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Important Notice Regarding New Arrangements for Visa and Other Consular Services of the Embassy in the Context of COVID-19

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1) Services by mail: In view of the recent spike in COVID-19 infections in the United States, especially in the D.C., Maryland & Virginia region, and considering the relevant public health protocols issued by the federal and local governments, and with the objective of protecting the health of the service seekers/visitors and Embassy staff members, all consular services of the Embassy (Passport, Visa, Travel Document, Attestation etc.) will be provided only by post/mail until further notice.

2) Prior appointment needed to visit the Embassy: Prior appointment is needed to receive services, such as Power of Attorney, which require mandatory presence of the service seeker. Prior-appointment is also needed for all other urgent visits. Appointment will be arranged only on urgent need basis.

3) On-arrival visa issued for certain categories of foreign nationals: As per the notice of the Department of Immigration, Government of Nepal, dated November 18, 2020 (<https://www.immigration.gov.np/post/va-tha-sha-na-gara-kahara-ka-na-na-pa-l-aagamana-sama-bna-th-hama>), certain categories of foreign nationals such as those who work in the diplomatic missions, international organizations, and INGOs in Nepal and their family members, and Nepali Origin Foreign Nationals (Non-resident Nepalese - NRNs, with valid NRN ID cards) and their family members will be issued on-arrival visa at the point of entry of Nepal on the basis of COVID-19 PCR Negative Report issued within 72 hours prior departure to Nepal. Children below 5 years accompanied by their parents with PCR Negative Report do not need PCR Report. PCR Reports such as RT-PCR or Gene Xpert or True NAAT or equivalent other similar report will be accepted. Since airlines may have their own PCR report requirement, before going to the airport, inquire and make sure that you have appropriate PCR report. Since the above mentioned categories of foreign

nationals qualify for on-arrival visa at the entry point, prior recommendation of the Embassy is not needed. However, before starting the journey, travellers are advised to submit the online application form for Visa-On Arrival through the link (<https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/>) and keep a printed copy of form submission receipt with them to avoid delay and inconvenience while processing on-arrival visa at the entry point in Nepal.

4) Other categories of foreign nationals require prior approval of the Government of Nepal as

before: All other foreign nationals, except those mentioned in clause (3) above must get pre-approval/recommendation from the concerned agencies (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or Ministry of Home Affairs, or Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation or Nepali Missions abroad) for necessary arrival permission or on-arrival visa at the entry point of Nepal. In order to apply for such pre-approval/recommendation letter, application should be submitted to the Embassy's email address consular@nepalembassyusa.org, along with a copy of passport, clearly stating the reason for urgent travel to Nepal. Upon receipt of the e-mail, recommendation letter will be issued by the Embassy for on-arrival visa through email.

5) Visa from the Embassy: Those who still wish to get visa from the Embassy before travelling to Nepal for urgent reasons should forward their application by mail along with necessary documents. All information regarding visa application is available at the Embassy's website: <https://us.nepalembassy.gov.np/tourist-visa/>.

6) All travellers must observe public health protocols issued by the Government of Nepal: All travellers to Nepal, including Nepali citizens, must observe the public health protocols issued by the Government of Nepal.

7) International Traveller Arrival Form: All travellers, before travelling to Nepal, should mandatorily fill up 'International Traveller Arrival Form' by visiting the web link https://ccmc.gov.np/arms/person_add.php and carry with them the print out of the receipt of the form with digital bar code.

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