

# SPECIAL HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY IN RELATION TO THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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EFFECTIVE MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020 AT 12AM:

With the fast propagation of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) globally and the recent developments in NZ, the following additional measures will COME into EFFECT 12am Monday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

Due to NZ's close proximity to Samoa and the confirmation of its COVID-19 case in Auckland New Zealand, the increased risk of COVID – 19 entering Samoa has elevated from High to Very High and its impact on Samoa's population remains catastrophic.

## **Requirement:**

The frequency of all international flights to Samoa will be reduced in our ongoing efforts to strengthen prevention of the COVID-19 entering Samoa.

## **ALL Airlines:**

Samoa Airways flights from;

- Australia remains as 3 flights per week (Sydney 2 and Brisbane 1).
- New Zealand reduce from 5 flights to 3 flights per week
- Tafuna, American Samoa reduce to 4 flights per day.

Talofa Airways flights from:

Tonga remains as 1 flight per week

Tafuna, American Samoa reduce to 4 flights per day

Air New Zealand Flights from;

New Zealand reduce from 6 flights to 3 flights per week

Fiji Airways Flights from;

- Fiji reduce from 5 flights to 2 flights per week
- Honolulu remains as 1 flight weekly

Virgin Australia Flights from;

Australia remain as 2 flights per week (Sydney 1 and Brisbane 1)

Airlines are advised to make appropriate Changes for flights into Samoa.

Airlines will be advised within 7 days for any new changes.

All Travelers entering Samoa FROM or TRANSITING through all ports (New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Am. Samoa, Hawaii and Tonga) are REQUIRED to **undergo medical examination** by a Registered Medical Practitioner **within (3) days before ARRIVAL**. This medical clearance report is required for check-in prior to issuing of boarding passes.

**All other conditions as per Health Travel Advice issued Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 remain the same for all travelers.**

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