29 November 2021

Mauritius implements further arrival restrictions for travel from South Africa

Inbound flights from South Africa cancelled from 28 November 2021

Additional arrival PCR tests and mandatory 7-day in room hotel quarantine

Applies to arrivals from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Namibia and Eswatini

(27 November 2021, Port Louis) In light of the latest available scientific data about the further spread of the new Covid variant, Omicron, first identified in South Africa, the Republic of Mauritius has implemented additional arrival restrictions on flights arriving from South Africa to Mauritius, with immediate effect.

This decision is to ensure the further safety of Mauritius' citizens, residents and visitors.

Passengers arriving on MK852 from Johannesburg to Mauritius on Saturday 27 November will be subject to additional health screening. In addition to PCR tests done at arrival in Mauritius, passengers will have to observe an in-room, hotel quarantine period of at least 7 days.

Air Mauritius will be providing one outbound flight from Mauritius to Johannesburg on Sunday 28th November. Restrictions on inbound flights from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Namibia and Eswatini are in place until further notice. Cargo flights will continue until further notice.

Additional emergency repatriation flights for Mauritian citizens, Resident and Occupational Permit Holders will be organised through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A spokesperson for Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority commented: "we acknowledge the significant disruption which result from such measures, particularly for the 176 passengers who arrived on MK852 on 27 November 2021 but they are essential to ensure the health and wellness of all. The passengers involved are being given all possible support in these difficult times for all."

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