International travellers arriving into NSW

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A new COVID-19 variant of concern has emerged internationally, the Omicron variant.

Some overseas travellers are required to enter NSW hotel quarantine for 14 days. These include travellers who:

- are not fully vaccinated or,
- have returned from or transited through Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, the Seychelles and Zimbabwe during the 14-day period before their arrival in NSW, irrespective of their vaccination status.

Other travellers are not required to enter hotel quarantine, but must comply with other NSW Health requirements.

NSW Health requirements for travellers not in hotel quarantine

Self-isolation
You must **self-isolate at home or other place of accommodation for a minimum of 3 days** after arrival.

Testing
You **must** have a COVID-19 nose and throat PCR test:

- within 24 hours of arriving in NSW

- on or after day 6 after arriving in NSW

- if you develop any symptoms of COVID-19

NSW Health also strongly recommends a test on day 12 after arriving in NSW. To find your nearest COVID-19 testing clinic please visit: nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing

Travelling from the airport to your home or accommodation
You must travel directly from the airport to your home or accommodation via private vehicle, taxi or ride-share and all people in the vehicle must wear a mask. You must not take public transport. **You must not travel on a domestic flight.**

When travelling in a vehicle:

- Wear a face mask at all times
- Sit in the back seat of the vehicle with the windows open
- Sanitise your hands before getting into the vehicle
- Do not make physical contact with the driver
- Avoid unnecessarily touching surfaces
- Avoid speaking as much as possible
- Handle your own belongings and luggage
- Check in with the Service NSW app.

Leaving self-isolation

Further advice will be provided by NSW Health within 3 days of your arrival into NSW to provide you with an update on your self-isolation requirements. If you have not received a further information within 3 days, please call NSW Health on 1800 943 553.

What is self-isolation?

Self-isolation means you must stay at your home or accommodation (such as a hotel or motel) and remain separated from others, even if you are fully vaccinated or feel well.

Self-isolation means you cannot:

- go to work or school
- go to any public places (e.g. shops, parks, beaches)
- use public transport
- have any visitors in your home, unless they are providing healthcare, emergency maintenance or emergency services.

You are only allowed to leave your home or accommodation to get a COVID-19 test, for urgent medical care or in an emergency, including to avoid injury or escape the risk of harm from domestic violence.

If you need to leave for any of these reasons, you should travel by private vehicle, ride or walk. You must wear a face mask, stay 1.5m away from anyone else, travel directly to and from where you need to go and self-isolate in suitable accommodation as soon as possible.

If you can't access a private vehicle, or you are staying in temporary accommodation that ends before you will complete your self-isolation period, please call the NSW Health Isolation Support Line on 1800 943 553 for advice and assistance.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone for further information on NSW Health requirements for fully vaccinated overseas arrivals: health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/recent-vaccinated-arrivals-guidelines