



## For all your COVID-19 related questions: call **912**

#### **Public Notice!** Travel and Quarantine policy of Statia from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September

People of the following categories are allowed to enter Statia:

- 1. Returning medical referrals
- 2. Returning Statia residents
- 3. Essential workers (both for government and for companies)
- 4. Returning Students
- 5. Business, touristic and family visits (only allowed from low risk countries)

Other categories of persons coming from medium and high risk countries are not allowed to enter Statia. Exemptions on humanitarian grounds (f.e. visiting a funeral) can be made by the Government Commissioner.

Outbound travel is always permitted but return is strictly reserved to the above mentioned categories.

Quarantine measures	based on	risk in	country of origin
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COVID risk	quarantine	Tests	Screening	Countries in this category <sup>1</sup>
Very low	No	No	Yes	<ul> <li>Saba</li> <li>Antigua, Anguilla</li> <li>Montserrat, St. Vincent</li> <li>St. Kits &amp; Nevis</li> </ul>
Medium	Yes	No	Yes	<ul><li>Germany</li><li>Bonaire</li></ul>
High	Yes	Preferably before entering & on 12 <sup>th</sup> day of quarantine obligatory	Yes	<ul> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Austria, Belgium, France</li> <li>United Kingdom</li> <li>USA</li> <li>Dominican Republic</li> <li>Suriname</li> <li>Curaçao</li> <li>Sint Maarten</li> <li>Aruba</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For not named countries: please inquire at info.covid19@statiagov.com





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The list of countries is valid until further notice. The risk of countries will be continuously monitored by the Public Health Department.

The Quarantine period is 14 consecutive calendar days (not including the day of travel)

To be excluded from quarantine obligations, people must have been in a low risk country for 14 consecutive calendar days (not including the day of travel).

Everybody wanting to enter Statia from a medium or high risk country has to request entrance by email to <u>info.covid19@statiagov.com</u>. Your email must include motivation, planned date of entry, name, date of birth, nationality and place of stay during the last 14 days. The request for entrance needs to be received at least 72 hours before the planned date of arrival. Acceptance will be within 48 hours after receiving the request.

The government has limitations for the amount of people at the same moment in quarantine (currently 30 excluding returning medical patients) which can limit the amount of people entering at the same moment.

Everybody entering Statia needs to fill in a travel questionnaire, the questionnaire can be found on the website : <u>Questionnaire</u>. The form has to be filled in between 48 and 12 hours before arrival.

Everybody entering Statia is requested to take a COVID test less than 72 hours before travelling to Statia. When you travel through Sint Maarten it is obligatory based on the requirements of the Sint Maarten Authorities. All persons will be screened on health and travel history upon arrival on Statia. The Public Health Department can issue a quarantine obligation for every incoming person, based on the screening results.

If incoming passengers on a flight are from different risk categories. The government will treat them as being from the highest risk category present on the flight.

People returning from medium risk countries can be home based -quarantined, if the house/apartment is during the quarantine period solely used for people in quarantine. Requests for home-based quarantine must contain place of home-based





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quarantine and contact details for an appointment to inspect the place before arrival by the public health. Homebased quarantine is only allowed in places approved by the public health.

For vital workers coming from medium and high risk countries a specific protocol can be made to allow them to conduct work in a strictly controlled environment during their quarantine Vital workers are workers who are critical for the progress of critical services like utilities and medical services.

People in quarantine from high risk countries will be tested after 12 days of Quarantine. They can only leave the Quarantine after a negative test result.

If homebased quarantine is not possible people can stay in one of the assigned quarantine locations:

- the Old Gin House,
- the Papaya inn,
- the Country inn
- Norako building.

Reservations need to be made by the people themselves

Cost of staying in an assigned quarantine location has to be paid by the people themselves or their employer. This includes costs for Isolation if needed. Only for returning medical referrals of Z.V.K. the government covers the quarantine costs. People going for medical care arranged by ZVK abroad have to fully comply with the protocols given by ZVK for the destination if not they have to pay, if central quarantine is needed the costs themselves.

Persons should make use of face masks during air-travel. With most airlines, the use is obligatory. You are yourselves responsible for acquiring facemasks. For general information on COVID and updates, see <u>the Statia Government website</u> **Travelling abroad.** 

People are free to travel abroad, no permission is needed, however Statia residents travelling abroad from now on will not be entitled for any form of repatriation assistance and have in all situation to pay themselves for quarantine upon return.

At the moment no COVID test can be conducted on Statia for outgoing persons





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For more information: contact Communication & Information (GIS) *Tel. 318 – 2745*