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Entry procedure for foreign vaccinated tourist groups

1. Objective

The objective of this procedure is to govern entry into Israel of foreign vaccinated tourist groups, in Stage I of the pilot to begin on May 23, 2021, for entry of 20 groups. Should changes be made to this procedure follow in this pilot, a revised procedure would be issued.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. "**Vaccinated tourist**": Tourist vaccinated by an FDA- or EMA-approved vaccine. Or, tourist arriving from any country with which an agreement has been signed for mutual recognition of vaccination certificates, pursuant to terms and conditions of such agreement.
- 2.2. "**Incoming tourism agent**": Any person, corporation, licensed sole proprietor, private company or registered NGO meeting the criteria listed in **Appendix A** to this procedure.
- 2.3. "**Tourist group**": Group of 5-30 tourists of the same nationality, passport holders from visa-exempt countries, which an incoming tourism agent applies for approval of their arrival.
- 2.4. "**Application for registration of tourist group**": Application filed by Ofakim Travel for approval of a tourist group subject to conditions set forth in this procedure, filed on the Ministry of Tourism website. The application shall include the list of invitees and other information, as specified in the online application form available on the Ministry of Tourism website.

3. Threshold conditions for approval of entry of tourist group into Israel

- 3.1. All group members arriving in Israel must be vaccinated tourists holding a negative PCR test result, conducted 72 hours prior to departure of the aircraft carrying the group to Israel.
- 3.2. All group members arriving in Israel will have obtained an insurance policy with coverage for medical treatment of COVID-19.

- 3.3. Ofakim Travel shall have the full contact information of the tourists, including cellular phone number, email address and overseas address, as well as copies of the vaccination certificates of all participants.
- 3.4. The group size may not exceed the allowed number of persons for gathering outdoors, in conformity with regulations. When visiting indoor locations, the group shall be divided based on the maximum allowed number of persons for gathering indoors, in conformity with Israeli law.

The Population and Immigration Authority may deny entry of any tourist who, on their previous visit, were in breach of any conditions for entry or stay in Israel and who have failed to comply with terms and conditions of this procedure.

4. Terms and conditions for stay of tourist group in Israel:

- 4.1. Throughout their visit, the group shall be accompanied by one tour guide and one driver, holding vaccination or recovery certificates. The tour guide and driver shall be with the group throughout their visit in Israel, except for overnight accommodation.

- 4.2. The agent shall ensure that group members are in compliance with all statutory provisions, including mandatory mask wearing.
- 4.3. The agent shall ensure that group members remain all together throughout their visit to Israel.

4.4. Hotel and/or B&B:

- 4.4.1. Group accommodation shall only be at hotels and/or B&Bs operating in compliance with regulations.
- 4.4.2. Group would check in and check out at a separate counter designated for this purpose, to exclusively serve group members during check in and check out.
- 4.4.3. Group dine at the hotel or restaurant, a separate and isolated space shall be designated for the group away from other guests of the hotel and/or B&B. This space may be within the dining rooms of the hotel and/or B&B, or in another room designated for this purpose by the hotel and/or B&B.
- 4.4.4. The hotel and/or B&B shall assign rooms to the group in a designated space / wing, with rooms assigned to the group being clearly separated from rooms of other guests of the hotel and/or B&B.

4.5. Transportation:

- 4.5.1. Group would be transported in a designated bus, to serve group members exclusively during their stay in Israel.
- 4.5.2. Disinfectant is available to all group members on the bus throughout their visit to Israel.
- 4.5.3. Bus interior is thoroughly cleaned daily.

4.6. Restaurants

- 4.6.1. Restaurant should provide a separate room to be assigned, separated from all other guests inside the restaurant, or a designated outdoor area for the group to dine in.
- 4.6.2. The group may only dine at restaurants that are in compliance with regulations.

4.7. Required action prior to arrival in Israel, pursuant to the Aviation Regulations:

- 6.1.1 The agent shall ensure that tourists are familiar with all provisions of this procedure and that they are vaccinated.
- 6.1.2 Within 72 hours prior to departure to Israel, group members shall undergo a PCR test. A negative PCR test is a pre-condition for boarding the flight to Israel.
- 6.1.3 Within 24 hours prior to departure to Israel, group members shall complete a health certification on the Ministry of Health website, indicating the Israeli cell phone number of the agent. Confirmation of completion of the health certification is also a pre-condition for boarding the flight to Israel.

