

## **URGENT STATEMENT FROM THE TENERIFE TOURISM BOARD** 17th DECEMBER 2020

## Movement of tourists to and from the island of Tenerife

In light of the confusion and doubt generated following the information issued yesterday by the Canarian Government regarding mobility to and from the island of Tenerife, we would like to clarify that, in the case of national and international tourists who have plans to come to Tenerife on holiday, they can take advantage of the exceptionalities listed among the current regulations in force, with relation to the right of admission in tourist accommodation establishments, whereby a negative Covid-19 test must be presented upon arrival that serves as proof of being completely free of coronavirus. These measures are stated in the official information issued by the regional government, which can be consulted in full by visiting the following link: https://www3.gobiernodecanarias.org/noticias/el-gobierno-de-canarias-acuerda-limitar-la-entrada-y-salida-de-personas-de -tenerife /,

Therefore, tourist movement to and from the island of Tenerife continues to function in exactly the same manner it has been until now.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the current entry regulations to the island for international passengers, as established by the ruling of 11th December 2020, which can be consulted in full here: https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/ 2020/12/11 / pdfs / BOE-A-2020-15951.pdf

## <u>Transcript of the OFFICIAL STATE BULLETIN No. 323 Friday, December 11th, 2020 Sec. I. Page 113287 - Provision 15951</u>

"Before departure, all passengers originating from any airport or port located outside Spain must complete a public health form entitled "Health Control Form", via the website https://www.spth.gob.es/, or the app called Spain Travel Health-SpTH.

Passengers coming from a country or area of risk as defined by the Ministry of Health\* who cannot provide satisfactory proof of an Active Infection Diagnostic Test (hereinafter AIDT) for SARS-CoV-2 with a negative result carried out in the seventy-two hours prior to arrival, must carry out the AIDT established by the foreign health services.

As part of the documentary control carried out at the entry points, the passenger may be requested, at any time, to show the results of their AIDT. The supporting document must be the original, needs to be in Spanish and / or English and may be submitted in either paper or digital format. The document will need to contain, at the very least, the following information: the passenger's name, passport number or national identity number (which must coincide with the one used in the Health Control Form), date of the test, name and contact details of the place the test was carried out, technique used and negative test result.

The AIDT for SARS-CoV-2 permitted is the PCR (COVID-19 RT-PCR). As long as their widespread use is not accepted throughout the European Union, other diagnostic tests such as rapid antibody tests, rapid antigen detection tests or high-performance serologies (ELISA, CLIA, ECLIA) will not be allowed."

The Spanish Government has also announced that it will also allow international travellers from high-risk countries, in addition to a PCR, to use a Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA) test performed 72 hours before your arrival in order to prove a negative diagnosis of active infection by Covid-19.

\*(the list of countries or areas of risk established in Annex II of the ruling of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, by the General Public Health Department, relative to the health controls to be carried out at the points of entry in Spain, as well as the criteria used for their definition, will be reviewed every fifteen days and updates will be





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