CIRCULAR
ON THE REOPENING OF BORDERS

The purpose of this circular is to specify the health protocols that will accompany the border reopening scheme, the main terms of which were set out in Decree No. 2020-80/PR/PM of 12 July 2020.

This circular aims to provide global instructions on the implementation of this decision and is based on the recommendations of the scientific committee of the covid-19, formulated in consultation with the other competent authorities and in compliance with the International Health Regulations.

It aims to mitigate the risks of virus introduction into the national territory and applies to the air, land and sea points of entry into the Republic of Djibouti.

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Passengers departing from and arriving in the Republic of Djibouti by any means (aircraft, boats, trains, public transport vehicles) must:

- Benefit from a screening test for COVID-19 at the time of their arrival at the points of entry by air, land or sea,
- Carry the results of a covid-19 test at the time of departure if required by the authorities of the country of destination;
- Be equipped with protective masks when leaving or arriving at entry points;
- To respect the measures of physical distance of one meter, if possible at all stages of the trip,
- Have liquid hand sanitizer gel during the entire trip.
In the airports, stations and land borders of the Republic of Djibouti, waiting areas and passenger circulation zones will be established to ensure the social distancing of passengers and proper passenger temperature control, as well as isolation zones.

**B. COVID-19 SCREENING TEST PROCEDURES**

The Republic of Djibouti has instituted a covid-19 screening test under the following conditions:

*For arriving travelers:*

- All passengers (with the exception of transit passengers and crew members) arriving in the territory and aged over 11 years will be given a saliva test;

- passengers must abstain from ingesting solid food within half an hour before the time of sampling;

- The test will be carried out on site and the results will be delivered within one hour of the end of the sampling;

- Pending the results, no passengers will be allowed to enter the national territory;

- Passengers who test positive will be treated by the health services in accordance with the guidelines in force in the country,

- Arrival screening tests will be available:
  - At Djibouti International Airport,
  - Nagad Central Station,
  - At the land border crossings of Loyada, Gallilé, Galafi and Balho
  - To the ports of Tadjourah and Obock.
For departing passengers, the provisions are as follows:

- The screening center for passengers departing from Djibouti is the center for screening and care Bouffard;
- Screening tests will be taken every day from 08H00 to 12H00;
- It is a PCR test whose results will be available after 4 hours;
- The validity of the test is 72 hours, passengers are responsible for making arrangements to be provided with a valid test at the time of departure from the territory;
- Passengers who test negative will be given a certificate of testing for covid-19 "negative."
- Passengers who test positive will not be allowed to embark or cross the land or sea border.

In order to facilitate the continuity of flights while preventing the spread of COVID-19, crew members who will be staying in the Republic of Djibouti:

- Will be exempted from screening tests on the express condition of presentation of a medical file of which they are the subject by the airline companies, in particular as regards screening tests for COVID-19;
- On arrival, they will be subject to a temperature control and an interrogation in search of symptoms suggestive of the disease,
- From the moment they disembark to the moment of their departure, they will move within a sanitary corridor, making sure they wear masks and respect the rules of physical distance.
C. GUIDELINES FOR THE DISINFECTION OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND PASSENGER RECEPTION AREAS

- It is incumbent on operators to ensure that means of transport are disinfected at a certain frequency, depending on the use of the equipment and taking into account the recommendations of the regulatory bodies concerned, in coordination with the National Institute of Public Health of Djibouti;

- For means of transport, materials known to be effective against COVID-19 and whose use does not pose a danger should be used, referring to the guidelines of the original equipment manufacturer, confirmed by WHO guidelines;

- The reception areas will be subject to regular disinfection which will be carried out either directly by the National Institute of Public Health or in accordance with the guidelines issued by the National Institute of Public Health.

D. MEDICAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH COVID-19 POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS

The management of any person diagnosed as positive will be in accordance with national guidelines:

- All Djiboutians or foreigners residing in the Republic of Djibouti diagnosed as Covid-19 positive may, following an initial assessment of their clinical condition, be offered care in a hospital facility identified for that purpose or isolation and care at home if conditions at home permit;

- All foreigners not residing in the Republic of Djibouti diagnosed as COVID-19 positive will be offered, depending on their clinical condition, isolation and treatment at their own expense in a hotel identified for this purpose or treatment in a hospital structure.

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