

# NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

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## **ALL OPERATORS LETTER (DG 09/2022)**

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Date:

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To:

All Aviation Service providers

From:

Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority

Attn:

Accountable Manager

Subject:

REVISED COVID-19/ PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ALL AVIATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

(DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS)

#### Preamble:

The prevalence of COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria and most parts of the world has remained at a low level for a sustained period. The Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 (PSC) has therefore revised the COVID-19/Public Health guidelines as follows:

## (A) Domestic Operations:

#### 1. Mask Mandate:

- a. The wearing of facemask inside Airport terminal buildings and onboard aircraft by airport workers, passengers, and crew members **is no longer mandatory**. Wearing of facemask by passengers onboard aircraft or inside Airport terminal buildings is discretionary but recommended.
- b. Persons aged 60 years and above, immunocompromised (e.g. due to organ transplant, cancer, etc), those with co-morbidities (e.g. Heart disease, Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, etc), are advised to use facemasks, wash their hands with water and soap, use hand alcohol-based sanitizers, and avoid large gatherings.
- 2. Disinfection of bags at the entrance of terminal buildings is no longer required.
- 3. Airlines are therefore required to resume serving catering (meals and drinks) on board aircraft.
- 4. Maintaining social distancing at airport terminal buildings is no longer mandatory.
- 5. Facilities and conveyances are advised to maintain good environmental hygiene, good ventilation, and encourage good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- 6. The use of alcohol-based sanitizer by passengers and airport workers is recommended.
- 7. Boarding and disembarkation protocols are to be maintained.

### (B) International Operations:

- 1. All requirements in 'A' above shall apply.
- 2. **COVID-19 Travel Testing**: Pre-departure and Post-arrival COVID-19 PCR tests are no longer required for all passengers irrespective of vaccination status. PCR tests required for all passengers who are partially/not fully vaccinated have been suspended.

Health Declaration form: Permission to travel/ QR code is no longer required. A simplified Health Questionnaire form (non-COVID-19 specific) shall be completed by all passengers travelling to Nigeria preferably pre-departure on the Nigerian International Travel Portal (NITP). Passengers who fail to fill the health questionnaire on the NITP pre-departure will be required to fill the health questionnaire either onboard the aircraft prior to landing or at the Airport terminal building upon arrival.

4. All other COVID-19 quarantine/travel requirements are hereby made optional.

This AOL supersedes previous AOLs issued on COVID-19 for domestic and international operations.

## **Action Required:**

All Aviation Service Providers are hereby required to comply with the above requirements.

Non-compliance by any Aviation Service provider with this AOL shall attract appropriate sanctions.

This AOL shall be effective immediately.

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