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UPDATE ON BORDER MEASURES FOR TRAVELLERS WITH TRAVEL HISTORY TO AUSTRALIA AND GUANGDONG PROVINCE, MAINLAND CHINA

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has been closely monitoring the global COVID-19 situation and will be tightening border measures for travellers with travel history to Australia, and lifting border restrictions to allow short-term visitors with travel history to Guangdong province, Mainland China, to enter Singapore. Please refer to the Ministry of Health's (MOH) press release in **Annex A**.

Tightening of Border Measures for Travellers with Travel History to Australia

2   With effect from **2 July 2021, 2359hrs** (Singapore time):

(a) Short-term visitors holding an Air Travel Pass (ATP) with travel history to Australia within the last 21 days before departure for Singapore, will not be allowed to enter Singapore.

(b) Long-Term Pass Holders will still be required to have an Approval Letter of Entry issued by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA), the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) or the Ministry of Education (MOE), and present it to airline staff at check-in at the point of departure, and to the ICA officer at the checkpoint upon arrival in Singapore.

3   SCs, PRs and Long-Term Pass Holders entering Singapore with travel history to Australia within the last 21 days before departure for Singapore, will be subject to an on-arrival COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test[1], a 7-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) at their place of residence, and a COVID-19 PCR test before the end of the SHN period.

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[1] This requirement does not apply to children below 3 years of age. Age is calculated based on calendar year. For example, if travellers are entering Singapore in the year 2021, those born in or after 2019, are not required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Singapore.

To expedite the COVID-19 PCR test at the airport, travellers are strongly encouraged to register and pre-pay for their on-arrival COVID-19 PCR test prior to departing for Singapore at https://safetravel.changiairport.com/.

Lifting of Border Restrictions for Travellers with Travel History to Guangdong Province, Mainland China

4   With immediate effect, short-term visitors from Guangdong province, Mainland China, can apply for an ATP for entry into Singapore at https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/[2].

5   From **2 July 2021, 2359hrs** (Singapore time), all short-term visitors from Mainland China, entering Singapore with an ATP must:

(a)   have been in Mainland China in the last 21 consecutive days[3] before departing for Singapore;

(b)   travel to Singapore on a direct flight without transit via another country/region;

(c)   purchase travel insurance, with a minimum coverage of $30,000 for COVID-19-related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs, prior to travel to Singapore; and

(d)   show the following documents to airline staff at check-in at the point of departure, and to the ICA officer at the checkpoint upon arrival in Singapore:

(i)   a valid ATP approval letter (electronic or physical copy) for the specified period of entry into Singapore;

(ii)   a valid visa (for visa-required passport holders); and

(iii)   a mobile device with the TraceTogether[4] app already downloaded, with mobile number and profile registered. The airline staff should verify this by getting the visitor to click on the TraceTogether app on their mobile device and show the holding screen. If the visitor does not have the TraceTogether app, the airline staff should check that the visitor has an electronic or physical copy of his/her booking

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[2] Visitors can apply for the single-entry ATP, at no charge, between seven and thirty calendar days prior to their intended date of entry into Singapore. More details can be found at https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/.

[3] If the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 3 July 2021), the traveller must have remained in his/her declared point of departure from D-21 to D (i.e. 12 June to 3 July 2021, if D is 3 July 2021).

[4] This does not apply to children aged 6 years old or younger in that calendar year. Children who are aged 7 to 12 years in that calendar year, and those unable to use a mobile device due to a certified disability and/or special need, are eligible to be issued TraceTogether tokens.

Travellers who need to download the TraceTogether App will have to ensure that their mobile devices are compatible with the app. They can download the app at https://www.tracetogether.gov.sg/. Mobile devices that are incompatible with the TraceTogether app include: Phones that do not have access to Apple App Store, Google Play store, or Huawei App Gallery, non-camera phones, phones with Android version 5.0 and below, phones with iOS version 9 and below, phones running on Blackberry OS or Symbian OS, phones with a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system installed by employers that prevents downloads from the Apple App Store, Google Play Store, or Huawei App Gallery.

confirmation for a mobile device from Changi Recommends. Otherwise, please have the ATP holder make a booking for a mobile device on the Changi Recommends website prior to accepting them for boarding to Singapore.

6   Short-term visitors entering Singapore with an ATP will be required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test[1] upon arrival at the airport[5].

7   Airlines must ensure full compliance with the border measures in force, including screening of passengers' recent travel history and the necessary approval letters where applicable, at the point of departure for all flights to Singapore. Existing Not-To-Land (NTL) policies and procedures will apply for passengers, who are denied entry into Singapore if they do not meet Singapore's prevailing entry requirements or who are not allowed to transfer/transit through Singapore.

8   Information on the additional requirements will be updated in the IATA Timatic service.

9   This Circular will, with effect from **2 July 2021, 2359hrs** (Singapore time), supersede CAAS Circulars 2021/36 dated 4 June 2021 and 2021/39 dated 25 June 2021.

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[5] After taking the COVID-19 PCR test, they are to immediately take private transportation, taxi, or private hire car from the airport to their declared place of accommodation. They must remain isolated at the accommodation pending the outcome of the test result. The test results will be out within 48 hours. If the test result is negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore, without a need to serve a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). Visitors may refer to the Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) website https://sha.org.sg for the list of hotels approved to receive visitors travelling to Singapore on the ATP.

Annex A

Please refer to:

https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/updates-on-border-measures-for-travellers-from-australia-and-guangdong-province-mainland-china