



Source: Ministry of Health, Tonga

Date	Items
31 Dec 2019	<i>Cluster of pneumonia in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China was reported to WHO. A novel coronavirus was eventually identified</i>
27th Jan 2020	First COVID-19 health travel advisory for Tonga issued enforcing all international inbound travellers to fill in the Health Custom Form to assess potential signs and symptoms and exposure to 2019-nCov (later changed to COVID-19)
30th Jan 2020	<i>The WHO Director General declared the novel corona virus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (see <a href="#">link</a>)</i> Ministry of Health border control team (Environmental Health Team) start scanning of international travellers
3 Feb 2020	Tonga National Task Force for COVID-19 joined with National Emergency Management Committee and convene its first meeting to discuss COVID-19 preparedness and response Second health travel advisory for Tonga issued enforcing all international inbound travellers to fill in the Health Custom Form to assess potential signs and symptoms and exposure to 2019-nCov (later changed to COVID-19)
11 Feb 2020	MOH issued Diversion Order no. 1 for international cruise ships and all international inbound watercrafts to be diverted away from Tonga until further notice on its renewal date
15 Feb 2020	Third health travel advisory for Tonga issued enforcing all international inbound travellers to fill in the Health Custom Form to assess potential signs and symptoms and exposure to COVID-19
03 March 2020	Fourth health travel advisory for Tonga issued enforcing all international inbound travellers to fill in the Health Custom Form to assess potential signs and symptoms and exposure to COVID-19
11 March 2020	<i>WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as pandemic (see <a href="#">link</a>)</i>
12 March 2020	Tonga Minister for Health declared COVID-19 as Public Health Emergency and an Emergency Notifiable Conditions under the Public Health Act 2008. A state of Public Health Emergency declared and start to enforce health protection measures and instructions such as avoiding of mass gathering
18 March 2020	Fifth health travel advisory for Tonga issued listing 46 countries with community transmissions and stating conditions to meet before enabling travellers from these countries to enter Tonga if conditions are met
20 March 2020	Tonga declared a State of National Emergency for COVID-19 under the Emergency Management Act 2007 supported by Tonga Public Health Act 2008.
22 March 2020	Sixth travel advisory for Tonga issued diverting all international flight to Tonga for the next two weeks and raising alert level from high to very high in alignment with WHO global risk assessment. MOH issued diversion order no. 1 for all inbound international flight- Temporary closure of border for all international travels
23 March 2020	First National Instruction for Mass Gathering issued by the Minister of Health under the Public Health Act. It reduced certain mass gatherings to 20 indoors and 40 outdoors. Exception were allowed for workplaces, schools, markets and super markets and public transportation

26 March 2020	Tonga's first National Lockdown Notice issued to be effective on 29th March to 5th April 2020 restricting national movements including the above exception places. The only exceptions were for "essential workers/services". National curfew from 8pm to 6pm
29 March 2020	One week National Lockdown effective date
03 April 2020	Renewal of the initial National Lockdown Notice for another one week from 5th to 12th April 2020
05 April 2020	Further suspension of all international flights indefinitely
	Effective date for renewal of National Lockdown Notice
	Marine Security Committee issued its first version of Procedures for handling all foreign cargo vessels including tankers during COVID-19
08 April 2020	Special State of Emergency under Emergency Management Act to enable preparedness and response for TC Harold
09 April 2020	TC Harold entered Tongan waters around 01:00hrs, with damage to infrastructure and environment in Tongatapu and 'Eua mainly caused by king tides associated with the strong winds during the cyclone
12 April 2020	Two weeks National Lockdown ended
17 April 2020	Renewal of the State of Emergency under Emergency Management Act 2007 for another month
	National COVID-19 Restriction Notice issued for one week
24 April 2020	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Notice until further notice
1 May 2020	Renewal of the most recent National COVID-19 Restriction Notice for two weeks
15 May 2020	Monthly renewal of the State of Emergency under Emergency Management Act 2007
	Review of the most recent National COVID-19 Restriction Notice including reducing curfew hrs to 7 hrs from 10:00pm to 05:00am and slowly granting permission for night clubs and bars to operate on certain days only during the week, with public health measures still in place
11 June 2020	Renewal of the State of Emergency for another month
	Update of the National COVID-19 Restriction Notice applicable for one month. Revision including further reducing curfew hrs to 5 hrs from 12:00am to 05:00hrs and slowly enabling business to open any day however keeping enforcing the social distancing and hand hygiene requirements
8 July 2020	National COVID-19 Restriction Notice slightly changed its name to National COVID-19 Restriction Directions with similar requirements as the most recent version
	Monthly renewal of the SOE
13 July 2020	First repatriation flight arrived in Tonga from NZ since border closure on March 23rd and undergone 2 weeks quarantine in government designated facilities (see Disaster Dashboard to access list of repatriation flights)
04 August 2020	Monthly renewal of the SOE
31 August 2020	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions with very minor changes to the most recent version
28 Sept 2020 / 26 Oct 2020 / 23 Nov 2020 / 21 Dec 2020	Monthly renewal of the SOE

