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MADE by the Governor under section 62(1) of the Public and Environmental Health Ordinance for giving effect to any recommendations made by the of Public and Environmental Health Board.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public and Environmental Health (COVID-19)(Arriving Passengers Health Clearance)(Amendment)(No. 4) Regulations 2021 and shall come into operation on 1 September 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Regulation, the “principal Regulations” means the Public and Environmental Health (COVID-19)(Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Regulations 2020.

Regulation 2A substituted

3. The principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 2A and substituting—

“Meaning of “fully vaccinated”

2A.(1) For the purpose of these Regulations a person is considered to be “fully vaccinated”—

- (a) two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series; or
- (b) two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.”.

Regulation 2B inserted

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 2A the following regulations—

“Visitors must be vaccinated to enter the Islands

2B.(1) Every visitor, sixteen years of age and older, entering the Islands must—

- (a) have received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine or a combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccine;
- (b) have received the last dose at least fourteen days prior to the day of arrival in the Islands;
- (c) upload proof of COVID-19 vaccination (which must be in English or a certified translation into English) when completing the Travel Authorisation Form required under regulation 4.

(2) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to a person in respect of whom there are medical contraindications to the vaccine if the person produces a medical certificate stating that such person should be exempt from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

(3) For the purposes of subregulation(1), “accepted COVID-19 vaccines” are—

- (a) Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine;
- (b) Comirnaty (Pfizer);
- (c) Spikevax (previously COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna);
- (d) Vaxzevria (previously COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca).”.

Regulation 4 amended

5. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulation is amended by deleting subregulation (2) and substituting—

“(2) Every person arriving in the Islands shall produce to an immigration officer and a health officer at the port of entry—

- (a) a copy of his TCI Assured Travel Authorisation (printed or electronic);
- (b) the original copy of the negative COVID-19 test result (unless exempted under regulation 8); and
- (c) a digital or paper copy of proof of COVID-19 vaccination (unless exempted under regulation 2B(2)).”.

Regulation 12 amended

6. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulation is amended—

(a) by deleting subregulation (4) and substituting—

“ (4) A person who arrives in the Islands who is suspected of having been exposed to, or having symptoms of, or tests positive for COVID-19 shall—

(a) in the case of a visitor who is fully vaccinated, be placed under quarantine at his own expense in accordance with the national guidelines on quarantine;

(b) in the case of a resident who is fully vaccinated, be placed under quarantine for a specified period in accordance with the national guidelines on quarantine.”.

(b) by inserting after subregulation(4) the following subsection—

“(4A) A resident who is unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated shall, on arrival in the Islands, be placed under quarantine together with his household in accordance with the national guidelines on quarantine.”.

MADE this 24th day of August 2021.

NIGEL DAKIN
GOVERNOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the principal Regulations to require visitors to the Islands, 16 years and older, to be fully vaccinated and to specify what are accepted Covid-19 vaccines.