

Aruba



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Since March 19th, travelers are no longer required to present a COVID-19 negative test result or proof of vaccination. Some health protocols still apply.

All visitors (including children) spending more than 24 hours in Aruba are required to complete the online [ED Card](#) immigration form to be permitted entry.

Read through all 4 steps to find out:

- How to purchase the mandatory Covid-19 insurance
- How to answer travel and health questions

Travelers are no longer be required to present a COVID-19 negative test result or proof of vaccination.

Step 1: Requisite insurance coverage

The Aruba Visitors Insurance is a mandatory insurance that helps protect visitors against incurred medical and non-medical expenses in case they test positive for COVID-19 during their stay in Aruba.

Some important highlights:

- Visitors must purchase the Aruba Visitors Insurance as part of the ED Card immigration form.
- Visitors can buy or use their own travel or health insurance to supplement the Aruba Visitors Insurance, but not to replace it.
- Other insurances may cover you for some of the COVID-19-related expenses, but few plans offer comprehensive COVID-19 coverage in Aruba and also cover isolation costs outside of a hospital.
- The premium is a reasonably priced, one-time flat fee, not a daily rate based on length of stay.
- Subject to an overall limit of US\$75,000, a visitor who tests positive for COVID-19 in Aruba, will have very few, if any, out-of-pocket expenses with the Aruba Visitors Insurance, as the medical and non-medical providers are paid directly by the locally licensed insurers.
- If you purchase the Aruba Visitors Insurance and do not take your trip, you may request a full refund by email.
- As soon as you've completed the ED-Card form and payment, you will receive an email with your Aruba Visitors Insurance policy documents attached.

Learn more about the insurance on www.arubavisitorsinsurance.com

Note: You will need a valid credit card to be able to purchase the requisite insurance.

Timing: Aruba Visitors Insurance is purchased as part of the ED Card immigration form.

Step 2: Basic traveler information and personal health assessment

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming

Travelers must truthfully and accurately provide basic personal, travel, and health details such as: date of birth, passport information, length of stay etc. Questions regarding travelling health may include:

- Have you (or the person for whom you completed this form) been suspected of or diagnosed with pneumonia or the COVID-19 infection within the past 10 days?
- Did you (or the person for whom you completed this form) have any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or loss of smell/taste?
- Have you been in quarantine within the past 10 days?
- Have you had any close contact (less than two meters) for more than 15 minutes with a probable or confirmed COVID-19-infected person within the past 10 days, including persons in quarantine or isolation?

Timing: These questions need to be answered as part of the ED Card immigration form.

Step 3: Consent to Aruba Government Mandates

Visitors are required to consent to comply with the rules and procedures as mandated by the Aruban government. This will include:

- Acknowledgment and consent that upon arrival and during their stay in Aruba visitors shall cooperate with any type of COVID-19 testing as indicated by the public health authorities of Aruba, including isolation and/or quarantine.
- Acknowledgment and consent to follow any and all instructions imposed by the public health authorities of Aruba; this includes, but is not limited to, instructions to be isolated or quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19.
- For details on the procedures for guests showing symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result while in Aruba, please refer to our [Your Health](#) page.

Timing: Consent to Aruba Government mandates must be completed as part of the ED Card immigration form.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION

- Upon successful completion of the ED card process, travelers will receive an email confirmation of approval for travel (green checkmark), which must be shown either digitally or in printed form at check-in or upon boarding.

Note: You will need a valid passport and a valid email address that you have access to.

Step 4: Arrival Health Procedures in Aruba

All visitors will be required to comply with arrival health procedures as mandated by the Aruba Airport Authority and the Government of Aruba.

Prior to travel, visitors should download the Aruba Department of Public Health's [Aruba Health App](#). A mobile resource for information on COVID-19 health procedures in Aruba, and faster results for Molecular PCR COVID-19 tests taken in Aruba.

Have any unanswered questions? Use the FAQ section at the bottom of the page to search.

Source: <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements/before-you-travel>

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TRAVELER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Aug 21, 2021 - Announcement of additional measures
- Aug 20, 2021 - Announcement of changes to children's ages
- Aug 5, 2021 - Re-introduction of safety measures including mask usage
- Jul 29, 2021 - Temporarily restriction of vaccination for travel option
- Jul 12, 2021 - Announced vaccination for travel option
- Jul 5, 2021 - Adjusted local measures section
- Jun 7, 2021 - Re-opening of countries, updated relaxed measures and mask usage
- May 25, 2021 - Updated relaxed measures, remove curfew and beach restriction
- May 10, 2021 - Updated relaxed measures
- Apr 26, 2021 - Updated relaxed measures
- Mar 26, 2021 - Change to restaurant seating counts, curfew and closing time adjustment, public group gatherings
- Mar 17, 2021 - Travel restrictions for South-Africa and Brazil. Peru restrictions have been lifted.
- Feb 8, 2021 - The Online ED Card can no longer be filled out more than 72 hour before travel
- Feb 5, 2021 - Curfew extended, changed curfew and opening hours and outdoor seating relaxed
- Jan 23, 2021 - Updated Brazil travel restrictions. Extra emphasis on that the ED Card and insurance are required for children of all ages.
- Jan 13, 2021 - Added information about the new C. D.C. testing requirements
- Jan 7, 2021 - Curfew extension and additional measures
- Jan 3, 2021 - Curfew extension
- Dec 29, 2020 - Curfew announcement
- Dec 14, 2020 - Update to maximum number of musicians and clarification around Vault Health
- Dec 10, 2020 - Clarification on Casino closing time and specifically listing the accepted test type in the FAQ for those have recently recovered and wish to travel to Aruba
- Dec 4, 2020 - Number of seats per table and amount of musicians reduced
- Nov 30, 2020 - Clarification on the Venezuela and Peru entry requirements
- Nov 11, 2020 - Announcement of JetBlue partnership
- Nov 4, 2020 - Cleanup of measures that are no longer in place since Nov 1.
- Oct 27, 2020 - New re-opening dates, phasing out of state testing requirements, insurance price adjustment, curfew replaced by 'restricted zones', updated FAQ and updated music policy
- Oct 22, 2020 - Curfew no longer in effect
- Oct 7, 2020 - Changed closing and curfew time
- Sept 19, 2020 - Changed closing and curfew time
- Sept 16, 2020 - Included upcoming state requirement changes
- Sept 10, 2020 - Removed airport temperature screening

UPDATE EFFECTIVE AUG 22ND FOR ALL VISITORS

Effective August 22, 2021, Aruba has temporarily put local measures in place. Refer to the [safety protocols section](#) for additional details.

Essential, must read information for all travelers to Aruba

The following information reflects the most up-to-date information as it pertains to Aruba's reopening protocols and procedures. Aruba's health and safety protocols will be revisited and reevaluated on an ongoing basis. Based on the ever-changing situation, we recommend all visitors check [Aruba.com](#) frequently for any changes to dates, markets, required procedures and more.

This information is subject to change at the discretion of the Government of Aruba.

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REOPENING STATEMENT & COUNTRY/REGION START DATES

As of June 10, 2020, the government of Aruba officially announced that the country will reopen its borders and once again welcome inbound travel. The decision to reopen borders, which were closed due to COVID-19 restrictions in early March, was made in conjunction with the Aruba Department of Public Health (DPH) and took into consideration the ongoing guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO), The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in the United States.

