

# **Travel requirements for Passenger Travelling to Dubai.**

**Travel Update as of 10th August, 2021.**

**All Travellers with a valid UAE residence visa are allowed to travel to Dubai must comply with the following:**

- **Dubai visa holders must apply for pre-entry approval through General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA)**
- **Passengers must have a valid COVID-19 test certificate issued within 48 hours between the time of sample collection and scheduled flight departure.**
- **COVID-19 PCR test reports from certified labs that issue a QR code linked to the original report will be accepted.**
- **Passengers must complete a COVID-19 PCR rapid test 4 hours before the departure of their flight. (Rapid antigen test will not be accepted).**
- **Passengers must complete a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.**
- **UAE Nationals are exempted from the above requirements but subject to COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.**
- **All other passengers who have been in India in the past 14 days will not be permitted to enter Dubai.**

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## **Rules for travel from India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda**

**UAE residents**

All passengers with a valid UAE residence visa are allowed to travel to and through Dubai from India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda, subject to below conditions.

**All passengers arriving to Dubai must comply with the following:**

Dubai visa holders must apply for [pre-entry approval through the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs \(GDRFA\)](#).

Passengers must have a valid COVID-19 test certificate issued within 48 hours between the time of sample collection and scheduled flight departure. Only COVID-19 PCR test reports from certified labs that issue a QR code linked to the original report will be accepted.

Passengers must complete a COVID-19 PCR rapid test 4 hours before the departure of their flight. (Rapid antigen test will not be accepted)

Passengers must complete a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

UAE Nationals are exempted from the above requirements but subject to COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

All other passengers who have been in India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda in the past 14 days will not be permitted to enter Dubai.

#### **Transit passengers**

Must complete all the [requirements of their final destination](#) and present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate for a test taken 72 hours or less before departure or as required by their final destination. Only COVID-19 PCR test reports from certified labs that issue a QR code linked to the original report will be accepted.

**Due to constant changes in rules please check regularly for any changes in travel requirements on [emirates.com](#)**

#### **Travel Update as of 6th August, 2021.**

Effective 05th August 2021, travellers from India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda are allowed to enter Dubai subject to following requirements:

All travellers with a valid UAE residence visa who have been fully vaccinated in the UAE and who hold an official vaccination certificate issued and approved by relevant authorities in the UAE are permitted to enter UAE.

At least 14 days must have passed since the last required dose of the vaccine was administered.

#### **Exemptions for Vaccination Requirements:**

- Individuals under 18-years age;
- Holders of Diplomatic passports, their family members, and their domestic workers;
- Holders of UAE golden and silver visa;
- Expo2020 international participants, Expo2020 exhibitors and personnel sponsored by Expo2020 organiser;

- Medical personnel working in the UAE - Doctors, Nurses and Medical Technicians;
- Staff of UAE Federal and UAE local government authorities;
- Staff in the educational sector including teachers working in schools, universities and other education institutions in the UAE;
- Students currently studying in the UAE;
- Those undergoing medical treatment in the UAE;
- Those exempted and/or granted permission to enter the UAE by appropriate authorities;
- Those who deserve humanitarian consideration for the purpose of reuniting families, with a valid residence visa.

**ALL travellers entering Dubai must comply with the following:**

1. Obtain pre-entry approval through [GDRFA](#) and carry printed copy as proof to the airport.
2. All travellers age 18-years and above must carry official vaccination certificate issued and approved by relevant authorities in the UAE (refer above for vaccination requirement exemptions).
3. Have a valid COVID 19 test certificate issued within 48 hours between the time of sample collection and scheduled flight departure. Only COVID 19 PCR test reports from certified labs that issue a QR code linked to the original report will be accepted (refer below for exemptions);
4. Complete a COVID 19 **Rapid PCR Test** (refer **Important Note** below) not earlier than 06 hours before the departure of their flight (refer below for exemptions);
5. Complete a COVID 19 PCR Test on arrival in Dubai (refer below for exemptions).

***Important Note:***

Only Rapid PCR Test is acceptable. Rapid Antigen Test is **not** allowed.

**COVID 19 PCR Test Exemptions:**

Children under the age of 12 and travellers who have a moderate or severe disability are exempt from taking COVID 19 PCR test. Moderate or severe disability includes neurological disorders and intellectual or developmental disabilities. For example: Acute spinal cord injury, Alzheimer's disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Ataxia, Autism spectrum, Bell's palsy, Brain tumours, Cerebral aneurysm, Cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy and seizures.

**UAE Nationals** are exempted from the above requirements but subject to COVID 19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

**Rules for Transit Via Dubai:**

Effective 05th August 2021, all travellers transiting through Dubai only need to hold a valid negative Covid-19 test certificate that is issued within 72 hours from the time of sample collection or as per requirements from their final destination. The certificate should be issued from an approved lab which uses a QR code system. No STPC should be issued to these travellers. Transit time in DXB must not exceed 08-hours.

**Travel Update as of 4th August, 2021.**

Emirates is pleased to announce the resumption of services from the following listed countries.

Please be attentive to the requirements for each country, this information will continue to be updated on the Emirates Partners Portal. Outlined below are the requirements as they stand today for each country.

### **Rules for travel from India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda**

Effective 5 August, the following passengers are allowed to travel to and through Dubai from India, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda, subject to specific requirements.

#### **Transit passengers**

Must hold a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate for a test taken 72 hours or less before departure as [required by their final destination](#).

#### **UAE residents**

All passengers with a valid UAE residence visa who have been fully vaccinated in the UAE and who hold an official vaccination certificate issued and approved by relevant authorities in the UAE are permitted to return to the UAE. At least 14 days must have passed since the last required dose of the vaccine was administered.

#### **Exemptions for non-vaccinated passengers:**

- Holders of golden and silver visas and diplomats.
- Healthcare workers including doctors, nurses and technicians.
- Education sector workers including professors, teachers and students studying in the UAE.
- Government employees.
- Exhibitors and participants who are under the sponsorship of EXPO 2020.

#### **All passengers must comply with the following:**

- Dubai visa holders must apply for [pre-entry approval through General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs \(GDRFA\)](#).
- Passengers must have a valid COVID 19 test certificate issued within 48 hours between the time of sample collection and scheduled flight departure. Only COVID 19 PCR test reports from certified labs that issue a QR code linked to the original report will be accepted.
- Passengers must complete a COVID-19 rapid test 4 hours before the departure of their flight.
- Passengers must complete a COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

UAE Nationals are exempted from the above requirements but subject to COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

### **Rules for travel from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Africa, Vietnam and Zambia**

Effective 5 August, the following passengers are allowed to travel to their final destination through Dubai from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Africa, Vietnam and Zambia, subject to specific requirements.

All passengers are required to have a negative COVID 19 PCR test certificate taken 72 hours or less before departure as [required by their final destination](#).

UAE Nationals are exempted from the above requirements, but subject to COVID-19 PCR test on arrival in Dubai.

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