
Purpose

This Guide outlines the process for ensuring persons travelling to the Pa Enuā are screened to prevent, limit and mitigate the spread of infectious diseases to the Pa Enuā.

Scope

This Guide is written for Te Marae Ora (TMO) Ministry of Health, and domestic airline and shipping operators.

Legislation and Regulations

Public Health Act 2004, Ministry of Health Act 2013, COVID-19 Act 2020, Ministry of Health (International Health Regulations Compliance) Regulations 2014.

Process

TMO will issue a medical clearance for persons travelling to the Pa Enuā by plane or sea, prior to departure.

TMO screening

1. Two days prior to travel

- Passengers must call 0800 1800, 0800 1801 or 0800 1802 for a medical clearance
- Clinicians will complete a medical risk assessment over the phone to confirm the:
 - Passenger's local contact details
 - Passenger's travel history
 - Passenger does not have dengue or COVID-19 symptoms
- If the passenger does not have dengue or COVID-19 symptoms, they will be issued a medical clearance.
- If the passenger has dengue or COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to delay their travel until they are asymptomatic.

2. At the airport/sea port immediately prior to travel

- A nurse will check the passenger's temperature to ensure they are fit to travel
- Any passenger with a temperature ≥ 38 degrees Celsius may be required to undergo further testing and complete another phone consult over the phone in order to obtain a medical clearance to travel to the Pa Enuā.

Roles and responsibilities

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- TMO will inform passengers and the public of the rationale for this process
 - TMO staff at the airport/sea port must wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintain public health measures of physical distancing (2 metres) etc...
 - TMO will conduct medical risk assessments of all passengers travelling to the Pa Enuā
 - TMO will record patient information in its health information system
 - Airline and shipping operators will manage passenger bookings, check-in and travel
 - Airline and shipping operators will ensure their frontline staff wear PPE and practise public health measures, and ensure their crew and passengers practise these too

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