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ST. MAARTEN PREPARES TO WELCOME INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS WITH RIGOROUS SCREENING STEPS AT PJIAE

As St. Maarten re-opens its borders to international travelers in the wake of the Corona Virus global pandemic, Minister of Public Health, Social Development & Labor (VSA), the honorable Richard Panneflek would like to remind all incoming traveller to Sint Maarten must to complete the online Health Authorization Form via www.stmaartenentry.com no later than 12-hours before arrival to St. Maarten.

As part of the online Health Authorization form, all passengers will be asked questions related to one's state of health including questions in addition to travel information such as date of birth, passport numbers and intended length of stay. In addition, one of the main entry requirements required, which form an integral part of the Health Authorization process, is the uploading of a negative PCR COVID-19 lab result, obtained from a nasal/oral swab specimen through PCR, NAAT or molecular testing performed by a certified lab. It is important for travellers to note that the COVID-19 tests must be taken within 72 hours before departure, and the

results need to be uploaded no later than 12 hours before departure to Sint Maarten. Any other Covid-19 test (serological testing/antibody testing, antigen testing or any other blood test) doctor's declaration or home kits will not be accepted. Any tests and results executed before 72 hours prior to departure to Sint Maarten will not be valid.

"The tests are not required for children ages 10 and under and all costs related to the PCR testing are the responsibility of the traveler," said Minister Panneflek.

Upon successful completion of the online Health Authorization process, travelers will receive a confirmation email with approval for travel to Sint Maarten within 24hrs of completion. This would need to be shown in digital or print form at check-in and upon arrival. Currently, there is no requirement for mandatory health insurance, but it is strongly advised and within the coming weeks St. Maarten will be adding this as a new entry requirement.

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To safeguard the residents and visitors from any potential spread of COVID-19, the Ministry of Public Health in collaboration with PJIA have established a Health Pre-clearance checkpoint before the Immigration Department to conduct temperature screening, observational screening for persons exhibiting flu-like symptoms, verification of lab results of passengers, and testing upon arrival for persons who were flagged upon arrival for invalid documents, high temperature or other flu-like symptoms. Once flagged persons will be interviewed by the Airport Public Health Medical Staff and may be subjected to mandatory PCR testing.

Persons who must be tested at the Airport will be in quarantine while awaiting results from the Airport Medical Staff or CPS. If the RT-PCR result is

negative, the traveler(s) is taken off quarantine/isolation measures and are advised to self-monitor. If the RT-PCR result is positive, person(s) will be treated as a confirmed COVID-19 case and shall follow the national isolation protocols as advised by CPS.

It is widely known that many residents are still abroad hoping to be allowed to return home. "Exemption for residents returning on repatriation flights are approved by the Minister of Health and only residents can and must test upon arrival. This will be at your own expense if unable to receive test within 72 hrs. before departure to St. Maarten."

While these adjustments are new to all, Minister Panneflek asks all arriving passengers to have patience and cooperate with the authorities.



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PJIAE N.V. INSTALLS MASS FEVER EQUIPMENT WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO SCREEN INBOUND PASSENGERS

As the island strategically reopened after months of the coronavirus lockdown, Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. (PJIAE) has been continuously implementing strategies to combat the influx of COVID-19. PJIAE installed a mass fever screening equipment with artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithms which measures a high accuracy rate on temperature recognition.

The testing phase of the mass fever screening equipment was completed on June 26, 2020 with a setup that includes a camera detection device in conjunction with a computer operating system. The technology is stationed at the entrance of the Arrivals section of the Terminal Building and manned by the Airport's personnel. During the discreet surveillance, passengers are screened before entering the Immigration line.

In June 2020, PJIAE began its implementation of its COVID-19 Prevention and Mitigation plan with the overall goal to minimize the importation and spread of the virus, and to protect the staff, stakeholders and passengers from becoming

infected.

"PJIAE started its search and analysis for the best mitigation and safety protocols back in March 2020. We have adopted best global practices and we will continue to improve our mechanism to protect our staff, stakeholders, and valuable passengers," said the COVID-19 Task Force Chairman, Connally Connor.

