

Bahamas



Source: The Government of The Bahamas -

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Prior to Departing for The Bahamas:

Pre Departure

STEP 1: TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Please Note: Effective 27 December 2021, any person presenting test results older than three days (72 hours) will not be allowed entry into The Bahamas.

These protocols are subject to change at any time in response to new COVID-19 measures. Please check this website frequently for ongoing updates.

VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Effective 27 December 2021, fully vaccinated persons travelling to The Bahamas from other countries **will be required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test (either a Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR Test—including PCR, NAA, NAAT, TMA, or RNA), taken no more than three days (72 hours) prior to the date of arrival to The Bahamas.**
- Effective 2 April 2022, fully vaccinated persons **travelling inter-island (domestic)** within The Bahamas from **New Providence (Nassau), Paradise Island or Grand Bahama Island (Freeport), will no longer be required to obtain a COVID-19 test** prior to the date of travel.

UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Effective 27 December 2021, unvaccinated travellers, ages 12 and older, entering The Bahamas must obtain a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR Test (including PCR, NAA, NAAT, TMA or RNA) test taken **no more than three days (72 hours)** prior to the date of arrival.
 - Effective 27 December 2021, children between the ages of 2 and 11 are required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test (either a Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR Test), taken **no more than three days (72 hours)** prior to the date of arrival to The Bahamas.
 - Children under the age of 2 are exempt from any testing requirements
- Effective 2 April 2022, unvaccinated persons **travelling inter-island (domestic)** within The Bahamas from **New Providence (Nassau), Paradise Island or Grand Bahama Island (Freeport), will no longer be required to obtain a COVID-19 test** prior to the date of travel.

STEP 2: BAHAMAS TRAVEL HEALTH VISA APPLICATION

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

Forthcoming

All visitors travelling to The Bahamas are required to apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa at travel.gov.bs.

- **Effective 1 October 2021, a Travel Health Visa is no longer required for inter-island travel within The Bahamas.**
- **As of 13 December 2021, the Travel Health Visa requirement for citizens and residents was discontinued. Instead, Bahamian citizens and residents are required to present a negative COVID-19 test at check in prior to departure to The Bahamas.**

VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Fully vaccinated visitors are required to upload negative COVID-19 test results (either a Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR Test) in addition to valid proof of vaccination confirming they have passed the two-week immunity period (such as CDC or government issued vaccine record card).
- At this time, the Bahamas Government will only be accepting vaccinations by AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria /Covishield), Janseen (Johnson & Johnson), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Moderna (Spikevax), Sinopharm, Covaxin or Sinovac.

UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Effective 27 December 2021, all unvaccinated visitors, ages 12 and older, are required to upload their negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test results. Tests must be taken up to three days (**72 hours**) prior to the date of arrival.
- Effective 27 December 2021, Children between the ages of 2 and 11 are required to upload their negative COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test or COVID-19 RT-PCR test results. Tests must be taken up to three days (**72 hours**) prior to the date of arrival.

ALL BAHAMIAN RESIDENTS & CITIZENS

- All Bahamian citizens or residents planning to travel abroad for two (2) days or more must secure a test in the destination they visited before travelling back to The Bahamas. Any COVID-19 RT-PCR or COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test taken in The Bahamas prior to travel will not be valid for re-entry unless a person travels from The Bahamas and returns within a period of 24-hours.

ALL VISITORS

- As part of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa application, travellers will be required to opt in to the COVID-19 health insurance that covers them for the duration of their stay in The Bahamas, up to one (1) month. The cost of insurance is included in the Bahamas Travel Health Visa application fee.
- Bahamas Travel Health Visa applications can take up to 24 hours to process and should be completed with adequate lead time.
- The cost of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa is dependent on length of stay and vaccination status.
- All visitors eighteen (18) years and older are required to complete an individual Bahamas Travel Health Visa application.
- Persons seventeen (17) years and younger are to add a profile within the account of their parent or guardian and complete an individual Bahamas Travel Health Visa application.