4.8. Required action upon arrival in Israel:

- 4.8.1. Group members shall present the approval from the Population and Immigration Authority upon arrival in Israel. The approval is provided to the group by the Israeli tour operator prior to departure.
- 4.8.2. In conformity with testing regulations, group members shall undergo a PCR test after landing in Israel, prior to leaving Ben Gurion Airport. Passengers must pay for and take this test as a pre-condition for their stay in Israel.
- 4.8.3. In order to avoid isolation, group members shall take a serology test, at their expense, upon entry into Israel and shall be in isolation pending a positive result and receipt of confirmation for leaving isolation (to be sent to the email address entered by the passenger on the incoming passenger form). They would then be able to issue a Green Pass using the Ramzor app or on the [Ramzor website](#).

5. Cases and responses

5.1. Scenario 1 – Tourist received negative serology test result

- 9.1.1 A tourist who received a negative serology test result shall immediately inform the agent of this and shall immediately go into isolation, as stipulated by the Home Isolation Ordinance. The agent shall have such person removed to isolation in a rented apartment or vacation unit, but not at a hotel, through the end of their isolation period, and shall immediately report this to the Ministry of Tourism operations center.
- 9.1.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing in section 1, should the isolation be carried out at a hotel, the agent shall ensure that the person is in isolation in a room with no guests staying in the two adjacent rooms. The agent shall have the hotel staff informed that a person is in isolation at the hotel. Note that it should be preferred to maintain the tourist in isolation in a rented apartment or vacation unit, rather than in a hotel.

- 9.13. For the sake of clarity, the agent is responsible for maintaining such isolation, at the tourist's expense.

5.2. Scenario 2 – Tourist showing symptoms or illness

- 5.2.1. A tourist showing one or more COVID symptoms, or a tourist who received a positive PCR test result, shall immediately inform the agent of this and shall immediately go into isolation, as stipulated by the Home Isolation Ordinance. The agent shall immediately report this to the Ministry of Tourism operations center.
- 5.2.2. Any tourist who is ill shall maintain isolation in a hotel for COVID patients at their own expense; if such hotel is not available, they shall maintain isolation in a rented apartment in conformity with guidance from the Ministry of Health.
- 5.2.3. For the sake of clarity, the agent is responsible for maintaining such isolation, at the tourist's expense.

Appendix C – Declaration by a Tourist and Consent to the Conditions of Entry and Stay in Israel

I _____ the holder of passport number _____, hereby declare that:

1. I have been vaccinated against the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and that I am in possession of a vaccination certificate.
2. I am aware of the fact that a condition for entering Israel is the purchase of an insurance policy that covers treatment for COVID-19.
3. I am aware of the fact that a condition for entry into Israel is a negative result of a PCR test, conducted up to 72 hours prior to the aircraft taking off for Israel.
4. I am aware of the fact that a condition for boarding an aircraft flying to Israel is to fill out a health declaration 24 hours prior to the flight, on the website of the Israeli Ministry of Health and that I must provide, in the declaration, the mobile telephone number of the Israeli travel agent that is responsible for my group while in Israel.
5. I am aware of the fact that when I enter Israel, while still at the airport in Israel, I will have to undergo a PCR test, for which I will have to pay in advance.
6. I am aware of the fact that in order to avoid going into isolation in Israel, I must undergo a serological examination, at my expense, at a location that will be coordinated by the travel agent, and that I must go into isolation until a positive result is obtained and an isolation exit permit is issued.
7. I am aware of the fact that in the event that I obtain a negative result in the serological examination, when arriving in Israel and / or during my stay in Israel, I must update the travel agent and go into isolation immediately. I also am aware of the fact that the stay in isolation will be at my expense and in accordance with the directives of the Israeli Ministry of Health.
8. I am aware of the fact that in case I have one or more COVID-19 symptoms or if I obtain a positive result on a PCR test, when I arrive into Israel and / or during my stay in Israel, I must update the travel agent and go into isolation immediately. I also am aware of the fact that the isolation will be done at an official Corona hotel or in accordance with the directives of the Israeli Ministry of Health and that the stay in isolation will be at my expense.

9. I am aware of the fact that throughout my visit to Israel, I must be part of the group and not separate from them.
10. I agree that the travel agent will submit the relevant details, including a copy of my immunization certificate and the itinerary of my visit to Israel to Government Ministries in Israel, as far as these are required as part of an epidemiological investigation..

Full Name

Country

Signature

Date

Appendix D - Power of Attorney – Procedure for Exiting Isolation and the Issue of a Vaccination Certificate

I hereby grant a power of attorney to _____, I. D. number _____, to handle the process of my exit from isolation on my behalf, as well as the issue of a vaccination certificate by the Ministry of Health.

Full Name

Country

Signature

Date