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Summary of the decision of the Inter-Ministerial Exceptions Committee to grant an exemption from PCR testing before flying to Israel

The Inter-Ministerial Exceptions Committee today (September 19th, 2021) held a discussion on the issue of processing applications for exemption of “recently recovered patients” (up to 3 months) from performing a PCR test before the flight to Israel.

The committee unanimously decided to approve an exemption from examination for a person who presents to the airline a certificate of PCR examination that has a positive result and indicates that he has been ill with COVID-19 for the period defined as follows:

The date of the test (sampling) shall not be less than 11 days before the flight and shall not exceed 3 months.

Presenting the test result, is in addition to filling out an incoming passenger statement as required.

A person who has fallen ill and recovered in Israel and has a recovery certificate from the State of Israel, (Not based on serological testing) will present it, provided that 3 months have not passed since the date of its receipt.

Presenting test results other than PCR does not grant an exemption from pre-flight testing.

This decision will be brought to the attention of the airlines so that they can act immediately in accordance with the decision of the Exceptions Committee, and will also be brought to the attention of the public on the relevant ministry websites.