

Access to Mechanism Premises for Travellers

1. The present policy governs the access of staff, judges, accused, defence counsel, witnesses and other persons (hereinafter “Mechanism Persons”) to Mechanism premises following travel.
2. Mechanism Persons who are infected with COVID-19 or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 shall inform the Medical Unit and may not enter Mechanism premises until they have been cleared by the Medical Unit.
3. Mechanism Persons who travel to a duty station from another country may not enter Mechanism premises for 10 days unless they:
 - (a) obtained a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before boarded the airplane, train, bus or private car transporting them to the duty station country;
 - (b) have completed full course of vaccination with a vaccine approved by WHO at least 14 days before and no more than 180 days prior to travelling; *or*
 - (c) have been tested positive for COVID-19 at least 14 days before and no more than 180 days prior to travelling; *and*
 - (d) have complied with mandatory quarantine requirements under the laws of the duty station applicable to travellers who do not have diplomatic or other special status.
4. Notwithstanding the above, Chambers, Judges or the Principals of each organ, respectively, may in exceptional circumstances determine, following consultation with the individuals concerned, and where necessary with the Medical Units, that operational requirements necessitate the presence in Mechanism premises of Mechanism persons who have travelled from orange or red countries at a time earlier than fourteen days following such travel. In such circumstances, the Chambers or the Principals of each organ shall impose additional measures to mitigate any risk, including:
 - wearing a face mask for ten days following such travel;
 - obtaining testing at the Mechanism’s expense as directed; and/or
 - any other mitigating measures.
5. A decision under the provision of paragraph 4, including information on the mitigation measures taken, shall be maintained by the respective Chamber or organ, and the Medical Unit shall be informed.

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