Saudi Arabia COVID-19 Travel Update – April 1, 2021

Saudi Arabia suspended the entry of travelers from the United States and 19 other countries, as well as travelers who have been in the United Statesor the 19 other countries within 14 days prior to seeking entry into Saudi Arabia. Saudi citizens, diplomats, health practitioners and their families areexempt.

The full list of countries from which travel is suspended is as follows: Argentina, the UAE, Germany, the United States, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Pakistan, Brazil, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Turkey, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Lebanon, Egypt, India and Japan.

COVID-19 Testing:

- Are PCR and/or antigen tests available for U.S. citizens in SaudiArabia? Yes.
- If so, are test results reliably available within 72 hours? Yes.
- The Saudi Ministry of Health set up [Tetamman](#) (تطمن) clinics throughout the Kingdom to test people with symptoms of COVID-19.Saudi citizens and non-Saudi nationals can visit these clinics at any time without an appointment and receive a COVID-19 test free of charge. The Ministry of Health has also set up Taakad (تأكد) clinics throughout the Kingdom where people can book an

appointment for testing. Such advance appointments are available through the [Sehhaty app](#) or the [Tawakkalna](#) app. Test results will be deliveredthrough the app within 24-72 hours.

Entry and Exit Requirements:

- Are U.S. citizens permitted to enter Saudi Arabia? No
- On February 3, 2021, The Government temporarily suspended travelfrom 20 countries, including the United States. Only Saudi citizens, diplomats, healthcare workers, and their families are permitted to travel to the Kingdom.
- The Saudi Ministry of Interior announced all international passenger flights may resume and land and seaports – including the King Fahd Causeway to Bahrain – will be allowed to return to normal operationson May 17th.
- Is a negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) required for entryto Saudi Arabia? Yes
- Are health screening procedures in place at airports and other portsof entry in Saudi Arabia? Yes
- The Saudi Government announced that the following e-Services arenow available through online platform Muqeem:
    - Extending exit – reentry visas for residents outside the Kingdom
    - Renewing iqamas for residents outside the Kingdom

ENTRY

- On February 3, 2021, The Government suspended travel from 20countries, including the United States.
- The Saudi General Authority of Civil Aviation issued [a downloadablePassenger Guide](#) with detailed guidance for air

travelers. For example, a negative COVID test is required within 72 hours before entry to Saudi Arabia for travelers over the age of 8. Please review the guide for detailed requirements and information. Please see quarantine requirements in the below "Quarantine Information" section.

- The Saudi government suspended issuance of tourist and most othercategories of visas due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For tourist visa related questions, those inside the Kingdom can dial 930, or call +966920 000 890 to speak to a Saudi official.

EXIT

- Persons wishing to depart Saudi Arabia are responsible for completing all Saudi exit procedures before arrival at the airport orborder crossing.
- U.S. citizens with residence permits (iqamas) need an exit permit to leave the country and can obtain one online if they have an Absher account or with the assistance of their sponsor. Most U.S.citizens who are in Saudi Arabia on visit visas (business or family visit) will not have additional exit requirements but must depart the Kingdom before the expiration of their authorized period of stay. Youcan request a visa extension via the [Ministry of the Interior website](#) orin person through [the General Directorate of Passports (Jawazat)](#).

Quarantine Information:

- Are U.S. citizens required to quarantine? Yes.
- All arriving passengers must complete a [health disclaimer form](#) andsubmit it to health personnel at the airport upon arrival.

In addition, they must download and register on the [Tawakkalna](#) application andassign a home location through the app. Travelers are instructed tonot disable or disconnect the application, not turn off their phone or the app's GPS, and keep their phone connected to the internet.

- Quarantine requirements for travelers arriving from outside Saudi Arabia, including Saudi citizens and residents, are described andtracked on the Tawakkalna application:
  - If travelers arrived from a country where the new variant ofCOVID-19 is spreading, they must fully adhere to self-quarantine for 14 days and complete two COVID-19 tests: one test within 48 hours of arrival and a second test on the 13thday of quarantine. In this instance, the travelers' health status will be noted by a purple color on the application. The traveler cannot terminate quarantine until the health condition "no record of infection" appears on the Tawakkalna application.

  - All other travelers returning from abroad are required to quarantine for seven days, or quarantine for 48 hours and thencomplete a COVID-19 test. This will be noted by a blue color on the Tawakkalna application. Quarantine may be terminatedwhen the result is negative, and the application shows "no record of infection."

- If a traveler books a COVID-19 test during their quarantine period, a four-hour mobility permit will be issued two hours before the test. Travelersare instructed not to leave their residence before the permit is issued.