The government of Aruba carefully considers a range of factors in the reopening decision-making process, including:

- **Local Containment**
An aggressive response to identifying and managing potential cases of COVID-19 was impactful and reduced the effect on Aruba.
- **Gradual Easing of On-Island Restrictions**
As conditions improved, restrictions on the island have been carefully rolled back without significant concerns.
- **Stringent Health Standards in Place**
Stringent new health and safety protocols, including the Aruba Health & Happiness Code, have been implemented island-wide, with a heavy emphasis on tourism and hospitality businesses to help ensure the well-being of Aruba's visitors and local community.

PERMITTED COUNTRIES/REGIONS & OPENING DATES

Aruba's diligent reopening has happened in phases, monitored closely by the Government of Aruba and the Department of Public Health. We want to make traveling to Aruba as safe and easy as possible and we're pleased to share our most updated reopening status by region/country:

The United States of America : Open!

Through a partnership with Vault Health, all JetBlue passengers who want to test prior to travel to Aruba, now have the convenient option of an at-home, saliva-based Vault PCR Molecular COVID-19 test, in addition to the option of securing a [Molecular COVID-19 test](#) from another certified health provider or lab. Those JetBlue passengers not choosing to test prior to travel must take a PCR based Molecular COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport in Aruba. For more details, [click here](#).

Canada : Open!

Europe : Open!

South America : Open! *

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Starting June 7th, 2021, residents of Brazil will be able to travel to Aruba again.

* With the exception of Venezuela. Prior to the pandemic, a border closure with Venezuela was already in effect and shall remain so for the time being.

Central America : Open!

The Caribbean : Open!

All other regions & countries : Open!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Starting June 7th, 2021, residents of India and South-Africa will be able to travel to Aruba again.

MANDATORY PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY

To maintain the safety and well-being of visitors and locals, new requirements are in place for visitors to be permitted to enter Aruba. There are also government-mandated procedures for visitors while staying in Aruba. While full procedural details will be updated on a regular basis, the following are some of the most important:

THE ONLINE EMBARKATION/DISEMBARKATION PROCESS

All visitors (including children) will be required to complete the online Embarkation/Disembarkation card process and be approved in order to be permitted entry to Aruba. The new [ED card](#) process includes five components. Do take note carefully, as there are important steps, and visitors will not be granted access to Aruba without completing the process.

Note: You will need a valid passport and a valid email address that you have access to.

COMPONENT 1 & 2: BASIC TRAVELER INFORMATION & PERSONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

This will require travelers to provide basic personal and travel details such as: date of birth, passport information, length of stay, etc and require visitors to provide truthful, accurate answers to questions regarding their health. These questions will likely include:

- Have you (or the person for whom you completed this form) been suspected of or diagnosed with pneumonia or the COVID-19 infection within the past 14 days?
- Did you (or the person for whom you completed this form) have any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or loss of smell/taste?
- Have you been in quarantine within the past 14 days?
- Have you had any close contact (less than two meters) for more than 15 minutes with a probable or confirmed COVID-19-infected person within the past 14 days, including persons in quarantine or isolation?

Timing: This must be completed within 3 days hours and 4 hours prior to travel to Aruba.

COMPONENT 3: NEGATIVE MOLECULAR COVID-19 TEST

To create a safe environment for you — our guest — and residents alike, it is important that we have testing to confirm that all travelers are negative for coronavirus.

All visitors, 15 years and older (this will change to "12 year and older" starting Aug. 25, 2021) , traveling to Aruba must take one Molecular COVID-19 test within 3 days to 4 hours prior to travel to Aruba.

The Aruba Health App offers passengers the opportunity to upload their test during the ED Card online registration process, and have it verified prior to departure to Aruba. Once approved, this will be registered on the Aruba Health App. Passengers with a pre-departure approved will be guided to the faster *Pre-Approved Health Lane*.

Find the testing option best suited to you on the [COVID-19 Testing Requirements page](#).

Alternatively certain eligible travelers who [meet the requirements](#) may provide proof of vaccination instead of testing. Read the complete details on this [COVID-19 Vaccination for Travel](#) page.

CommonPass users can make use of the Pre-Approved Health Lane. [Read all about CommonPass here](#).

For details on the procedures for guests showing a positive COVID-19 test result while in Aruba, please reference the "[Regulations when showing symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19 while in Aruba](#)" section below.

COMPONENT 4: REQUISITE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government of Aruba must ensure that all visitors (including children) are properly insured. The [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) is a mandatory insurance that helps protect visitors against incurred medical and non-medical expenses if testing positive for COVID-19 during their stay in Aruba.

For full details on the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) including coverage details, eligibility requirements, premium calculations by age, maximum length of coverage, FAQ's and more, we encourage visitors to please [click here](#). Some important highlights are listed below.

- Visitors must purchase the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) in order to complete the [ED card](#)
- Visitors can buy or use their own travel or health insurance to supplement the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#), but not to replace it.
- Other insurances may cover you for some of the COVID-19-related expenses, but few plans offer comprehensive COVID-19 coverage in Aruba and also cover isolation costs outside of a hospital.
- The premium is a reasonably priced, one-time flat fee, not a daily rate based on length of stay. Note, this premium reflects a reduction in the cost of insurance from prior months. For more details [click here](#).
- Subject to an overall limit of US\$75,000, a visitor who tests positive for COVID-19 in Aruba, will have very few, if any, out-of-pocket expenses with the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#), as the medical and non-medical providers are paid directly by the locally licensed insurers.
- If you purchase the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) and do not take your trip, you may request a full refund by email.
- As soon as you've completed the ED-Card form and payment, you will receive an email with your [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) policy documents attached.

Timing: Purchase of the [Aruba Visitors Insurance](#) must be completed within 3 days hours, and 4 hours prior to travel to Aruba.

COMPONENT 5: CONSENT TO ARUBA GOVERNMENT MANDATES

This will require visitors to consent to comply with the rules and procedures as mandated by the Aruban government. This will include:

- Acknowledgment and consent that upon arrival and during their stay in Aruba visitors shall cooperate with any type of COVID-19 testing as indicated by the public health authorities of Aruba, including isolation and/or quarantine.
- Acknowledgment and consent that in case the visitor undergoes diagnostic Molecular PCR COVID-19 testing, they shall await their Molecular PCR COVID-19 test results in quarantine as instructed by the public health authorities.
- Acknowledgment and consent to follow any and all instructions imposed by the public health authorities of Aruba; this includes, but is not limited to, instructions to be isolated or quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19.
- For details on the procedures for guests showing a positive COVID-19 test result while in Aruba, please reference the "[Regulations when showing symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19 while in Aruba](#)" section below.

Timing: Consent to Aruba Government mandates must be completed within 3 days hours and 4 hours prior to travel to Aruba.

EMAIL NOTIFICATION

- Upon successful completion of the [ED card](#) process, travelers will receive an email confirmation of approval for travel, which must be shown either digitally or in printed form at check in or upon boarding.

