

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

COVID-19 measures Tuesday, November 16, 2021 until further notice for the Republic of Suriname

Nov 17, 2021

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

- 1. The announced measures apply until further notice.*
- 2. Indoor dining is allowed for vaccinated persons or those who have a negative Covid-19 test result not older than 24 hours.*
- 3. For national holidays, the curfew no longer automatically applies. Specific provisions will always apply.*

From Tuesday 16 November 2021, the following measures will apply until further notice:

Measure 1 – The General Measures;

Wearing **mouth and nose** coverings outside one's own home is mandatory, especially when entering

Always observe the **1.5 meters** physical distance, the so-called COVID19 distance.

Wash your **hands regularly with soap and water** or use a **hand sanitizer**.

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 will be in effect **every day** from **November 16** from **11 p.m. to 5 a.m.** For the sake of clarity, during this period, from 05 in the morning to 23:00 in the evening, you may be 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 persons in possession of a dispensation or who have registered through the Ministry of Justice and Police, are allowed to go on 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 talk with neighboring countries about the manner of cooperation at the borders.

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. Parties, including house parties, are prohibited.
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 directors are required to register with the Covid-19 Crisis Management Team.
 - Places of worship are open on the condition that, depending on the size, a maximum of 50 people are in the room at a time. The government remains in conclave with the places of worship.
 - Home church services involving persons from outside the household are not permitted.
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;

All government offices are open during this period, with due observance of the applicable prevention protocols and with specific instructions from the relevant ministers.

Measure 5 – Restriction of commercial activities;

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

- 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 with due observance of the valid and applicable Covid-19 prevention protocols developed by the Ministry of Health, it is allowed to have open the following commercial premises or spaces of any kind accessible to the public:

3. All commercial premises other than those referred to in the first paragraph: from Monday to Sunday from **00:00 to 22:00**;

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

- Daily, for **pickup** and **drive-thru** only, from **05:00 AM to 10:00 PM**;
- Delivery is allowed 24 hours a day.

Terraces or Outdoor dining, daily from **05:00 to 22:00** hours.

1. Restaurants and other commercial venues for indoor dining:
 - Daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. provided that only persons 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 outdoors.
3. Legal and financial service providers such as lawyers, accountants, tax specialists, lawyers, 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 are open to passenger traffic during this period, provided that:
 - Fully vaccinated persons do not require permission to travel to Suriname and are not bound by the quarantine obligation (see paragraph 5). The airlines have no restrictions on fully vaccinated people, but they do have a control and enforcement obligation. The following documents are required:
 - Proof of complete vaccination
 - A negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result not older than 24 hours before departure of the flight to Suriname; the result must come from an official testing body; and
 - Valid travel documents

Travel of fully vaccinated people from Suriname (outbound); the airlines and target group are bound by the rules of the country to which the travel is taking place.

2. Persons who are not or not fully vaccinated are obliged to quarantine in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Ministry of Health and permission from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation (see paragraph 6)
 - Are the conditions and protocols specific to the country in question from which the person comes directly; and
 - Only after the person has received prior approval from the competent Surinamese authorities to travel, whereby the essential character of the trip to be made will be assessed.

With due observance of the provisions of paragraph 1, only the following flights are permitted in Surinamese airspace during this period:

- The Netherlands, the Caribbean, Guyana, French Guiana, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, Brazil and the United States of America: outbound and inbound flights for cargo and passenger traffic;
- Cuba and the Dominican Republic: only inbound and outbound cargo traffic and outbound passenger traffic;
- Haiti: no passenger traffic allowed.

From Guyana and French Guiana, goods and essential passenger traffic by boat will be allowed during this period.

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) during this period, only if they: See paragraph 1 .

- For inbound and outbound passenger traffic: be demonstrably fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus;
- For inbound passenger traffic: being in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result no more than 24 hours before departure of the flight to Suriname; and
- For inbound passenger traffic: the traveler is advised to self- or home quarantine seven days after arrival.

Travelers who are not or not fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be allowed to travel to Suriname (inbound) from abroad only for essential purposes or repatriation purposes during this period, only if they:

- Be in possession of a negative SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result not older than 72 hours before departure of the flight to Suriname; and
- After arrival, go into mandatory hotel quarantine (under guard) for seven days.

Travelers who are not or not fully vaccinated against the SARS-CoV-2 virus will be able to travel abroad (outbound) from Suriname during this period, provided they travel to their country of birth or place of residence or a country of they have the nationality.

The Surinamese authorities may exempt essential travel and/or persons from essential professions (expats, diplomats, government officials, medics and healthcare personnel) from the requirements set out in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6.

Fully vaccinated also includes persons who have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus from 14 days to 3 months ago, provided they:

- be free of complaints for at least three days; and
- can submit a statement from an infectiologist or an internist stating the relevant results (positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result stating the CT value) of their positive test and being free from complaints for three days; and

- be able to submit a negative SARS-CoV-2 antigen test result not older than 24 hours before departure of the flight to Suriname

Measure 7 – Education

Ordinary Primary Education (GLO), will be open from Monday 11 October 2021, with due observance of the current 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.

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 .

Teachers and other staff at schools are strongly advised to be vaccinated, so that the percentage of vaccinated staff (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 mandatory 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 only go out 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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