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Measles Travel Advisory for travellers arriving in Solomon Islands: Protection Against Measles Importation to Solomon Islands.

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) of the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) here by issues this Travel Advisory due to the current measles outbreaks in many countries in the region.

Since 2017, a global resurgence of measles cases has been affecting all regions of the world. In the Asia Pacific region, outbreaks and clusters of measles cases are being reported from countries where measles had previously been eliminated, including Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam etc.. In the Pacific, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and American Samoa have reported measles cases.

Due to the current measles outbreak in several pacific countries, the Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and Medical Services is highly concerned towards the likelihood of importing measles in to Solomon Islands and subsequent measles outbreak in Solomon Islands.

The MHMS in accordance with the Immigration Act, Solomon Islands would advise the following travel requirements and measures to be implemented to ensure safety to citizens of Solomon Islands:

- All persons arriving in Solomon Islands will be required to complete a Traveller's Public Health Declaration Card (Copy attached);
- Solomon Islanders and residents of Solomon Islands arriving from measles affected countries: Certified proof of vaccination 3 weeks prior to the arrival date and if it is not available, they will be quarantined (home-based) for 21 days;
- Non-Solomon Islanders arriving from measles affected countries: Certified proof of vaccination 3 weeks prior to the arrival date. Failure to produce certified proof would result in deportation on the same flight. It is recommended that these requirements may be enforced at the country of departure.

These requirements except #1 are not applicable for infants less than 6 months of age, pregnant women and persons carrying documentary evidence of contraindications for vaccine administration such as immune-deficiency and allergies (certificate from doctor).

For the purpose of these measures/recommendations measles-affected countries include, American Samoa, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Australia, New Zealand and Philippines.

The necessary directive will need to be issued by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Immigration to all countries with whom Solomon Islands has Diplomatic relations including regional bodies such as the SPC and Pacific Forum as well as airlines and shipping companies that serve the Solomon islands to implement these measures.

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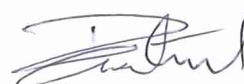


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