

MAURITIUS REOPENS ITS BORDERS FOR VACCINATED VISITORS



The Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Mauritius has officially announced the reopening of the island's borders on October 1, 2021. The country has one of the highest rates of full vaccination in Africa, according to the Ministry. Unvaccinated tourists can also travel to Mauritius, subject to fourteen days stay in a hotel establishment approved by the competent authorities.

Mauritius is actively preparing for the reopening of its borders on October 1 for vaccinated visitors, **while continuing to apply the necessary measures to ensure the safety of the population and travelers.**

The country has one of the highest rates of full immunization in Africa, at over 60 percent of the total population (about 82 percent of the local adult population). The rollout of the vaccination campaign continues, and will include, starting in September 2021, young people under the age of 18.

Thanks to modern health services, Mauritius has been able to manage the pandemic well since its emergence in 2020.

The success of the vaccination program and the overall management at the health service level has resulted in a very low number of hospitalizations of Covid-19-positive patients - an average of just over 3% of hospitalizations over the past 28 days, with most patients admitted due to co-morbidities and not symptoms of the disease.

It should be noted that the rate of infection is being monitored and the recent spike in cases has been on a steady downward curve for the past two weeks.

Since 2020, rigorous airport screening and a 14-days quarantine system for all travelers have been implemented.

"The rollout of vaccination in Mauritius has been good and the vaccination rate is high enough to allow the population to resume normal life, while respecting the barrier measures," said Dr. Laurent Musango, local representative of the World Health Organization.

"Of course, in the context of a pandemic, there are always more avenues to consider to optimize health security, but Mauritius is managing the situation well," he continues.

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