

# Antigua and Barbuda

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

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## ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA TRAVEL ADVISORY – March 17, 2022

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The State continues to carry out a combination of screening, testing including random testing of arriving passengers, the issuing of monitoring bracelets and other measures to mitigate the risk of importing any new cases of COVID-19 into the country. Additionally, measures have been implemented for the quick detection of any imported cases. This strategy is intended to protect and safeguard the health of both residents and visitors to Antigua and Barbuda.

Nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel at this time.

The protocols implemented are as follows:

1. Arriving passengers are required to present verifiable documentation of full vaccination using World Health Organization (WHO) or Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment (MOHWE) approved 2-dose COVID 19 vaccine or a single dose vaccine to be permitted entry into Antigua and Barbuda. All returning nationals and residents are exempt from this stipulation (see Protocol #6 for further guidance pertaining to partially /unvaccinated returning nationals and residents). Children below the age of eighteen (18) years arriving at a port of entry are exempted from this requirement.

2. Fully vaccinated arriving passengers are not required to present a PCR /Rapid Antigen Test negative result to be permitted entry into Antigua and Barbuda, unless they show symptoms of possible infection. This includes transiting passengers.

3. Fully vaccinated passengers showing symptoms of possible infection may be required to submit a RT PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 upon arrival at their own expense. Instructions on permissible activities while awaiting results will be provided by Port Health officials.

4. Unvaccinated minors between the ages of five and eighteen years old must present a negative RT PCR test of four (4) days or fewer from date of testing. Unvaccinated minors who are not staying at a certified resort/accommodation (Airbnb) may be required to quarantine at home for a period of fourteen 10 – 14 days.

5. Children below the age of five (5) years entering Antigua and Barbuda, DO NOT REQUIRE a COVID -19 RT-PCR test.

6. Unvaccinated returning nationals and residents with no COVID 19 symptoms are permitted entry provided they:

a. Present a negative certified PCR/Rapid Antigen Test result taken no more than four (4) days prior to arrival in Antigua and Barbuda.

b. Submit to RT PCR testing upon arrival at their own expense.

c. Quarantine for ten (10) days in their own homes if partially vaccinated

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i. Either received 1 dose of a 2-dose vaccine OR

ii. the 2nd dose of a 2-dose vaccine was received less than two weeks prior to arrival.

d. Quarantine for fourteen (14) days in their own homes if unvaccinated.

If symptoms appear during period of quarantine, the person must be placed in isolation and will be tested for COVID-19.

7. Partially/unvaccinated British citizens en route to, and partially/unvaccinated residents of, Montserrat are permitted to land in Antigua and Barbuda and transit via aeroplane from V.C. Bird International Airport to Montserrat. Such passengers will not be permitted to leave the airport prior to departure.

8. Fully vaccinated passengers entering Antigua and Barbuda who can present verifiable documentation that they have received both doses of a World Health Organization (WHO) or Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment (MOHWE) approved 2-dose COVID 19 vaccine or one dose of a single dose COVID 19 vaccine and have a COVID-19 RT-PCR/ approved Rapid Antigen negative test result will be allowed to stay at bio safe /certified accommodation/yacht. At least two (2) weeks must have passed since the administration of the FULL vaccine dosage.

9. Persons quarantined at a government-approved facility for a period of fourteen (14) days will do so for a fee not exceeding **EC\$82.00** per night.

10. Arriving passengers who are permitted to quarantine at home or instructed to stay at a government quarantine facility may be required to wear a monitoring bracelet according to the Quarantine Authority regulations.

11. Visitors are required to observe all protocols during their stay and patronize only COVID-19 certified businesses such as restaurants and excursions for the duration of their trip.

