

## **Travel-related COVID-19 testing**

Several countries across the globe now require a negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test for all or certain categories of travelers prior to being allowed entry into the country, or in order to shorten a quarantine period. This is the case, for example, in Rwanda and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Commercial or national medical centers provide such testing services in all four of our duty stations (see overview below).

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of the traveler to be aware of and in compliance with national entry requirements, including provision of RT-PCR test results.

### **Reimbursement**

Reimbursement of RT-PCR tests may be claimed through the Umoja expense report in the following instances:

- All official business travel;
- HR travel as part of medical clearance of the staff member;
- HR travel of dependents, unless staff have chosen a lump sum option;
- Entitlement travel of staff and dependents, unless staff have chosen a lump sum option.

Reimbursement of RT-PCR tests may further be claimed through a F.10 form in relation to private travel of staff members when a RT-PCR test is required in order to return to the duty station as part of national entry requirements. Costs of tests required by the country of destination or the airline, or tests of dependents, are not reimbursable in relation to private travel.

Staff may request reimbursement from their health insurer for tests not reimbursable by the Mechanism. Whether these will be reimbursed is dependent on the position of the insurer. Currently, Cigna has indicated that RT-PCR tests are reimbursable only when medically indicated.

Kindly note that any reimbursement claim must be accompanied by a receipt.

### **Testing centers**

#### **The Netherlands**

In the Netherlands, tests are available free of charge via the GGD to people who experience symptoms of COVID-19. The GGD however does not provide tests to people who are asymptomatic or who require test results for travel purposes.

Several commercial medical centers in The Hague region do provide such services:

<https://klmhealthservices.com/en/journey-preparation/coronatest/>

<https://coronalab.eu/en/travel-clinic/>

<https://ihch.nl/en/formulieren-nl/covid-19-test-request-form/>

### Tanzania

Tests are conducted by government-run laboratory, irrespective of the clinic which takes the sample. Samples can be taken by appointment at Saliu Hospital/ALMC and Mount Meru Hospital. Kindly channel a request for appointment via the Medical Unit. Test results may take 3-5 days to receive.

### Rwanda

Tests as may be required for domestic touristic travel (e.g. to national parks) can be booked by appointment via email at [reservations@rdb.rw](mailto:reservations@rdb.rw) or phone number 0788 313 800.

Tests required for outbound travel may be taken at the Rwanda Biomedical Center in Remera, +250-252577492, <http://www.bmcrwanda.com>, or at one of the mobile testing units. Test results are generally available within 24 hours.

### Bosnia & Herzegovina

On demand tests are available in Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Tuzla and Mostar. In Sarajevo, sample taking is done at SaNaSa private clinic, by appointment on weekdays between 07:00-08:45, +38733661840/41.