**TRAVEL INTEL – MAY 2022**

Hi all, here is the latest re my research on overseas flights ex-Sydney …

We are Australian Citizens. I am unvaxxed. My wife booked a flight with Emirates last week for the family departing Sydney via Dubai to Dublin, Ireland. The Emirates rep said that there were no restrictions for unvaxxed travellers.

(Qantas and some other airlines have restrictions).

I called Emirates again today to check; they said that there were no restrictions for our flight. I also asked them to check if Emirates was code sharing with another airline (that might have vaxx requirements) but they confirmed that it was an Emirates only flight.

So, Emirates have no restrictions travelling to Sydney, in roughly the last month.

Secondly, I called Service NSW to see if NSW had any restrictions.

i.                 They said that I must apply for the DPD within 7 days to 0 days of leaving for Australia. https://dpd.homeaffairs.gov.au/

ii.                Then you follow the state rules. No specific rule for Vaxxed versus unvaxxed now in NSW. No caps for unvaxxed travellers in NSW.

iii.               You do not need to go into quarantine on arrival.

iv.              You must do a RAT or PCR test within 24 hours. If a Negative result no need to report. Must avoid high risk settings for the next 7-days.

v.                Must follow the Federal Rules – which override the state rules. They thought that there were restrictions federally for the unvaxxed, although when I called again another lady said this was not the case.

Thirdly, I called Home Affairs on 131 881, or outside Australia call +61 2 6196 0196

They quoted https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing

In particular, the key info is under Vaccination and Testing, particularly the third para which says:

If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen usually resident in Australia, then you are exempt from Australia’s border restrictions and do not need to apply for an individual travel exemption, regardless of your vaccination status.

SUMMARY:

For our situation it looks like we will be OK.

What I would advise you do is:

Call the state Service office in which you live and ask them for advice, e.g. Service NSW +61 2 6196 0196

Call the airlines and check with them that there are no restrictions for the unvaxxed

Call the Dept of Home Affairs to see what they say. Also see https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/vaccination-testing

Complete the Digital Passenger Declaration between 7 to 0 days before departure to Australia. Australia Digital Passenger Declaration (DPD) (homeaffairs.gov.au)

Hope this helps ...

Blessings

Phil