According to the Collective Prevention Services (CPS) the COVID-19 screening guidelines suggest that persons with temperatures of 38 degrees or higher should be flagged because they could possibly be showing symptoms of the virus. Studies also established that the mass fever screening equipment can detect temperatures up to eight (8) meters away and is safe for the frontline staff of the Airport. These non-contact devices can quickly measure and display a



Mass fever equipment with artificial intelligence being inspected by PJIAE N.V. personnel

temperature reading, which enables a vast number of persons to be evaluated individually at points of entry.

Mass fever screening is certainly not considered as the "holy grail" of COVID-19 detection, due to a high number of asymptomatic patients and it is not effective if used as the only means of detecting a COVID-19 infection. It is part of a wider safety mechanism which includes all the necessary Personal Protective Equipment's (PPEs) for frontline staff, protection barriers at all counters, mandatory face covering, increased hand sanitizing and sophisticated air circulation and cleaning and disinfecting protocols in the Terminal Building.

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"I would like to thank the staff within the Ministry of VSA and our new Airport Health Checkpoint Team who have all taken the decision put country above self, for the greater good of us all to help

ST. MAARTEN REOPENS ON AUGUST 1ST, 2020, TO THE US, WITH A STRICT PROTOCOL

St. Maarten opened on August 1st, 2020, to travelers from the US. The safety of visitors and residents remains the top priority for the country. In preparation of opening, site inspections took place at all lodging facilities to ensure that the protocol and guidelines in place are followed. With these strict measures in place, St. Maarten continues its phased re-opening.

Within the hospitality sector, six core measures have been developed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the island including physical distancing with proper floor markings, mandatory face mask usage, social distancing of two (2) meters, proper self-sanitization procedure, the appropriate procedure for cleaning surfaces, a stay-at-home when sick policy, and the digital menus and messages.

Strict regulations are in place for travel to the

protect our borders as we expect to receive between 400-700 passengers this coming Saturday.

Their dedication over the past weeks to receive the necessary training to execute their tasks not

island as set forth by the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor. Visitors are required to complete a health declaration online 72 hours before arrival via www.stmaarten-entry.com. Visitors are required to travel with a copy of their health declaration. All passengers are required to complete a COVID-19 (PCR) test. The traveler must receive the test and the result within 72 hours before the travel date. No other test will be accepted by the authorities of St. Maarten. Visitors who fail to provide a COVID-19 test will be tested and quarantined for 14 days at their own expense.

All visitors are required to travel with their masks, hand sanitizers and wear their mask during their flight and at the airport. Visitors are strongly advised to purchase all-risk travel insurance, ensuring that they are covered in the event they fall ill while on vacation. As of August 1st, Princess Juliana International Airport will be expecting the following flights: American Airlines will resume flights daily from Miami and five times a week from Charlotte except for Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After August 20th, they will fly once a week from Charlotte. Delta Airlines will

Fridays and continue with two flights St. Maarten – Saba - St. Maarten and initiate two flights St. Maarten – St. Eustatius - St. Maarten. These services will offer travelers of both Saba and St. Eustatius the ability to visit St. Maarten

for day trips, medical needs etc. These flights also offer connections to Europe, via KLM flights and other airlines serving St. Maarten. The services on Mondays and Thursdays between St. Maarten and Saba are suspended until further notice. WINAIR's schedule to Antigua and St. Barth remains unchanged 5 days a week.

only shows our resilience but re-emphasized the need to re-open to ensure all can put food on their table. While the decision to re-open was never an easy one, the Government remains committed to protecting our nation and boosting our economic recovery.



Minister of Tourism Economic Affairs Transport and Telecommunications, TEATT, Ludmila de Weever

operate three times a week from Atlanta on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Jet Blue will fly once a week from JFK Airport, and Spirit Airlines will fly once a week from Fort Lauderdale.

Since June 15th, International flights resumed to St. Maarten after three months of closure to commercial travel. Private jets, Caribbean and European carriers such as Air France and KLM have been landing at the airport once more. This phased re-opening approach has been successful thus far.

The COVID-19 protocols for Saba and St. Eustatius are currently similar and do not allow touristic visitors, causing limited demand. With these limited services Saba and St. Eustatius enjoy connectivity to St. Maarten in these difficult times, customers are advised to ensure they reference their local governments entry requirements for departure and re-entry into their respective travel destinations. On WINAIR's website you will find the links to the respective protocols and requirements.

