



Updates to Border Measures

Calibrating Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) Testing Regimes

2. On 31 December 2021, we announced a four-week extension to the enhanced 7-day testing regime for travellers arriving via VTLs in order to facilitate the detection of imported Omicron cases and slow transmission into the community. This has bought time for us to booster vaccinate more residents, learn more about the Omicron variant and make necessary adjustments to our COVID-19 strategy. As imported cases now form a shrinking proportion of our overall cases, we will simplify the VTL testing regime.

3. These measures are less relevant now. Hence, VTL travellers entering Singapore **after 23 January 2022, 2359 hours** via both air and land checkpoints will only be required to do unsupervised self-administered ARTs from Day 2 to Day 7 of their arrivals if they need to leave their place of residence or accommodation. Travellers need not submit their ART results but must test negative before going out. VTL travellers who arrive before 23 January 2022, 2359 hours are still required to continue with the existing testing regime (i.e. unsupervised self-administered ART on Days 2, 4, 5 and 6 with submission of results online, and supervised ART on Days 3 and 7 from their arrival).

4. Travellers who test positive on ARTs (i.e. the on-arrival test for VTL-Land and unsupervised self-administered ARTs on Days 2 to 7) no longer need to undergo a confirmatory PCR test, but should instead simply recover under Protocol 2.¹ That said, those who identify themselves as potentially at risk (as stipulated in Annex C) should visit a doctor for medical advice after testing positive even if they feel well.

5. We will continue to maintain a 50% limit on VTL flight and bus tickets for entry into Singapore for now. We will continue to review the local and global COVID-19 situation and adjust our measures accordingly.

Facilitating Travel for Recently-Recovered Travellers

6. With the growing number of cases worldwide, there is a rise in the number of travellers who have recently recovered from COVID-19. Such travellers can continue to shed non-infectious viral fragments even after they have recovered, and therefore test positive for COVID-19 despite posing no infection risk. As fully vaccinated individuals who recently recovered from infection have a high level of immunity through their recent COVID-19 infection and vaccination, the likelihood of reinfection is low.

¹ You may refer to www.covid.gov.sg/well-and-positive-or-condition-assessed-mild-by-doctor for more details on Protocol 2. For more information on what to do if you feel unwell while travelling in Singapore, please refer to www.covid.gov.sg/travellers.

7. Hence, travellers arriving after **23 January 2022, 2359 hours** who are fully vaccinated and recently recovered (i.e. within 90 days of their last infection) will be exempted from all testing and SHN requirements if they are able to provide appropriate documentary proof. Non-fully vaccinated recently-recovered travellers will be exempted from pre-departure testing requirements, but will still be subjected to all other prevailing border measures. This will facilitate the safe return of recently-recovered residents who travel overseas. See Annex D for the list of documentation to be presented by such travellers at check-in and arrival immigration to qualify for this exemption.

Regular Review of Border Measures

8. A summary of the prevailing border measures can be found in Annex D. The full set of Safe Travel Lanes for travel to Singapore and prevailing border measures under each lane for different categories will be updated on the [SafeTravel website](#). Travellers are advised to visit the website to check the latest border measures for the associated country or region before entering Singapore; and be prepared to be subjected to the prevailing border measures upon entry into Singapore.

9. We will continue to monitor the global COVID-19 situation and adjust our border measures in tandem with our roadmap to becoming a COVID resilient nation.

Conditions That Would Benefit from Further Clinical Assessment

Individuals with the following conditions are potentially at risk and should visit a doctor after testing positive for COVID-19, even if they are feeling well:

- a. Fully vaccinated and aged 70 years and above;
- b. Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated and aged 50 years and above;
- c. Aged 5 years and below;
- d. Had an organ transplant surgery in the past;
- e. Have any disease or are taking any medication that weakens the immune system;
- f. Have been diagnosed with cancer (including blood cancers) before;
- g. Are on dialysis;
- h. Are diagnosed with HIV or AIDS;
- i. Have a disease affecting your heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, or brain that required hospital admission in the last 6 months;
- j. Are pregnant;
- k. Are less than 12 years old and have any congenital condition or growth disorder that affects the heart, lungs or brain; or
- l. Are less than 12 years old and have Diabetes Mellitus or hypertension.

The doctor will clinically assess their health status and severity of their symptoms. Individuals may still be deemed suitable for recovery at home (either under the doctor's direct care or under MOH's Home Recovery Programme) OR be conveyed to a care facility for closer monitoring and/or therapeutics.

