



UPDATE – 21st JULY 2020

The numbers of new infections seem to be increasing at the moment. The next 'challenge' will be when the UK finally drops to Category B in the W.H.O. rankings which will mean no quarantine, and knowing the numbers of 'Swallows' and still some 'Residents' who wish to return this could possibly cause an increase.

We have seen unsubstantiated rumours on other Facebook Groups this week suggesting that 'the Government are considering putting the UK into Category 'B' on 1st August'. If we receive confirmation of this, then we will circulate a 'Press Release' to our members.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO 'REVERT' TO BASIC HEALTH INFORMATION REGARDING THE WEARING OF MASKS AND REGULAR HAND WASHING.

GREEN LINE ISSUES

We are well aware that the Greek Cypriot administration are using the current COVID-19 emergency as a reason to exclude anyone, other than GCs and some RoC permanent residents, from crossing from the South into the TRNC.

This is a flagrant breach of EU rules regarding Free Movement between both sides. Although there are isolated instances of Foreign nationals being able to cross the Green Line, it appears that these are being facilitated through the relevant Embassy teams.

We have received requests that we enlist the help of the British High Commission to assist UK nationals (Members) crossing the Green Line in order to catch flights that they have booked. The British High Commission has so far refused to assist in these requests which they do not see as 'for humanitarian' reasons.

They seem reluctant to upset the Greek Cypriot administration!

Our advice is that until further notice if you are booked onto a flight to the UK from either Larnaca or Paphos OR planning to fly to either airport with the intention of travelling onward to the TRNC speak to your airline and explain you are being refused access to your destination. Hopefully, you will be able to reschedule the flights or obtain an 'open ticket' or refund, as for the time being your ONLY route to the TRNC is via Ercan.

If and when this changes we will inform you.

FLIGHTS INTO TRNC

A SHORT CONCISE SUMMARY EXPLANATION IF COMING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AFTER 16th JULY.

Due to the reduction in the number of cases in the UK, flights from this country to the island are expected to begin on **16 July 2020**.

From 16 July, people coming to the island from the UK will be able to take a PCR test **no less than three days and no more than five days** with a negative result before leaving the country.

A second PCR test will be taken upon entry to the TRNC . Passengers will then be quarantined for 7 days, at a TRNC designated quarantine facility, at the passenger's own expense.

At the end of the quarantine period, the passenger will take a third PCR test and if negative will be allowed to leave the facility.

QUARANTINE COSTS FOR 7 DAYS WITH PCR TEST - APPLICABLE FOR ARRIVALS AS FROM THE 16TH JULY

We have just received confirmation from the Ministry of Health that the payment required in advance (**prior to departure**) is Accommodation including meals is 265TL per person per night x 7 = 1,855TL plus 300TL for PCR test. Total amount 2,155TL Confirmation of payment in advance will need to be produced upon arrival at Ercan airport.

If coming from a Zone C country, such as the UK, ensure that the payment for your quarantine and PCR test is made before departure. Then ensure that you carry a copy of the payment advice with you on the flight.
The bank details are as follows,

TC ZİRAAT BANKASI ACCOUNT INFORMATION
RECIPIENT NAME: KKTC MALİYE BAKANLIĞI
RECIPIENT ADDRESS : KKTC MALİYE BAKANLIĞI LEFKOŞA-KKTC
RECIPIENT BANK ADRESİ: ŞHT. MUSTAFA AHMET RUSO SOKAK NO:11
KÜÇÜK KAYMAKLI LEFKOŞA KKTC
ACCOUNT NUMBER AND IBAN NUMBER FOR
TC ZİRAAT BANKASI
TL
HESAP NO: 40298710-5001
UBAN: TR290001000860402987105001
USD
HESAP NO: 40300032-5001
IBAN: TR470001000860403000325001

EURO
HESAP NO: 40298710-5002
IBAN: TR020001000860402987105002
GBP
HESAP NO: 40298710-5004
IBAN: TR450001000860402987105004

Print off and complete the TRNC Ministry of Health Information and Obligation Form, below. This consists of two pages. One completed form for each adult, children may be added to one of the adult's forms. Ensure that you bring these with you.

Upon arrival at Ercan airport, the necessary officials will be aware of your arrival in advance, through the flight manifests, which will also highlight any connecting flights that you have made, to connect with your final flight to the TRNC.

Only upon arrival at Ercan will your quarantine accommodation be allocated to you, according to availability. It will not be possible to know beforehand, where you will be accommodated.