WINAIR remains grateful to their customers for their confidence and patronage in these difficult times. Our WINAIR team is committed to ensure safe and reliable service, we look forward to welcome you soon on board one of our flights.



WINAIR ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE CHANGES

WINAIR announces the following schedule changes effective July 30, 2020. WINAIR has added one weekly flight to St. Eustatius, in keeping with the most recent protocols WINAIR will offer service to Saba and St. Eustatius on

PJIAE'S C-19 TASK FORCE IS CLEAR, FACE MASKS SAVES LIVES

Sint Maarten is faced with a new and seemingly more severe outbreak of the COVID-19 respiratory virus. This time, however, more and more people and businesses are prepared, and have already implemented safety measures to prevent infection and to minimize the spread of the virus. Nevertheless, a prevention and mitigation system is as strong as its weakest link. The key element of a successful safety management system is to create a culture whereby the entire society shares the same safety values, upholds the measures and the commits to individual responsibilities.

Global successes, or failures, of safety management systems are becoming more and more clearer, whereby we have seen in the United States how inconsistent policies and messages (a broken chain), affects an entire society. In stark contrast to the latter, East Asian countries like Taiwan, have successfully stopped the spread of the virus. Their society proactively protect one another from disease and understand the value of the overall safety management system. It also helps that cultures in most Asian countries, are collectivist in orientation, and although the virus in Taiwan is under control and there are no signs of new community outbreaks, most people are still wearing face masks in public. Their mentality is that the society must protect each other, it's not only to protect yourself but also to protect others in case you are carrying the virus.

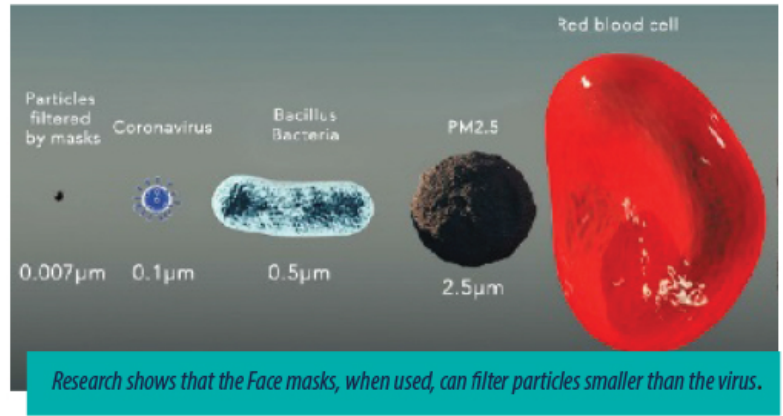
In the beginning of the outbreak health officials where against public use of face masks, because scientists did not yet know how easily COVID-19

spreads between people without symptoms, and how long the virus can linger in the air. Further to that, there was a shortage of respiratory masks among health care workers, which caused a push back from health officials towards public use.

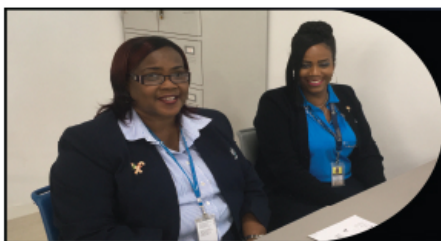
Today, most scientists and health officials are emphasizing that we must wear masks if we want to save lives and the economy. The Director of the Center for Control and Disease and Prevention (CDC) has stated that "if all wore face coverings for the next 12 weeks across the nation, this virus transmission would stop."

The main reason face masks are so effective is that it protects other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected and doesn't have symptoms, which happens about 80% of the time. Recent studies also indicate that wearing a mask also protects you as an individual. The less virus load you get in, the less sick you are likely to get, and you get what is called an asymptomatic infection. In some cases you may not have any symptoms at all, or a very mildly.

