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**TO: LABOUR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
ALL MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS  
BIWEEKLY MEMBERS MEETING PARTICIPANTS  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

**FORTNIGHTLY COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF 19 OCTOBER 2021**

**Action Required: *Members are invited to note:***

- **240631670** Confirmed cases of COVID-19, **7,128,146** additional cases have been confirmed since the last report **2.96 %**. **4,899,169** fatalities were recorded which is **121,666** additional deaths **2.48 %** growth since the last report. **220** Countries and territories currently have cases and not all are reported on a timely basis. vaccine doses given today **compared with 6,187,643,539** at the last report.
- [WHO weekly update reports](#) and [WHO vaccine Tracker website](#)
- [ICAO Covid 2021 Economic Impact document](#)
- ICAO Vaccination report at Annex 1.
- Our World in Data information detailed list of all country-specific sources
- Open access to in the daily-updated repository of cases
- Global ports currently administering vaccinations to Seafarers are listed [Here](#). Advise additional locations to [Natalie.Shaw@ics-shipping.org](mailto:Natalie.Shaw@ics-shipping.org).
- Members are requested to tell all shipping companies to advise them immediately if someone requires **emergency medical care or if repatriation of a body is denied**. Please then send the details regarding the case, vessel IMO number location and situation of the seafarer affected to [Natalie.Shaw@ics-shipping.org](mailto:Natalie.Shaw@ics-shipping.org) to ensure the UN agencies are immediately notified to put pressure on the member state concerned.
- ICS Covid Guidance documents available for download [here](#) including two IMHA documents relating to mixing vaccines and Oxygen carriage onboard ship.

**SITUATION IN NUMBERS BY WHO REGION FOR 19 OCTOBER 2021**

<b>Global</b>	<b>240,631,670</b>	<b>4,899,169</b>
<b>Americas</b>	<b>92,247,781</b>	<b>2,262,794</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>73,401,503</b>	<b>1,380,603</b>
<b>South-East Asia</b>	<b>43,611,544</b>	<b>684,951</b>
<b>Eastern Mediterranean</b>	<b>16,141,362</b>	<b>296,977</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>6,111,209</b>	<b>149,150</b>
<b>Western Pacific</b>	<b>9,117,507</b>	<b>124,681</b>

	TOP 12 COUNTRIES	MOST CASES YESTERDAY	HIGH FATALITIES YESTERDAY
1	USA	UK	Russian Federation
2	India	US	US
3	Brazil	Russian Federation	Brazil
4	UK	Turkey	Mexico
5	Russia	India	Romania
6	Turkey	Iran	Iran
7	France	Brazil	Turkey
8	Iran	Romania	Ukraine
9	Argentina	Thailand	India
10	Spain	Ukraine	Philippines
11	Colombia	Philippines	Vietnam
12	Italy	Malaysia	Thailand

### Sky News Covid 19 Travel Tracker

As travel abroad gets easier with some restrictions easing, the pandemic is evolving differently in each country. Sky News has produced an interactive map and country selector showing the global situation. The colour of the country's name reflects the level of restrictions in force. Red Countries are on the UK government **red list**. Those in green classed as 'rest of the world' with travellers facing fewer restrictions from these countries. See [here](#)

### Australia

For the latest travel information relating to Australian Territories see

<https://mial.com.au/files/210922%20Domestic%20Border%20Closures%20Summary.pdf>

For information on the latest vaccination information relating to Australian Territories see

<https://mial.com.au/files/211015%20Mandatory%20Vaccination%20by%20Jurisdiction%20Table.pdf>

### Japan

ICS has been kindly advised by JSA of Acceptable Vaccination Certificates for incoming seafarers in Japan from October 12. The Japanese quarantine authority accepts vaccination certificates of the following: COMIRNATY (Pfizer), Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca), COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna (Moderna), and Covishield (under license of AstraZeneca).

### Norway

NSA has kindly shared a link to the new guidelines for the vaccine of foreign seafarers in Norway . Please feel free to share and advise if you have any questions.

<https://www.fhi.no/en/publ/2021/guideline-for-offering-vaccines-against-covid-19-to-foreign-seafarers-calli/>

## Philippines

According to ABS- CBN news in the Philippines, the government has issued an updated list of "green" countries where fully vaccinated travellers no longer need to undergo facility-based quarantine. From Oct. 16 to 31, 2021, Romanian passengers are not allowed to enter the Philippines after it was tagged under the "red" list or classified as high risk for COVID-19. According to the updated Inter-Agency Task Force list released on Thursday, 49 countries, jurisdictions and territories are in the "green" lane, which is considered low-risk based on their COVID-19 diseases incidence rate as listed below:

Algeria	Madagascar	Sierra Leone
American Samoa	Mali	Sint Eustatius
Bhutan	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands
Burkina Faso	Federated States of Micronesia	Sudan
Cameroon	Montserrat	Syria
Cayman Islands	Nauru	Samoa
Chad	New Zealand	Taiwan
China (Mainland)	Nicaragua	Tajikistan
Comoros	Niger	Tanzania
Republic of Congo	Niue	Tokelau
Cook Islands	North Korea	Tonga
Eritrea	Palau	Turkmenistan
Falkland Islands	Poland	Tuvalu
Gibraltar	Saba (Municipality of Netherlands Kingdom)	Uzbekistan
Hong Kong (SAR)	Saint Helena	Vanuatu
Kiribati	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Yemen

All other countries, jurisdictions and territories are classified as "yellow" list.

