passengers from the same flight.
3. **BUBBLE SITES** - Travellers to SVG Island Resorts /Hotels considered Bubble Sites (the entire island or hotel facility is considered a COVID-19 free space) with negative IgM antibody tests results (a test done within 5 days) or negative rapid COVID-19 antigen test or negative PCR result (a test done within 5 days) will not be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival and will not be required to quarantine.



PROCESS ON ARRIVAL



ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT:

- a. Review of Pre-Arrival Form online or
- b. Review of Pre-Arrival Form hard copy.

ESTABLISH SARS-COV-2/COVID-19 STATUS:

- a. Approval of SARS-CoV-2 test result by Port Health Team
or
- b. Collection of a nasal swab specimen for a COVID-19 PCR test from all qualifying disembarking travellers.



c. Travellers by air:

1. All travellers will then immediately proceed to an approved place of accommodation for a 24 hour quarantine period to await the result of the COVID-19 PCR test.
2. All travellers will be assessed by the Port Health Officers to determine their final level of risk and the length of mandatory quarantine required.

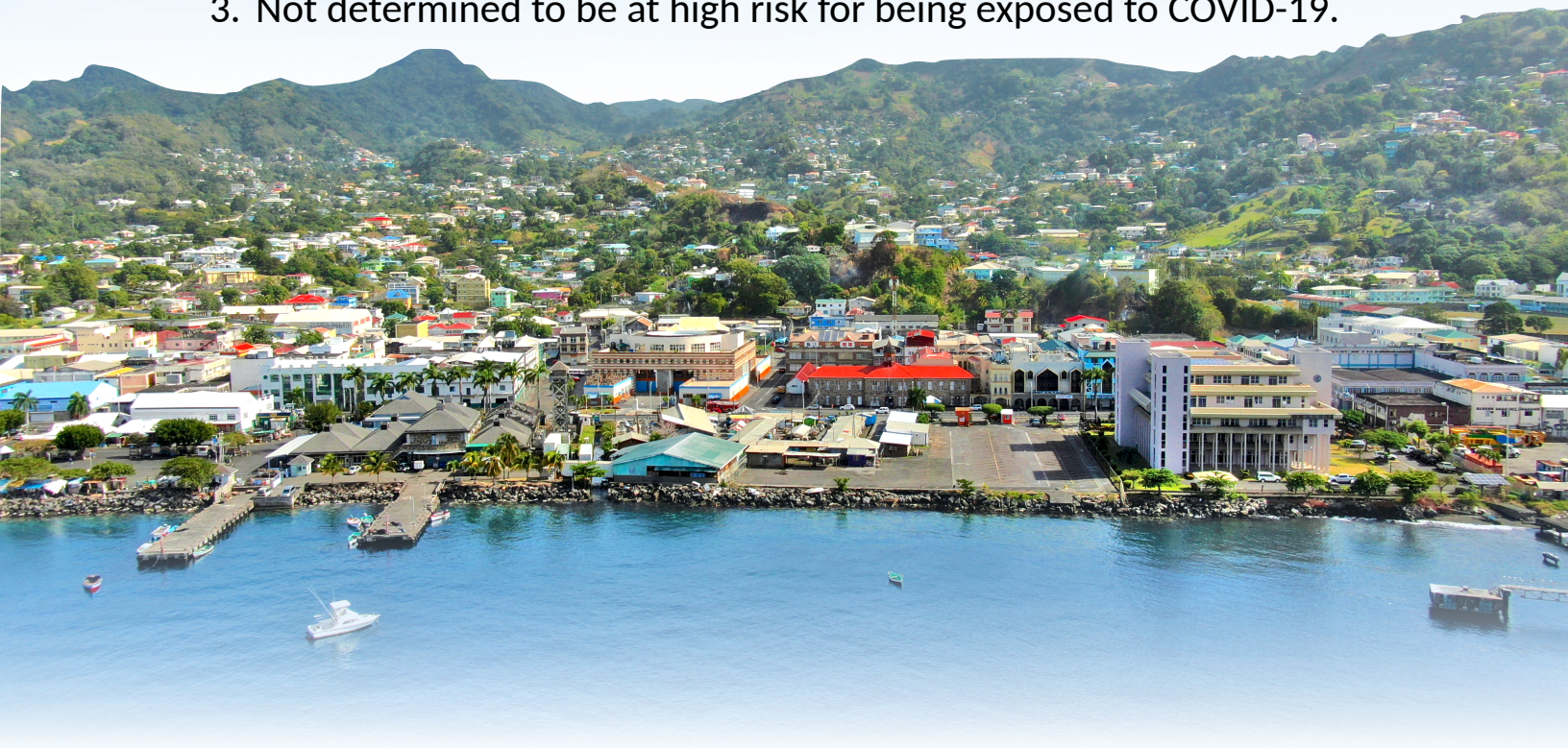


d. Travellers by sea:

1. All travellers with approved documentation of a negative COVID-19 PCR test done within 3-5 days will not need to quarantine.
- e. All travellers will be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.
- f. All travellers with a positive COVID-19 PCR test result will be isolated in an approved accommodation/facility for the next 14 days at the cost of the traveller.

REQUIREMENTS OF DISCHARGE FROM QUARANTINE

1. Objective measures:
 - a. Negative PCR Test
 - b. Not a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
2. Subjective measures:
 - a. Absence of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
3. Not determined to be at high risk for being exposed to COVID-19.



Please note that this protocol may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.

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