

Announcement of the Ministry of Health on the decisions of the Council of Ministers

During today's meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Minister of Health, after a meeting with the members of the Advisory Scientific Committee held on 10 January, presented the recommendations submitted by the members of the Committee following an assessment of the epidemiological conditions recorded in Cyprus, as well as the recommendations of the European Commission as regards the epidemiological conditions recorded in China.

In view of the above, the Council of Ministers has decided the following:

- a) **as of 15 January, 2023 (5.00 am)** a negative **PCR** test is required for all passengers arriving in Cyprus from China, **48 hours** prior to their departure **(direct flight or connection flight)**.
- b) the use of protective masks as well as compliance with personal hygiene and protection measures is recommended on all flights to and from Cyprus as well as crowded spaces (indoors).
- c) the carrying out of tests of airport and aircraft waste by a company that will undertake the sample collection and analysis, following a tender to be launched by the Ministry of Health.
- d) extension of all existing measures up until **15 March, 2023**.
- e) in vitro diagnostic medical products and vaccines for COVID -19 will continue to be subject to zero VAT rate.

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