



CIRCULAR TO ALL GTA MEMBERS

September 29th, 2021

Dear GTA Member,

Yesterday the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health Dr. Chris Fearne announced that those establishments that choose to restrict access to vaccinated patrons will also benefit from eased restrictions. Establishments like Restaurants and Bars can choose to start restricting entrance to Covid-19 vaccine certificate holders as of Saturday 9th October, 2021.

The conditions for such establishments, and also including social clubs (kazini) will be eased as follows:

- Maximum of eight people at a table (up from six)
- Tables that are 1.5m apart indoors (down from 2m) and 1m apart outdoors
- Opening hours extended to 3am (from 2am) if licence permits
- Customers served at bars with Perspex (not just table service)
- Music can go up to 80 decibels
- Children under 12 years old will be allowed to enter such establishments if accompanied by vaccinated adults.
- All staff members must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 for an establishment to be granted certification
- Masks must still be worn as per current Restaurants and Bars protocols

The above relaxed measures only apply to those establishments that voluntarily only accept fully vaccinated people, and not unvaccinated persons. Eligible establishments can start applying from today Wednesday 29th September, 2021 on the Malta Tourism Authority website. These measures will come into effect after an inspection is carried out at the Establishment by the Malta Tourism Authority and Environmental Health Inspectors,

Those Restaurants and Bars and similar establishments who opt not to restrict access to unvaccinated customers, must continue to adhere to the existing health protocols.

Finally kindly note that the Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Chris Fearne also announced that as from 1st October, 2021, Malta will recognise and accept Covid-19 vaccine certificate given to persons who were Covid-19 positive and had one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. As from tomorrow, Malta will also start accepting Covid vaccine certificates from Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Rwanda.

Thanks and best regards,

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