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NEW COVID -19 REQUIREMENTS AT PORTS OF ENTRY

This AIC serves as a notification that the Ministry of Health and Wellness informs members of the public of the new changes at ports of entry with effect from 18th March 2022.

Due to the discordant periods for taking booster shots between Botswana and other countries and for the purposes of smoothing international travel, the definition of being fully vaccinated in Botswana will no longer include booster shot. Having completed the primary vaccine series will be considered sufficient for one to be allowed entry, without the need to present a negative PCR test results.

When a person is not fully vaccinated, they will be required to present a negative 72-hour PCR test result and in addition, undergo COVID -19 testing at the port of entry, which will be facilitated by the ministry for free. After vaccination, they will be allowed into the country.

Alternatively, if one has no proof of being fully vaccinated and has no 72-hour negative PCR test result, they will be required to undergo PCR testing at ports of entry, at their own costs and where necessary quarantine at own cost while waiting for results. If results are negative, they will be allowed into the country. If positive, they will be allowed to isolate within the district of port of entry, at own cost and allowed to proceed into the country only after full recovery.

When one is not fully vaccinated and is also not willing to be vaccinated at the port of entry, has no 72-hour negative PCR test result and is not willing to be tested at own cost, they will be not be allowed entry into Botswana, if they are foreigners. If they are citizens, they will be liable to a fine of P5000.00 or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

This AIC Supersedes AIC A2/2022 and becomes effective immediately.