

It is now official. As of November 1, 2021, you will no longer need to use a permit system to enter Israel. You will no longer need to be a first degree relative, nor will you need to apply for a permit 30 days in advance. You do, however, need to meet certain vaccination or recovery criteria to enter Israel.

Criteria For Entering Israel

You must meet ONE of these conditions in order to enter Israel:

- 1. Vaccinated within six months of the trip with either a second vaccine or a booster (Pfizer at least 7 days after the shot, other vaccination types at least 14 days after the shot).
- 2. Recovered within six months of the trip with proof of a positive PCR result and more than 11 days have passed since the positive result.
- 3. Recovered anytime even more than six months before the trip with proof of positive PCR result AND vaccinated with at least one dose within six months of the trip.

(If six months has passed since your last vaccine or since your recovery during your stay in Israel, you can still come to Israel; however, your green pass will expire during your visit when you pass the six-month mark).

If you were vaccinated or recovered more than six months ago, or were never vaccinated or recovered, please see the end of this document.

Process to enter Israel

You will gain entry into Israel via the <u>Health Ministry Declaration Form.</u> You will need to complete this form starting 48-hours before your flight.

For those who have traveled to Israel previously, you will know this as the "24-hour pre-flight form." Once you file this form properly, within minutes you will receive an email from "Do Not Reply-MOH," which is the record you need to show at the airport. Your green pass will be included. If your vaccination certificate is not digitally validated in Israel, it could take longer to receive this email.

Tips for completing this form correctly:

- Must be completed within 48-hours of a flight; it will be the basis of your entry to Israel.
- Provide specific flight information, i.e., the name of the airline, the flight number and the estimated time that it arrives in Israel.
- You will need a specific isolation location, with a specific street address and house number that cannot be changed later on.
- Upload your vaccination records via PDF. If you have a vaccination record with a QR code, use it.
- If you are submitting a recovery letter along with positive PCR results, or any other multi-page document, you must merge them into one file.
- Make sure all files are under 1MB. If not you may use a <u>free online tool to compress</u> them.

Everyone needs a negative PCR test from within 72 hours prior to takeoff. You must have your negative PCR test and a copy of the 48-hour Entry Declaration Form to board a plane to Israel. These are the only documents you need.

(An exemption from pre-departure PCR test will be granted to those recovered, if at least 11 days and no more than 3 months have passed from the day of diagnosis as a COVID-19 case. Note this exemption is for pre-departure PCR tests only; it is not an exemption from the PCR test on arrival in Israel.)

Protocol for Arrival in Israel

Everyone, bar none, including Israeli citizens, need to take a PCR test upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport. Please reserve your test in advance with TestnGo.

If you test positive at Ben Gurion Airport, you will be in 10-day quarantine. There are no exceptions and we have no way to shorten your quarantine if this happens.

On your TestnGo form, please use an Israeli cell number. That is where you will receive results of your PCR test. Failure to provide an Israeli cellphone number can become problematic.

Quarantine Rules in Israel

24-hour quarantine: Most visitors arriving in Israel will be held to this level of quarantine, which means that you are released after you receive a negative PCR result from the airport or when 24 hours has passed – whichever comes first.

There will be a 10-day quarantine for those who test positive for COVID at Ben Gurion Airport

There will be a 7-day quarantine for anyone with a valid Israeli passport who is not vaccinated or recovered within six months. Release from quarantine comes with a negative PCR upon arrival in Israel and a negative PCR on day seven.

Other Notes

IF YOU ARE VACCINATED/RECOVERED MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AGO OR IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN VACCINATED OR RECOVERED: At the moment, exceptions will be made for weddings, births, and other humanitarian reasons. We will send a separate notice out once the process for this is clarified. We will also continue to lobby for first degree relatives who cannot get a booster to be able to enter with strict quarantine rules and will send out an update if this effort succeeds.

Yad L'Olim will continue to be available to assist you with all of your questions and challenges related to corona travel. If you have a question or need assistance, please visit our website and complete the form on the homepage, choose "corona travel," and ask your question. Our dedicated staff will reply to you within 24 hours.

Please remember that these rules are always subject to change based on the corona situation and the world so please look out for updates on Facebook and in future updates that I will send.

Wishing everyone good health and safe travels,

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