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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR SPECIAL QUARANTINE ARRANGEMENTS: WORKING QUARANTINE

AIM: The safe completion of a specific task by an individual who has travelled from a foreign country 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 status of exposure to COVID-19 of the individual.
2. To ensure the safe completion of the specific task within the quarantine period of 14-21 days.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON TO COMPLETE A WORKING QUARANTINE:

1. Full name, date of birth, passport number, contact number and address in departing country.
2. Certificate of Health issued by the National Health Authority of the country of departure including:
 - a. their exposure to any COVID-19 positive or suspected cases,
 - b. any objective screening for COVID-19 (name of screening test, date and facility).
3. Address and contact information of the proposed worksite
4. Address and contact information for proposed accommodation site
5. Commitment of contracting organization/company or individual to pay for the accommodation at the approved quarantine site.

PROCESS ON ARRIVAL:

1. Disembarking Protocol (by air)
 - a. All passengers will be screened before entering the arrivals area
 - b. Screening will include probing for symptoms and temperature check and may include COVID-19 exposure test
 - c. Persons (with appropriate face covering) will be transported to the approved working quarantine facility in an approved vehicle with an approved driver.

CONDITIONS OF QUARANTINE IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:

1. A court order for quarantine for 14 days may be issued indicating the approved sites of working quarantine.
2. Any breach of the quarantine order will result in prosecution.
3. The person under working quarantine will be allowed to only be present at the approved quarantine site and the approved work site.
4. The person will only be allowed to travel between approved sites in an approved vehicle with an identified driver.
5. The person will at all times observe all of the hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing and safe mask use guidance of the Health Services Subcommittee.
6. The person will keep a daily log of their measured temperature and the appearance of any COVID-19 signs and symptoms, and report this information on a daily basis to an assigned Health Care Worker.
7. The approved working quarantine sites (accommodation and work) will observe the Health Services Subcommittee guidelines for the provision of meals, cleaning and general interactions.
8. The Health Services Subcommittee may request that a COVID-19 test be conducted at any time during or after the quarantine period.
9. If at any time during the quarantine period the person develops any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID19, all approved working quarantine will cease immediately. Isolation of symptomatic or COVID-19 positive persons will be in effect immediately. Any restart of working quarantine must be approved by the Health Services Subcommittee.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Persons entering the country for work for less than 24 hours OR professionals (including engineers, physicians, dentists) entering for short term or intending to commence work immediately must present COVID-19 PCR results for a test conducted no more than 48 hours prior to arrival in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Prepared and approved by the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee –
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No. 75

HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**
VIA YACHTS – June 22 – July 31, 2020

AIM: The safe entry of yachts into 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 arriving yachts and passengers introducing new COVID-19 to SVG;
2. To minimize the 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

1. Completion of forms at Ports of Entry (PoE). The POE's currently accessible are Blue Lagoon, Wallilabou and Port Kingstown.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:

- All arriving yachts will request permission for entry by email to coronavirustaskforcesvg@gmail.com.
- An online risk assessment form must be completed prior to arrival.
- Once accepted for entry, after initial screening, yachts will proceed to designated area(s) for on-vessel quarantine.
- Mooring at designated areas* will be at the cost of the yacht.
- Those who opt for SVG COVID-19 PCR testing will remain onboard until results are received. If negative, no further quarantine will be required. If positive, they will be isolated at a government facility for care and treatment. Both testing and isolation will be at the cost of the yachts.

RECOMMENDED MOORING BUOYS*1. Young Island Cut**

Telephone Number: 784-433-9648 or 784-451-0203

Email Address: svgarrivals@gmail.com or info@bluesvg.com

2. Bequia - Telephone Number 784-533-2909

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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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No. 76

HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES – July 1-31, 2020**

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:

1. Completion of VINCYCOVID online application process
(coronavirustaskforcesvg@gmail.com or nemosvgeoc@gmail.com)
Or
Completion of VINCYCOVID questionnaire on flight prior to arrival.
2. Completion of Health forms at Ports of Entry by Port Health Officers.