ARRIVAL HEALTH PROCEDURES IN ARUBA

All visitors will be required to comply with arrival health procedures as mandated by the Aruba Airport Authority and the Government of Aruba. The mandatory requirements will include:

- For all inbound visitors age 15 and above (this will change to "12 year and above" starting Aug. 25, 2021) , the Aruban government requires a mask be worn in flight to Aruba, at the airport in Aruba and until you enter your room at your booked place of stay.
- All travelers not showing documentation indicating a negative Molecular COVID-19 test result prior to travel to Aruba as a part of the [ED card](#) process will receive a Molecular PCR COVID-19 test at the Airport when arriving in Aruba.
- The Molecular PCR COVID-19 testing will be followed by a mandatory quarantine at the traveler's booked accommodations while test results are assessed.
- The mandatory quarantine while test results are assessed will be up to 24 hours. The health department will make every effort to have results as quickly as possible in order to minimize the visitor's time in quarantine.
- Children 14 and under (this will change to "11 year and under" starting Aug. 25, 2021) will not be required to take the mandatory Molecular PCR COVID-19 test upon arrival at the Aruba Airport.
- Prior to travel, visitors should download the Aruba Department of Public Health's [Aruba Health App](#). A mobile resource for information on COVID-19 health procedures in Aruba, and faster results for Molecular PCR COVID-19 tests taken in Aruba.

WHILE IN ARUBA - MASK WEARING REQUIREMENTS & ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS

For health and safety, wearing a mask is mandatory at specific places in Aruba. Visitors and locals are expected to have a mask with them at all times to use in the mandated places listed below, as well as any other instance where social distancing is not possible. As with all of Aruba's procedures and protocols, this will be monitored and is subject to change as the situation develops.

WHERE MASKS ARE MANDATORY:

- The government of Aruba requires that all inbound visitors ages 15 and older (this will change to "aged 12 and older" starting Aug. 25, 2021) wear a mask in flight to Aruba. Note: Please also check with your respective airline for their in-flight requirements and procedures for travel.
- The government of Aruba requires that all inbound visitors ages 15 and older (this will change to "aged 12 and older" starting Aug. 25, 2021) wear a mask in the airport in Aruba.
- The government of Aruba requires all visitors and locals to wear a mask in any indoor public space. This includes, but is not limited to, retail shops, supermarkets, museums, casinos, etc. Note: Please also check with your respective hotel or accommodations for their specific mask wearing protocols.

WHERE MASKS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED:

- In places not listed above as mandatory, the government of Aruba strongly encourages visitors and locals to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible and where there are no physical barriers, such as plexiglass shields, to compensate for social distancing.
- This includes, but is not limited to, food and beverage establishments, outdoor retail shops, outdoor attractions, parks, bike paths and walkways, etc.

PROPER MASK USAGE:

Visitors and locals should follow CDC and/or WHO guidelines for effective types of masks, as well as proper mask usage, which includes wearing it over the nose and mouth, securing it under the chin, and fitting it snugly against the sides of the face.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SAFETY MEASURES & UPDATES

The government of Aruba has also implemented additional island-wide measures to further maintain the health and safety of visitors. As with all of Aruba's procedures and protocols, this will be monitored and is subject to change as the situation develops.

- On August 22nd, 2021, until further notice:
 - Curfew will be in effect from 10:00 pm until 5:00 am.
 - All establishments are currently required to close by 9:00 pm at the latest. This is not applicable for establishments at hotel properties. Closing times per hotel may differ, please check with your hotel for more information.
 - An alcohol ban is temporarily in effect in certain public places in Aruba. There are still plenty of places to enjoy an alcoholic beverage on the island. Hotel guests can order alcoholic beverages on the beach as long as they stay on the hotel property, and can bring their beverages to their palapa or beach chair as long as they order from the hotel bar. Alcoholic beverages can still be enjoyed at beach bars or restaurants not affiliated with a hotel, as long as patrons stay within the grounds of the establishment. It is currently prohibited to consume alcohol on any other beaches, parking lots, parks, or in any public place unless it is a licensed establishment.
 - There are "restricted zones" that are off-limits between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. Restricted zones include all beaches and public parking lots.
 - No groups over four people are allowed to form in public spaces unless the group consists of a family from the same household. This includes gatherings on the beach.
 - No gatherings or parties are allowed at private homes.
 - Seating at restaurants is at a maximum of four per table (excluding children under the age of 12), both indoor and outdoor. Tables must be at least 1.5 m apart.
 - All bars, rum shops, nightclubs and restaurants can serve at tables only.

TESTING BEFORE YOUR RETURN FLIGHT

As part of their pandemic travel protocols, some countries /states/cities now require travelers show a negative COVID-19 test result to be granted re-entry to their country of origin. Aruba has all necessary testing facilities and procedures are in place for visitors. For a list of COVID-19 testing facilities in Aruba, [click here](#).

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR U.S. VISITORS:

Effective January 26th, 2021, as announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. government will require all international airline passengers to show proof of a negative, PCR or Antigen, Covid-19 test before boarding flights to the United States. In addition, the results of the test must be from no more than 3 days prior to departure. For the official CDC announcement, [click here](#).

REGULATIONS WHEN SHOWING SYMPTOMS OR A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST WHILE IN ARUBA

All visitors will be required to comply with the Government of Aruba procedures and protocols if showing symptoms and/or testing positive for COVID-19 while in Aruba. The mandatory requirements will include:

SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS : STEP 1

HOTEL AND TIMESHARE GUESTS:

- In the case of a guest contacting the hotel or timeshare in light of symptoms linked to [COVID-19](#)(fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties), the staff will direct the guest immediately to their room and the respective hotel or timeshare representative will contact the COVID Call Center at 280-0505 and connect the call to their room.
- Over the phone, a triage questionnaire will be conducted by a medical practitioner.

For guests that do NOT MEET the criteria for testing:

- The medical practitioner will advise on next steps.
- The hotel will follow up by calling the room and confirming the status.

VILLA OR PRIVATE HOME GUESTS:

- In the case of a guest having symptoms linked to [COVID-19](#)(fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties), the guest must contact their accommodation host or the COVID Call Center at 280-0505
- Over the phone, a triage questionnaire will be conducted by a medical practitioner.

For guests that do NOT MEET the criteria for testing:

- The medical practitioner will advise them on next steps.

SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS & TESTING REQUIRED : STEP 2

HOTEL AND TIMESHARE GUESTS:

For guests that MEET the criteria for testing:

- The COVID Call Center will inform the guest and the host hotel or timeshare of the suspected case.
- A date and time will be appointed by the COVID Call Center for testing.
- Following all procedures as stipulated by the host hotel or timeshare, the guest will be tested at the property.
- Suspected case must stay in isolation and travel companions must stay in quarantine pending test results of the suspected case.

VILLA OR PRIVATE HOME GUESTS:

For guests that MEET the criteria for testing:

- The COVID Call Center will inform the guest of the appointed date and time for testing.
- Following all procedures as stipulated by the host, the guest will be tested at their place of stay.
- Suspected case must stay in isolation and travel companions must stay in quarantine pending test results of the suspected case.

Testing and transportation

- Host or suspected case will contact the designated private concierge to arrange transportation for pickup for testing.
- The guest should wear a mask when being picked up by designated transportation company.

COVID-19 TEST RESULTS : STEP 3

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS:

Hotel and timeshare guests:

- The test results will be revealed by the Department of Public Health.
- Following all procedures, as stipulated by the host hotel or timeshare, the guest will be transported to a designated isolation location and any identified associated contact(s) to a designated quarantine location.
- All guests are to follow all health and safety regulations during this process and must pack and take all belongings with him/her to a designated isolation and quarantine location.
- The confirmed case will remain in isolation at one of the designated properties until recovered.
- Throughout the isolation process, medical follow-up will be conducted.
- Once the patient recovers and tests negative, he /she can resume vacation or depart the destination.
- Positive cases showing symptoms are required to stay in isolation for 10 days. Asymptomatic positive cases are required to stay in isolation for 7 days.

