

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **“Corona Virus Outbreak – Enhance Screening of Foreign Nationals entering Papua New Guinea”**

This is an important Public Notice which has been prepared in consultation with the PNG Department of Health, line agencies and local representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) in PNG.

The PNG Immigration & Citizenship Authority (PNGICA) administers the Migration and Citizenship and Passport Acts and is responsible for assessing and issuing visas to foreign nationals and passports to PNG citizens.

Due to the recent outbreak of the Corona Virus which is posing a serious health risk around the world, all foreign nationals are now required to undergo additional health screening checks. Depending on recent health and travel history, some applicants may be subjected to significant visa processing delays, visa refusals or visa cancellations.

International operating airlines uplifting foreign nationals who do not have the relevant clearances to enter PNG will be penalized and subjected to increased fines and sanctions.

Foreign nationals, PNG nationals and Residents re-entering PNG may be subjected to additional scrutiny and questioning regarding their recent travel history prior to boarding flights to PNG and on arrival.

It is important to note that travellers referred for Health and Quarantine checks upon arrival by a Migration Officer must comply because refusal is an offence under the Migration Act (1978) and entry may not be permitted. Health and

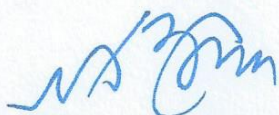
Quarantine officials may impose other health requirements if considered to be necessary.

PNG Citizens and Residents should carefully reconsider travelling to regions affected by the Corona Virus.



Separate notices on Health and Quarantine measures may be issued by the relevant agencies.

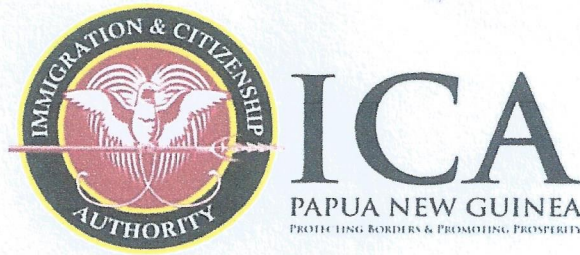
If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact our Client Service Branch on email: [clientservice@immigration.gov.pg](mailto:clientservice@immigration.gov.pg) or telephone: + 675 3276100/126.



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## PNG IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP AUTHORITY

### SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH FORM

#### THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL FOREIGN NATIONAL APPLYING FOR A PNG VISA

The Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority (ICA) administer the Migration and Citizenship Acts and are responsible for assessing and issuing visas to foreign nationals and passports to PNG Citizens. Foreign nationals seeking to travel and enter PNG cannot be granted a visa or entry to PNG if they represent a public health risk to the PNG Community.

The Corona Virus causing pneumonia like symptoms is of the same viral family as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) which present a very serious public health risk. The following questions are to enable appropriate assessment of persons under the PNG Migration, Quarantine and Health Acts.

This form should be completed by visa applicants 18 years or over. Parents who have included minors on their visa application form should complete a separate form on each minor's behalf.

Name:

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Passport Number:

Date of arrival or intended arrival in PNG:

1. In the last 21 days have you visited or transited through Wuhan in China and or; transited through South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Macau, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and the United States of America where cases have been reported.

Yes/No



2. If you circled "Yes" to question 1, please provide further details of when you were in these countries; the nature/purpose of your travel/stay there; the areas in these countries you visited; and whether you came into any contact with anyone (alive or dead) who was or may have been affected by the Coronavirus.

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Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms?

- Coughing
- Running nose
- A high fever
- A sore throat
- Head aches

4. If you circled "Yes" to Question 2, please provide further details below:

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5. Will you be travelling to, visiting or transiting through China or any other country where the Coronavirus has not been contained prior to travelling to PNG?

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

It is an offence under the Migration Act to provide false or misleading information in respect of entry to PNG which can lead to visa, uplift or entry refusal and/or criminal charges.

I hereby declare that the information I have provided is truthful and accurate.

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Signature

Date: .....

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

From assessed by:

Date:

Assessment: Cleared/Additional Medical Check