TESTING & QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:

- PHASE #1-The period of July 1-31 will be used to determine the incidence of COVID-19 in passengers arriving from different countries. **All travellers entering St Vincent and the Grenadines will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.**
- 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 origin. The country of origin will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 14 days.
 - CARICOM Bubble: The CARICOM Bubble consists of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, BVI, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. Travellers whose country of origin is one in the CARICOM Bubble will require the following to enter St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

- VINCYCOVID online application process and/or
 - Completed COVID-19 Questionnaire (on vessel)
 - No COVID-19 laboratory test.
- Non- CARICOM Bubble: Travellers from countries of origin not in the CARICOM Bubble will require the following to enter St. Vincent and the Grenadines:
- VINCYCOVID online application process and/or
 - Completed COVID-19 Questionnaire (on vessel)
 - PCR testing on arrival
 - Court-Ordered, 24-hour quarantine (Await results in home or hotel).
- Other circumstances:
- Travellers arriving with negative COVID-19 antibody tests results (a test done within 5 days) and a negative rapid COVID-19 antigen test or negative PCR result (a test done within 2 days) will not be required to have a SVG COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival and will not be required to quarantine.
 - Travellers to SVG Island Resorts /Hotels considered Bubble Sites (the entire island or hotel facility is considered a COVID-19 free space) with negative antibody tests results (a test done within 5 days) and negative rapid COVID-19 antigen test or negative PCR result (a test done within 2 days) will not be required to have a SVG COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival and will not be required to quarantine.

PROCESS ON ARRIVAL:

1. Pre-arrival check in at Port of Entry in St. Vincent and the Grenadines:
 - a. VINCYCOVID App*Approval
 - b. VINCYCOVID Questionnaire
2. Testing Protocol for travellers meeting the requirement for a SVG COVID-19 PCR test:
 - a. The Port Health Team will collect a nasal swab specimen for a **SVG COVID-19 PCR** test from all qualifying disembarking travellers. This sample will be collected prior to the traveller being granted permission to leave the Port of Entry. The traveller will then immediately proceed to their place of accommodation for a 24 hour quarantine period while they await the result of the SVG COVID-19 PCR.
 - b. Travellers who enter with approved documentation of a negative (IgG & IgM) COVID-19 antibody test done within the past 5 days and a negative **SVG COVID-19 PCR** test will not need to quarantine beyond the 24 hour initial quarantine period. Such travellers will be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.
 - c. All travellers who enter with approved documentation of a negative (IgG & IgM) COVID-19 antibody test done within the past 5 days and a negative **COVID-19 PCR** test done within 2 days will not need to quarantine. Such a traveller would be required to monitor his/her temperature for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.
 - d. All travellers who enter with approved documentation of a negative COVID-19 antibody test done within the past 5 - 7 days but a positive **SVG COVID-19 PCR** test, will be isolated in an approved facility for the next 14 days at the cost of the traveller.
 - e. Travellers who arrive without any approved COVID-19 test results may be subject to a rapid COVID-19 antibody along with a PCR specimen collection prior to departing the airport to private accommodation.

3. Testing procedures:

- a. All passengers will be screened before entering the arrivals area. Screening may include probing for symptoms, temperature checks and laboratory specimen collection.
- b. Hand hygiene will be enforced.
- c. Photo identification will be required for ALL.
- d. Area for screening will be sanitized after each group is screened.
- e. All travellers will be required to go immediately to their private accommodation site to await the results of the PCR test.
- f. Persons going to a government quarantine facility will be boarded on agreed appropriate vehicles to await departure.
- g. Persons with adequate home facilities for quarantine (relative to risk assessment) will be allowed to leave.

REQUIREMENTS OF DISCHARGE FROM 24 hour QUARANTINE:**1. Objective measures:**

- a. Negative Rapid Antibody Test and
 - b. Negative PCR Test and
 - c. Absence of signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
2. No known exposure to a known COVID-19 positive person.

* The VINCYCOVID APP is currently being developed.

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