



GUIDELINES AND MEASURES AT ZAMBIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

The President of the Republic of Zambia H.E. Dr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu announced the re-opening of Zambia's international airports in July 2020.

As Zambia begins to ease restrictions on international travel, a number of measures have been put in place to safeguard travellers in the new normal.

This communication serves to inform international travellers to Zambia of the safety measures that they will be required to observe on arrival and during their stay in the country. These guidelines have been developed in consultation with the Zambia Ministry of Health.

The measures are as follows: -

1) Visas

It should be noted that these guidelines do not negate, in any way, from the current visa regime.

a) **Business travellers coming for confirmed business**

Business travellers coming for confirmed business into the country with a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test, conducted within the previous 14 days, are free to conduct their business as planned, while adhering to recommended COVID 19 prevention measures such as maintaining physical distance, masking and personal hygiene. They shall monitor themselves daily for 14 days for the development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any occurrence to the nearest health facility.

Business travellers coming into the country without evidence of a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, will not be allowed into the country.

b) **Tourists**

Tourists and any persons visiting friends and/or relatives in Zambia coming into the country, other than a business visitor with a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, are free to visit as planned while adhering to recommended COVID 19 prevention measures such as maintaining physical distance, masking and personal hygiene. They shall monitor themselves daily for 14 days for the development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any occurrence to the nearest health facility.

Tourists and any person visiting friends and/or relatives in Zambia coming into the country without evidence of a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days, will not be allowed into the county.

c) Students

Students both new and returning, where it is proved that the educational institution is operating, are allowed to return to Zambia on condition that they produce a negative SARS CoV2 PCR test conducted within the previous 14 days. However, they will still need to monitor themselves for the next 14 days in case they contracted the disease after the test.

d) Returning Citizens and Residents without symptoms

All Zambian Nationals and returning Residents who do not have symptoms will observe mandatory 14 day quarantine at home. Homes will be inspected beforehand to ensure suitability of facility/environment for home quarantine, contrary to which affected individuals will be quarantined in designated facilities. They shall monitor themselves daily for development of COVID 19 symptoms and report any such signs to the nearest health authority. This also covers those holding certificate of status as established residents, investor's, employment and spouse permit holders.

2) Arrival procedures at the Airports

- a) Traveller Health Questionnaires will be provided to all airlines entering Zambia. The questionnaires will be provided on-board for passengers to pre-fill before disembarkation, and to be surrendered to health staff on the ground at the airport.
- b) Symptomatic travellers with body temperatures equal to or above 38°C will be tested for SARS Cov-2 at the airport. In addition to this temperature level, if a traveller is coughing, has shortness of breath, difficulty in breathing, sore throat and headache – they will be quarantined in specific institutions designated by the Ministry of Health until their results are ready.
- c) Travellers who test positive will be managed according to the National Case Management Guidelines.
- d) Travellers without fever but with other symptoms will be assessed to determine need for testing.
- e) Random testing for quality assurance purposes will be conducted randomly on selected passengers presenting negative results.

