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NEW HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT

The State of Kuwait has issued new health protocols for arrival of expatriates therein effective 01 August 2021 based on the decision of Kuwait's Council of Ministers and health authorities, as follows:

- 1. Expatriates with valid residence visas are allowed to enter Kuwait provided they are fully vaccinated with one of the 4 vaccines recognized by the State of Kuwait, namely: Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. Other vaccines are not accepted.
- 2. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DCGA) requires a negative Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test result taken within 72 hours of the travel time.
- 3. All residents and Kuwait citizens who received their vaccines in the State of Kuwait are subject to a 7-day home quarantine from the day of arrival. In case that they wish to end the quarantine early, they can pay the fees and undergo a PCR test on the third day. If the result is negative from COVID, they will end the scheduled home quarantine.
- 4. All residents who received their vaccines outside Kuwait with one of the approved vaccines are required to upload their vaccination certificate in the Ministry of Health website. The vaccination certificate must be verified electronically before boarding the plane and upon arrival in Kuwait. They must also complete registration in the Shlonik Application and Kuwait Mosafer platform. They are subject to a 7-day home quarantine from the day of arrival. Also, in case that they wish to end the quarantine early, they can pay the fees and undergo a PCR test on the third day. If the result is negative from COVID, they will end the scheduled home quarantine.
- 5. Categories excluded from institutional quarantine are diplomatic missions, medical workers, their first degree relatives and accompanying domestic workers.



For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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