To mask or not to mask? PJIAE's COVID-19 prevention and Mitigation Taskforce is very clear about this question. Early face mask policies in many East-Asian countries curbed the spread of COVID-19 and saved many lives. Early in March, PJIAE committed to a \$300k investment in



upgrading its safety measures, protecting staff, the airport community and Sint Maarten's visitors. A considerable amount of investment has gone to different types of face masks. Today, it can be concluded as undoubtedly proven that face masks are the most effective personal protective equipment. PJIAE also made it mandatory that all airport users must wear a mask once entering the airport. PJIAE also received backing on the enforcement of this rule by formal instruction of the Minister VSA, Richard Panneflek, based on article 44 section 1 of the Public Health Ordinance (Lv0 Publieke Gezondheid AB 2016 no. 42), and further supports the Minister's decision to make it mandatory for persons to wear masks in public places.



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DUTCH ST. MAARTEN REOPENS TO US VISITORS, FRENCH ST. MARTIN REMAINS CLOSED

St. Maarten continued with plans to reopen on August 1st, to the U.S. Market. Considering this, a decision has been made by Madam Préfète Sylvie Feucher to close the French-Dutch Border as per July 31st, 2020.

The French-Dutch internal borders are being controlled; however, for work and other medical reasons, persons will be allowed to cross the border to French Saint Martin with proper documentation. This means U.S. visitors are not

permitted entry to the French side of the island. Our U.S. visitors are therefore invited to enjoy the southern part of this unique two nation destination.

St. Maarten assures that the health of the citizens and visitors is of top priority. Thus, the necessary precautionary measures have been put in place, allowing our visitors to experience and explore the various excursions, tours, restaurants, and food places safely.



For the further information, the latest news on COVID-19 and Travel Restrictions, please visit www.vacationstmaarten.com and follow the link which takes you to www.stmaartenupdates.com.



SINT MAARTEN COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISORY TRAVEL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Last Update: June 25, 2020. This Advisory is subject to changes as time progresses to ensure that the experience on St. Maarten is positive and the risks remain at a minimum.

TESTING PRIOR TO TRAVEL
Passengers are required to take a COVID-19 PCR test, with proof of negative results no older than 72 hours prior to day of travel. Children age 10 and under are exempt from testing.

FACIAL COVERING
All arriving and departing passengers are required to wear a face mask inside the airport at all times.

HEALTH SCREENING
Mandatory temperature checks upon arrival. Passengers exhibiting symptoms will be subject to COVID-19 testing (rapid test and/or PCR test) at an additional cost to the traveller.*

COMPLETE SELF HEALTH DECLARATION FORM ONLINE
Please complete questionnaire on www.stmaartenentry.com
The contents of this questionnaire are strictly confidential and are intended for official use by the Government of St. Maarten for the purpose of screening persons travelling to the island for health and safety purposes.

AIRPORT SAFETY MEASURES

SXM Airport Additional Travel Safety Measures:
RESTRICTED ACCESS
The airport will be limited to passengers and employees only.

SXM Airport Additional Travel Safety Measures:
INCREASED SANITATION
Increased sanitation and disinfection of all areas with human contact and transmission.

SXM Airport Additional Travel Safety Measures:
PROTECTIVE WEAR
SXM Airport personnel with direct contact with visitors are required to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs).

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
June 15 th	June 22 nd	July 1 st	August 1 st
Saba, Sint Eustatius, Bonaire, Curacao, Aruba, Anguilla, St. Barthelemy, Martinique, Guadeloupe	St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands and Dominica	Canada & Europe	United States of America
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Disclaimer: St. Maarten will continuously review the countries we re-open to based on recommendations from the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

Terminal Building Reconstruction Project

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project:	SXM PJIA Terminal Building: Waste Disposal
Project No.	PJIAE-TB-2020
Contract:	SXM-PJIAE TB Waste Disposal
Owner:	Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company N.V. (PJIAE)
Address	Skyport Marina Building, Simpson Bay 40, Level 2, Simpson Bay
Country:	Sint Maarten

