

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

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### Coronavirus: Destination Updates

#### **SRI LANKA**

The Sri Lankan parliamentary general elections are scheduled for August 5. The Health Ministry is to present a new set of COVID-19 health guidelines to parliament coming week, including fresh health guidelines for tourists intending to visit the country, as a move to resuscitate the tourism industry.

Sri Lanka will resume repatriations from July 31. Repatriations had initially been pushed to early September after it was suspended on July 14 in the wake of a sudden spike as contact tracing from the drug center led to cases from many areas transforming into a cluster and thousands having been taken into the quarantine centres. Although, the cluster is now brought under control the International airport (BIA) is expected to be closed till September.

The coronavirus case count in Sri Lanka now stands at 2,810 cases with 2,317 (82.5%) recoveries according to latest health ministry figures. 11 (0.4%) deaths are reported due to the virus.

For the latest national updates you may visit <https://srilanka.travel/covid19/>