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**PRESS RELEASE: LIFTING OF COVID-19 TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS  
FOR RMI & THE UNITED STATES**

**As of 5/11/2023, the existing Covid-19 travel requirements to enter the RMI, have been lifted.** This decision takes into careful consideration the global, regional, and national Covid-19 epidemiology, vaccination coverage, capacity to respond to future outbreaks as well as positional statements of the WHO and CDC.

The WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in a statement released on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, stated that ***Covid-19 no longer constituted a public health emergency of international concern but now has become an established health issue.*** This does not mean that Covid-19 is no longer a threat to human lives, but most countries are now in a better position to deal with this condition through widespread uptake of immunization and have mechanisms in place to prevent and respond to future outbreaks as well as epidemiological trends of very low rates of infection, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Similarly, the US Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces that as of **5/12/2023, all non-citizens travelling into the US will no longer need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination.**

The public is advised of their need to continue to ensure their Covid-19 immunizations remain updated in accordance with MoHHS, WHO and CDC recommendations.

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