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HYGIENE SAFETY REGULATIONS IN EGYPT

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Introduction

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA), in coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Health and Population, and the Egyptian Tourism Federation have put forward this guide for outlining the hygiene safety regulations in hotels, resorts, restaurants, tourism activities, archaeological sites, museums, airports and on board Egyptian aircrafts.

Precautionary measures and hygiene safety regulations were put in compliance with recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), and a "Hygiene Safety Certificate" has been approved as a pre-requisite for hospitality establishments, tourism activities, archaeological sites and museums to resume their operations and receive visitors.

MoTA in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population formed joint committees to conduct regular inspections of certified hotels to ensure efficient implementation of the set regulations. In addition to that, in November 2021, 5 international companies specialized in health and hygiene safety measures, in cooperation with the Ministry, the Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF) and the Egyptian Hotels Association (EHA) started visiting hotels to review the hygiene safety regulations implemented there.

Violating any of the set regulations, results in the suspension of the establishment's license.

Vaccination of Workers in the Tourism Sector in Touristic Governorates

All staff working in the tourism sector in touristic governorates (Red Sea, South Sinai, Luxor, Aswan, Cairo and Alexandria); including hotels, resorts, cafes, restaurants, and bazaars have received COVID-19 vaccines.

Travel Precautionary Measures

- Egypt allows vaccinated travellers, who received a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved by the World Health Organization and the Egyptian Drug Authority, to enter the country, provided that it's been 14 days since the last dose of the vaccine. The vaccination certificate should have a QR code or certified from the Egyptian Embassy/Consulate at the source country.
- Travellers who don't have a vaccination certificate submit a certified negative PCR test result, ID Now COVID-19 test or Antigen rapid test (done in the source country 72 hours prior to the time of arrival to Egypt).
- The aforementioned does not apply to children under 12 years of age.
- PCR tests and other tests upon arrival and departure, are available in touristic governorates (PCR costs USD 30, Antigen rapid test costs USD 20 and ID Now COVID-19 test costs EGP 1000, or their equivalent in other currencies).
- Face masks are required in indoor spaces; touristic busses, taxis and on commercial passenger transport; on aircrafts and at airports and inside archaeological Museums.

Dealing with tourists, in hotels, who show symptoms or test positive with COVID-19 during their stay in Egypt

- Tourists should notify the hotel management or doctor immediately in case they show any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Hotel management is to report any positive case detected to the Ministry of Health and Population.
- A designated floor in every hotel (or area within the vicinity) is allocated for the quarantine of minor, non-critical or suspected cases.
- According to the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, self-isolation is for five days, and a PCR test is done on the sixth day. If there are no symptoms, and the result of the PCR is negative, self-isolation ends. If the result is positive, however, self-isolation continues for another five days, then isolation ends without the need for another examination.

- The hotel will cover the cost of lodging, food and soft drinks of the minor and non-critical cases of tourists testing positive with COVID-19.
- Critical cases of tourists testing positive with COVID-19 are taken to the hospital.
- The Ministry of Health and Population covers the cost of medication and treatment of tourists testing positive with COVID-19, until their full recovery.
- Close contacts sharing room with the positive case will undergo a free medical examination by the Ministry of Health and Population. They are allowed to stay at the hotel with no extra charges (should they wish to).
- Tourists testing positive with COVID-19 and wish to travel back to their source country do so at their own responsibility. They should coordinate with their travel agent and take all the precautionary measures set by the Ministry of Health and Population.
- Tourists testing positive with COVID-19 can take an alternative flight in coordination with their travel agent in case of arrival on charter flights. In case of arrival on Egyptian airlines, the alternative flight will be provided (on the same airline initially booked) with no penalty.

Clinics and Hospitals

- Hotels have an on-call doctor and a clinic.
- Well-equipped hospitals (public and private) are in close vicinity.

Entry Visas

76 Nationalities can acquire an electronic entry Visa through the on-line portal

<https://www.visa2egypt.gov.eg/>.

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