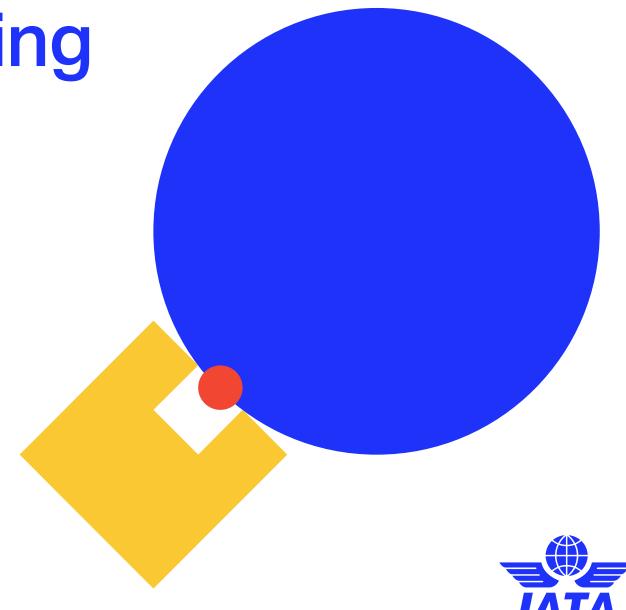
## AME Media Briefing COVID-19

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#### **COVID-19 Effect on African Aviation**

African Region	Airline Revenues	Passenger Numbers
East Africa	- 56%	- 53%
Western Africa	- 60%	- 58%
Northern Africa	- 58%	- 56%
Southern Africa	- 60%	- 58%

#### > Airlines in Africa will lose USD \$42 for every passenger they carry in 2020



#### **COVID-19 Effect on Aviation in the Middle East**

African Region	Airline Revenues	Passenger Numbers
GCC	- 56%	- 54%
Levant	- 58%	- 56%

Airlines in the Middle East will lose USD \$37 for every passenger they carry in 2020



### Three factors critical to the restart of aviation

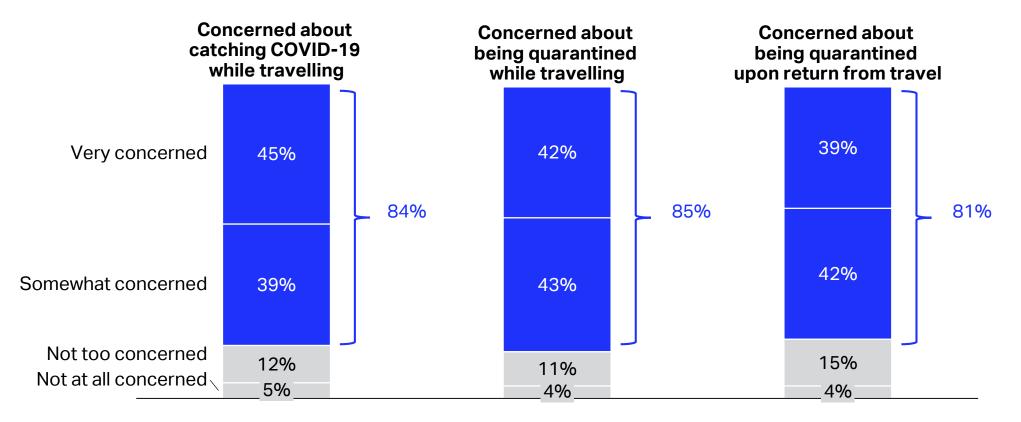
- The opening or closing of borders should not be politicized
- 2. Avoid costs that could be a barrier to travel
- Governments should consider alternatives to quarantine





# Travelers are as concerned about quarantine as they are about catching the virus

Travelers' concerns about catching the virus vs. being quarantined

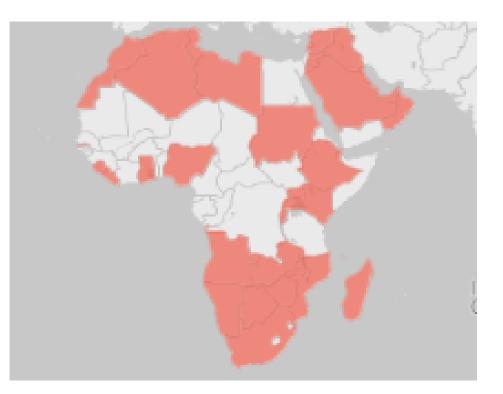






## Critical that AME Governments Implement Alternatives to Quarantine

Government-imposed quarantine measures in 36 countries across Africa and the Middle East (AME) account for 40% of all quarantine measures globally.





### IATA proposes a layering of measures to protect public health while re-starting aviation, focused on two areas:

#### **1. Reducing the risk of imported cases via travelers**

- Discouraging symptomatic passengers from traveling
- Health screening by governments in the form of health declarations.
- COVID-19 testing for travelers from countries perceived to be "higher-risk"

#### 2. Mitigating Risk in Cases Where an Infected Person Does Travel

- Implementation of the Take-Off guidelines published by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- Contact tracing to efficiently isolate any traveler who may become symptomatic and infectious after arrival
- Reducing risk of transmission at destination through overall government measures to fight the virus,



## Questions

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