

THE BAN ON TRAVELERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA, EGYPT, MOZAMBIQUE, LESOTHO, ZIMBABWE, ESWATINI (SWAZILAND) AND NAMIBIA HAS BEEN REMOVED.

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9:00

(Quito, Pichincha). – The Ministry of Tourism informs that the guidelines to enter the country through air borders, issued by the Ministry of Public Health, were updated on January 24th, 2022 and will be effective since January 29th at 00H00.

The document removed the ban on entry into the country for people whose points of origin or transit are: South Africa, Botswana, Egypt, Mozambique, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Eswatini (Swaziland) and Namibia. Whereas the general requirements for entry to Ecuador's mainland and Galápagos islands, remain unchanged.

We remind you that these requirements are as follows:

Entry to mainland Ecuador:

Any person entering mainland Ecuador must present, on a mandatory basis:

1. The **digital Traveler's Health Declaration when boarding the airline**, which is available at the following link: <https://declaracionsalud-viajero.msp.gob.ec/>. If the platform is not available, a physical form must be submitted. Travelers who fill out the digital form are no longer required to present it at the point of entry to the Ministry of Health.
2. Passengers **over 16 years of age** must present a **complete vaccination card, with at least 14 days of validity** after completing the scheme and a negative result of a qualitative **RT-PCR test in real time, carried out up to 72 hours prior to boarding to Ecuador**. Crew members are exempt from these requirements.
3. **People between 2 and 16 years** old must present the negative result of a qualitative **RT-PCR test in real time, carried out up to 72 hours before boarding to Ecuador**.

Entrance to the Galapagos Islands:

Every person, regardless of their immigration status, must present in a mandatory manner:

1. A **complete vaccination card, with at least 14 days of validity** after completing the scheme, and a negative result of a qualitative **RT-PCR test in real time, carried out up to 72 hours prior to boarding to the Galapagos**. Crew members are exempt from these requirements.
2. People **between 2 and 16 years of age** must present the negative result of a **qualitative RT-PCR test in real time carried out up to 72 hours prior to boarding to Galapagos**.
3. Additionally, domestic or foreign tourists **must present the transit control card**, issued by the Governing Council of the Galapagos Special Regime.

Explanatory:

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



2. Any person who has been **diagnosed with COVID-19 and who after one month continues to obtain a positive result in the RT-PCR test**, must present a medical certificate **issued in the country of origin** that endorses their state of health of not being in the contagion phase for entry into Ecuador, only if the traveler has no symptoms.
3. For people who come from countries where the **vaccination protocol contemplates the administration of the vaccine after 6 months of INFECTION by COVID-19 and for this reason has not been vaccinated**; the certificate issued of the infection shall be considered as if it were a certificate of vaccination. These people will be required to have a certificate of not having received the vaccine for infection that does not exceed 6 months and the negative RT-PCR test.
4. The passenger who due to his **health condition** cannot receive the vaccine against COVID-19, **must present a medical certificate that supports said condition and will be required to take a negative RT-PCR test**.
5. For Ecuadorian citizens who **have not yet received their vaccine** and need to return to Ecuador, they will receive the available COVID-19 vaccine upon **arrival**.