Villa or private home guests:

- The test results will be revealed by the Department of Public Health.
- If the case is positive, the confirmed case will have to be in isolation until recovered.
- If current accommodation does not host isolation, the positively tested guest needs to be transported to a designated isolation location.
- Arrangements will be made for guest to be relocated to a designated isolation location.
- If current location hosts guests for quarantine, guests can remain in the accommodation.
- If current location does not host guests for quarantine, arrangements will be made for guests to be transported to a designated quarantine location.
- Identified associated contact(s) of the confirmed case are required to be in quarantine for 10 days and will be monitored by the Department of Public Health

NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS:

Hotel and timeshare guests:

- If test results are negative, the guest can resume their vacation.

Villa or private home guests:

- If test results are negative, the patient can resume their vacation.

TRAVEL COMPANIONS – QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

Hotel and timeshare guests:

- Travel companion(s) of a suspected case will remain in quarantine their room while test results are pending.
- Identified associated contact(s) of the confirmed case will need to pack their belongings as they will be relocated and placed in quarantine at one of the designated quarantine locations for 10 days. The 10-day period restarts each time a new case is discovered within the group.
- A person not showing symptoms can either stay in quarantine in Aruba at one of the designated quarantine locations or choose to depart the island.
- In cases where an identified associated contact(s) develops COVID-19-related symptoms while in quarantine, the new suspected case will be transferred for testing and then isolated at an assigned location pending test results.

Villa or private home guests:

- Only guests exhibiting symptoms will be taken in for testing.
- In case an identified contact(s) develops COVID-19-related symptoms while in quarantine, the new suspected case will have to get tested and then be isolated pending test results.
- In cases where an identified associated contact(s) develops COVID-19-related symptoms while in quarantine, the new suspected case is required to get tested and then be isolated pending test results.
- Identified contact(s) of any new confirmed case will have to stay in quarantine – the quarantine period of 10 days restarts each time a new case is discovered within the group.
- Identified associated contact(s) of any new confirmed case will be required to stay in quarantine. The quarantine period of 10 days will restart each time a new case is discovered within the group.
- Aruba can mandate a visitor return to their country of origin should they refuse to remain in quarantine on island.
- Guests in quarantine do have the option of leaving Aruba and returning home in lieu of being relocated at one of the quarantine designated locations.

ED Card FAQ

Will there be costs associated with the Embarkation / Disembarkation (ED) Card?

There are two components of the ED card process that call for payment: 1) Securing the requisite health insurance coverage as mandated by the government of Aruba. 2) The PCR test at the Aruba airport for those who did not upload a certified negative test result between 72 and 12 hours prior to travel to Aruba. If visitors successfully upload a certified negative test result between 72 and 12 hours prior to travel to Aruba, they will not be required to make this payment as part of the ED card process.

Can I start the ED card process after booking, or do I need to wait 72 hours before traveling?

Fill out the online ED card no earlier than 72 hours prior to travel. The self-health declaration, securing the requisite insurance coverage, and payment for any PCR testing at the Aruba airport must be completed between 72 and 4 hours prior to travel. Any Covid-19 testing done prior to travel to Aruba must show a certified negative test result conducted within 3 days of your departure flight to Aruba (the last leg of your trip). The negative test results must then be uploaded as part of the ED card process no later than 12 hours prior to your departing flight to Aruba (the last leg of your trip).

Health & Testing FAQ

What is a self-health declaration?

It is part of the ED card process and should be submitted 72 hours prior to travel to Aruba. This declaration must include truthful answers and consists of the following questions:

- Have you (or the person for whom you completed this form) been suspected diagnosed with pneumonia or the COVID-19 infection within the past 14 days?
- Did you (or the person for whom you completed this form) have any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or loss of smell /taste?
- Have you been in quarantine within the past 14 days?
- Have you had any close contact (less than 2 meters or 6 feet) for more than 15 minutes with a probable or confirmed COVID-19-infected person within the past 14 days, including persons in quarantine or isolation?

Consult edcardaruba.aw for the most up to date list of questions.

Can I take any type of COVID-19 test prior to travel as part of the ED card process?

No, only a specific list of test types are accepted for entry. You can find this complete list on <https://www.aruba.com/testing>

What is a PCR test?

PCR stands for polymerase chain reaction and is used to detect the presence of COVID-19 in an individual. It is the recommended method for the identification and laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 cases according to the World Health Organization.

Can COVID-19 antibody test results be used as a replacement for a PCR test?

An antibody test cannot be used as a replacement for a PCR test, as antibody tests do not reflect whether a person is currently infected with COVID-19. See www.aruba.com/testing for the list of accepted tests.

Why is Aruba requesting that travelers upload a certified negative COVID-19 test result within 72 to 12 hours of traveling to the island?

We are requiring a negative test to minimize the chances of an individual contracting the virus ahead of travel to Aruba. This is for the safety of Aruba's visitors and local community. Any Covid-19 testing done prior to travel to Aruba must show a certified negative test result conducted within 3 days of your departure flight to Aruba (the last leg of your trip). The negative test results must then be uploaded as part of the ED card process no later than 12 hours prior to your departing flight to Aruba (the last leg of your trip).

If I've recovered from COVID-19 recently, how can I provide a negative COVID-19 test result?

Due to the fact that COVID-19 can show residual traces many weeks later in those who have tested positive, yet they show no symptoms and are likely not infectious, the Aruban government has implemented a specific policy.

Those visitors 15 and older, who have tested positive using a Molecular COVID-19 test by nasopharyngeal swab between 2 weeks and 12 weeks prior to their travel date to Aruba, and do not show any symptoms, will be exempt from the requirement of providing a negative COVID-19 test result for entry to Aruba.

As part of the mandatory online Embarkation/Disembarkation Card process, these visitors will, however, be required to upload proof of their positive Molecular COVID-19 by nasopharyngeal swab test result taken between 2 and 12 weeks prior to their travel date to Aruba.

Note: This exemption does not apply for anyone who has had a positive COVID-19 test older than 12 weeks, or anyone who is not able to provide proof in the form of a Molecular COVID-19 by nasopharyngeal swab test result. Some examples of accepted Molecular COVID-19 tests are: PCR by nasopharyngeal swab, NAAT by nasopharyngeal swab, TMA by nasopharyngeal swab, etc. Some examples of tests that are not accepted are: Antigen, Antibody, blood tests, etc.

Do children need to be tested as well?

Children 14 and under are not required to take or submit any test.

If taking the PCR test in Aruba, are we quarantined to our room in the hotel or just the hotel? Can we still go to facilities in the hotel such as the beach and pool?

If your test was administered on the island upon arrival, you are required to quarantine in your room at your booked accommodation until you receive your test result. The quarantine will be up to 24 hours and the Aruba Department of Health will make every effort to have as quickly as possible, in order to minimize visitors' time in quarantine. Visitors are required to stay in their rooms to ensure the safety of fellow guests and Arubans.

If I tested positive while in Aruba, do I need to test negative before I can return to my country?

Yes. If you test positive, you must remain in isolation until declared recovered.

