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MAURITIUS – POST CAPSCA ASSISTANCE VISIT

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



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1. Background
2. Benefits of CAPSCA ASSISTANCE VISIT (CAV)
3. Recommendations of CAV and Actions Taken
4. Base line Public Measures in Mauritius

BACKGROUND



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1. Mauritius is a small island about 1.3 millions people
2. one international airport and one domestic airport
3. Mauritius Joined CAPSCA in 19 April 2023
4. The CAV was concurrently held with a Point of Entry Workshop from 30 July to 02 August 2024.
5. The CAV hosted by the Mauritius Department of Civil Aviation in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Wellness

BENEFITS OF CAPSCA ASSISTANCE VISIT



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1. Improved collaboration and coordination between and public health authorities
2. Improved coordination with National IHR focal point and the National CAPSCA focal point
3. Conduct of WHO Joint External Evaluation (JEE) and States Parties self-assessment annual reporting tool (SPAR)
4. Training in IHR 2005.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CAV



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1. To finalise the Mauritius National Aviation Public Health Emergency Plan
2. To review of the Aerodrome Emergency Plan in relation to public health measures.
3. Develop/Revise procedures for management of PHE for stakeholders, for eg Immigration , Customs and Ground Handlers, Airlines etc.
4. To develop/Revise SOPs of the Ministry of Health and Wellness for the management of public health events

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CAV (Continue)



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- 5 Training programme for personnel likely to be involved in PHE management
- 6 The AEP, PHE component developed should provide for public health emergencies occurring at the airport presenting different scenarios apart from that of a suspected case on board an arriving aircraft..

ACTIONS TAKEN



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1. Finalise the Mauritius National Aviation Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan (MNAPHEPP)
2. Review/Approval of the Aerodrome Emergency Plan in relation to public health measures
3. Development of various SOPs
4. Simulation

EXISTING MEASURES



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1. All arriving passengers are screened
2. All arriving passengers have to fill the Mauritius All in One Travel Digital Form
3. NATFC and Airport Facilitation committee to coordinate and monitor implementation of the actions required to meet the ICAO and WHO requirements for management of public health emergencies of international concern in aviation.

CONTENTS OF MNAPHEPP



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ICAO Template

- 1 Roles of stakeholders
- 2 Activation/Deactivation Process
- 3 CMT to handle public health measures
- 4 Measures adopted during different phases- WHO
Pandemic Phase Descriptions
- 5 SOPs
- 6 Measures for Departing Passenger-ICAO CART

MEASURES ADOPTED DURING DIFFERENT PHASES- WHO PANDEMIC PHASE DESCRIPTIONS



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- Measures during “Alert Green” (WHO Phase 1 to 3): **Strategy is to step up vigilance and make preparations to meet the potential threat:**

Filling of Mauritius All in One Travel Digital Form;

Screening of Passengers

Simulation Exercise

- Measures during “Alert Yellow” (WHO Phase 4): **Strategy is to prevent spread:**

Dissemination of Health Alert Notice (HAN) to arriving / departing travellers

- Measures Adopted during “Alert Orange” (WHO Phase 5): **Strategy is to contain spread arising from any local cases and break the chain of transmission, while preserving essential services and resources:**

In addition to the measure adopted in Alert Yellow, the following measures may be adopted:

Disinfection of baggage including items arriving from areas where a communicable disease has been reported as and when required.

Contact Tracing: Contact tracing is normally done for those travellers seated in same row and three rows in front, sideways and behind the index suspected case

TEMPLATE OF HEALTH ALERT NOTICE (HAN)



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Health Alert Notice (English)

- Monitor your temperature and look out for flu-like symptoms (fever more than 38 C, runny nose or sore throat). If you are unwell, please see a doctor. Be socially responsible. Stay in and rest. If you need to go out, wear a mask and minimize contact with others.
- If your symptoms are mild, your usual health facility would be able to manage you. If symptoms are severe (eg: Difficulty in breathing, chest pain, severe vomiting etc), please see a doctor at the nearest hospital
- For more information Contact Hot line 8924

TEMPLATE OF HEALTH ALERT NOTICE (HAN)



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Health Alert Notice (French)

- Surveillez votre température et aussi les symptômes liés à la grippe (fièvre supérieure à 38 °C, nez qui coule ou mal de gorge). Si vous ne vous sentez pas bien, veuillez consulter un médecin. Soyez socialement responsable. Restez à l'intérieur et reposez-vous. Si vous devez sortir, portez un masque et minimisez les contacts avec les autres. Si vos symptômes sont légers, votre établissement de santé habituel sera en mesure de vous prendre en charge. Si les symptômes sont graves (par exemple : difficulté à respirer, douleur thoracique, vomissements sévères, etc.), veuillez consulter un médecin à l'hôpital le plus proche.
- Pour plus d'information, veuillez contacter la ligne verte **8924**

AIRPORT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN



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- 1 CMT to develop and execute the plan
- 2 Committee chaired by Ministry of Health and Department of Civil Aviation
- 3 Roles of stakeholders
- 4 Routing of Passengers
- 5 Isolation of suspected passenger
- 6 Training of Personnel
- 7 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in coordination with all concerned stakeholders