<p>TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS MINISTRY OF HEALTH</p> <p>TRNC MINISTRY OF HEALTH INFORMATION AND OBLIGATION FORM</p> <p>PERSONAL INFORMATION: NAME : SURNAME : DATE OF BIRTH: I.D. NUMBER: PASSPORT NO: ADDRESS (FULL ADDRESS) : RESIDENCE ADDRESS IN TRNC (FULL ADDRESS) PHONE NUMBER: PHONE NUMBER THAT CAN BE REACHED IN TRNC:</p> <p>REASON FOR ARRIVING TO THE COUNTRY: HOLIDAY () WORK () EDUCATION () FAMILY VISIT () PERMANENT RESIDENCE TRNC ()</p> <p>COUNTRIES VISITED IN THE LAST 15 DAYS:</p> <p>NUMBER OF DAYS PLANNED TO STAY IN NORTHERN CYPRUS:</p> <p>IF YOU HAVE PASSANGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ACCOMPANYING YOU: NAME: NAME: NAME: AGE: AGE: AGE:</p>	<p>COMMITMENTS</p> <p>1- UNTIL I AM NOTIFIED ABOUT MY SARS-COVID 2 TESTS (PCR) NEGATIVE RESULTS THROUGH THE PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS I STATED ABOVE, I WILL BE SELF ISOLETED AND WILL NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH OTHERS AND IF MY TEST RESULTS ARE POSITIVE I DECLARE THAT I ACCEPT TO BE UNDER QUARANTINE BY THE TRNC LAW AND RULES.</p> <p>2- EVEN IF I HAVE A NEGATIVE PCR TEST DONE WITHIN LAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO MY TRIP,IF TRNC AUTHORITIES THINKS ITS NECESSARY I PROMISE TO BE RE PCR TESTED AGAIN.</p> <p>3- IF TRNC AUTHORITIES THINKS IT IS NECESSARY, I PROMISE TO BE UNDER QUARANTINE AND THE QURANTEENE FEES WILL BE COVERED BY ME.</p> <p>4- I DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS CORRECTED AND I WILL FOLLOW THE TRNC LAWS FOR THE PERIOD I AM IN THE COUNTRY.</p> <p>5- IF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS NOT CORRECT OR IF I ACT CONTARARY TO MY PROMISSED ACTIONS I ACCEPT AND DECLARE FOR LEGAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ME.</p> <p>6-DURING THE TIME I AM IN TRNC I WILL BE AWARE OF ALL THE RISKS OF EPIDEMIA, I WILL FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TAKEN, AND I PROMISE I WILL NOT REQUIRE ANY RIGHTS FOR THE LOSSES THAT ARE DUE TO EPIDEMIA.</p> <p>7- I PROMISE TO INFORM TRNC MINISTRY OF HEALTH (arstv.saglik@gov.ct.tr) IF I EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE SYMPHOMS RELATED TO COVID-19 SUCH AS HIGH FEVER, CAUGH, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING,SORE THROAT, RUNNY NOISE, DIARRHEA, NAUSEA, VOMITTING,WEAKNES.</p> <p>8- I DECLARE I HAVE NOT BEEN IN A COUNTRY EXCEPT THE COUNTRIES I DECLARED IN THE LAST 14 DAYS</p> <p>9- IN THE LAST 14 DAYS, I HAVE NOT EXPERIENED ONE OF THE COMPLAINTS SUCH AS HIGH FEVER, CAUGH, DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING,SORE THROAT, RUNNY NOISE, DIARRHEA, NAUSEA, VOMITTING,WEAKNES, MUSCLE PAIN AND I AGREE THAT I HAVE NOT CONTACT WITH THE A POSSIBLE COVID-19 PATIENT IN THE LAST 14 DAYS, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED COVID-19 TREATMENT.</p> <p>NAME-SURNAME : DATE : SIGNATURE :</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: FILL THIS FORM DURING FLIGHT, AND IF REQUESTED FROM YOU, YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO DELIVER TO THE AUTHORITIES WITH YOUR PCR NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS</p>
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Currently, all arrivals from category A & B Countries will be held temporarily pending results from PCR tests. Arrivals from category C countries will of course be going into 7- day mandatory quarantine

FLIGHTS TO THE UK (TRAVEL CORRIDORS)

The UK Government has updated its travel advice regarding flights from various countries to the UK.

From the 10th of July 2020 people flying to the UK from Cyprus or Turkey will not need to self-isolate on arrival but must provide some details. If you click on the link below more information can be found.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

FACEBOOK GROUP

The group continues to grow in the number of members who have applied to join, and stands at 660

We made a commitment when we opened the group that the content will be for information purposes from confirmed sources, and this continues to be the case.

If you are looking for confirmation of certain information, and we do not have an answer to hand please bear in mind that the individuals or ministries that we approach for that confirmation are 'somewhat busy' with other matters at present and we sometimes have to wait for an accurate response.

We will not 'guess' at an answer so please be patient if you have to wait a few hours or a day to get the actual answer to your query.

CLINICS

All BRS Clinics are now open for 'business'

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- Lapta (Lambousa Market every Saturday morning 10.00-12.00)
- Girne (The Hut every Saturday morning 10.00 to 12.00)
- Catalkoy (Creditwest Bank – Monday mornings 09.30 to 11.30 am)
- Alsancak (Creditwest Bank – Wednesday 0930am to 1130am)
- Esentepe (Stone Castle – 3rd Tuesday of every month 1.00-3.00pm)
The BRS Clinic at Charlies Bar Kucuk Erenkoy will be held at Stone Castle Esentepe, until further notice

- Bogaz (Eddie's Restaurant – Dates notified monthly)
(Next clinics - 25th July, 8th Aug and 22nd Aug)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following a request to increase the Membership fees to either 50tl or 60tl at Saturday's AGM an amendment from the floor recommended that the Membership fee be increased to 80tl per annum and was passed overwhelmingly.

This will come into force from **January 1st, 2021**.

Should you wish to renew your membership for 2021 prior to the end of 2020 you will be charged the new rate of 80tl.

Should you wish to view the minutes of the meeting they will be available on the website in ten days.

UK PASSPORT RENEWAL

The following information was released via the BBC news today (21 July 2020)

- UKPO have suspended their Fast Track service
- Over a million passports would have expired during the lockdown
- To consider applying to renew a passport 9 months or more before expiry (no comment was made to those living abroad)
- UKPO cannot guarantee how soon renewals will be processed
- The backlog is increasing as lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted
- Those who are applying for their passports for the first time are not being processed due Social Distancing rules as an Interview is required. Interviews are necessary based on security to avoid identity fraud.
- Skype is being tested but there is no guarantee of being taken up based on security reasons.

Anyone who may be affected by this is advised to call

Passport Adviceline

Telephone: 0300 222 0000

From outside the UK: +44 (0)300 222 0000

Textphone: 18001 0300 222 0222

Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm

Saturday, Sunday, and UK bank holidays, 9am to 5:30pm