

Arab Republic of Egypt



Ministry Of Health and Population (MOHP)

Egyptian Preparedness & Response for COVID-19 at POE

In Egypt we have a total of 38 Points of Entry, from which only 19 PoE are designated according to the IHR(annex 1- b) core capacity requirements.

Airports: (8)

Eight (8) designated Airports :

Cairo Airport, Sharm El-Sheikh Airport, Hurghada Airport, Borg El-Arab Airport, Asiat Airport, Sohag Airport, Luxor Airport & Aswan Airport.



Cairo Airport



Alexandria Seaport



Ships

Seaports: (8)

Eight (8) designated Seaports :

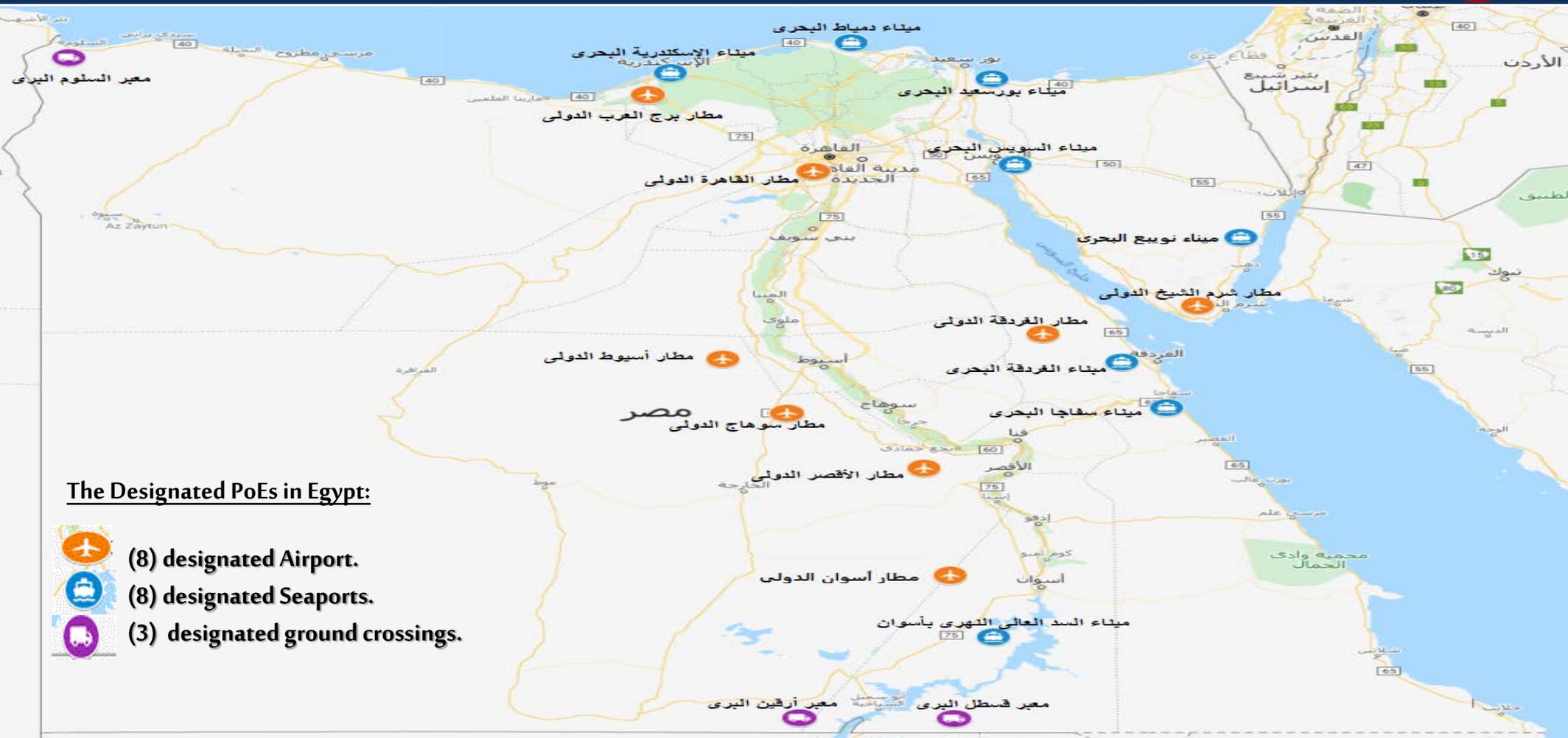
Suez Seaport, Alexandria Seaport, Port-Saeed Seaport, Nuweiba Seaport, Dameyatta Seaport, Safaga Seaport, Hurghada Seaport & East High Dam Nile port .

Ground Crossings: (3)

Al-Salloum Ground Crossing & Kostol Ground Crossing & Arqeen crossing.



