

## **(UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION)**

### **COVID-19 measures Monday, November 29, 2021 until further notice**

In essence, the COVID measures of the previous period have been extended. The following has been changed in brief:

1. The curfew is from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM.
2. The opening hours of commercial premises and restaurants are now from 05:00 AM to 08:00 PM (excluding delivery)
3. Countries with a 'variant of concern' as indicated by WHO, are in principle classified as high-risk countries;

From Monday 29 November 2021, the following measures will apply until further notice:

#### **Measure 1 – The General Measures;**

1. Wearing mouth and nose coverings outside one's own home is mandatory, especially when entering rooms.
2. Always observe the 1.5 meters physical distance, the so-called COVID19 distance.
3. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer.
4. It is still strongly advised to stay at home and only go out for necessary work, medical emergencies or for essential shopping.

#### **Measure 2 – The curfew;**

1. The curfew is from November 29th daily from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM. For the sake of clarity, during this period, from 05 in the morning to 21:00 in the evening, you may go on the public road.
2. For national holidays that are equivalent to Sunday, the competent authorities will issue specific guidelines and instructions to regulate freedom of movement.
3. During the curfew, at the indicated hours, the essential services and the persons in possession of a dispensation or who have registered through the Ministry of Justice and Police may use public roads. This exception also applies to people who have to go on public roads, due to medical emergencies and or doing a COVID-19 swab or vaccination.
4. The checkpoints for movement of people in various places will be maintained. At strategic checkpoints, especially to and from the south of the country, there will also be testing for infections.
5. Domestic flights are only allowed for cargo, repatriation of stranded passengers and for medical emergencies. Commercial domestic flights for regular passenger traffic are not allowed

6. The borders via land, water and air will remain closed to persons, unless for urgent reasons permission is granted by the Covid-19 Crisis Management Team.

7. The Covid-19 prevention protocols approved and issued by the Outbreak Management Team are considered instruments of control by the competent authorities.

8. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation will continue to discuss the manner of cooperation at the borders with neighboring countries.

### **Measure 3 – The ban on gatherings**

1. It is forbidden to participate in a group of more than 10 (ten) people. Excluded are the National Assembly, the Government, the State Council, members of the Court of Justice and persons from care, security and essential services.

2. The foregoing does not apply to

- Groups consisting only of persons who form a family or household; and
- Children under the age of 12 years.

3. A person who is in a group as referred to in paragraph 1 is obliged to immediately continue on his way or to remove himself in the direction indicated by him on an order to that effect from a uniformed police officer.

4. Meetings for work and sectors or activities for which there is a prevention protocol are allowed.

5. It is forbidden to hold parties, including house parties.

6. Meetings for mourning sessions and funerals are only allowed if and insofar as no more than twenty-five (25) persons are present on site at the same time, if the space allows one and a half meters away, and with due observance of the regulations and prevention protocols of the aforementioned activities.

- Funeral companies are required to register with the Covid-19 Crisis Management Team.
- Places of worship are open on the condition that, depending on the surface, in principle a maximum of 50 people are in the room at a time. If the room allows for more than 50 people to be present, taking into account the regulations, this is allowed, provided that the regulations and protocols are strictly applied. The government remains in conclave with the places of worship.
- Home church services in which persons from outside the household participate are not allowed.

7. Contact sports are allowed for fully vaccinated athletes, taking into account the applicable prevention protocols. Individual sports and non-contact sports are also allowed. If competitions are started, they must be played without an audience.

8. The transport of persons by means of public transport by road or water is only permitted with due observance of the public transport protocol. Mandatory mask use will be monitored. The compliance and enforcement of the public transport protocol will be the responsibility of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Tourism.

9. Persons who demonstrably provide informal care can do so on a regular basis, provided they can demonstrate that they are on the public road for those purposes.

10. It is prohibited for anyone to consume alcoholic beverages in public and/or to be unnecessarily in the vicinity of shops and supermarkets.

#### **Measure 4 – Restriction of government activities;**

1. All government offices are open during this period, in compliance with the applicable prevention protocols and with specific instructions from the relevant ministers.

#### **Measure 5 – Restriction of commercial activities;**

1. It is prohibited to have the following commercial premises or areas of any kind open to the public during this period:

- a) Nightclubs, dance halls, discotheques and the like;
- b) brothels;
- c) Bars;
- d) Restaurants, subject to the exceptions in paragraph 2

2. During this period, only in compliance with the applicable and applicable Covid-19 prevention protocols developed by the Ministry of Health, it is allowed to have open the following commercial premises or areas of any kind that are accessible to the public:

3. All commercial locations other than those referred to in the first paragraph: from Monday to Sunday from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;

4. Restaurants and other commercial establishments for food preparation, collection or delivery:

- 1. Daily, for pickup and drive-thru only, from 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
- 2. Delivery is allowed 24 hours a day.

- Terraces or Outdoor dining, daily from 05:00 to 20:00.