12. Passengers granted medical exemption arriving for **medical treatment/procedures** must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR taken within four (4) days of their flight. They also must comply with Ministry of Health Guidelines for the Transfer of Patients into Antigua and Barbuda, to include:

a) A Letter of Request for Medical Transfer from the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the originating country to the CMO of Antigua and Barbuda who is also the Quarantine Authority.

b) A medical report detailing patient's condition, treatment required and the urgency of the situation.

c) A Letter of Acceptance from the receiving institution stating that the patient has been accepted for care, together with the name of the physician who will be managing the patient.

d) The intended address in Antigua and Barbuda, together with the name and telephone number of a contact person if available.

13. The wearing of face masks in public spaces is actively encouraged throughout Antigua and Barbuda and social /physical distancing protocols should still be adhered to. Therefore, all passengers arriving in Antigua and Barbuda are encouraged to wear a face mask wherever there are gatherings of significant numbers of people e.g., supermarkets, bus and clubs.

14. All arriving passengers must complete a Health Declaration Form and will be subject to screening and temperature checks by Port Health Authorities upon arrival in Antigua and Barbuda. **Passengers who knowingly present false declarations of COVID-19 negative tests or vaccination on arrival will be fined according to the laws of Antigua and Barbuda.**

15. Arriving passengers with symptoms of COVID 19 may be isolated as determined by the Health Authorities.

16. Transiting passengers/Crew members who require an overnight stay will be required to proceed to a hotel or government certified facility to await departure.

**17. Rapid antigen tests will be permitted for departing passengers in cases where the receiving states permit the use thereof by individuals returning to their countries of origin. Hotels will be required to provide this service to their guests.**

**18. All Marine Pleasure Craft and Ferry Services entering the waters of Antigua and Barbuda should contact the Antigua Port Authority, using VHF Channel 16, at least six (6) hours prior to arrival. Instructions will be given to guide the crafts to either the Nevis Street Pier or English /Falmouth Harbours, Jolly Harbour, or other holding area.**

Military Vessel/Aircraft and other Watercraft transporting food medical supplies, humanitarian and emergency supplies will be required to follow the Quarantine Guidelines established by the Quarantine Authority as well as issued by Port Health and must give prior notification before arrival.

These restrictions for maritime traffic, and the consequential Antigua Port Authority guidelines, issued during the State of Emergency, shall not restrict vessels engaged in *innocent passage* and/or *transit passage*, within the territorial seas and /or archipelagic waters of Antigua and Barbuda, under the 1982 United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

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**Antigen Tests**  
**and Barbuda**

**LIST OF Approved Rapid**  
**For Entry into Antigua**

**Product  
name****Manufacturer**

BD Veritor System for Rapid Detection of SARS- CoV-  
2 Becton, Dickenson and Company (BD)  
BinaxNow COVID-19 Ag Test 2  
Card Abbott Diagnostics  
Scarborough, Inc.  
CareStart COVID-19 Antigen  
Test Access Bio, Inc  
Clip COVID-19 Rapid Antigen  
Test Luminostics, Inc.  
ellume.lab COVID Antigen  
Test Ellume Limited  
GenBody COVID-19  
Ag GenBody Inc.  
INDICAID COVID-19 Rapid Antigen  
Test PHASE Scientific International,  
Ltd.  
InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid  
Test OraSure  
Technologies, Inc.  
InteliSwab COVID-19 Rapid Test  
Rx OraSure Technologies, Inc.  
NIDS COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test  
Kit ANP Technologies, Inc.  
Panbio COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test Device  
(nasopharyngeal)  
Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Jena GmbH  
STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag  
Test SD BioSensor, Inc.  
STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag  
Test SD BioSensor, Inc.  
BIOSYNEX COVID-19 Ag  
BSS BIOSYNEX SWISS  
SA  
CerTest SARS-CoV-2 CARD  
TEST CerTest Biotect S.L.  
Clungene COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test  
Kit Hangzhou Clongene Biotech  
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette  
(Swab) Healgen Scientific Limited  
LumiraDx SARS CoV-2 Ag  
Test LumiraDX UK Ltd.  
NADAL COVID-19 Ag  
Test nal von minden  
GmbH  
CLINITEST Rapid COVID-19 Antigen  
Test Siemens Healthineers  
Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test  
Card Xiamen Boson Biotech Co.  
Ltd  
Coronavirus Ag Rapid Test Cassette  
(Swab) Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech  
Co., Ltd  
Rapid Response COVID-19 Rapid Antigen  
Test BTNX Inc.