Points of entry type and distribution



The Designated PoEs in Egypt:

-  (8) designated Airport.
-  (8) designated Seaports.
-  (3) designated ground crossings.



- Human resources .
- Temporary isolation rooms in PoE.
- Quarantine facilities of PoE .
- Clinics.
- Devices and Equipment.
- Means of transport (Cars , Boats and Ambulance) .
- Training Centers.



temporary isolation room at Cairo Airport

- Physicians
- Pharmacists
- Sanitary Officers
- IT & Medical Statisticians
- Nurses
- Administrative
- Health Observers
- Drivers & sailors & mechanics



Buildings



Quarantine facilities



Clinics



Devices and Equipment



Means of transportation (boats)



Training Centers



Performing Full Scale Exercise to respond to Public Health Event conducted by quarantine staff in collaboration with CAA,EAC





In response to notification received from Event Information Site (EIS) IHR regarding the emergence of cases of pneumonia of unknown etiology in the State of China on 5/1/2020, an emergency plan was updated and activated in all Quarantine departments at points of entry, including effective arrangements for early detection, response and notification, as well as strengthening and maintaining basic public health capacities at PoE.

First circular have been published from national Quarantine Authority and disseminated to quarantine department and stallholders in all PoE including SOPs for passengers screening, referral system, goods and convices inspection and preventive measures followed by 20 circular in 2020 and 6 during 2021 by adapting measures in according to changes in internal and global epidemiological situations.



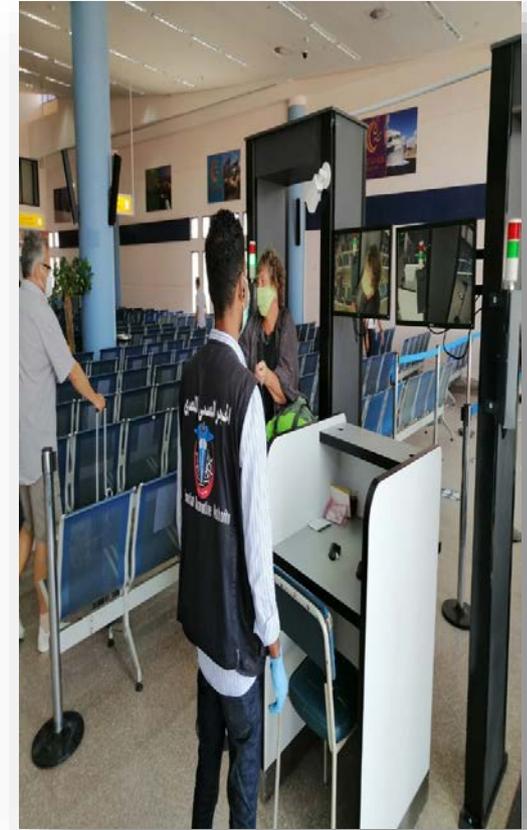
Preparedness & Response



- The degree of readiness and preparedness has been raised at the air, sea and land ports of entry.
- Increase of the core capacity of the HCWs with repeated extensive training .
- Coordination meetings with the stakeholders (Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Egyptian Airports Company, the Civil Aviation Authority, different operating airlines in Egypt, the maritime transport sector)
- Distribution of strategic stocks of Infrared remote thermometers, and personal protective equipments for the working teams.



- ❑ Quarantine departments were reinforced with 55 thermal gates in all POE. Quarantine departments have been reinforced with 1000 infra-red hand heat thermometer
- ❑ 34 covid-19 point of care PCR devices (ID NOW) have been provided in quarantine departments according to the volume and intensity of received people .
- ❑ Dedicated registry system for all the passengers which allowing their tracing at post-arrival period (14 days)



Preventive Measures



A health monitoring cards were designed for all passengers coming from all countries of the world, including transport crews and children, with full data written (full name - detailed address - nationality - flight number - destination and date of arrival - phone number) in a clear manner ; all these data are regularly uploaded on the electronic system to be viewed by the corresponding teams in all the Egyptian governorates , for further follow up of arrived persons and easy tracing of any suspected one.

Declaration Form

Under the Egyptian Quarantine law and the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005), this Public Health Declaration Form is a mandatory document and aims to protect your health. Your information will help public health officers contact you if you were exposed to a communicable disease. It is important to fill out this form completely and accurately.

I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that all the information I provide below is correct and that I have neither been recently diagnosed with COVID-19, nor did I, knowingly, have had close contact with any person suspected or tested positive for COVID-19, nor have I not suffered from any symptoms during the past 14 days.

I certify that I am currently covered by an overseas medical insurance plan valid until the date of my departure from Egypt.

