



GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

**TE KAUNONO TUTARA E TE MANA TIAKI - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION**  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Notice of amended Travel advisory dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration temporary air border closure for inward travellers to the Cook Islands, utilizing the current Section 9A Notice for Refusal of Entry, under the Entry, Residence and Departures Act 1971-1972.

All persons are denied entry into the Cook Islands unless there is an exemption provided (in writing) by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration. Effective from 11:59pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (CKT), the following people are exempted for entry into the Cook Islands, provided they additionally met the entry criteria specified below;

- i. Cook Islanders (as verified via Cook Islands Status stamp)*
- ii. Permanent Residents of the Cook Islands*
- iii. Cook Islands work permit holders*
- iv. Cook Islands resident permit holders*

**Entry criteria**

- v. Must have spent the last 14 days in New Zealand prior to entry into the Cook Islands*

**Clinical/medical criteria** to be administered by Te Marae Ora; prior to departure from Auckland;

- vi. requires approval from the Secretary of Te Marae Ora*
- vii. provides a negative Covid-19 test within 96 hours prior to departure from Auckland*
- viii. completes the exit health clearance process at Auckland International Airport on the day of departure.*

All requests for entry into the Cook Islands under this provision must be sought from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration (*Te Kauono Tutara e te Mana Tiaki*) on email: [immigration2@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:immigration2@cookislands.gov.ck).

All travellers must comply with any NZ Government issued Border requirements and Approvals for entry into the Cook Islands and approval of entry will not be a means to bypass these requirements.

All travellers must ensure they are aware and comply with International Border requirements for entry and departure from the Cook Islands.

Te Kauono Tutara e te Mana Tiaki are working with Airlines and the Cook Islands Ministry of Health to manage this process to maintain the Cook islands status as a COVID free country and to ensure stringent Border security requirements are met for the safety of all our residents.

Meitaki maata

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kairangi J. Samuela', written in a cursive style.

Kairangi J. Samuela

**Principal Immigration officer**