### Fully vaccinated travellers can skip facility quarantine in PH

The Philippine government have advised that inbound travellers from "green lanes" who complete their COVID-19 vaccination were no longer required to undergo facility-based quarantine upon arriving in the country.

Fully vaccinated foreign nationals must present a negative result for RT-PCR tests taken within 72 hours prior to departure from the country of origin. "Upon arrival, no facility-based quarantine will be further required but the passenger must self-monitor for any symptoms until the 14th day.

Meanwhile, fully vaccinated Filipinos can choose between the following options:

- Facility-based quarantine until release of a negative RT-PCR test taken in a quarantine facility upon arrival
- No facility-based quarantine after getting a negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours prior to departure from the country of origin but the passenger must self-monitor for any symptoms until the 14th day

For the unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently verified, or those vaccinated but failing to comply with the test-before-

travel requirements, shall undergo facility-based quarantine until release of a negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth day.

Foreign nationals must secure hotel reservations for at least 6 days. Meanwhile, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated minors traveling with fully vaccinated parents or guardians must observe quarantine protocols corresponding to their vaccination status.

Fully vaccinated travellers under the "yellow" list, will undergo facility-based quarantine until release of a negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their tenth day.

Under IATF's guidelines, inbound international travel of all persons, regardless of vaccination status, from or who have visited "red" list within the last 14 days prior to arrival to the Philippines shall not be allowed. Only Filipinos returning to the country via government-initiated repatriation, non-government-initiated repatriation, and Bayanihan Flights may be allowed entry, subject to testing and quarantine protocols.

Below are the official versions of the new protocol for entering the Philippines including the list of Green countries.

[IATF Resolution No. 144-A.docx \(officialgazette.gov.ph\)](#)

[IATF Resolution No. 144-B.docx \(officialgazette.gov.ph\)](#)

## **Singapore**

Thanks to SSA for providing advice on SeaVax Industry Engagement on 18 October 2021.

### **Existing Eligibility**

- Sign-on Crew joining their vessel in 24 hours from arrival are directly transferred to the vaccination centre upon arrival in Singapore and thereafter, to be directly transferred to the ship after vaccination
- Vaccination offered to seafarers  
NOT vaccinated, and  
having had their first **Pfizer** vaccination shot 21 days before arrival in Singapore
- Cost of vaccine: SGD160

### **For vessels calling at PSA/JP Terminals**

- Crew with last port of call are from:
  - CAT 1 countries (China, Taiwan, HKG, Macau)
  - Selected 2 CAT 2 countries (Aust, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand)
- -ve ART for **all crew onboard\*** at last port of call
- Medically observed -ve ART for **all crew onboard\*** at least 12 hours before arrival in Singapore

- Vaccinating crew will disembark vessel for vaccination at a drop-in centre in a terminal OR mobile vaccination team to go onboard a vessel to vaccinate crew
- Signing-on crew (whether from airport or holding facility) will also be vaccinated at the drop-in centre / onboard at the terminals

### **For vessels calling at Anchorage**

- Crew with last port of call are from:
  - CAT 1 countries (China, Taiwan, HKG, Macau)
  - Selected 2 CAT 2 countries (Aust, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand)
- -ve ART for **all crew onboard\*** at last port of call
- Medically observed -ve ART for **all crew onboard\*** at least 12 hours before arrival to Singapore
- Crew to disembark vessel and board a launch to TPT. Crew will disembark at TPT and vaccinated at a designated TPT area. A bus also must be arranged by the agent to ferry vaccinating crew from a disembarkation point to the designated TPT area and back to the embarkation point to board a launch.
- Signing-on crew to vessels at anchorages clear immigration first at MSP/ WCP, stopover at TPT via a launch before joining a vessel at anchorage.

Crew arriving from the other categories of countries.

- Will be aligned with national policy and EDB requirements for vessels entering shipyards i.e.
  - ◆ At least 10 days from last port of call
  - ◆ -ve PCR for **all crew onboard\*** at last port of call
  - ◆ Medically observed -ve ART for **all crew onboard\*** at least 12 hours before arrival to Singapore
  - ◆ Crew to be vaccinated by mobile vaccination team
- SSA had requested MPA to consider only allowing vaccinating crew to be subjected to ART requirements.
- Allow signing-off crew to depart on the day vaccinated if desired.
- MPA would like to assure the industry that if there is a C+ crew onboard, the vessel will still be allowed to enter port to conduct operations as planned.
- Operations will be contactless as per the existing SMMs.
- Affected crew must be isolated onboard. Medical assistance will only be rendered to crew needing immediate medical attention – this is in-line with the latest national streamlined quarantine protocols.

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