Full Name:

Nationality:

Date of Birth:
Day Month Year

Passport Number:

Profession:

Airline Name:

Flight Number:

Arriving from:



Preventive Measures



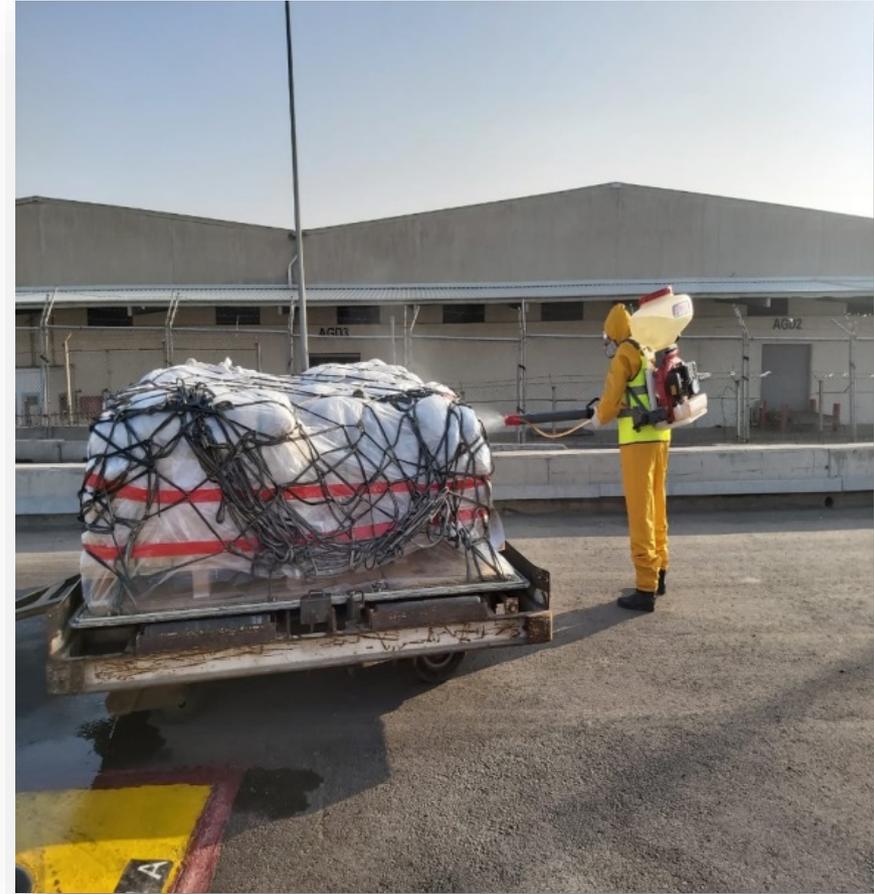
- Disinfection of arriving aircraft, in accordance to the guidelines of the World Health Organization Hygiene and sanitation in aviation sector
- Carefully following the instructions of the aircraft manufacturer in the use of materials allowed on board .
- Ships and goods inspection and disinfection .
- Preventive measures for PoE workers including raise awareness early detection of any suspected cases .



Preventive Measures



- Disinfection of the plane load.
- The aircraft is allowed to re-take off after obtaining the health approval from quarantine department.
- Health supervision is carried out on the safe disposal of waste and its transmission through the hazardous waste vehicle to its final processing and disposal stations .



Screening Package



- Onboard –health card
- On arrival temperature check
- Covid-19 antibodies rapid diagnostic test (April-June 2020)
- 72 hours pre-arrival negative Covid-19 PCR testing (August 2020)
- PCR fast testing facilities at airports in touristic governorates
- PCR point of care testing for passengers from countries that reported the presence of Covid-19 variants of concerns or have surge of cases .



Repatriation of stranded Egyptians



Stranded Egyptian abroad

350 repatriation flights returned back 46860 Egyptian which tested and quarantined in institutional quarantine at dedicated hotels and universities student houses and thus who tested +ve referred to designated hospitals .

stranded sailors

- Facilitating the evacuation of stranded sailors onboard ships and enable them to return back to their countries through Egyptian airports, as well as enabling alternative crews to reach the ships.



Travel measures for the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant:

- Direct flights suspension

On Friday 26th November , Egyptian authorities suspended direct flights from and to South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia and Eswatini.

- Travellers entering Egypt via an indirect flights from those countries, Health authority at POEs requests negative ID NOW COVID-19 test and (self-quarantine declaration for 7 days and performing Pcr test at the end of 7th day)

In addition, acurrently negative test is always required upon entry PCR for a maximum 72 hours or proof of COVID vaccination.

Travelers subjected to entry screening and post arrival monitoring

(January 2020 to November 2021)



	Number of International Flights	Number of arrivals	Suspicious cases
Airports	87817	11084204	1566
Sea Ports	17260	249707	17
Ground Crossings	2434	842919	43
Total	107511	12176830	1626



Number of on arrival COVID-19 testing (April 2020 to November 2021)



	Number of tests	Positive tests
Ab RDTs	120771	1572
Conventional PCR	242321	962
Point of Care PCR	2655	115
Total	365747	2649



Thank you