

*COVID-19 (Prevention and Control)
(Testing and Quarantine) (No. 4) Regulations*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2022, No. 79

[1st July, 2022]

In exercise of the power conferred under section 65 of the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020, the Minister responsible for health, makes these Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Testing and Quarantine) (No. 4) Regulations, 2022.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the 2nd day of July, 2022.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations —

“Act” means the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) Act, No. 9 of 2020;

“fully vaccinated” means that two weeks have passed since a person received —

- (a) a single-dose vaccine, such as, Johnson & Johnson;
- (b) the second dose in a two-dose series of Astrazeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna; or
- (c) another COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer.

Testing and quarantine

3.—(1) Without limiting section 38 of the Act and subject to subregulation (4), the Chief Medical Officer may not —

- (a) place in quarantine or require a COVID-19 test from a national, resident or non-national arriving in Saint Lucia who is fully vaccinated if the fully vaccinated person produces a valid vaccination record;

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- (b) place in quarantine a national, resident or non-national arriving in Saint Lucia who is unvaccinated if the un-vaccinated person produces a valid negative polymerase chain reaction test taken within five days prior to arrival in Saint Lucia.

(2) The Chief Medical Officer may approve a valid negative test taken at an accredited or recognized laboratory using —

- (a) a nasopharyngeal sample,
- (b) an oropharyngeal sample,
- (c) an anterior nares sample, and
- (d) a turbine sample.

(3) A test under subsection (2) does not include a self-administered or home-kit test using saliva.

(4) An unvaccinated person shall submit a valid negative polymerase chain reaction test taken within five days prior to arrival in Saint Lucia.

(5) The Chief Medical Officer is not prevented from placing a person under subregulation (1) in quarantine at a quarantine facility or at his or her home in order to protect the health of the person or for public health.

Importation and use of tests for COVID-19

4.—(1) A pharmacy, pharmacy distributor, laboratory, a health service provider, an institution or a person may, in relation to an antigen test approved under the COVID-19 (Prevention and Control) (Approval of Test for COVID-19 and Designation of Laboratory) Order —

- (a) import an antigen test procured from manufacturers that work under a quality management system in accordance with ISO13485; and

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- (b) provide a notice of importation of an antigen test, through a Drug Inspector, to the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs.

(2) Where a pharmacy, pharmacy distributor, laboratory or health service provider carries out antigen testing, the antigen testing must be —

- (a) used as a screening tool and not for diagnostic purposes;
- (b) used for travel outside Saint Lucia.

(3) A positive antigen test result —

- (a) shall be reported, within twenty-four hours by the health professional, to the Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs;
- (b) must be confirmed with a polymerase chain reaction test.

Expiry

5. These Regulations expire on the 27th day of August, 2022.

Made this 1st day of July, 2022.

MOSES JN. BAPTISTE,
Minister responsible for health.