

Questions and answers about International Sanitary Control

Given the concerns and doubts of the population about the International Sanitary Control measures taken at airports, the head of the Department of International Sanitary Control of MINSAP provides answers to the following questions:

To travel to Cuba, what Covid-19 test do I need to take?

R / All travelers who intend to arrive in Cuba, must bring proof in printed format of a negative result of PCR-RT to COVID-19, from a certified laboratory in the country of origin.

Only children under two years of age are exempt from this measure, and they are not tested against COVID-19 upon arrival in Cuba.

If I travel to Cuba with one of the vaccines accepted by the WHO and present documentary evidence of it, can I go without negative RT-PCR evidence and be exempt from quarantine?

R / No, every traveler who intends to arrive in Cuba must bring proof in printed format of a negative result of PCR-RT to COVID-19, from a certified laboratory in the country of origin.

The current national epidemiological situation, the principle that the vaccines currently developed in the world "do not prevent a person from being infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus", and that the immunological levels of the Cuban population are not yet high, does not allow those measures to be implemented at this time in our context.

What is the current protocol for international travelers arriving at the José Martí International Airport in Havana?

R / All international travelers (whether foreigners or residents of Cuba) who arrive in the country through the José Martí airport in Havana must remain in isolation in a designated institution or in a hotel for five nights and six days. A COVID-19 test will be performed upon arrival and the result will be obtained between 24 and 48 hours, and an RT-PCR must be performed on the fifth day of arrival, counting the day on which it arrived. Later you will be discharged from this isolation.

What is the current protocol for international travelers arriving at the Juan Gualberto Gómez de Matanzas and Jardines del Rey International Airport in Cayo Coco, Ciego de Ávila?

R / Taking into account the national, regional and international epidemiological situation and the need to apply new measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 cases in the country, as of July 15, 2021, the following measures came into force:

For Cuban travelers who arrive in the country through the airports of the tourist poles of Varadero (Juan Gualberto Gómez International Airport) and Cayo Coco (Jardines del Rey International Airport):

The mandatory isolation of 14 nights in hotel facilities is established for 100% of Cuban travelers who arrive at the airports of Varadero and Cayo Coco.

In turn, a mandatory screening of 100% of airport, transport and tourism workers is established upon arrival and departure from the center where they work, including the systematic performance of antigen tests on workers with the highest exposure.

I would like to know if to travel to the United States I have to do a PCR?

R / Unvaccinated travelers from Cuba can enter the United States if they provide a negative result of a COVID-19 test.

Unvaccinated travelers from Cuba may enter the United States without restrictions.
<https://www.es.kayak.com/restricciones-de-viaje/estados-unidos?origin=cu>

Unvaccinated travelers coming from Cuba must present a negative result of an RT-PCR (NAAT) or antigen (rapid test) test performed 72 hours before leaving for the United States.

Travelers from Cuba do not have to quarantine when entering the United States.

Any traveler can also consult the travel requirements page at the following Link:
<https://www.es.kayak.com/restricciones-de-viaje/>

What is the protocol to follow with a foreigner arriving from Spain, vaccinated in its territory and staying in a rental house? In case of isolation, where would it be and for how many days?

R / Currently, no requirement related to vaccines approved by the WHO against COVID-19 has been put into effect in Cuba, so that all foreign travelers who arrive in Cuba must fulfill the period of isolation in a hotel for five nights and six days, and he will only come out of that isolation when he has the negative result of a PCR carried out on the 5th day of arrival in our country.

What happens to a foreigner if they enter Havana, what are the protocols that they must follow if they come for a period of stay of 6 days and how long does it take for the result of the PCR performed at the airport when they arrive?

R / All international tourists who arrive in Havana must carry out a period of isolation in a hotel facility, which consists of five nights and six days, performing a PCR-RT test on the 5th day of arrival, counting the day they arrived. Clarify that city tourism in the current scenario is prohibited.

Foreigners arriving in Havana must comply with isolation protocols as appropriate for foreign businessmen and technicians or diplomats, as well as foreign students.

What is the Sanitary Tax that was implemented by the Ministry of Finance and Price in Resolution 293 of 2020?

R / The Sanitary Tax will contribute to finance the costs incurred by the International Sanitary Control services carried out by the Public Health authorities in the airports, ports and international marinas of Cuba in applying the hygienic-sanitary measures to the people who arrive. to the national territory, as part of the actions against the international spread of diseases.

In the case of medical insurance, they are designed to cover the costs incurred in medical care in the event that a person becomes ill during their stay in the country and this is aimed at foreign tourists and other Cuban travelers who reside permanently. abroad.