



MEDIA STATEMENT
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH MALAYSIA

**NEW PROCEDURE FOR OVERSEAS TRAVELERS ENTERING VIA VTL, LITB,
AND OSC**

At the end of 2021, the Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) had announced preventative measures and controls against COVID-19 for travelers from abroad, specifically in the following categories:

- i. Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) Malaysia-Singapore, for both air and land routes;
- ii. Langkawi International Tourism Bubble (LITB);
- iii. One-Stop Center (OSC) for short-term business travelers;

Apart from the requirement to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test 2-days before departure and upon arrival in Malaysia, travelers from the categories above are subject to the following requirements:

- Undergo RTK-Ag test or rapid antigen test (self) on 2nd, 4th, and 6th day after arrival, and the traveler involved is responsible for reporting its test results through the MySejahtera application; and
- Undergo RTK-Ag test or rapid antigen test (professional) on the 3rd and 5th day after arrival.

A similar, nearly identical ruling also applied to general travelers arriving from the United Kingdom - they would need to undergo RTK-Ag or RTK-Ag self-test daily throughout the mandatory quarantine period and must report their test results through the MySejahtera application.



Based on MOH's risk assessment of the COVID-19 situation, the Ministry has decided to:

- Drop the need to undergo RTK-Ag (self) testing on 2nd, 4th, and 6th day after arrival for travelers from categories (i) to (iii);
- Drop the need to undergo RTK-Ag test (professional) on the 3rd and 5th day after arrival for travelers from categories i) to (iii);
- Abolish the need to undergo RT-PCR or RTK-AG testing (Professional) for travelers under LITB before exiting Langkawi Island; and
- Drop the need to undergo RTK-Ag (self) testing daily throughout the mandatory quarantine period for travelers arriving from the United Kingdom.
- Drop the Escort Officer or Liaison Officer (LO) requirement for short-term business travelers under the MIDA One-Stop Center (OsC) facilities for entering Malaysia. However, they still have to follow the controlled itinerary that has been submitted and approved by the OSC Committee.

However, the need for a PCR COVID-19 detection test to be performed two (2) days before departure to Malaysia and upon arrival at Malaysia IS STILL MAINTAINED as the existing protocol.

Once again, I would like to emphasize that this new procedure only applies to travelers entering Malaysia through the VTL, LITB, and OSC programs. For travelers NOT entering Malaysia through these three specified programs, existing procedures, or protocols still apply.

Updates to the procedures set forth through this media statement will be **EFFECTIVE FROM 3 MARCH 2022**. Therefore, MOH would like to confirm all travelers involved are responsible and always adhere to the instructions and SOPs that have been set. The procedure for managing travelers arriving from abroad will be reviewed from time to time.

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