



PRESS RELEASE:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Conditions of international travel under SOE

(16th JULY 2020); The public is advised that Samoa's borders are still under lockdown and the same is said of all Pacific countries, Australia and New Zealand. The flights that continue to operate on a weekly basis are for the purposes of bringing in essential medical supplies and cargo for the country as well as repatriate the 2000 plus nationals and residents that are stranded in New Zealand including the seasonal workers whose work contracts have expired. There are close to 400 other nationals stranded in other countries of the world who are awaiting the opportunity to be repatriated. A good number of these are scholarship students who have completed studies and waiting to come home.

Samoans, resident in NZ, are discouraged and disallowed from travel to Samoa for faalavelaves (funerals, weddings, church/school openings etc) as priority is given only to Samoa residents to return home safely and borders continue to remain closed.

The ongoing uncertainty of the pandemic, and in particular Samoa's intention of remaining COVID free will likely see more restrictions on people movements in the near future.

PEPA O FAAMATALAGA

Matagaluega o le Va i Fafu

AIAIGA O FEMALAGAIGA I LALO O TULAGA O FAALAVELAVE FAAFUASEI

(16 IULAI 2020); E fautuaina le mamalu ole atunuu oloo tumau pea, le le tatalaina o tuaoi faavaomalo o atunuu uma ole Pasefika faapea Samoa, Ausetalia ma Niu Sila. O malaga a vaalele oloo faaauuina pea i vaiaso taitasi ale Ea Niu Sila oloo fesoasoani lea ile aumaia o oloa moomia vave ae maise oloa tau le soifua maloloina faatasi ai ma taumafaiga ina ia toe vave faafoi mai I fanua o le 2,000 tagatanuu Samoa ma e nonofo i Samoa. E faaopoopo iai ma

le isi 400 tagata Samoa oloo faatalitali avanoa e toe foi mai ai mai isi atunuu ole lalolagi e ese mai ia Niu Sila. O nei tagata e aofia ai tama ma teine sikolasipi ua mae'a aoaoga faapea ai tama taaalo faakonekarate I atunuu o Europa faapea seila sa galulue I vaa lau pasese peitai ua mae'a nei konekarate faigaluega.

Ona ole faamuamua oloo ave ile aumaia o tagata e nonofo I Samoa ini auala saogalemu, ole ala lea ole le mafai ona tatala ni avanoa e faimalaga mai ai ona oni faalavelave e pei o maliu, faaipoipoga, faaulufalega poo le fia asiasi mai i nisi o aiga o loo gasegase.

Ole faaaauuina ole le mailoa ole tulaga o iai le faamai ae maise ai foi ole naunautaiga ole atunuu ina ia faasaoina pea Samoa mai le pepesi ai ole Koviti 19, e maitauina le ono faateleina o puipuiga ma faigata o femalagaiga ile lumanai.

Tatou tatalo ma faatuatua pea ile alofa ole Atua ia vave ona iai se faamama avega o nei faafitauli.

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