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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR THE ENTRY OF TRAVELLERS TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VIA YACHT SEPTEMBER 2020

AIM: The safe entry of yachts into St. Vincent and the Grenadines in a manner that reduces the risk of the importation and subsequent transmission of COVID-19 in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To establish the risk of arriving yachts and passengers introducing new COVID-19 to SVG;
2. To minimize the exposure of residents of SVG to new COVID-19;
3. Early identification of potential exposure to new COVID-19, and
4. Early containment of new COVID-19.

ESTABLISH RISK OF ARRIVING TRAVELLER:

1. Completion of forms at Ports of Entry (PoE). The POE's currently accessible are Blue Lagoon, Wallilabou and Port Kingstown.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS:

Updated requirements for Quarantine and Entry are outlined in the "Protocol for the Entry of Travellers to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines"

1. All arriving yachts will request permission for entry by email to svgarrivals@gmail.com by submitting the following forms:

Yachts requiring a test and quarantine in Saint Vincent will complete a 'Request for Quarantine Onboard Yacht' application form which must be submitted **at least 5 days prior to arrival** in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

This form may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.

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Yachts arriving from within the Caricom Bubble will complete a 'Risk Assessment Form' which must be submitted **at least 48 hours prior to arrival** in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

2. Once accepted for entry, all yacht arrivals will proceed to designated area(s) for on-vessel quarantine or to wait for clearance.
3. Those who require SVG COVID-19 PCR testing will quarantine until negative results are received. Results will be available within 72 hours after sample was taken. If positive, individuals will be isolated, either at an approved hotel or at government facility for care and treatment if necessary. Both testing and isolation will be at the cost of the individual.
4. While in quarantine no authorized persons will be allowed onboard the vessel. Approval/Clearance is granted from the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment. Failing to comply would result in a reset of quarantine for the crew and passengers on the vessel.
5. Swimming, Paddle-boarding and Kayaking or similar is permitted around your yacht. **DO NOT GO TO OTHER VESSELS OR ASHORE** as this could result in fines and being moved to an onshore facility at your cost.

RECOMMENDED MOORING BUOYS:

1. Young Island Cut

Telephone Number: 784-433-9645 or 784-454-0203

Email Address: svgarrivals@gmail.com

2. Bequia

Telephone Number: 784-533-2909

Email Address: svgarrivals@gmail.com

CARICOM Bubble Countries:

For the purposes of the CARICOM Bubble, the country of residence will be the last country that the traveller was present in for at least 14 days.

In-transit Passengers Arriving by Air or Sea:

Through St. Vincent and the Grenadines:

Must have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within five (5) days of arrival.

If the in-transit period does not include an over-night stay, passengers must leave within 5 hours of arriving in the country.

If the in-transit period includes an over-night stay, that period must be spent in a TA/MOHWE approved hotel or moored on a designated quarantine mooring buoy.

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PROTOCOL FOR ENTERING BY AIR AND JOINING A YACHT

Persons requesting to join a yacht after flying into Saint Vincent and the Grenadines must follow the ‘Protocols for the Entry of Travellers to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines’.

HIGH RISK:

Persons must do mandatory five (5) days quarantine in a Tourism Authority/MOHWE approved Transition/Quarantine Hotel at their cost.

To take passengers on board a vessel for monitored days, yachts must contact svgarrivals@gmail.com. Providing persons follow the procedures in place for daily temperature checks, monitoring location and contact tracing, the yacht will be permitted to move around the islands and passengers can go ashore. Failing to comply could result in the passengers being moved to a quarantine hotel ashore.

MEDIUM RISK:

Persons requesting to quarantine on board a vessel must complete a ‘Request for Quarantine Onboard Yacht’ application form which must be submitted at least 5 days prior to arrival in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Vessels must be empty of other passengers during quarantine and located in the quarantine designated area(s).

Whether Quarantine was on board or ashore, once cleared by the Port Health Officer, persons can set sail and with limited monitoring required.

LOW RISK:

Persons may join a yacht once cleared by the Port Health Officer at the airport. No monitoring nor Quarantine is required.