DOCUMENTS & LINKS

[Bahamas Travel Insurance Claim Form](#)
[Bahamas Travel Health Visa Insurance FAQ | US & Canadian Residents](#)
[Bahamas Travel Health Visa Insurance FAQ | Non-US & Non-Canadian Residents](#)
[Bahamas Covid-19 Emergency Orders](#)
[Bahamas Tourism & Readiness Recovery Plan: Airports, Seaports, COVID-19 Guidelines](#)

Source: <https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates>

23.04.2021

NASSAU, Bahamas, April 23, 2021 – The Government of The Bahamas announced updated public health measures and entry protocols for fully vaccinated travellers, stating:

- Effective immediately, Bahamian citizens and residents who are fully vaccinated – after receiving their second dose - will be exempt from COVID-19 testing requirements when travelling inter-island from New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Exuma and Eleuthera to any other island.
- Effective May 1, 2021, international visitors travelling to The Bahamas from other countries who are fully vaccinated and have passed the two-week immunity period will be exempt from testing requirements for entry and inter-island travel.

REQUIREMENTS FOR VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

Vaccinated travellers will still need to apply for the Bahamas Travel Health Visa and will be required to upload proof of vaccination with their application. They will not need to provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test prior to entry or submit to rapid testing mandates during their stay.

REQUIREMENTS FOR UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

Travellers who are not fully vaccinated will be required to follow all existing entry testing requirements including applying for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa, providing proof of negative PCR test taken no more than five (5) days prior to arrival, as well as conducting rapid COVID-19 antigen testing if they are staying in The Bahamas for longer than four(4) nights and five(5) days.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TRAVELLERS

All travellers will be required to apply for the Bahamas Travel Health Visa and complete the daily health questionnaire. All residents and visitors must adhere to health and safety protocols on-island such as mask wearing, social distancing and frequent hand washing among others. Health and safety remain our highest priority and we must continue to be vigilant.

Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, the Government of The Bahamas will continue to monitor cases across the islands and loosen or tighten restrictions as needed. The Bahamas is an archipelago with more than 700 islands and cays, spread over 100,000 square miles, which means conditions and instances of the virus can be different on each of the 16 islands available to welcome visitors. Travellers should continue to check the status of their island destination before travelling, by visiting [Bahamas.com/travelupdates](https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates).

For full details on the latest updates, protocols and regulations, please visit [opm.gov.bs](https://www.opm.gov.bs).

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Source: <https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

Source: <https://travel.gov.bs/>



Source: Ministry of Tourism and Aviation

April 1, 2020: Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) has closed the Lynden Pindling International Airport and all additional airports throughout The Bahamas to incoming flights carrying passengers.

- Airlines are permitted, with proper approval, to fly empty aircraft into The Bahamas to retrieve international visitors and return them to their home country.
- The Emergency Order remains in effect until Wednesday, April 8, unless otherwise stated.
- Preventative restrictions are being enforced to prevent further spread of COVID-19 . [...]”

March 25, 2020: The port of Freeport, Grand Bahama – including Buckeye, Bahama Rock, Freeport Container Port (FCP) – is open for business, but subject to restrictions imposed by the Government to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

More information:

<https://www.bahamas.com/pressroom/bahamas-ministry-tourism-aviation-statement-covid-19-5>



Source: Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Hotline Numbers

The Ministry of Health wishes to advise the public that there are several hotline numbers established for persons who have:

- travelled to COVID-19 affected countries; or
- been in close contact with persons who travelled to COVID-19 affected countries;
- experienced respiratory symptoms; or
- sought advice on medical care.

The hotline numbers are:

- **376-9350 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.;**
- **376-9387 8:00 P.M. – 8:00 A.M.; and**
- **376-9357.**

More information:

<http://www.bahamas.gov.bs/health>