



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Prerequisites for travelers flying to the Republic of Cyprus

Introduction

In terms of epidemic prevention and control, the Epidemiological data of Countries, will be considered and re-evaluated on a regular basis, in order to decide the various stages of lifting the restrictive measures for flights to Larnaca and Paphos Airports, until the full and free reopening of the Republic's airports.

Based on the epidemiological Criteria and data, Countries will be categorized as Category A, Category B and Category C (In the Category C are included all the Countries which are not featured in the Categories A and B). The categorization of Countries will be continuously changed on the basis of the described epidemiological criteria.

Main indicative indicators which aid in the decision making for the categorization of countries based on risk assessment

- i. Real reproduction number $R(t)$,
- ii. Daily tests per 100,000 citizens,
- iii. Cumulative impact per 14 days per 100,000 citizens ,
- iv. Total and COVID-19 specific death rate per 100000 citizens (on a weekly or monthly basis),
- v. Estimated incubation period of the disease,
- vi. Estimated impact of the disease,
- vii. Estimated notification or number of diagnosis tests per 100000 citizens on a weekly basis,
- viii. Country risk assessment based on WHO and ECDC reports.

It must be noted that the classification for each country will be performed following a detailed research and based on various criteria. The criteria are indicative and they may change or be altered.

For example, Category A could be considered as the Countries where the $R(t)$ contagiousness index is <1 or the same as in Cyprus. It should be noted that $R(t)$ may not be a reliable indicator in countries where no tracking and / or sampling is performed in asymptomatic populations /populations with mild symptoms. If $R(t)$ is not available or reliable, there should be a steady downward trend in new cases and possibly other more reliable parameters such as the estimated prevalence and incidence of the disease, imports, deaths, etc.

Also, as an indicative criterion, risk assessment can be based on WHO and ECDC reports with the reservation that if the number of tests or the type of surveillance performed in each country is not included. For example, a country with sporadic cases/clusters according to WHO without giving $R(t)$ and with a high number of diagnostic checks of the population may be considered as low risk.

Therefore, there should be a stratification of countries based on the assessment of transmission risk. It is noted that the stratification will be dynamic and as it was the case at the beginning of the epidemic it will change depending on the circumstances of the countries.

The second phase of gradual lifting of the prohibitive measures, will start on **20/06/2020**.



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Second phase of gradual lifting of the prohibitive measures

Countries of Category A

For Category A countries, during the second phase of gradual lifting of the prohibitive measures, which will start on 20/06/2020, the following documents will be required for flying to the Republic of Cyprus:

- a. Passengers have to complete the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category A Countries, through the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>) in order to obtain the «Cyprus Flight Pass».

Note 1: *Passengers who travel from Category A Countries but have stayed/lived in Category B or C Country, accordingly, within the past 14 days before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or they will be passengers on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category B or C accordingly with an overnight stay(s), as per relevant Country categorization announcement of the Republic of Cyprus, are considered as travelers from Category B or C Countries. All the below requirements for Category B or C Countries, accordingly, have to be satisfied.*

Note 2: *Passengers have to complete in advance the above requirement of paragraph (a) on the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>), **except in the case where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform.** In that case passengers have to complete manually the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category A Countries of Annex I or the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category B or C Countries of Annex I, accordingly, if they have stayed/lived in Category B or C Country, accordingly, within the past 14 days before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or they will be passengers on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category B or C accordingly with an overnight stay(s), as per relevant Country categorization announcement of the Republic of Cyprus.*

In case passengers do not have the "CyprusFlightPass" or, in the event that the electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is not temporarily available due to technical problems or scheduled maintenance, with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform, have not completed the required documents by hand, airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and travel to the Republic of Cyprus.

Note 3: *Each family member must complete a separate application. In the case of minors (passengers under the age of 18), accompanied or unaccompanied, the application must be completed, on behalf of the minors, by the custodian parent(s)/ adoptive parent(s) / legal guardian / legal representative (s).*

Countries of Category B

For Category B countries, during the second phase of gradual lifting of the prohibitive measures, which will start on 20/06/2020, the following documents will be required for flying to the Republic of Cyprus:

- a. Passengers have to conduct a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory.
- b. Passengers have to complete the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category B Countries, through the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>) in order to obtain the «Cyprus Flight Pass».