1. Restaurants and other commercial establishments for indoor dining:

1. Daily from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. provided that only individuals who have been fully vaccinated or who show a negative SARS-Cov-2 antigen test result not older than 24 hours will be admitted. The management is responsible for compliance with this.
2. Gyms, yoga and dance schools, aerobics, zumba, sports and fitness centers or venues, where it is recommended that these activities take place in the open air.
3. Legal and financial service providers such as lawyers, accountants, tax specialists, lawyers, civil-law notaries, etc. are urgently advised to provide the services remotely as much as possible (by telephone, e-mail or video conference).
4. Employers of companies that are allowed to be open must appoint a (senior) official who must monitor compliance with the general measures and the Covid-19 prevention protocols in the workplace.

### **Measure 6 – Permitted border crossings;**

1. The borders will be open to passenger traffic in the period from 29 November 2021 until further notice, provided that:
  2. are the conditions and protocols specific to the country or region in question from which the person comes directly; and
  3. only after the person has received prior approval from the competent Surinamese authorities to travel, whereby the essential character of the journey to be made will be assessed, subject to the exception in paragraph 5.
4. With regard to determining the conditions and protocols specific to the country or region from which the person comes directly, use will be made of the current incidences of the countries and the circulation of 'variants of concern'. The countries are classified according to risk (low, medium and high). Based on the risk classification, there are specific conditions that a traveler must meet. The risk classification of countries and the applicable conditions and protocols associated with the risk levels will be further announced by the competent Surinamese authorities. The classification of the countries will be continuously updated. The countries where a so-called 'variant of concern' of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is circulating, as indicated by the World Health Organization (WHO), are in principle classified as high-risk countries.
5. With due observance of the provisions of paragraph 1, in the period from 29 November 2021 until further notice, only the following flights are permitted in Surinamese airspace:
  6. The Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, Guyana, French Guiana, Brazil, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago and the United States of America: outbound and inbound flights for cargo and passenger traffic;
  7. Cuba and the Dominican Republic: only inbound and outbound flights for cargo traffic and outbound flights for passenger traffic;

8. Haiti: no passenger traffic allowed.
9. From 29 November 2021, until further notice, goods and passenger traffic on water will be allowed from Guyana and French Guiana.
10. Travelers who have been fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be able to travel from Suriname abroad (outbound) and from abroad to Suriname (inbound) in the period from November 29, 2021 until further notice. travel, without requiring permission within the meaning of paragraph 1(b) of this article, only if they:
11. For inbound and outbound passenger traffic: be demonstrably fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus;
12. For inbound passenger traffic from a high-risk country: being in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result no more than 48 hours before departure of the (air)crafft to Suriname, and on the third day after arrival take a SARS-CoV-2 antigen test in Suriname at an officially accredited test location by the Ministry of Health;
13. For inbound passenger traffic from a low or medium risk country: being in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result not older than 24 hours before departure of the (air)crafft to Suriname or a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT -PCR test result not older than 72 hours before departure of the (air)crafft to Suriname;
14. For all inbound passenger traffic: the traveler is advised to self- or home quarantine seven days after arrival.
15. Travelers who have not been or have not been fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be allowed to check-in from abroad to Suriname (inbound) in the period from November 29, 2021 until further notice. travel, only if they:
16. Be in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result not older than 48 hours before departure of the (air)crafft to Suriname; and
17. After arrival, go into compulsory hotel quarantine (under guard) for seven days.
18. Travelers who are not or not fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be allowed to travel abroad (outbound) from November 29, 2021 until further notice, provided they travel to their country of birth or place of residence or a country of which they have the nationality.
19. The Surinamese authorities may grant exemptions from the requirements of paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 for essential travel and/or persons from essential professions (expats, diplomats, government officials, medics and healthcare personnel).
20. Fully vaccinated within the meaning of this article also includes persons who have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus from 14 days to 3 months ago, provided they:
21. be free of complaints for at least three days; and
22. of their positive test and being free from complaints for three days, can submit a statement from an infectiologist or an internist stating the relevant results (positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result with indication of the CT value) .

## **Measure 7 – Education**

1. Ordinary Primary Education (GLO), will be open from Monday 11 October 2021, with due observance of the applicable and applicable Covid-19 prevention protocols developed by the Ministry of Health, prepared and authorized by the Outbreak Management Team and with due observance of of the regulations in Appendix A.
2. Secondary Education will be open from Monday, October 25, 2021, with due observance of the valid and applicable Covid-19 prevention protocols developed by the Ministry of Health, prepared and authorized by the Outbreak Management Team and with due observance of the regulations in Appendix A.
3. The teachers and other employees in schools are strongly advised to be vaccinated, so that the percentage of vaccinated employees (teachers, cleaning staff, administrative staff, canteen and other staff) exceeds 70%.

## **Measure 8 – Restrictions on persons in isolation or quarantine;**

1. Persons against whom a measure of quarantine, isolation or compulsory stay at home has been notified or imposed are prohibited from withdrawing from it or from entering or being outside their home or places of residence.
2. The government strongly urges the community to strictly adhere to the above measures in order to provide maximum protection for you and your family and others with whom you may come in contact.
3. The measures provide more space for the community to go out on public roads, but you are called upon to go out on the street only if it is urgently necessary.
4. The government will continue to closely monitor developments with regard to care and infections and, if necessary, adjust the aforementioned measures on that basis.

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