

COVID-19 INFORMATION - REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

The Government of Paraguay has implemented Phase 3 of the Social Quarantine Plan in Asuncion, Central and Alto Parana until October 4 while the rest of the country is at Phase 4.

Phase 3 or 4 measures may be reversed in the event of increase in COVID-19 cases.

The use of face masks is recommended when in public places and on public transportation.

For a complete list of permitted activities refer to the Ministry of Health website:
<https://www.mspbs.gov.py/index.php>

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The following will be required:

- Complete the electronic health Affidavit for Entry to the National Territory, which must be completed within 24 hours prior to the entry of the country at the following web site:
http://www.vigisalud.gov.py/webdgvs/views/paginas/vista_viajeros_nor.html
- PCR negative result for COVID-19 that must be conducted within 72hs prior to the trip;
- All foreign citizens that are nonresidents in the country must present a travel Insurance that includes coverage for COVID-19 care throughout the country. Travelers that are residents in Mercosur and/or associated countries, are exempted to present said travel insurance for COVID-19.
- Nationals and foreign citizens with residence in the country do not need to present the international travel insurance.
- Those who accredit that have had the disease in the previous 90 days are **exempted** of the submission of the COVID-19 test,

ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE INFORMATION:

1. All people that enter the country and submit a negative PCR test, will not need to comply with the isolation or quarantine, however will have to comply with the regulations disposed by the Health Ministry (physical social distancing, use of face masks and washing of hands)
2. People that have positive results will have to comply with a mandatory 10 days isolation in their address, hotel or place where the residence is informed.

The National Government has designated facilities throughout the country at disposal for those who want to conduct the quarantine in other places. To access to these places, people must contact the Interinstitutional Coordination Centre (CCI) – CODENA:

By email: codenapy6@outlook.com

Tel numbers: 021 212 099/ 021 213 034 and 021 202 131.

To access to the full list of the authorized health facilities:
https://www.senatur.gov.py/materiales/archivos/0800_25_10_2020.pdf

For more information refer to the Ministry of Health Website: <https://www.mspbs.gov.py/covid-19.php?q=CORONAVIRUS&modo=1>

LAND BORDERS

All people that enter the country must submit to the health personnel the negative PCR test that must have been conducted within 72hs prior to the admission of the country.

In border points where there is no health personnel, the Immigration staff will require such documentation.

Those who do not submit the negative PCR test will have to comply with a mandatory 10 days isolation.

AIR COMPANIES, LAND AND FLUVIAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES

These companies will request the passengers the QR code of the health declaration at the check in or boarding.

COVID-19 TESTING:

Public health centers for patients with symptoms is available in different parts of the county at no cost. Locations can be found on the Ministry of Health website.

Private testing can be conducted at laboratories for an average cost of 90 – 110 U.S. dollars. Test at the airports or at the ports of entry are not required

EXTENSION OF VISAS:

Paraguay Immigration (Migraciones) has temporarily extended the period of lawful status in Paraguay for visitors or temporary residents whose visas expired since 1 March 2020.

You can contact Migraciones for further information to regularize your stay if your period of lawful stay has expired: <http://www.migraciones.gov.py>

HELP AND SUPPORT

If you need urgent consular assistance please contact the South African Embassy in Argentina at consular.buenosaires@gmail.com / +54 11 4317-2932.

OR

The South African Honorary Consul in Asuncion, Mr Angel Auad at saconsul@tigo.com.py.

For more information, please visit the following links:

<https://www.mspbs.gov.py/covid-19.php>

<http://www.migraciones.gov.py/index.php>