Note 1: *Passengers who travel from Category B Countries but have stayed/lived in Category C Country, within the past 14 days before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or they will be passengers on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category C with an overnight stay(s), as per relevant Country categorization announcement of the Republic of Cyprus, are considered as travelers from Category C Countries. All the below requirements for Category C Countries have to be satisfied. Consequently, they have to belong in at least one of the passenger Categories permitted to fly from Category C Countries and to complete the required documents and Declarations for Category C Countries.*

Note 2: *Passengers have to complete in advance the above requirement of paragraph (a) and (b) on the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>), except in the case where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform.. In that case, passengers have to carry the certificate which confirms negative PCR test for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory, with sample taken, during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus and to complete manually the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category B Countries of Annex I or the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category C Countries of Annex I, if they have stayed/lived in Category C Country, within the past 14 days before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or they will be passengers on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category C with an overnight stay(s), as per relevant Country categorization announcement of the Republic of Cyprus. The airline and/or its ground handling agent will be also responsible to confirm whether the passengers have completed, in such a case, manually and carry with them these documents. Passengers that do not have the "CyprusFlightPass" or, in the event that the electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is not temporarily available due to technical problems or scheduled maintenance with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform, they have not completed the required documents by hand and carried these with them as well as the certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory, with the sample taken, during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus, airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and travel to the Republic of Cyprus.*

Note 3: *The below passengers will have the option of either arranging themselves a COVID-19 test, with the sample taken 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or having this test, which amounts to 60 euros, performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, on their own expenses. In the case where they choose to have the test performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, they will self-isolate in their own permanent or temporary residence in the Republic of Cyprus, until the test results are completed and following that, if the test is positive, they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), following the Medical Protocol of the Ministry of Health and they will follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health.*

1. *Cypriot citizens and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children).*
2. *Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus*
3. *Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention.*
4. *Persons, in countries category B, where the authorities of these countries, duly substantiated and following an announcement by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cyprus, are not in a position to offer Covid-19 testing to those wishing to travel to Cyprus.*

Note 4: Airlines will permit the categories of passengers of **Note 3**, to board on aircraft and travel to the Republic of Cyprus, without having conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 with the sample taken during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus, provided that they have the «Cyprus Flight Pass» with the indication that the covid-19 test will be performed in the Republic of Cyprus. In case, the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance **with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform**, the categories of passengers of Note 3, have to complete manually the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category B Countries of Annex I or the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category C Countries of Annex I, if they have stayed/lived in Category C Country, within the past 14 days before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or they will be passengers on an international journey to the Republic of Cyprus via intermediate Countries of Category C with an overnight stay(s), as per relevant Country categorization announcement of the Republic of Cyprus. The airline and or its ground handling agent will also be responsible, in such a case, to check whether the below category of passengers have completed manually and carry with them the Passenger Locator Form and Declarations described above.

Note 5: Each family member must complete a separate application. In the case of minors passengers under the age of 18), accompanied or unaccompanied, (the application must be completed, on behalf of the minors, by the custodian parent(s)/ adoptive parent(s) / legal guardian / legal representative (s). Laboratory testing of minors under the age of 12 for COVID-19, prior to departure or upon arrival in the Republic of Cyprus, is not required. It should be noted that the acquisition of CyprusFlightPass continues to be mandatory for these minors as well.

Note 6: It is prohibited for the airlines to permit passengers traveling to the Republic of Cyprus that do not possess the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft. **It is clarified that the airlines are not responsible to verify the validity of information and data required for the issuance of the CyprusFlightPass.**

Countries of Category C

From Category C countries, during the second phase of gradual lifting of the prohibitive measures, which will start on 20/06/2020, flight operations, between airports' of the Republic and the airports of the States, which are not included in Categories A and B of the official announcement of the Ministry of Health, are permitted.