Ministry of Health, Wellness & The  
Environment

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1. All arriving passengers by air must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR (real time polymerase chain reaction) **test for SARS-CoV-2 using a nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab** taken within seven days of their flight. (This includes transiting passengers). **All** passengers are subject to quarantine as determined by the Quarantine Authority.
2. All returning residents will be subject to quarantine at a public facility for a period of fourteen days and for a fee not exceeding EC\$80.00 per day.
3. Arriving passengers that are allowed to stay in their private homes or a government quarantined facility will be required to wear a monitoring bracelet according to the quarantine authority regulations.
4. Passengers who knowingly present false declarations of Covid-19 certificates on arrival will be fined according to the laws of Antigua and Barbuda.
5. Children below the age of 12 years, entering Antigua, DO NOT REQUIRE a COVID -19 RT-PCR test.
6. Visitors may be required to undergo testing for COVID-19 on arrival or at the hotel or place of lodging as determined by the Health Authorities.
7. Passengers arriving for **medical treatment/procedures** must have a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR taken within seventy-two hours of their flight. They also must comply with Ministry of Health Guidelines for the Transfer of Patients into Antigua and Barbuda, to include:
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**8. Passengers arriving by sea (private yachts/Ferry Services) are subject to quarantine according to guidelines issued by Port Health.**

9. The wearing of face mask in public spaces is mandatory throughout Antigua and Barbuda and social/physical distancing protocols must be adhered to. Therefore, all passengers arriving in Antigua and Barbuda must wear a face mask on disembarkation, while on the airport compound and in all public places.

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## Novel Coronavirus Information

### Statutory Instruments

- [April 07 2020 - No. 21 - Extraordinary\\_Gazette](#)
- [March 31 2020 - SI No. 15 - Public Health Act \(Declaration of a Dangerous Infectious Disease\) Order 2020](#)
- [March 31 2020 - SI No. 16 - Public Health Act \(Dangerous Infectious Disease\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [March 31 2020 - SI No. 17 - Quarantine Act \(Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) DISEASE\) Order 2020](#)

### Need to know Information

- [March 17 2020 - COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
  - [March 17 2020 - Coronavirus: What you need to know](#)
  - [March 17 2020 - Workplace, School and Home Guidance](#)
  - [March 10 2020 - COVID-19 Guidance For Businesses and Employers](#)
  - [March 10 2020 - COVID-19 Infographics](#)
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### Press Releases

