



NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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ALL OPERATOR LETTER (017/20)

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To: ALL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OPERATORS

From: NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

ATTN: ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER/COUNTRY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 RESPONSE: REVISED QUARANTINE PROTOCOL
PROTOCOL FOR THE EVACUATION OF NIGERIANS STRANDED ABROAD AND
RETURNEES / PERSONS ARRIVING NIGERIA FROM ANY COUNTRY**

Airlines operating flights for the evacuation/repatriation of stranded Nigerians abroad shall carry out the following:

1. Ensure that their flights are signed off by the responsible Nigerian mission in the country which the flight is originating from.
2. Send an advance manifest of the flight 24 hours before departure date and upon departure to the Port Health services of destination aerodrome.
3. Clearance/approval for the flight must be obtained from the Ministers of Aviation and Foreign affairs.
4. Pre-boarding and arrival requirements shall include the following:
 - a. Airlines are to board only passengers who show documentary evidence of a NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR test result from a verifiable laboratory or health facility in country the flight is originating from which must have been carried out not more than fourteen days (14) and preferably not less than five (5) days from date of departure.
 - b. Airlines are to ensure that all travelers present at boarding gate a duly completed and signed agreement form (copy hereby attached) that they will comply with the additional Public Health measures being instituted by the Nigerian government to curb the further importation and spread of COVID-19 in the country, including self-isolation on arriving the country for a period of 14 days, providing accurate contact details, remaining in destination city/town for the 14 days period, submitting their passports to the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) on arriving destination airport and having a repeat COVID-19 PCR test in Nigeria within 72hours of arriving the country.
 - c. Airlines are not to board travelers that exhibit COVID-19 like signs and symptoms e.g. Fever (Temperature of 38°C or above), Cough, sore throat, and difficulty in breathing.

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- d. Airlines are to issue Self-reporting passenger screening/Health declaration forms to travelers to fill onboard aircraft before their arrival at destination aerodrome.
 - e. Airlines are to inform travelers that their passports will be returned to them by the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) upon completion of the 14 days self-isolation.
 - f. Airlines are to inform travelers that they will carry out a repeat COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours after arriving the country at a government approved testing center. Travelers who test Negative for COVID-19 after the repeat test will self-isolate for 14days while those who test Positive for COVID-19 shall be transferred to a treatment center.
5. Where passengers arrive the country without full compliance to the above listed pre-boarding and arrival requirements the following shall apply:
 - a. Non-Nigerians may be refused entry into the country and returned to point of embarkation at cost to the airline.
 - b. Nigerians will be allowed entry but subject the 14 days mandatory quarantine at a facility approved by Government and at a cost to the passenger.
 - c. Defaulting airlines shall be fined USD3,500 per passenger by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA).
 6. The revised quarantine protocol became effective on 8th June 2020 and applies to Flights arriving Murtala Muhammed International Airport Lagos and Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.
 7. Airlines are to ensure strict compliance to the above instructions.

Please be guided accordingly,



Captain Musa S. Nuhu
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