The following conditions for passengers will apply:

- a. The following category of passengers will only be permitted to fly to the Republic of Cyprus from Countries of Category C:
 1. Cypriot citizens, permanently residing in the Republic of Cyprus and their family members (foreign spouses and their minor children).
 2. Persons legally residing in the Republic of Cyprus.
 3. Persons allowed to enter in the Republic of Cyprus under the Vienna Convention.
 4. Persons, regardless of nationality, having a special permission by the Republic of Cyprus Persons, as defined under the infectious Diseases (Determination of Measures Against the Spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus disease) Decree (N.30), as amended.
- b. Passengers have to conduct a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory.
- c. Passengers have to complete the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category C Countries, through the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>) in order to obtain the «Cyprus Flight Pass».

Note 1: The above passengers will have the option of either arranging themselves a COVID-19 test, with the sample taken 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus or having this test, which amounts to 60 euros, performed upon their entry to the Republic of Cyprus, on their own expenses. In the case where they choose to have the test performed upon their entry

to the Republic of Cyprus, they will remain until the test results are completed, at a place designated by the Republic of Cyprus for as long as is necessary until the test results are completed and they will pay the costs for the test.

Note 2: The above passengers:

- i. in case they will enter the Republic of Cyprus and stay for up to 4 days, If the test results are positive, they will remain in a state of mandatory isolation (quarantine), either at their residence or in case they do not have a residence in the Republic of Cyprus, at a place that will be indicated to them by the Republic of Cyprus and they will take precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health. If the test is negative they will take the precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health.
- ii. in case they will enter the Republic of Cyprus and stay for more than 4 days, either if the test results are positive or negative, they will be placed in compulsory self-isolation for 14 days either at their residence or in case they do not have a residence in the Republic of Cyprus, at a place that will be indicated to them by the Republic of Cyprus and they will take precautions and self-protection measures, which will be given by the Ministry of Health..

Note 3: Passengers have to complete in advance the above requirement on the dedicated web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus (<https://www.cyprusflightpass.gov.cy>), except in the case where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance **with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform**. In that case, passengers have to carry with them the certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory, with the sample taken, during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus and to complete manually the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category C Countries of Annex I. In case the passengers do not have the "CyprusFlightPass" or, in the event that the electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is not temporarily available due to technical problems or scheduled maintenance **with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform**, they have not completed the required documents by hand and carried these with them, as well as the certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory, with the sample taken, during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus, airlines will not permit passengers to board the aircraft and travel to the Republic of Cyprus.

Note 4: Airlines will permit the above categories of passengers to board on aircraft and travel to the Republic of Cyprus, without having conducted, a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19, with the sample taken during the last 72 hours before their travel to the Republic of Cyprus, provided that they have the «Cyprus Flight Pass» with the indication that the covid-19 test will be performed in the Republic of Cyprus. In case, where the web electronic platform of the Republic of Cyprus is temporarily unavailable due to technical issues or scheduled maintenance with official announcement about that, in the relevant electronic platform, the above categories of passengers have to complete manually the Passenger Locator Form and the Declarations for Category C Countries of Annex I, declaring through them that Covid-19 test will be performed in the Republic of Cyprus. The airline and or its ground handling agent will also be responsible, in such a case, to check whether the below categories of passengers have completed manually and carry with them the Passenger Locator Form and Declarations described above.

Note 5: Each family member must complete a separate application. In the case of minors (passengers under the age of 18), accompanied or unaccompanied, the application must be completed, on behalf of the minors, by the custodian parent(s)/ adoptive parent(s) / legal guardian / legal representative (s). Laboratory testing of minors under the age of 12 for COVID-19, prior to departure or upon arrival in the Republic of Cyprus, is not required. It should be noted that the acquisition of CyprusFlightPass continues to be mandatory for these minors as well.

Note 6: It is prohibited for the airlines to permit passengers traveling to the Republic of Cyprus that do not possess the CyprusFlightPass to board the aircraft. **It is clarified that the airlines are not responsible to verify the validity of information and data required for the issuance of the CyprusFlightPass.**

Note 7: According to the Decree of the Minister of Health, No. 37, dated 12th of August 2020, the following are specified:

Citizens arriving from Category C countries must repeat a COVID-19 molecular test, 48 hours before the termination of their self-isolation, at their own expenses. The result of the laboratory test must be sent to the following electronic address: monada@mphs.moh.gov.cy. **It is understood that self-isolation is terminated, only if the result of the repeated laboratory test is negative.**