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DOMINICA RE-OPENS ITS BORDERS JULY 15

Roseau, Dominica – (July 15, 2020) Dominica reopens its borders on July 15, 2020 following successful restrictions to curtail the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. The Minister for Health, Wellness and New Health Investment, Dr. Irving McIntyre, first made the announcement at a press conference on July 1, 2020, and the Prime Minister, Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, confirmed the dates and elaborated further on the intended protocols in subsequent radio and television programs.

The reopening of borders will be done in a phased manner, with nationals and residents allowed to return home beginning July 15, 2020 in phase one. All travelers including non-nationals can travel to The Nature Island beginning August 7, 2020 as part of phase 2 of the reopening of borders.

Health and safety guidelines and protocols have been carefully deliberated and formally announced to minimize the risk of new cases of COVID-19 once the borders are reopened.

These protocols to be followed:

Protocols for Pre-Arrival

Compulsory requirements for all arriving passengers/travellers

All travellers must:

1. Submit a health questionnaire online at least 24 hours prior to arrival
2. Show notification of clearance to travel.

3. Submit a negative PCR test result recorded within 24-72 hours prior to arrival

General protocols and guidelines upon arrival

Travelers must:

1. Wear face masks at all times during the arrival process up to and including departure from the airport
2. Observe physical distancing guidelines
3. Practice good respiratory and personal sanitization
4. Follow all instructions of health care staff and officials

Disembarkation and Testing:

Children under 5 years are exempt from testing.

Travellers must:

1. Sanitize their hands at sanitization stations as directed
2. Undergo a health assessment to include a temperature check
3. Provide confirmation of the health questionnaire and negative PCR test results
4. Undergo rapid test screening and with a negative test result, they will be conveyed to immigration for processing and to customs for screening. Luggage will be sanitized when taken off conveyor belt

Those travellers who report a high temperature, high risk alert from their health questionnaire or Positive Rapid Test will:

1. Proceed to secondary screening area
2. Be given a PCR test
3. Be transported to mandatory quarantine at a government-approved facility or government certified hotel at their expense awaiting results
4. If the test result is positive, the traveller may be quarantined until released by an authorized health professional

Departure From Dominica

Vehicles will be permitted to enter the air and seaport with only the driver and travellers.

Travellers must:

1. Wear face masks at all times during the departure process until departure from airport.
2. Observe physical distancing.
3. Practice good respiratory and personal sanitization
4. Follow instructions of health care staff and officials

While restrictions to curtail the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted in Dominica, the health and safety protocols for respiratory etiquette, wearing of face masks, proper and frequent hand washing, sanitizing and physical distancing will still apply.

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