



## Bangladesh COVID-19 Travel Update – April 15, 2021

*\*\*\* The Government of Bangladesh announced a continuation of the countrywide lockdown from April 14 to 21 to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. \*\*\**

*\*\*\* Because of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, effective April 14 until April 20, 2021, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) will suspend all international and domestic flights to/from Bangladesh. Passengers should contact their respective airlines to reschedule travel. There are no exceptions for diplomatic passport holders. \*\*\**

- The Government of Bangladesh announced a countrywide lockdown to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic starting from April 14, 2021. A daily curfew is in effect from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Hospitals, pharmacies, and food stores remain open. Public transportation and banking services remain limited. More information under Movement Restrictions section.

- Per directive from Government of Bangladesh (GoB), effective January 7, 2021 all passengers both arriving and departing from Bangladesh must show COVID-19 negative test results based on the PCR method and obtained from a government authorized test facility. The test must be done either within 72 hours of departure time or within the time prescribed by the destination country.

### Entry and Exit Requirements:

- Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter Bangladesh? Yes, *but note current flight suspension.*
- There are no visas on arrival for tourist passport holders, and those traveling on diplomatic or official passports need the appropriate visa.
- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entry? Yes.
- Foreign nationals with valid visas will be required to produce a medical certificate (with English translation) to be obtained within 72 hours of travel, indicating that they are COVID-19 negative. This medical certificate needs to be



submitted on arrival at the Bangladesh point of entry (airport/seaport/land port). Children under 10 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

- Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other ports of entry? Yes.
  - The Government of Bangladesh has begun distributing health information cards and conducting temperature screening of all passengers arriving in Bangladesh at all points of entry.
- Effective January 7, 2021 all passengers both arriving and departing from Bangladesh must show COVID-19 negative test results based on the PCR method and obtained from a government authorized test facility. The test must be done either within 72 hours of departure time or within the time prescribed by the destination country.
- No exceptions will be provided for diplomatic passport holders.
- U.S. citizens may submit their visa renewal applications to the Department of Immigration and Passports. Approvals may be delayed but if the application has been submitted before their original visa expires, travelers are still in compliance.

#### **Quarantine Information:**

- Are U.S. citizens required to quarantine? Yes.
- If international travelers arrive in Bangladesh *with* COVID-19 symptoms, they will be institutionally quarantined for 14 days.
- If international travelers arrive in Bangladesh *with no* COVID-19 symptoms, they will be required to “home quarantine” for 14 days.
- For persons of Bangladeshi origin who possess a “no visa required” stamp in their passport:
  - If they arrive in Bangladesh *without* the required COVID-19 negative medical certificate, they will be institutionally quarantined for 14 days.



- If they arrive in Bangladesh *with* the required COVID-19 negative medical certificate, they are required to home/self-quarantine for 14 days.
- If they arrive in Bangladesh *with* the required COVID-19 negative medical certificate *but* are diagnosed with any COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival, they will be institutionally quarantined for 14 days.
- Children under 10 years of age are exempt from these requirements.
- The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) is maintaining a registry of incoming travelers from all affected countries to monitor for the development of symptoms.
- The Government of Bangladesh has set up a public health emergency hotline: 16263

#### **COVID-19 Testing:**

- Are PCR and/or antigen tests available for U.S. citizens in Bangladesh? Yes
- If so, are test results reliably available within 72 hours? Yes
- The Government of Bangladesh has provided a list of recommended COVID-19 testing facilities for international passengers [here](#). Those wishing to get tested will have to pay for their own COVID-19 test.