

## Nepal has issued new protocols for foreigners to enter and depart

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Kathmandu: As per the Department of Immigration, foreigners are allowed to enter Nepal, ensuring compliance with the below requirements and procedures:

### Arriving Passenger to Nepal:

**Mandatory RT-PCR test for COVID-19:** Passenger should carry 8 copies RT-PCR negative certificate from any Govt. Approved Laboratory with a validity of 72 hours from sample collection to Departure time. Provided that, Children aged 05 years & below, are exempted from COVID-19 PCR test.

Foreigners holding Diplomatic/Official passport or UN Laissez-Passer, Foreign employees working in UN agencies & other International Organizations in Nepal & their family members, Non-residential Nepali (NRN's) or foreign passport holders with Nepali origin (Birthplace as Nepal stated in the passport) including their family members are allowed to enter Nepal without any prior approval or recommendations.

All the foreigners except the above mentioned should obtain a tourist entry visa from the Nepali diplomatic missions abroad, else should have a pre-approval/

recommendation letter from the concerned ministries for ensuring their on-arrival visa.

All the passengers from the United Kingdom (UK) as the first port of embarkation or transits are not allowed to enter Nepal till further notice. Nepali Nationals, NRN's and their children visiting Nepal to attend the funeral or severe medical treatment of their relatives should obtain a recommendation letter from the Nepali Missions abroad to ensure arrival permission at the airport.

All foreigners should follow the health & security-related protocols of the govt. of Nepal (GoN). Such as wearing of Face Mask & Hand Gloves, maintaining social distance & cough etiquette during the whole journey are mandatory.

Issuance of Tourist Entry Visa from Nepalese diplomatic missions abroad is resumed as usual.

TD & Emergency passport holders are not eligible to get Visa on Arrival at the Entry Points.

#### Departing Passenger from Nepal

For traveling from Kathmandu, Nepal to Bangladesh, passengers must follow the below procedures:

**Mandatory RT-PCR test for COVID-19:** Passengers should carry PCR negative certificates from any Govt. Approved Laboratory with a validity of 72 hours from the sample collection to Departure time which must be shown at any airport in Bangladesh upon arrival. (Children aged below 10 years are exempted from the COVID-19 PCR test.)

**Mandatory Hand Gloves & Mask:** All passengers must wear Face Mask, Hand Gloves during the whole journey from the time of arrival at Muscat airport till final destination.

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