

COMMUNICATION: UPDATING OF THE GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY TO ECUADOR

COMMUNICATE 041

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(Quito, Pichincha). - The Ministry of Tourism informs that the guidelines for entering the country by air borders, issued by the Ministry of Public Health, were updated on December 1, 2021, and came into effect on the same day at 00:00 as follows :

Entrance to continental Ecuador:

Any person who enters continental Ecuador must present the following mandatory:

The Traveler's Health Declaration in digital form when boarding the airline, which is available at the following link: <https://declaracionsalud-viajero.msp.gob.ec/>. If the platform is not available, the physical form can be presented. Travelers who fill out the digital form no longer need to present it at the point of entry to the Ministry of Health.

Passengers over 16 years of age must present the complete vaccination card, with at least 14 days of validity after completing the scheme and the negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test, carried out up to 72 hours prior to the shipment to Ecuador. Crewmembers are exempt from these requirements.

People between 2 and 16 years old must present the negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test, carried out up to 72 hours prior to shipment to Ecuador.

Entrance to the Galapagos Islands:

Every person, regardless of their immigration category, must present the following mandatory:

The complete vaccination card, with at least 14 days of validity after completing the scheme, and the negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test, carried out up to 72 hours prior to shipment to the Galapagos. Crewmembers are exempt from these requirements.

People between 2 and 16 years of age must present the negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test carried out up to 72 hours before embarking to Galapagos.

Additionally, national or foreign tourists must present the transit control card, issued by the Government Council of the Special Regime of Galapagos.

Travelers from Africa:

Entry is prohibited for persons whose points of origin or transit are: South Africa, Botswana, Egypt, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Eswatini (Swaziland) and Namibia.

Citizens and permanent residents in Ecuador who were in one of the countries in question in the last 14 days will be able to enter the country. To do so, they must have the negative result of a qualitative real-time RT-PCR test, carried out up to 72 hours prior to shipment to Ecuador. Upon entering the country, you must comply with a 14-day quarantine regardless of your vaccination status.

Clarifications:

The only type of test authorized for entry into the country is the qualitative real-time RT-PCR test.

Any person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and who after a month continues to obtain a positive result in the RT-PCR test, must present a medical certificate issued in the country of origin that guarantees their health status of not being in contagion phase for entry to Ecuador, as long as there are no symptoms.

For people who come from countries where the vaccination protocol contemplates the administration of the vaccine 6 months after the COVID-19 infection and for this reason they have not been vaccinated; the certificate issued of the infection will be taken into account as if it were a vaccination certificate. These people will be required to obtain the certificate of not having received the vaccine for infection that does not exceed 6 months and the negative RT-PCR test.

The passenger who due to her health condition cannot receive the COVID-19 vaccine, must present a medical certificate that supports said condition and the negative RT-PCR test will be required.

For Ecuadorian citizens who have not yet received their vaccine and require to return to Ecuador, they will receive the available single-dose vaccine against COVID-19 upon arrival.