## 2021

18 Jan 2021	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 18 January 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 18 January 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
15 Feb 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
15 March 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
31 March 2021	Ministry of Health confirmed the Kingdom received the first batch of COVID19 Astra Zeneca vaccines at Fua'amotu
12 April 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
15 April 2021	Vaccination roll out to front liners commenced
19 April 2021	Vaccination to priority in the communities (over 45 years and over 18s with NCDs and persons with disabilities)
10 May 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
06 June 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
24 June 2021	Second vaccination roll out commenced for those who have received their first dose
05 July 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 02 August 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version from 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 02 August 2021
29 July 2021	Vaccination roll out commenced in Vava'u
02 August 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 02 August 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version 02 August 2021 to 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
30 August 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 27 September 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version to from 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 27 September 2021

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27 September 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 25 October 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version to 25 October 2021
25 October 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE to 22 November 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version to 29 November 2021
21 October 2021	Roll out of Pfizer vaccination to school children aged 12 – 17 years commencing in Tongatapu
29 October 2021	PM announced Tonga's first positive test for COVID19 in Tonga
1 November 2021	National COVID19 Lockdown (Tongatapu) Restrictions Directions commencing 12.01AM Tuesday 02 November 2021 to 11.59PM Monday 08 November 2021
02 Nov – 08 November 2021	Tongatapu Lockdown to contain COVID19 from historical case from Christchurch, New Zealand
22 November 2021	Monthly renewal of the SOE to 20 December 2021
	Renewal of National COVID-19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version to 20 December 2021
20 December 2021	Monthly renewal of SOE to 17 January 2022, 8pm
	Renewal of National COVID19 Restriction Directions similar to the most recent version to 17 January 2022 <b>EXCEPT for 31 December 2021 when curfew will be from 2am to 5am, AND during prayer week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 curfew will be from 12am (midnight) to 3am.</b>

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17 January, 2022	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Restrictions Directions similar to the most recent version from 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 to 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 to 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022
	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Restrictions Directions similar to the most recent version from 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022 to 14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022 to 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
01 February, 2022	Tonga recorded the first two community transmissions of COVID-19 cases
	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions Directions similar to the most recent version from 02 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 until further notice and upon review of the Directions every 48 hours
04 February, 2022	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions Directions similar to the most recent version from 04 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 until further notice and upon review of the Directions every 48 hours
06 February, 2022	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions (Tongatapu and Vava'u Islands) Directions similar to the most recent version from 06 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 unless further reviewed.
	Monthly renewal of the SOE from 06 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
08 February, 2022	14 active COVID-19 cases confirmed
	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions (Vaini and Pili areas) Directions similar to the most recent version from 08 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 until further notice and upon review of the Directions every 48 hours
09 February, 2022	34 active COVID-19 cases confirmed
10 February, 2022	65 positive COVID-19 cases recorded – 64 cases in Tongatapu and 1 in Vava'u
11 February, 2022	109 active COVID-19 cases confirmed
14 February, 2022	<p>Total of 139 positive COVID-19 Omicron cases confirmed with 1 case recovered and released on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 138 positive cases being monitored by MOH, 6 in Vava'u and 132 in Tongatapu</li> </ul> <p>Tonga's vaccination rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 98% (75,567) of those who have had their first dose with 211 new doses given out since Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</li> <li>- 238 people for second dose on Friday as well</li> <li>- Booster shots increased from 10, 3602 to 12,130 in the last 48 hours.</li> </ul> <p>Booster shots have been sent to Vava'u.</p> <p>Vaccination rate for Vava'u:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 93% for first dose</li> <li>- 88% for second dose</li> </ul> <p>97% children aged 12 years old to 17 who have had their first dose and 93% for second dose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- About 1,344 people still required to get their first vaccination shots.</li> </ul>