- A. Princess Juliana International Airport Operating Company (PJIAE) hereby invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the **TB Waste Disposal Contract**, as part of the Terminal Building Reconstruction Project.
- B. Bidders shall be licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and capable of obtaining insurance and bonds required for the work.
- C. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents will only be provided **by request** to interested qualified Bidders through the Owner's share mailbox: **P2-project@sxmairport.com**. Interested qualified Bidders must submit their requests with subject line: **Request Bidding Documents TB Waste Disposal**. Only Bidders who have submitted their request through the Owner's shared mailbox will be issued a complete set of Bidding Documents in PDF format by the Owner on **Monday, August 3rd, 2020**. Bidders whose requests will be made after Monday, August 3rd, 2020 may be provided with a complete set of Bidding Documents, but date and time for submission of the Bids shall remain as stated in par. F.
- D. **A virtual pre-bid conference** will be held **via Microsoft Teams on Friday, August 7th, 2020, 2:00 PM**. The Owner has developed a virtual 3D mapping of the scope of work to permit Bidders a virtual tour of the existing situation within the Terminal Building. Bidders will be able to view the virtual 3D mapping through links provided in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are strongly advised to attend the virtual pre-bid conference. Further details on how to attend will be provided in the Bid Documents.
- E. After receipt of the Bid Documents, Bidders may submit Request for Clarifications (RFC's) in writing to the Owner's shared mailbox: **P2-project@sxmairport.com** during the bidding period up to **Monday, August 17th, 2020, 2:00 PM** only. RFC's received after the said date and time will not be considered. Responses to the RFC's without naming its sources will be forwarded by the Owner to all Bidders in the form of Addenda.
- F. Bidders shall submit their **Bids** in two-fold (one duly signed original and one copy stamped "COPY") as well as in electronic format on USB stick in PDF format only, in a **sealed envelope at the above-mentioned Owner's address** not later than **Monday, August 31st, 2020, 2:00 PM**. Bids received after the said date and time will not be accepted.
- G. A duly signed **original Bid Security** in the amount of **US\$15,000.00** in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee or irrevocable letter of credit is required and must accompany the Bid in the same sealed envelope. Bid Security shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) days, in which period the Bids shall remain open to acceptance and are irrevocable.
- H. A Performance Bond and Insurance in a format acceptable to the Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.
- I. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities or irregularities in any Bid received or to reject any or all bids and to accept the Bid which, in its judgement, is in its own best interests.
- J. After Award of Contract the successful Bidder shall commence the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the work within the Contract Time stated in the Bidding Documents.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

AS ISSUED BY THE OPERATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF
THE PRINCESS JULIANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SXM)

AIRLINE	FLT. NR	ORIGIN CITY	FINAL CITY	START DATE	END DATE	TIME IN	TIME OUT	ACFT TYPE	CAPACITY	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
AIR FRANCE																
AF	498/499	PARIS	PARIS	July 6, 2020	August 31, 2020	13:35	15:45	A332	208	X			X			
AF	498/499	PARIS	PARIS	July 7, 2020	August 31, 2020	13:00	15:45	A332	208							X
AMERICAN AIRLINES																
AA	2478	CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	August 1, 2020	August 21, 2020	13:14	14:25	A 319	150	X			X	X	X	X
AA	2478	CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE	August 22, 2020	August 31, 2020	13:24	14:25	B737	160							X
AA	1136	MIAMI	MIAMI	August 1, 2020	August 31, 2020	13:39	14:41	B737	160	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DELTA AIRLINES																
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	August 6, 2020	August 9, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199				X		X	X
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	August 15, 2020	August 22, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199							X
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	August 29, 2020	August 29, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199							X
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199	X						
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	September 3, 2020	September 13, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199	X			X		X	X
DL	908/919	ATLANTA	ATLANTA	September 17, 2020	September 27, 2020	13:50	15:15	B757	199				X		X	X
JETBLUE AIRLINES																
B6	787/788	NEW YORK	NEW YORK	August 1, 2020	August 29, 2020	11:19	12:20	A320	180							X
KLM																
KL	775	AMSTERDAM	AMSTERDAM	July 5, 2020	August 31, 2020	15:00	18:10	A332	282		X				X	
SPIRIT AIRLINES																
NK	100/101	FORT LAUDERDALE	FORT LAUDERDALE	August 1, 2020	August 29, 2020	13:30	14:30	A320	170							X
NK	100/101	FORT LAUDERDALE	FORT LAUDERDALE	September 6, 2020	September 6, 2020	13:30	14:30	A320	170							X
NK	100/101	FORT LAUDERDALE	FORT LAUDERDALE	September 12, 2020	September 26, 2020	13:50	14:50	A320	170							X

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