If I have received the COVID-19 vaccine, do I need to go through the testing and entry requirements? Will this change in the future?

To ensure the safety of other travelers, Aruba continues to require that all travelers follow the current protocol, which includes testing either prior to travel or upon arrival at the airport. New: Alternatively certain eligible travelers who meet the requirements may provide proof of vaccination instead of testing. Read the complete details on this COVID-19 Vaccination for Travel page <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements/vaccine-for-travel>.

Can I test positive and be placed in quarantine even though I'm vaccinated?

According to the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>), "Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the U.S. can cause you to test positive on viral tests which are used to see if you have a current infection." For Aruba's testing protocols, visit <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements>.

Has or will Aruba receive doses of the vaccine?

Aruba received its first shipment of vaccines on February 16 and the first group of people, which consisted of front liners, helped kick off the first day of vaccinations in Aruba on February 17. Aruba is hopeful our entire community can be vaccinated by Summer 2021.

COVID-19 Measures FAQ

Will I have to wear a mask during my vacation time in Aruba?

The Aruban government requires that all inbound travelers wear a mask during their flight to Aruba and at the Queen Beatrix International Airport. The Department of Public Health (DOPH) requires all visitors and locals to wear a mask in any indoor public space, public transportation and tour buses.

What safeguards will be in place for people visiting the island?

To help reduce health risks and ensure the safety of everyone on the island, we have implemented a number of safeguards, including the Aruba Health & Happiness Code certification. The Aruba Health & Happiness Code certification provides assurance that Aruba's tourism-related businesses have taken every measure to offer a safe environment for employees and guests. These measures are built on the pillars of smart social distancing and rigorous hygiene protocols.

Are all businesses required to meet the Aruba Health & Happiness Code standards?

All tourism-related businesses are required to meet the Health & Happiness Code standards. This includes accommodations, restaurants, food trucks, casinos, hotels, retail stores, tour operators, transportation, and spas, among others.

Aruba Visitors Insurance FAQ

What will the Aruba Visitors Insurance cover?

- Hospital cost: Hospitalization expenses to treat severe COVID-19 symptoms, including specialist fees, diagnostic X-rays, lab expenses, and nursing costs.
- Intensive care unit costs: Intensive care unit charges for treatment of a critical ailment caused by COVID-19.
- Transportation: Costs of transportation of a Covid-19 infected person, up to an aggregate sublimit of \$350
- Doctor consults: Costs of doctor consults, up to an aggregate sublimit of \$500.
- Isolation expenses: Maximum sublimit of \$125 per day, max. 14 days, in case of a positive COVID-19 test result.
- COVID-19 test: Max. 4 medically necessary COVID-19 tests as outpatient, with a sublimit of \$75 per test. The mandatory first test upon arrival in Aruba is excluded.

Can I use my own travel or health insurance?

You can buy or use your own travel or health insurance to supplement the Aruba Visitors Insurance, but not replace it. Other insurance may cover you for some COVID-19-related expenses, but few plans offer comprehensive COVID-19 coverage in Aruba that also covers isolation costs outside of a hospital. In addition, many foreign insurers don't have a direct billing agreement with all the providers in Aruba.

Return Travel Testing FAQ

Are the testing facilities convenient to Aruba's main hotel areas?

Yes. The Horacio Oduber Hospital is located in Eagle Beach, Medicare clinic is located on the South end of Palm Beach, and MedLab and Laboratorio Familiar is located on the North end of Palm Beach.

Can I get my Covid-19 test done at my place of stay in Aruba?

Yes. Two of Aruba's facilities, MedLab & Medicare, offer testing at the visitor's accommodation. Check with the facility for details on appointments, any additional fees, etc.

Are costs for the Covid-19 test covered by the required purchase of Aruba Visitors Insurance?

No. Covid-19 tests performed in Aruba for visitors return flight requirements are not covered by the Aruba Visitor Insurance. Please note: If your test shows a positive result, the Aruba Visitor Insurance will be activated and will cover costs related to medical coverage, isolation expenses, transportation, etc. For complete details on what is covered by the Aruba Visitors Insurance visit <https://www.arubavisitorsinsurance.com/>

Would my personal insurance cover the test?

It may or may not. Please check with your insurance provider to see if your insurance company covers the costs of a "fit-to-fly" type test.

Are children required to show a negative COVID-19 test for return travel?

This depends on the requirements of your home country/state/city. For US travelers, the CDC has stated the order applies to all air passengers, 2 years of age or older, traveling into the US, including US citizens and legal permanent residents. For more details on the CDC travel requirements <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

How long will it take to get my test results?

This may vary a bit between facilities in Aruba, but, generally, you will receive your test results within 24 hours. Please check with your selected testing facility in Aruba for exact timings.

How will I receive my test results?

This may vary between facilities in Aruba, but, generally, you will receive confirmation in electronic form via email. Please check with your selected testing facility in Aruba for their exact procedures.

When do I have to take the test in Aruba?

This all depends on the requirements of your country/state/city. Most protocols require a negative test result within 3 days-24 hours preceding flight departure. Visitors are strongly encouraged to learn their country/state/city testing requirements and coordinate their test in Aruba accordingly, as there will be specified test timing requirements in order for the test to be valid. For complete details on the CDC guidelines for US travelers, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

When should I make an appointment or plans for my test?

Once your travel plans to Aruba are solidified, we recommend visitors identify and make contact with their testing facility of choice in Aruba. The earlier visitors can plan their testing or make an appointment, the better.

Will my accommodation help me secure the appointment?

Please consult your accommodation to confirm their policy on assistance in making testing appointments or any other testing services they provide their guests.

Should I use the Aruba Health App?

Yes. Prior to travel, all visitors should download the Aruba Health App via <https://www.aruba.com/us/aruba-health-app>. Created by Aruba's Department of Public Health, the Aruba Health App will help provide a more seamless, contactless experience including important health information while on-island, a listing of all the businesses certified with Aruba's Health & Happiness Code, faster test results and more.

What if I show a positive COVID-19 test result?

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test result, all visitors are required to follow the isolation protocols as put in place by the Government of Aruba and agreed to by the visitor as part of the online Embarkation/Disembarkation card process. For more details, visit <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements>

If I recently recovered from COVID-19, and entered Aruba with proof of past positivity, will I also be required to show a negative Covid-19 test for return travel from Aruba?

This depends on the requirements of your home country/state/city. For US travelers, the CDC states the following: "If you have had a positive viral test in the past 3 months, and you have met the criteria to end isolation, you may travel instead with documentation of your positive viral test results and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official that states you have been cleared for travel. The positive test result and letter together are referred to as "documentation of recovery". For more details on the CDC travel requirements visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

Isolation FAQ

What does an isolation location look like?

Aruba's isolation locations are designated private properties, including condominiums, villas, vacation rentals and apartments, which are covered by the Aruba Visitor Insurance. Each property has air conditioning, wifi, and a basic kitchenette.

This information is subject to change at the discretion of the Government of Aruba. The preceding information reflects the most up-to-date information as it pertains to Aruba's reopening protocols and procedures. Aruba's health and safety protocols will be revisited and reevaluated on an ongoing basis. Based on the ever-changing situation, we recommend that all visitors check [Aruba.com](https://www.aruba.com) frequently for any changes to dates, markets, required procedures and more.

If you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to email us directly at support@aruba.com.