- July 01 2020 - Guidelines for Nurseries DayCare & Pre-Schools 1
- July 01 2020 - Guidance Document for Nurseries Daycares and Pre-Schools
- June 25 2020 - Prime Minister Gaston A. Browne's Update on COVID-19 Cases
- May 27 2020 - Protocols Implemented for Arriving Travelers and Ground Transportation Operators
- Apr 22 2020 - Essential Services - Antigua and Barbuda Curfew - April 23 to May 14
- Apr 16 2020 - 24 Hour Curfew continues from 12:01 a.m. April 16 to 12 Midnight April 22, 2020
- Apr 09 2020 - PM Browne sends Open Letter to Antiguan and Barbudans on COVID-19
- Apr 09 2020 - Amended Curfew Regulations Re: Easter Sunday and Monday
- Apr 09 2020 - Government of Antigua and Barbuda extends Curfew for another week
- Apr 07 2020 - Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment Announces first COVID-19 Death
- Apr 03 2020 - 15 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Antigua and Barbuda
- Apr 02 2020 - 2 Additional Confirmed Cases of COVID-19
- Mar 31 2020 - 24 Hour Curfew imposed from April 2nd to April 9th 2020
- Mar 30 2020 - New Visitor Policy at the Mount St Johns Medical Centre
- Mar 29 2020 - State of Emergency
- Mar 27 2020 - State of Emergency in Antigua and Barbuda
- Mar 27 2020 - MBS Public Notice
- Mar 27 2020 - APUA Offers Assistance\_ During COVID-19 Crisis
- Mar 27 2020 - Passport Office Extends Passport Recall and Implements New Business Hours
- Mar 26 2020 - Cuban anti-COVID Medical Team Arrives in Antigua
- Mar 19 2020 - Antigua Cruise Port on Suspension of Cruise Line Services
- Mar 18 2020 - APUA COVID-19 Safety Protocols
- Mar 17 2020 - Coronavirus FAQ for Travellers
- Mar 17 2020 - Antigua and Barbuda Update on Covid-19
- Mar 16 2020 - MoEST Closure of Educational Institutions
- Mar 16 2020 - Ministry of Health Confirms No Cases of COVID-19 in Hotels
- Mar 13 2020 - PM announces first case of Coronavirus in Antigua and Barbuda – urges nation not to panic
- Mar 12 2020 - No Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda
- Mar 04 2020 - Tourism and Health Officials meet with Hoteliers to share Corona Virus action plan

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## Weblinks

- April 2 2020 - CARPHA COVID-19 Tests Affected By Reagent Shortage
- April 2 2020 - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak:. Rights, Roles and responsibilities of Health Care Workers
- April 2 2020 - PAHO key recommendations on water, sanitation, and hygiene COVID-19
- March 10 2020 - Coronavirus
- March 10 2020 - Questions & Answers on coronaviruses (COVID-19)
- March 10 2020 - Coronavirus disease advice for the public: Myth busters
- March 10 2020 - Social media postcards on Novel Coronavirus

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April 22, 2020: State of Emergency and Curfew continues from 12:01 a.m. April 23 to 12 Midnight May 14, 2020

April 7, 2020: No. 21 Public Health Act (Dangerous Infectious Disease) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2020. 1. These special measures shall take effect from 6:00a.m. on Thursday 9th April 2020 to 6:00a.m. on Thursday 16th April, 2020. 2. Restriction on freedom of movement of every person in Antigua and Barbuda shall be exercised only in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. A mandatory 24-hour curfew shall be in effect from 6:00a.m. Thursday 9th April, 2020 to 6:00a.m. Thursday 16th April, 2020. Public transportation services are permitted to operate during the curfew period from 6:00a.m. to 7:00 p. m. provided the operator of the public transport and the passengers wear a face mask and the passengers are seated in a staggering formation with one person in every row that would normally accommodate 2 persons and no more than 2 persons in the back seat. The curfew period shall not apply to persons who are employees or officers of the following: (d) Customs and Excise Department; (j) Air Traffic Control Services; (m) Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority; (o) Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority; among others.

March 17, 2020: Suspension of cruise line services, the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) announced that several major cruise lines, including Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Norwegian, and MSC, will voluntarily suspend sailing operations to and from U.S. ports for 30 days due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. Disney also suspended its sailings through to the end of March 2020. Most ships at sea will continue with their itineraries as planned as these cruise lines are prepared to temporarily suspend North American service.

