



Government of Samoa

Ministry of Health

STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME QUARANTINE

Due to widespread community transmission of the COVID19 virus in particular the COVID19 variants, ALL request for Home Quarantine is now suspended until further notice. However the diplomat community, passengers originating from New Zealand and other Pacific Island countries with zero community cases will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Requests for home quarantine are assessed on a case by case basis but must satisfy the following conditions:

1. All requests to be addressed to The Director General of Health, Leausa Dr Take Naseri on email ceo@health.gov.ws or
The Chairman, National Disaster Advisory Committee, Agafili Shem Leo on email contact shem.leo@mpmc.gov.ws and
Copy in Dr Robert Thomsen, Deputy Director General Public Health email contact robertt@health.gov.ws

All requests to be received 7 days before departure. Late requests will not be considered. The request must include a contact number in Samoa to arrange inspection of the premises.

2. A written consent from your neighbours to indicate that they are in support of your home quarantine arrangements, it must be received with the request if your home is at a distance of less than 20 meters from your neighbour;
3. Home must be well secured with a fence and gate
4. No one stays in your compound or lives within the same dwelling
5. You are able to arrange stocking up of essential supplies for duration of quarantine in your home prior to your arrival
6. Your premises must have in place a Security hut/shelter with sanitary facilities and supply for use separated from your designated quarantine house. Use of garages, is longer accepted as an alternative unless it's separate from the main building.
7. Your home must be within 5 mile radius of the main hospital (from Puipa'a to Letogo and up to Afiamalu)
8. Parents/guardians must grant approval for minors to be in home quarantine by themselves.


In Addition:

It is important to note, if approval granted for home quarantine you might be required to reimburse back to Government any costs associated with your home quarantine which include but not limited to security arrangements, COVID19 tests, health checks etc. etc., the Ministry of Finance through NEOC will issue you an invoice at the end of the quarantine period.

NOTE:

The Ministry of Health reserves the right to decline any requests even if all conditions as above are satisfied.

The Ministry of Health is not responsible for any negotiations with your neighbours or village council regarding your home quarantine.


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Leausa Samau T. Dr Take Naseri
Director General of Health

