

CAAS Circular 2021/78

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UPDATE ON BORDER MEASURES FOR TRAVELLERS WITH TRAVEL HISTORY TO HONG KONG, MACAO, MAINLAND CHINA AND TAIWAN

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has been closely monitoring the global COVID-19 situation and will be adjusting border measures for all travellers. Please refer to MOH's press release in <u>Annex A</u>.

2 From **2 December 2021, 2359 hours (Singapore time)**, all short-term visitors from Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China and Taiwan, entering Singapore with an Air Travel Pass (ATP) must:

- have only been to one or more Category I country or region¹ or Singapore, or both, in the last 14 consecutive days² before departing for Singapore;
- undergo a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or a professionally administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART)³ within 2 days⁴ prior to departure for Singapore;
- (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 Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (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

¹ Please refer to <u>https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/shn-and-swab-summary</u> for the latest classification of countries/regions.

² If the scheduled day of departure of the flight is D (e.g. 15 December 2021), the traveller must have only been to one or more Category I countries/regions and/or Singapore from D-14 to D (i.e. 1 December to 15 December 2021).

³ Please refer to CAAS Directive No. 9/2020 and No. 10/2020 and CAAS Circular 2021/77 for the requirements. ⁴ If the pre-departure test is taken on 1 December 2021, it will be valid for departures up to 3 December 2021, 2359 hours.

(iii) a valid pre-departure COVID-19 PCR or ART test certificate showing a negative test result.

3 Short-term visitors entering Singapore with an ATP are required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test⁵ upon arrival at the airport⁶.

4 Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents, and Long-Term Pass holders entering Singapore from Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China and Taiwan, are not required to apply for an ATP to travel to Singapore, but are required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test or a professionally administered ART within 2 days prior to departure for Singapore and a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival at the airport. In addition, Long-Term Pass holders will still be required to have an Approval Letter of Entry issued by the ICA, the Ministry of Manpower or the Ministry of Education, 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.

5 To expedite the COVID-19 PCR test at the airport, they should register and make payment at <u>https://safetravel.changiairport.com</u> before departing for Singapore.

6 Information on the updated requirement for all inbound passengers will be updated in the IATA Timatic service.

7 This Circular will, with effect from **2 December 2021, 2359 hours (Singapore time)**, supersede CAAS Circular 2021/70, dated 8 November 2021, *Update on Border Measures for Travellers with Travel History to Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China and Taiwan*.

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⁵ This requirement does not apply to children below three years of age. Age is calculated based on calendar year. If a passenger is entering or transiting/transferring through Singapore in year of 2021, those born in or after 2019, are not required to take COVID-19 PCR test prior to departure for Singapore.

⁶ 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 24 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/maintaining-vigilance-withprecautionary-moves-to-better-detect-and-reduce-risk-of-local-transmission-of-theomicron-variant