



PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON COVID-19

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING TRAVEL RESTRICTION TO NIGERIA IMPOSED AS PART OF MEASURES TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS

Following the announcement of travel restriction measures taken by the Federal Government to contain and manage the spread of COVID-19 on Wednesday 18th March, 2020, the Presidential Task Force has, as part of the continuing engagement with members of the public, found it necessary to provide answers to the following frequently asked questions.

2. **They are:**

Question 1

Q. What is restricted entry?

A. **It means you will not be allowed into the country if you live in or have visited these countries in the last fourteen (14) days.**

Question 2

Q. As a Nigerian returning home, does restricted entry apply to me?

A. **No, you will be allowed in but subject to supervised self-isolation for Fourteen (14) days after arrival.**

Question 3

Q. As a diplomat, does restricted entry affect me?

A. **No, you will be allowed into Nigeria but subject to supervised self-isolation for Fourteen (14) days after arrival.**

Question 4

Q. I am resident in Nigeria but hold a foreign passport. Does restricted entry affect me?

A. **No, you will be allowed into Nigeria but subject to supervised self-isolation for Fourteen (14) days after arrival**

Question 5

Q. I will be transiting through one of the 13 countries to get into Nigeria.
Does restricted entry affect me?

A. **Yes, if you have been to any of the countries mentioned, you will not be allowed into Nigeria, except you are a returning Nigerian, resident or diplomat.**

Question 6

Q. When does this come into effect?

A. **Saturday, 21st March, 2020**

3. The Task Force wishes to encourage members of the public to furnish/seek information and clarification through the **COVID-PTF/NCDC 24/7** help line No: **080097000010**.

Thursday, 19th March, 2020

20th March, 2020

PRESS RELEASE
CLOSURE OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

The **Presidential Task Force** on **COVID-19** has announced the closure of three (3) International airports in the country as part of measures taken to combat the spread of coronavirus.

The Secretary to the Government of the Federation/ Chairman PTF, Boss Mustapha, stated that effective from **Saturday 21st March, 2020 midnight**, the **Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano; Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu** and the **Port-Harcourt International Airport, Omagwa** will be closed to all international flights.

However, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation said that the **Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja** and the **Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos** will remain opened to and accept international flights irrespective of the type of operations.

All stakeholders are enjoined to collaborate with **Port Health Services** in the identification of suspects/persons at points of entry and to bring such persons to the attention of **Port Health Officers** for appropriate action.

Meanwhile, the PTF urges all Nigerians to remain calm and cooperate with the instructions already issued by the **Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA)** and **Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN)** on modes of worship and gatherings at this time not exceeding fifty (50) persons.

The PTF assures Nigerians that adequate and appropriate information will be made available in due course.

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