Source: <https://www.aruba.com/us/traveler-health-requirements>



Source: IATA

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1. A completed Health Assessment form must be submitted on www.edcardaruba.aw at most 72 hours before departure. A travel authorization must be presented at time of check-in.

2. Passengers must have a negative COVID-19 NAAT test taken at most 3 days and at least 12 hours before departure of the last direct flight to Aruba. Tests accepted are: CRISPR, HAD, LAMP, NEAR, PCR, RT-LAMP, RT-PCR, SDA and TMA.

- This does not apply to:

- passengers younger than 15 years;
- residents of Aruba with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued by Aruba at least 15 days before departure. They must not be arriving from Andorra, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bonaire, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Rep.), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russian Fed., Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay or Zimbabwe;
- passengers with an EU Digital COVID Certificate or a Smart Health Card (from CommonPass) showing that they were fully vaccinated with AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Janssen, Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech at least 15 days before departure. They must not be residing in or arriving from Andorra, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bonaire, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Rep.), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russian Fed., Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay or Zimbabwe;
- passengers with an EU Digital COVID Certificate or a Smart Health Card (from CommonPass) showing that they received the first vaccine dose of AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech at least 15 days before arrival, and with a positive COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 6 months before departure. They must not be residing in or arriving from Andorra, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bonaire, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Rep.), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russian Fed., Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay or Zimbabwe.

3. Passengers are subject to a PCR test upon arrival at their own expense and quarantine for 1 day.

- This does not apply to:

- passengers younger than 15 years;
- passengers departing on the same calendar day;
- residents of Aruba with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued by Aruba at least 15 days before departure. They must not be arriving from Andorra, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bonaire, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Rep.), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russian Fed., Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay or Zimbabwe;
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- passengers with an EU Digital COVID Certificate or a Smart Health Card (from CommonPass) showing that they received the first vaccine dose of AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech at least 15 days before arrival, and with a positive COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 6 months before departure. They must not be residing in or arriving from Andorra, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Bonaire, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland (Rep.), Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Russian Fed., Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay or Zimbabwe;
- passengers with:
 - a negative COVID-19 molecular test. The test must be based on a nasal swab and must have been taken at most 72 hours before departure. Tests accepted are: HDA, NAAT, NEAR, RT-LAMP, RT-PCR and TMA; or
 - a positive COVID-19 molecular test result issued at least 2 weeks before arrival. The passenger must have tested positive at least 2 weeks and at most 12 weeks before departure. Tests accepted are: HDA, NAAT, NEAR, RT-LAMP, RT-PCR and TMA.

Tests must be presented upon arrival or uploaded at www.edcardaruba.aw at most 12 hours before departure.

4. Passengers must have health insurance purchased before departure and available at www.edcardaruba.aw

This does not apply to:

- residents of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao;
- passengers departing on the same calendar day;
- passengers with a diplomatic passport;
- Dutch military personnel, their spouse and children.

5. Passengers could be subject to medical screening.

Source: <https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>



Source: Government of Aruba - arubacovid19.org

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Crisis measures by the Government of Aruba in connection with Coronavirus COVID-19



For the latest updates on the coronavirus pandemic, visit the website www.arubacovid19.org of the Department of Public Health.

April 26, 2021

- Curfew
11:00 pm - 5:00 am
- Closing Time
10:00 pm
- Area Ban
7:30 pm
- All gyms can open according to **strict protocol**
- Drive by/thru
- "Drive-by" or "Drive-thru" activities are permitted

March 26, 2021 - April 11, 2021

- Curfew
10:00 pm - 5:00 am
- Closing Time
9:00 pm
- Camping
Is not permitted.
- Area Ban
7:00 pm
- Gyms
All gyms must close.
- Alcohol
Drinking alcohol in public places like on the beach, in a parking lot, or on a reef is prohibited. Having alcohol in your possession to drink in a public place is also prohibited.
- School
All schools will close three days before vacation, starting Monday, March 29, except for students in their exams, CP, or tests week. These students can attend school to do their tests.
- Limited Clientele
 - 1 person per family.
 - Supermarkets and Hardware Stores must limit their clientele to 50% by using 50% fewer carts or baskets.
 - It is also advised to wear a mask outside if a 1.5 m distance cannot be maintained.
 - Closing time is 9:00 pm.
- Gyms
All gyms must close.
- Restaurant
 - Amount of adults at a table indoors and outdoors is limited to 4 max (kids under the age of 12 do not count under this rule).
 - Dancing is not permitted.
 - Bars will remain closed.
 - Not Permitted: to stand or sit at a bar, stand in a restaurant, one must be seated to receive service.
 - Closing time is 9:00 pm.
- Drive by/thru
 - "Drive-by" or "Drive-thru" activities are not permitted
 - Fast Food drive-thru's will remain open.
- During the Vacation
 - Camping or kids' activities for school-aged children are not permitted.
 - Daycare facilities can stay open.

March 20, 2021

Changes in Management

- Restaurants
Was: Indoors: 4 people max a table | Outdoors: 6 people max at a table
Change: 2 people max at a table*
* Exception: People living in the same residence can sit 4 at a table (indoors) and 6 (outdoors).
- No Social Activity at a residence is permitted:
Was: 25 people max (outdoors) and 20 people max (indoors)
Change: No Social Activity is permitted at a residence; 0 visitors (guests)
Family visits (limited), care or medical visits are permitted.
- Funerals
Was: 25 people max can be present
Change: 10 people max can be present
- Gathering Ban
Was: 4 people max
Change: 2 people max
- Reminders
Sports: It's still permitted for individual sports and team sports to take place without the public, gyms must follow hygiene and mask protocols.
Protocols: Protocols of establishments, offices and schools are still applicable.
Bars: Remains closed
Entertainment: Limited to one (1) artist, dancing is not permitted.
Curfew: Remains from 12am to 5am.
Area Ban: Remains from 7pm to 5am.

March 5, 2021

- Sports
 - All organised and structured sports of all ages, is permitted without any limits on athletes coaches/trainers, but without the public.
 - Must pertain to the ASU, COA or be registered at IBISA.
 - Must register the names and date of those who train/compete with each other for a period of two weeks, every occasion and every age.
 - IBISA will supervise.
 - Bush League and Contact Sport of any age group is not permitted.

March 3, 2021

- Rules that are applicable for all funerals.
 1. Masks must be used at all times.
 2. The deceased cannot be taken home to bid farewell.
 3. No handshakes, hugs or kisses permitted.
 4. Maximum 25 people can be in the same location at a given moment, must maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters.
 5. No food or drinks are permitted.
 6. If you feel sick, do not attend a funeral.
 7. Family members who are in isolation or quarantine, cannot attend a funeral; for parents, children and siblings who are in isolation or quarantine, it can be arranged at another time to bid farewell at the funeral home with the competent authority.
- Additional rule for a funeral in the case of death due to Covid-19
 1. The casket cannot be opened during the funeral.

February 5, 2021

- Curfew

Starting tonight, the curfew will now be from 12 AM to 5 AM.

- Restaurants

Four people at a table (indoors) and six people at a table (outdoors).

- Gatherings ban

The maximum allowed is increased from 2 people to maximum of 4 people.

- Closing time

Starting tonight, the closing will now be 11 PM.

