

## **CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PREPARES TO RESUME OPERATIONS IN LEVEL 3 OF THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**

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Cape Town International Airport (CTIA) resumed operations on 1 June 2020 as the country moved into Level 3 of the national lockdown to curb the spread of the Coronavirus in South Africa.

During the months of April and May 2020 Cape Town International only processed medical flights, cargo flights and approved essential and repatriation flights. To date the airport has processed just over 200 cargo flights and nearly 625 repatriation flights.

“It’s wonderful to the airlines take to the skies. Airlines currently operating include Mango Airlines, FlySafair, Cemair and Airlink. At this stage, no scheduled international commercial flights will be processed”, said Deidre Davids, Spokesperson, Cape Town International Airport.

The airport has put a number of plans in place to be ready to process flights amidst its ‘new normal’ operations. “While we do not anticipate large volumes at this stage, an easy start up allows us to test our new ways of working”, added Davids.

**In order to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus, a number of key operational measures have been put in place:**

- Only passengers will be allowed to enter the airport terminal buildings, unless minors or special needs passengers are travelling.
- All persons entering the airport will be screened by Port Health (including airport personnel and passengers).
- Everyone is required to wear masks.
- All trolleys are sanitized regularly and safe for use.
- Cleaning is critical – we clean and disinfect regularly.
- There are sanitisers throughout the airport.
- We have Covid-19 monitors on hand to assist passengers and make sure they are abiding by the rules
- Parkade 1 will be closed and only Parkade 2 will be open.
- On the drop off road, only entrance 2 is open.

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- The international terminal will remain closed, except for specific repatriation flights.
- The Transit Facility will remain closed.
- Limited retail will be available - most shops and restaurants will remain closed.

**The security points are traditionally high touch points – with this in mind, to protect passengers and airport staff, there is a concerted drive to limit contact with the passenger. As a result, passengers are requested to:**

- Scan their own boarding passes
- Place all of their loose items in their hand luggage
- Re-enter the queue should they trigger the metal detector
- Only laptops will be allowed in trays

In order to give themselves enough time for their flight, passengers are required to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours ahead of their flight.

“We’ve safely processed nearly 8000 people on repatriation flights. We are confident that we have put safety measures of the highest standard in place.”, concluded Davids.

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