

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Senegal

Senegal introduces COVID-19 vaccination requirement for inbound travelers

Executive summary

Effective 3 November 2022, travelers who seek to enter Senegal must either present valid proof that they are vaccinated against COVID-19 or take a mandatory COVID-19 test upon arrival, to be admitted. Travelers aged 12 and below are not subject to the new rule.

Key developments

To be considered vaccinated against COVID-19 for purposes of entry into Senegal, travelers above the age of 12 (including Senegalese citizens and residents) must present an electronic COVID-19 vaccination certificate that contains a QR code and confirms that the traveler received all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that was [approved](#) by the World Health Organization for emergency use at least 14 days prior to travel.

Travelers aged 13 and above who are unvaccinated or do not hold vaccination certificates that comply with the requirements above, are required to get tested for COVID-19 (at no cost to them) upon arrival in Senegal. Those who test negative are admissible and are not subject to additional requirements in Senegal (e.g., additional COVID-19 tests, quarantine). Those who test positive will be directed to appear in person at a local health facility for treatment, where they will receive instructions for how to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., isolate in their home or hotel).

Prior to 3 November 2022, inbound travelers were not required to present proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or get tested for COVID-19 on arrival.

In general, all travelers (including Senegalese citizens and residents) are still required to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than three days prior to travel, and test negative, to be admitted. As was the case prior to 3 November 2022, travelers who seek to enter Senegal on or after 3 November 2022 are exempt from the requirement to take a pre-travel COVID-19 test if they obtain a [Smart Health Card](#) from the Senegalese Ministry of Health prior to entry, confirming that they are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Impact on employers

The new entry requirements reflect the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and are designed to facilitate the movement of travelers into Senegal.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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