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To: Airlines

Re: **Update to regulations on COVID-19 testing before entering Israel**

1. Starting May 10, changes will be made to the regulations concerning passenger testing for COVID-19 before taking off to Israel in the countries of origin.
2. Foreign passengers whose not required visa or B2 tourist visa holders are required to present a negative COVID-19 test before takeoff to Israel.
3. The possible tests are:
  - A PCR test taken up to 72 hours before takeoff
  - An antigen test taken up to 24 hours before takeoff
4. Passengers with an Israeli passport or foreigners with a Temporary Stay Visa (A1-A5) or an Israel Visitor's Permit (B1, B3, B4) are exempt from testing before taking off to Israel.
5. Be advised.

Regards,  
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