ISOLATION OF WHOLE AIRCRAFT



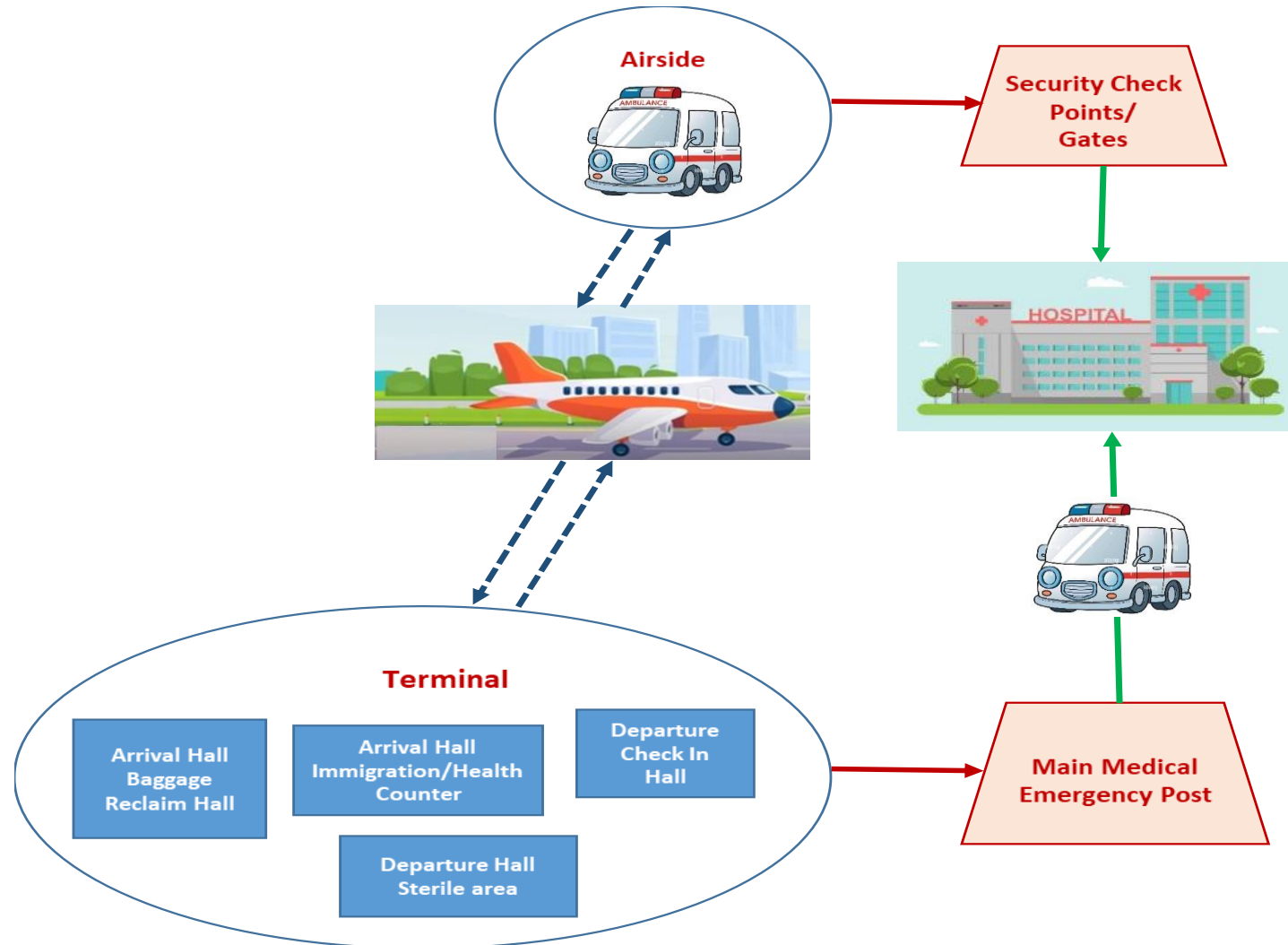
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- In the event that a suspected case of illness is identified on board an A380 aircraft, specific procedures are in place for passenger handling.
- Dedicated Parking
- Adequate space for accommodating passengers
- Dedicated routing to avoid contamination.

ROUTING FOR SUSPECTED ARRIVING PASSENGERS



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Development and Revision of SOPs



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- 1 Passenger with Symptoms of Infectious Disease on Board
- 2 Passenger Detected at the Arrival Hall (Immigration and Health Counter)
- 3 Detection at Check-In Hall / Public Area
- 4 Protocol for Health Surveillance at Airport
- 5 Isolation of Suspected Contagious Passengers, Staff or Visitors at SSR International Airport
- 6 Protocol For Suspected Case Informed By Pilot in Command on Board Plane Coming to Mauritius
- 7 Cleaning and Disinfection
- 8 Disposal of Infectious Waste
- 9 Vector Surveillance at Points of Entry
- 10 Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at SSR International Airport
- 11 SOP for Customs/Immigration

CHALLENGES



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- 1 Resistance from stakeholders for the finalisation of the plan: for who will conduct disinfection of baggage and who will buy the disinfectant.
- 2 Submission of views and comments by stakeholders

CAPSCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPORT



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NEXT KEY TASKS

- Coordinating with Health Authorities for training of personnel
- Simulation Exercise



TRAINING



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- Training requirements and priority areas arising from the APHEP;
- Identification of the relevant personnel and stakeholders to participate in the training;
- Public health technical content and resource persons/facilitators;
- Development of an appropriate simulation exercise scenario;
- Roles and responsibilities of the respective agencies during the exercise;
- Exercise methodology, including tabletop and/or functional/full-scale components;
- Proposed dates and timelines; and
- Evaluation, lessons identified and follow-up actions following the exercise

MAURITIUS RESPONSE TO EVD



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1. Mandatory filling of MAIOTDF
2. Revision of National Preparedness Plan for EVD
3. Dissemination of CAPSCA Update on WHO Temporary Recommendations on EVD to stakeholders
4. Issuance of NOTAM

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Thank you for your Attention

