Announcement by the Ministry of Health for passengers entering the Republic of Cyprus from the United Kingdom as of 18 December

Due to the rapid increase in positive cases with the "Omicron" variant in the United Kingdom, all passengers entering the Republic of Cyprus from the United Kingdom, over 12 years of age and regardless of vaccination coverage or previous disease, must apply the following as of 18 December 2021:

• Until their PCR result is issued, they must remain self-isolated in their place of accommodation. In the event of a positive test result, they must remain self-isolated and await instructions from the Epidemiological Monitoring and Control of Communicable Diseases Unit of the Ministry of Health.

• Upon arrival, passengers receive a package containing 5 self-tests, which they must use in case they have a negative result of the PCR test at the airport. Passengers will have to carry out a self-test every day and in case of a positive result, they should contact their Personal Doctor in Cyprus to refer them for a PCR test at the Public Health Clinics of their District. If they do not have a Personnal Doctor in Cyprus, they should contact directly with the Coordination of Public Health Clinics via the email: coordination.iatreiadygeias@moh.gov.cy, where they should send their identification details (name, surname, telephone, ID number, date of birth and district), as well as a photo of their positive self-test result.

• 72 hours after their arrival, given that in the previous days they had had a negative result in carrying out the self-test, they must undergo a rapid test at the mobile units of the Ministry of Health and send the result to the email: monada2@mphs.moh.gov.cy via the website through which they will issue it (www.eudcc.gov.cy) choosing "SHIPPING". To qualify for the rapid test free of charge, they must present their boarding pass at the testing points.

It is recommended that during the first days of their arrival in Cyprus, passengers should be very careful, have a limited number of contacts, take personal protective measures (use of masks, hand hygiene, keep distances) and avoid any physical contact with individuals belonging to vulnerable groups.

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