**More information:**

[https://ab.gov.ag/detail\\_page.php?page=42](https://ab.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=42)



**Source: WCO/Antigua and Barbuda Customs and excise Division**

23 April 2020

**COVID-19 MEASURES**

**1. Measures aiming to Facilitate the Cross-border Movement of Relief and Essential Supplies**

1.1. Implemented new office hours, new shift system, reduced working schedules and on call exigencies to facilitate arriving cargo vessels and aircrafts;

1.2. Afforded the pre-arrival processing of the Goods declaration and release of the goods upon arrival;

1.3. Prioritize the clearance of relief consignments including donations of medical supplies and equipment, cleaning supplies and other COVID relief essential items;

1.4. Coordinate and cooperate with other government agencies with the objective of speeding up the clearance of relief goods;

1.5. Supported the proposal to suspend duties and taxes on the pandemic relief items.

**2. Measures aiming at Supporting the Economy and Sustaining Supply Chain Continuity**

2.1. Customs and Excise Division has been listed at an essential service in this difficult time, hence we will continue to provide services to the public and other key stakeholders while protecting the interest of the nation;

2.2. Facilitated the use of e-commerce due to the increase demand for online services by providing additional bandwidth and the scheduling of more IT staff to handle problems more efficiently and timely;

2.3. The introduction of duty and tax relief measures on essential relief items and key food items to continue trade in goods and to sustain supply chain linkages and management;

2.4. Continue to operate key customs sections to facilitate the import and export of goods and the movement and clearance of goods at all the ports;

2.5. Designated priority lanes for brokers and the trading public to facilitate the speedy movement of goods;

2.6. Created an ASYCUDA Helpdesk online or by phone that can serve as a single window for the trade to reach out to the administration.

### **3. Measures aiming at Protecting Customs Administrations' Staff**

3.1. Ensured sufficient inventory of protective gear (gloves, masks and sanitizers) and commence distribution to all staff;

3.2. Instituted routine, dedicated cleaning of counters, door handles and rails throughout the day;

3.3. Decommission water coolers;

3.4. For vulnerable front-line staff, we have selective quarantine of staff who have health conditions, pregnant and those who work in areas of high international traffic such as airport and seaports and offices in Jolly Harbour and English Harbour who are at higher risk of exposure (consult Ministry of Health)

3.5. Identified core operations for situations of partially or fully closed buildings and confirm skeleton staff schedule;

3.6. Accommodated staff with young children who are presently home from school due to the COVID-19 Virus, where parental guidance is needed and have also established a roster for the new shift and the working hours;

3.7. Took precautionary measures to quarantine an entire Airport Baggage Shift Staff Members who might have been in contact with an infected passenger;

3.8. Prominently display signage at particularly Office entrances advising the public to not enter the building if they are experiencing possible symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, have a sore throat or difficulty breathing, etc.;

3.9. Construct a protective barrier between front-line staff and customers, where necessary;

3.10. Encourage the use of electronic service in conducting business with Customs and Excise.

### **4. Measures aiming at Protecting Society**

4.1. Requested and coordinated information sessions with Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment - Chief Health Inspector and Chief Medical Officer, etc.; 4.2. Limit the number of persons entering the public areas to no more than three persons per cashier to allow for social distancing;

4.3. Communicated information to all Stakeholders via Public Service Announcement;

4.4. Participated in Public Information Programs on State Media;

4.5. Apply social distancing measures.

#### **5. Other measures.**

5.1. The introduction of a Pandemic Relief Barrel Initiative for each household from 1st April to 30th June 2020;

5.2. Increase surveillance to prevent smuggling or importation of illegal or counterfeit goods and pharmaceuticals.

Antigua and Barbuda Customs and Excise Division received the request from the Government on 17 March 2020 to assist with creating a list of items with HS codes and current rates of duty to seek duty exemption for these items. Based on the request from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, a draft list of Goods with tariff codes was compiled to seek duty exemption to assist with COVID-19 pandemic, which were in line with the WCO HS Classification Reference for COVID-19 Medical Supplies and which also reflected the guidelines provided by the WCO (See the list in the Annex). The majority of the remaining items listed in the WCO list are already free of Duties and Taxes in Antigua and Barbuda by other established procedure and statutory instruments that exempt these health related items for Government/Hospital use.

Further information : <http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/.....>