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COVID-19 RESPONSE: PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR
TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN NIGERIA

This protocol is a revision of the travel protocol released on 27th April 2021

A. PRE-DEPARTURE FROM COUNTRY OF EXIT:

I. Pre-Boarding:

STEP 1 - Passengers **MUST** perform a COVID-19 PCR test **not more than 3 days (72 hours)** before boarding. PCR test done more than **72 hours** before departure is not valid and person will not be allowed to board. Rapid antigen or antibody test are not acceptable; only PCR test can be used for this purpose. Test validity commences from the time of sample collection. For passengers with multiple connections before arrival in Nigeria, the PCR test must be valid within 72 hours of boarding from the first point of departure. Passengers must bring along an electronic or hard copy of their COVID-19 PCR test for presentation at the departure airport and upon arrival in Nigeria.

STEP 2 - All intending passengers **(including diplomats and children less than 10 years old)** **MUST** register via an online national travel portal (Nigeria International Travel Portal – <https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng>) and proceed to fill in the online Health Declaration/Self-Reporting form located on the portal. They should ensure that the information/contact details provided on the form are correct and verifiable. Passengers **MUST** provide valid phone numbers, residential addresses and functional e-mails where they can be contacted. Passengers must also inform Port Health officials on arrival of any change in their health status since completion of the Health Declaration/Self-Reporting Form. **Passengers who falsify their status as diplomats will face prosecution.**

STEP 3 - After filling the online Health Declaration/ Self-Reporting Form, passengers will be directed to upload their negative COVID-19 PCR test on to the portal. **Only children less than 10 years old are exempted from uploading a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.** Once this is successfully done, passengers will proceed to the payment section of the travel portal. Passengers are advised to still bring along an electronic or hard copy of their COVID-19 PCR test for presentation at the airport.

STEP 4 - On reaching the payment section of the portal, passengers will be requested to select their preferred Laboratory/Sample Collection Centre based on where they will be self-isolating for the period of 7 days in Nigeria. A list of accredited private laboratory providers/Sample Collection Centers across the country are available on the payment platform. The next stage is to choose a bank payment gateway and then proceed to pay for the day-7 in-country COVID-19 PCR test. Please note that passengers paying in Naira should use cards issued by a Nigerian bank. **Diplomats and children less than 10 years old are exempted from payment for the repeat COVID-19 test.**

STEP 5 - Following successful payment, passengers should download the **Permit to Travel Certificate/ QR Code** using the "Get Permit to Travel" button visible at the top right corner of the portal, save and print the form for presentation at the point of boarding. The Permit to Travel Certificate/ QR code will have a "PAID" label if payment is successful and "UNPAID" label if payment has not gone through yet or is unsuccessful. A copy of the Permit to Travel Certificate/ QR Code will also be sent to the email address provided by the passenger.

II. Boarding

1. Prior to boarding for Nigeria, passengers **MUST** present **TWO** documents at their point of departure to be allowed to board;
 - a. A **negative COVID-19 PCR** test administered within 3 days (**72 hours**) of departure. Airlines have been directed not to board passengers with non-PCR COVID-19 tests (such as antigen/or antibody tests), a positive COVID-19 PCR test result or tests performed beyond 72 hours of boarding.
 - b. **Permit to Travel Certificate/QR Code** - generated from the Nigeria International Travel Portal on completion of a health questionnaire, uploading of a negative COVID-19 PCR