Revisions to Border Measures

1. From **23 January 2022, 2359 hours**, fully vaccinated and recently-recovered travellers may be exempted from prevailing border measures if they are able to present the following documents (in English, or with an English translation) in addition to the necessary vaccination certificates:
 - a. Positive COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or professionally-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) result between 7 – 90 days before the date of departure for Singapore; or
 - b. Discharge memo that:
 - i. states your name, and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number corresponding exactly with the information in your passport used for entry into Singapore;
 - ii. states your date of infection or the discharge date, which must be within 7 – 90 days before the date of departure for Singapore; and
 - iii. is issued by a relevant state authority or licensed medical professional.
2. In addition, recently-recovered travellers who are not fully vaccinated (including non-fully vaccinated children aged 12 and below) may be exempted from Pre-Departure Testing requirements if they are able to present the following documents:
 - a. Positive COVID-19 PCR test or professionally-administered ART result between 14 – 90 days before the date of departure for Singapore; or
 - b. Discharge memo that:
 - i. states your name, and at least one other personal identifier such as the date of birth or passport number corresponding exactly with the information in your passport used for entry into Singapore;
 - ii. states your date of infection or the discharge date, which must be within 14 – 90 days before the date of departure for Singapore; and
 - iii. is issued by a relevant state authority or licensed medical professional
3. Fully-vaccinated travellers who are diagnosed or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 within 7 days of their departure for Singapore, or non-fully vaccinated travellers who are diagnosed or suspected to be infected with COVID-19 within 14 days of their departure for Singapore, may be permitted to depart for Singapore if they test negative for COVID-19 on a COVID-19 PCR test or professionally-administered ART at least 72 hours after their initial diagnosis. They will continue to be subjected to all prevailing border measures if they are unable to fulfil the criteria in either para 1 or 2 of this Annex.

Summary of Border Measures from 23 January 2022, 2359 hours

Border Health Measures for Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) Travellers[^]

VTL (Air)	VTL (Land)
1. Pre-Departure ART or PCR Test within 2 days before departure for Singapore	
2. On-Arrival PCR Test [%]	2. On-Arrival ART [%]
3a. [Travellers arriving from 23 Jan 2359h] Unsupervised self-administered ART on Days 2 to 7 of arrival	
3b. [Travellers arriving before 23 Jan 2359h] Unsupervised self-administered ART on Days 2, 4, 5, 6 of arrival, and supervised ART on Days 3, 7 of arrival	

Border Health Measures for non-VTL travellers[^]

Summary of Country/ Region Classification for Recent 14-day travel history* (for entry into Singapore from 23 January 2022, 2359 hours)				
	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV
Countries/ Regions	Hong Kong, Macao, Mainland China and Taiwan	Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei, Canada, Cambodia, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark ² , Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France ³ , Germany, Greece, Indonesia, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands ⁴ , New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal ⁵ , Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Spain ⁶ , Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom ⁷ , the United States ⁸ , Vatican City and Vietnam	Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Laos, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Uruguay	All other Countries/ Regions
Border Health Measures (non- VTL)[^]	1. Pre-Departure Antigen-Rapid Test (ART) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test within 2 days before departure for Singapore			1. Pre-Departure PCR Test within 2 days before departure for Singapore
	2. On-Arrival PCR Test	-		
	-	3. 7-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) at declared place of accommodation [#]	3. 10-day SHN at declared place of accommodation [#]	3. 10-day SHN at dedicated SHN facility [@]
	-	4. SHN exit PCR test [*]		

[^] There may be administrative, health and vaccination requirements for each Safe Travel Lane that are in addition or differ from the measures above. Check [SafeTravel website](#) for details.

* 14-day travel history does not include countries/ regions where the traveller transited within 24 hours enroute to Singapore. This does not apply to travellers under the VTL. For travel history requirements under the VTL, please

² Including the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

³ Including all overseas departments and regions (DROM), overseas collectivities (COM), overseas territories (TOM), and New Caledonia.

⁴ Including Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, and all special municipalities.

⁵ Including the Azores and Madeira.

⁶ Including the Canary Islands.

⁷ Including the Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Isle of Man, and Jersey), and all British Overseas Territories.

⁸ Including the US territories of American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.

check the [SafeTravel website](#) for details.

Travellers should isolate in their room and minimise contact with any household members, especially vulnerable household members. If this is not feasible, travellers or the vulnerable household members should consider alternative accommodation.

@ The charges for 10-day SHN at a dedicated SHN facility amount to \$1,450.

+ Travellers will be notified of their test appointment closer to the date of their exit PCR test.

% To expedite the COVID-19 test at the checkpoints, travellers are strongly encouraged to register and pre-pay for their on-arrival COVID-19 test prior to departing for Singapore at

<https://safetravel.changiairport.com/arrivalswabtest/#/> (for Changi Airport) and
<https://t.2c2p.com/express/parkwayshenton> (for Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal).

Long-Term Pass Holders (LTPHs) with passes issued by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) have to comply with additional requirements and measures.

Travellers, who are not Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents or LTPHs, may enter Singapore for short-term visits only: (a) if they are arriving from Category I countries/ regions (with travel histories in the past 14-days in these countries/ regions and/or Singapore); or (b) if there are specific arrangements for short-term visits (e.g. VTLs, Reciprocal Green Lanes).