

CART guidelines for Air Travel through COVID-19

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART): Published on June 01 2020, provides the recommendations and measures to be applied for the resumption of air transport from COVID-19 pandemic. States, airports, airlines, and service providers ought to implement these health and safety guidelines.



Importance of implementation of CART's 'Take-off' guidelines

As we gradually move into restarting our industry, it is imperative that all stakeholders use a harmonized approach and a globally agreed framework of guidance and measures. We must now urgently move into implementation of CART's 'Take-off' Guidance.

The full text of the CART 'Take-off' document can be downloaded from AFRAA website: https://afraa.org/corona_news/cart-guidelines-for-air-travel-through-covid-19/



African stakeholders need to adopt a common African position on CART's 'Take-off' Guidance for a seamless and effective restart of aviation activity. Implementing harmonised measures is urgent and critical to allow the restart of flights by African Airlines as soon as possible and to bring confidence of both passengers and stakeholders."

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CART Report

10 Key Principles

The restart and recovery are based on 10 key principles:

- Protect people: harmonized but flexible measures
- Work as one aviation team and show solidarity
- Ensure essential connectivity
- Actively manage safety-, security- and health-related risks
- Make aviation public health measures work with aviation safety and security systems
- Strengthen public confidence
- Distinguish restart from recovery
- Support financial relief strategies to help the aviation industry
- Ensure sustainability; and
- Learn lessons to improve resilience

Categories of Measures

- 01 Aviation public health-related measures
- 02 Security and facilitation-related measures
- 03 Aviation safety-related measures.
- 04 Economic and financial measures.

Cart Recommendations to States

- 01 Update COVID-19 Contingency Related Differences (CCRDs) in the Electronic Filing of Differences (EFOD) subsystem.
- 02 Avoid retaining COVID-19 related alleviation measures as soon as normal operations are resumed.
- 03 Expedite the development of guidance for safety management of new operations or operation change during the crisis.
- 04 Regular review of the necessity of continuing the application of risk mitigation measures as the risk of COVID-19 transmission diminishes.
- 05 Establish aviation public health procedures aligned with the guidance in the Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis
- 06 Immediate establishment of a National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (or equivalent) as required by Annex 9 to increase national level cross-sectoral coordination.
- 07 Systematic use of a Passenger Health Locator Form to ensure identification and traceability of passengers to help limit the spread of the disease and resurgence of the pandemic.
- 08 Strengthen the oversight system to ensure these measures are consistently applied with the objective of protecting aviation against acts of unlawful interference.
- 09 Take measures to ensure personnel are provided training to identify and manage unruly passenger situations related to non-respect of essential aviation public health and safety measures.
- 10 Consider appropriate extraordinary emergency measures to support financial viability and to maintain an adequate level of safe, secure and efficient operations, which should be inclusive, targeted, proportionate, transparent, temporary and consistent with ICAO's policies.
- 11 Facilitate information-sharing and exchange on their actions and best practices by contributing to an ICAO database of measures.

Take-off: guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Risk mitigation measures applicable in specific modules

AIRPORT



Airport terminal building, cleaning, disinfecting, and hygiene, physical distancing, staff protection, access, check-in area, security screening, airside areas, gate installations, passenger transfer, disembarking, baggage claim and arrivals areas.

AIRCRAFT



Boarding processes, seat assignment processes, baggage, interaction on board, environmental control systems, food and beverage service, lavatory access, crew protection, management of sick passengers or crew members, and cleaning and disinfection of the flight deck, cabin, and cargo compartment.

CREW



Treatment of air crew, consistent with recognized public health standards, to alleviate burdens on critical transportation workers. These include screening, quarantine requirements, and immigration restrictions that apply to other travellers.

CARGO



The Cargo Module addresses aviation public health including physical distancing, personal sanitation, protective barriers point of transfer to the ramp and the loading and unloading, and other mitigation procedures.

Generally applicable risk mitigation measures



Public Information



Face Covering & Mask



Health Screening



Health Declarations



Physical Distancing



Routine Sanitization



Contact Tracing



Testing

NB on Physical Distancing:

Where this distancing is not feasible (for example in aircraft cabins), adequate risk-based measures should be used.

Specific measures for Operators

Passenger and Crew – General

Adjust the boarding process, Seat assignment processes, Limit interaction on board, Limit or suspend food and beverage service, Restrict lavatory access, Crew protection measures, Sick Passenger Positioning.

Aircraft Disinfection

The cabin should be cleaned and disinfected at an appropriate frequency. The cargo compartment touch surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at an appropriate frequency. Regular maintenance to both air systems and water systems to ensure they continue to protect the passenger and crew from viruses.

Crew Members

Crew members should: - Monitor themselves for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. - Take their temperature at least twice per day during duty periods and at any time they feel unwell. - Stay at home or in their hotel room, notify their employers' occupational health program, and not report for work if they develop a fever, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. - Stop working as soon as practical, if they develop symptoms during flight, put on a surgical mask, notify the pilot in charge, and maintain the recommended physical distance from others. Upon landing, individuals should follow up with airline medical and public health officials.



AFRAA is engaging with governments and civil aviation authorities to raise awareness of the **CART Take-off Guidance** and calling upon States to fully implement the ICAO recommended measures so that airlines can resume their activities as quickly as possible.