	<p>Renewal of the National COVID-19 Restrictions (Ha’apai, ‘Eua, Niuatoputapu mo Niuafu’ou) Directions similar to the most recent version from 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022</p> <p>Monthly renewal of the SOE from 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022</p>
17 February, 2022	<p>208 positive COVID-19 Omicron cases since February, 01.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seven recovered</li> <li>- Six negative results</li> <li>- 195 current active COVID-19 cases recorded in Tonga</li> </ul> <p>Vaccination rate for the whole of Tonga:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 98% people who have had their first dose</li> <li>- 90% who have had their second dose</li> <li>- 20% booster shots</li> </ul> <p>Vaccination rate for Vava’u:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 93% who have had their first dose</li> <li>- 88% for second dose</li> </ul>
18 February, 2022	<p>Lockdown restrictions eased for 7 days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 23 recoveries from the 195 active COVID-19 cases</li> <li>- 24 new positive cases reported</li> <li>- Total of 196 active COVID-19 cases recorded in the last 24 hours</li> </ul> <p>25 positive cases recorded in MIQ on Thursday, 23 have been recovered while two are still active cases</p> <p>Vaccination rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 99% of those who have had their first dose</li> <li>- 90% for second dose</li> <li>- 20% for booster shots</li> </ul> <p>A total of 1,093 people are still required to undertake their first dose</p> <p>Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions (Tongatapu and Vava’u Islands) Directions from 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</p>
23 February, 2022	<p>467 people are required to get their first dose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20 COVID-19 cases have been recovered at Hu’atolitoli Prison with five active cases remaining.</li> <li>- 78 people have been discharged</li> <li>- 57 recovering with remaining;</li> <li>- 133 active cases being monitored.</li> </ul> <p>Vaccination rate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 99% remains for first dose</li> <li>- 91% for second dose</li> <li>- 26% for booster shots</li> </ul>

	Total of 20, 562 tests have been verified by MOH since 01 <sup>st</sup> February, 2022 through tests and surveillance. This includes 5,755 PCR and 14,807 RAT tests.
25 February, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easing of COVID-19 restrictions (curfew hours from 8pm to 5am daily)</li> <li>- 177 recoveries recorded</li> <li>- 178 active cases now monitored by MOH</li> <li>- Tertiary students are allowed to return face to face education starting next week</li> <li>- Primary and High School students will continue on with the radio programs organized by MET</li> <li>- All businesses who have been approved to open are required to follow their compliance plans</li> <li>- Constructions, commercial and domestic fisheries and farmers can also resume as long as they follow Tonga's COVID-19 protocol.</li> <li>- MOH is currently monitoring the cases in Hu'atolitoli Prison</li> <li>- Six cases in Vava'u have been discharged</li> <li>- About 188 people received their first dose in the last 24 hours</li> <li>- 55,000 Pfizer doses set to arrive Tonga from Australia</li> <li>- Over 1,000 civil servants from government ministries tested for COVID-19 and have been resulted negative</li> </ul>
	Renewal of the National COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions (Tongatapu and Vava'u Islands) Directions from 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to 06 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022