January 6, 2021

Curfew

- Curfew is from 11 p.m. - 5 a.m. is in effect through January 31, 2021

Ban on gathering

- Max 2 people, exception: groups consisting only of 4 people forming a family or household.

Zero tolerance policy 'Faya bo haya'.

- High fines will be imposed and must be paid immediately.

Area ban

- The area ban is valid from 19:00 onwards in all public areas, such as parking lots and beaches.

Permits

- No activity permits will be issued until January 31, 2021

Social gatherings

- Limited to the available space
- Always keep 1.5 m distance
- No more than 10 people indoors and no more than 25 outdoors

Musical entertainment

- Musical entertainment is not allowed, not at home or in restaurants

Activities on the water

- Agglomeration on boats is not allowed. Maximum of 4 people allowed per boat.
- Catamaran and Charters max 50% capacity

Shopping

- 1 person per family
- Outdoor use of facemask is mandatory if the distance of 1.5 meters is not possible.

Nursing homes

- Nursing homes will increase their safety protocols.

Sports

- With the exception of contact sports, all other sports activities are allowed as long as there are no more than 25 people in total at the sports activity outside and no more than 10 inside.
- The maximum number of people allowed includes coaches, referees, athletes, etc.
- Spectators are not allowed at any sporting activity.

Companies

- Maximum of 4 people per table allowed in restaurants, both indoors and outdoors.
- Musical entertainment is not allowed, only background music is allowed.
- Dancing is not allowed.

January 3, 2020:

- The curfew (11 PM to 5 AM) will be extended for an additional 4 days; from the 4th to the 7th of January 2021.

December 29, 2020:

- Closing time for businesses will now be 10 PM with the exception of Hotels.
- Musical acts are permitted exclusively in establishments like restaurants and according to the rules and regulations of their protocol.
- Music outside of establishments is not permitted.
- Businesses are permitted to light their "pagara" [fireworks] on the 31st until 3 PM
- At residences it is permitted on the 31st of December to light fireworks until 2 AM of January 1st,
- Starting Wednesday 30th of December until the 3rd of January there will be a curfew from 11 PM to 5 AM.
- 1st of January the curfew will be from 2 AM to 5 AM.

December 10, 2020

- Musicians:
 - The amount of musicians on stage is expanded to; maximum 5 (indoors) and 10 (outdoors).
- Sport:
 - All sporting activities are permitted a maximum of 30 people (indoors) and 60 people (outdoors).
- Stores and Supermarkets:
 - It is permitted for 1 adult to enter with 2 kids under the age of 15 (until the age of 14).

The protocols for masks and hygiene are all still valid.

The flexibilization of these measures are to be included in the Ministerial Decree which will be valid on the 14th of december 2020.

December 5, 2020

For 2 weeks:

- Establishments:
 - Restaurants:
 - Max amount of people at a table 8 (interior) and up to 10 (exterior).
 - No dancing.
 - Must maintain social distancing.
 - Must wear masks.
 - Rumshop/Bar:
 - If they don't serve food, they will remain closed.
 - Entertainment/Bands:
 - Max amount of musicians/artists: 3 (interior and exterior).
 - Musicians are responsible to stop people if they start dancing.
 - Store/Supermarket:
 - Limit of 1 person per family, with all rules and regulations.
 - Must maintain social distancing.
 - Must wear masks.
- Encounters:
 - Social/Family:
 - Max amount of people 30 (interior) and up to 60 (exterior).
 - No dancing.
 - Must maintain social distancing.
 - Must wear masks.
 - Sport:
 - Can continue with a measure of precaution, but WITHOUT the public in attendance
 - Funerals:
 - Max amount of people present at the moment: 30.
 - Must maintain social distancing.
 - Must wear masks.

Arubans have to test upon arrival at the airport and are urged to maintain themselves quarantined for 10 days regardless of a negative test result.

- Starting October 25, between 12:00 am to 5:00 am. the "area ban" is expanded to include parking lots or similar spaces accessible to the public .
- Starting October 22, at 12:00 am the curfew will be lifted.
- Starting October 22, an "area ban" from 12:00 am to 5:00 am in the beach areas/zones is introduced.
- Starting October 22, bingo games can exclusively be played via television or radio where crowds will not be formed or encouraged. At casinos this is not yet permitted.
- Starting October 23, establishments are permitted to have 'ambient music' performed by up to a maximum of 3 musicians under the established guidelines.
- Starting October 23, at 12:00 am there will be changes for travelers from Curacao and Bonaire where for them the Covid-19 test, quarantine and insurance will no longer be required.
- Starting October 7, 2020, curfew from 12:00 am to 5:00 am is in force.
- Starting October 7, 2020, closing time is now 11:00 pm.
- Starting September 18, 2020, the curfew is now from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am.
- Starting September 18, 2020, closing time is now 9:00 pm.
- Starting September 18, 2020, family parties at home are not permitted.

- Starting September 16, 2020, the use of masks is now obligatory for all persons in the interior of any location
- Starting September 10, 2020, the Task Force personnel, in charge of controlling persons in quarantine and isolation, has been doubled, and a fine of 1000 florins (one thousand) will also be issued to those who do not adhere to the rules.
- Starting August 28, 2020, curfew from 12:00 am to 5:00 am is in force.
- Starting August 28, 2020, large gatherings at the workplace must be avoided.
- Starting August 28, 2020, visiting family and family parties in groups of 4 people or more must be avoided.
- Starting August 7, 2020, bars, nightclubs and rum-shops must be closed.
- Starting August 7, 2020, it is not permitted to organize family parties at home.
- Starting August 7, 2020, face masks are now mandatory in all locations (interior) and also on public transport.
- Starting August 7, 2020, only 25 people are allowed at funerals maintaining the protocol.
- Starting August 7, 2020, churches have to maintain themselves according to the protocol and singing is not permitted.
- Starting August 7, 2020, visits and admissions to elderly care homes are prohibited.
- Starting August 4, 2020, tables at restaurants cannot seat more than 4 persons (excluding children under the age of 12).
- Starting August 4, 2020, no service is allowed at bar counters, namely to sit or stand at a bar. Hence no bar stools are allowed for seating.
- Starting August 4, 2020, no live musical activities or DJ's are allowed.
- Starting August 4, 2020, no indoor group sports or indoor contact sport are allowed
- Starting August 4, 2020, no outdoor contact sports are allowed
- Starting August 4, 2020, social gathering of more than 4 persons in public spaces is not allowed.
- Starting July 10, 2020, borders will reopen for travel to the United States.
- Starting July 1, 2020, international borders for Europe, Canada and the Caribbean will reopen for travel with the exception of The Dominican Republic and Haiti.
- Starting June 15, 2020, "Bubble ABC" will begin, which includes; Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. Travel is possible between the Dutch Kingdom Islands in the Caribbean without having to go into quarantine, but doing a medical screening or a test on arrival.
- Starting June 10, 2020, establishments for holding parties can open
- Starting June 10, 2020, bars and nightclubs can open (according to their closing time).
- Starting June 10, 2020, conferences and places to meet/gather can be reopened.
- Starting June 10, 2020, indoor sporting activities are permitted.
- Starting June 10, 2020, visiting Elderly care homes is permitted, following the protocol's guidelines
- Starting June 1, 2020, Spa, Massage Services and Saunas are allowed to reopen.
- Starting June 1, 2020, restaurants with inside seating are allowed to stay open till 10:00 PM
- Starting June 1, 2020, lottery kiosks and other lottery games will remain open till 6:30 PM. Casino's will remain closed for now.
- Starting May 28, 2020, the curfew is lifted, as stipulated in the [AB2020No.80](#).
- Starting May 25, 2020, the curfew will be from 12 am to 5 am and all establishments must close by 10 pm, according to the [AB2020No.78](#).

