



MINISTRY OF HEALTH SEYCHELLES

PRESS RELEASE

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Measures with regards to travelling to La Digue for the feast of the Assumption

- In view of the continuing community transmission primarily on Mahe, it is important to note that La Digue presently has only 4 active cases of COVID-19. With the patronal feast of Assumption approaching and traditional gathering of people from Praslin and Mahe on La Digue, there is an increased risk of a resurgence of cases.

Considering the above, the following measures announced on 4th August 2021 are being put in place with effect from Thursday 12th August until Tuesday 17th August 2021.

- Travel to La Digue and Praslin is discouraged unless it is for work purposes
 - All passengers except foreign visitors going to La Digue must have a rapid antigen test 24 hours or less before departing for La Digue.
 - The carrier should not board a passenger without proof of a negative COVID-19 result. The test must be sourced from private company.
 - The advice for Hotels and guesthouses on Praslin and La Digue to refrain from taking bookings from local residents are maintained.
- In addition, existing public health measures remain in force. These include, no gatherings of more than 4 persons unless for work purposes, no shows, no mixing of households, movement restrictions between 11:00pm and 4:00am, closure of shops, bars and casinos at 7:00pm.
 - There is also currently an increase in number of gastroenteritis cases among children on Mahe.
 - Children should refrain from traveling to the inner islands with immediate effect.
 - Ferries are to take extra precautions for better distancing and infection prevention and control measures, especially with the south East Monsoon weather.