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

July 1-31/2020
(17/06/2020)





AIM: The safe entry of travelers 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. Establish the risk of the arriving traveler introducing new COVID-19 to SVG.
2. Minimized exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19
3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19
4. Early containment of new COVID-19.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELER:

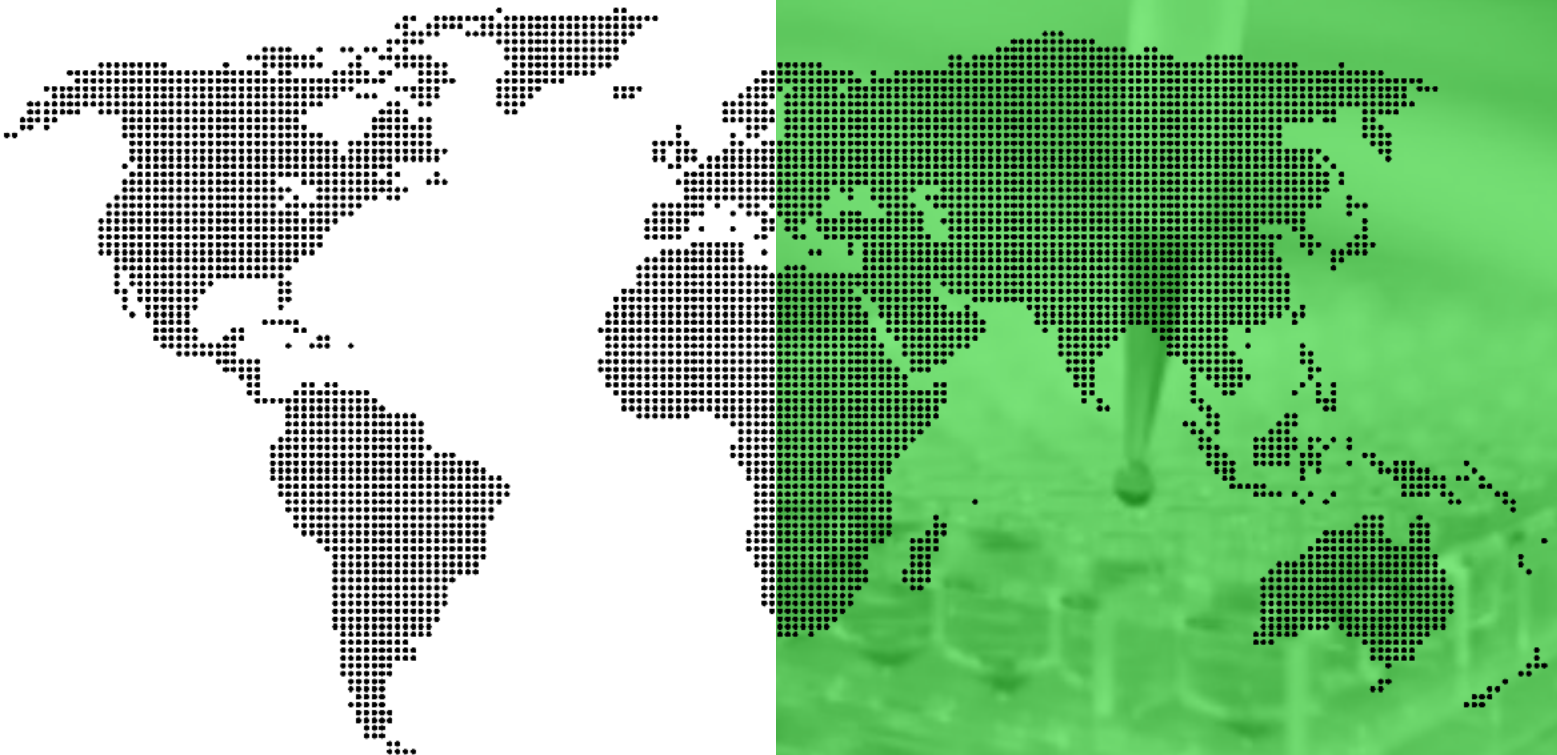
1. Completion of VINCYSOVID online* application process
Or
Completion of VINCYSOVID questionnaire on flight prior to arrival.
2. Completion of Health forms at POE Port Health Officers.

TESTING & QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:

- PHASE #1-The period of July 1-30 will be used to determine the incidence of COVID-19 in passengers arriving from different countries. All travelers to SVG will have a PCR COVID-19 test done on arrival.
- PHASE #2 - Commencing August 1, 2020, based on the data gained during Phase #1and the current epidemiology of the COVID-19 Pandemic, travelers arriving will be subjected to PCR COVID-19 testing depending on their country of origin.
- 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.
- Country of Origin (present in country for at least 14 days):
 - CARICOM Bubble:
 - COVID-19 Questionnaire
 - No COVID-19 laboratory test



- Non- CARICOM Bubble:
 - COVID-19 Questionnaire
 - PCR testing on arrival
 - Court Order 24 hour quarantine (await results in home or hotel)
 - Arriving with Negative Antibody tests results (test within 5 days) and Negative PCR result (test within 2 days) – no quarantine
 - Bubble Island/Hotel Negative Antibody tests results (test within 5 days) and/or Negative PCR result (test within 2 days) – no quarantine





PROCESS ON ARRIVAL:

1. Pre-arrival check in at port:
 - a. VINCYCOVID APP(in progress)
Approval
Or
 - b. VICNYCOVID Questionnaire
2. Testing Protocol for travelers meeting the testing requirement:
 - a. Port Health Team will collect specimen for an **SVG COVID-19 PCR** test from all qualifying disembarking travelers prior to being granted permission to leave the Port of Entry for 24 hour quarantine to await result.
 - b. All travelers who entered 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. Such a traveler would be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.
 - c. All travelers who entered with approved documentation of a negative (IgG & IgM) COVID-19 antibody test done within the past 5 days and/or a negative **COVID-19**



PCR test done with in 2 days, will not need to quarantine. Such a traveler would be required to monitor their temperatures for the next 14 days and report any elevations to the local health authority.

- d. All travelers who entered 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 traveler.
- e. Travelers who arrive without any approved COVID-19 test results may be subjected to both rapid antibody and PCR specimen collection prior to departing the airport to private accommodation.

3. Testing procedure:

- 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 is required for ALL.
- d. Area for screening will be sanitized after each group is screened.
- e. All travelers 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 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 or
- 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.