- On May 8, 2020, the Minister of Tourism, Public Health and Sport, Mr. Dangui Oduber, announced that the Aruban border will open tentatively between June 15 and July 1, 2020.
- Starting April 28, 2020, the curfew has been adapted and is now in effect from 10:00 pm until 5:00 am. Exceptions are the pharmacies on duty and the hospital as stated in the Official Gazette [AB2020 No.62](#).
- Starting April 28, 2020, all establishments must close at 9.00 pm.
- The ban on inbound flights will be extended until May 31, 2020, as announced by Prime Minister Mr. Evelyn Wever-Croes on April 20, 2020. Residents of Aruba
 - who are stuck abroad (due to the border closure) can send an email to RegresoAruba@crisis.aw.
- The measures, pursuant [AB2020No.52](#), remain valid till April 28, 2020 as announced by the Prime Minister Mr. Evelyn Wever-Croes on April 15, 2020;
- Schools remain closed until May 11, 2020, as announced on April 9, 2020 by Minister of Education, Dr. Armando (Rudy) Lampe.
- E-mail for assistance for residents (inscribed in the civil registry of Aruba) stuck abroad: RegresoAruba@crisis.aw.
- These measures are valid till April 19, 2020, pursuant to [AB2020No.46](#).
- Starting March 29, 2020, a Shelter in Place is into effect for the entire population, as announced in the [AB2020No.43](#). This means that you are not allowed to leave the house, only for necessary things, such as buying food, going to the pharmacy, exercising or getting gas. The measures apply to non-essential groups. See [overview](#) of non-essential businesses/activities. Businesses must instruct their customers that they must keep 2 meters apart. If the social distance rule is not enforced, companies will be closed and fined. A ban on gathering (loitering) has also been issued, in particular the prohibition of group formation in public space by 4 or more people, with the exception of families living under the same roof.
- Schools are closed starting Monday, March 16 till April 20, 2020. This measure applies to schools, daycare centers, and all organizations that are in charge of the education and care of our children. After this date the situation will be evaluated. See [letter](#) of the Minister of Education.
- The curfew is still in effect from 9:00 pm until 6:00 am. Exceptions are the pharmacies on duty and the hospital as stated in the Official Gazette [AB2020No.39](#).
- Starting Tuesday, March 24, 2020, all bars and restaurant must close. Only exceptions are take-out, drive thru and food delivery. All establishments must close at 8.00 pm. Gasoline stations must also close at 8.00 pm.
- Starting March 24, 2020 it is prohibited to sell or offer lotteries, lotto, catochi or other forms of gambling.
- The decision was made that all residents (inscribed in the civil registry of Aruba) stuck abroad are allowed to return to Aruba. The Aruba Tourism Authority is in charge with the coordination of their return. Contact numbers for assistance or registration are: **569-6897, 5689251 of 5637928**. Upon arrival these people will be placed in quarantine for 14 days.
- Starting Saturday, March 21, 2020, a compulsory curfew will be set from 9 pm to 6 am. Only vital groups are allowed to go to work, but employees of the vital authorities must be able to show proof of their employers to the police. Persons who do not observe the curfew can be fined up to AWG. 10,000.00. For more information, you may consult the Official Gazette [AB2020no.38](#) of March 2020, 2020.

- Starting Thursday, March 19, 2020, all casinos, movie theaters and gyms must close. Team sports activities are not allowed. All establishments, shops, restaurants and businesses must close at 8.00 pm. This also applies to hotels bars and restaurants. Exceptions: Pharmacy on duty, restaurants that offer drive-thru and delivery service, Gasoline stations. only with service through the window. These establishments must close at 10:00 pm. Companies that do not adhere to the mandatory closing time can be fined up to AWG. 1000.00. For more information, you may consult the Official Gazette [AB2020No.35](#).
- Schools are closed starting Monday, March 16 till March 31, 2020. This measure applies to schools, daycare centers, and all organizations that are in charge of the education and care of our children. After this date the situation will be evaluated.
- All public events are canceled till March 31, 2020. This entails all government activities and all private activities that received a police permit.
- Residents that return to Aruba must self-quarantine for 2 weeks.
- As per Saturday, March 21 till March 31, 2020 Aruban residents are not permitted to return to Aruba (update March 19, 2020). For more information, you may consult the Official Gazette [AB 2020No.36](#). As per Tuesday, March 17, 2020, till March 31, 2020, the entry of travelers (inbound flights) will be restricted, except for legal residents and cargo.
- Contact numbers for residents of Aruba stuck abroad (because of the border closure) are: **569-6897, 5689251 of 5637928. Please take into account:** You can also call via Whatsapp or send a Whatsapp text message; You must be a citizen meaning you must be registered in the civil registry of Aruba; The USA airlines require 2 types of ID, as proof that the person is a resident of Aruba (ID card). Latin American airlines do not have this requirement. Persons who were send abroad by AZV, must call AZV to make arrangement to return to Aruba and must show the AZV card. Unfortunately the border with Venezuela is totally closed, hence citizens cannot return. We advise persons stuck in Venezuela to contact the Dutch Ambassador in Caracas.
- Since March 14, 2020, the Queen Beatrix International Airport elevated its control on flights arriving from other countries that do not fall under the travel restriction.
- Visits at nursing homes are prohibited.
- Government departments will operate with minimal staffing (see [letter](#) of the Prime Minister Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes in Dutch).

Now we must focus on containing and preventing the transmission of the virus. We urge everyone to comply with these measures. These measures were taken in close consultation with the crisis committee of the Government of Aruba. Those most at risk for serious complication from COVID-19 are people older than 60 years and people with chronic diseases.

Prevention

- Wash your hands as frequently as possible with soap for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol..
- Avoid physical contact, greet one another without shaking hands, hugging or kissing.
- Watch the [video](#) about the spread of coronavirus
- Watch the [video](#) of the Department of Public Health.
- Watch the [video](#) of the Department of Public Health fight the transmission of Coronavrus with Carl Roosberg- Galloway Jr. It starts with you

If you are sick, STAY home. For more information call 280-0101 **free of charge**.

Source : <https://www.arubacovid19.org/>



Source: Directie Scheepvaart Aruba Notice to Shipping

March 20, 20: Both air and maritime borders of the Island have been closed effective 21 March 2020, for traffic coming in from regions where the corona virus Covid-19 has been detected. Exceptions for the Maritime Sector:

- No permission will be granted to any vessel calling Aruba without the permission of the Harbor Master.
- Permission to enter will be granted only for commercial vessels calling Aruba for the delivery of cargo, spares, fuel or repairs and offshore operations (STS, maintenance, anchoring).
- No shore leave for crew.
- No crew changed will be allowed.
- It is prohibited for any vessel to depart from any port of Aruba except for stores, provision, fresh water and bunker delivery off port and only with specific permission from the Harbor Master.
- Passenger ships are prohibited, and it is prohibited to transport passengers to Aruba.

More information:

<https://www.gac.com/news--media/hot-port-news/advice-to-maritime-sector-on-corona-virus/>