

# BARBADOS TRAVEL PROTOCOLS



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# TRAVEL PROTOCOLS SUMMARY

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## Are you coming from a Medium or High-Risk country?

Take your PCR test 3 days before your arrival. Fill out your online immigration/customs form and upload your negative test result at [www.travelform.gov.bb](http://www.travelform.gov.bb). Take a copy of your results with you to the airport and you're all set to fly!



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## Your safety is our priority!

Travellers from High and Medium-Risk Countries will be retested 2-3 days after arrival (4-5 days after your 1st test).



After you have arrived, our airport officials will validate your test results and guide you through Immigration & Customs and Baggage Claim.



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## Travellers from High-Risk countries, are you all done? You are ready to go to your preapproved accommodation

Your transport service provider has been trained in COVID-19 protocols and will safely transport you to your accommodation, while telling you all about Barbados. Over the next 2 days, take the time to explore your hotel, resort or villa, as you will have restricted access that limits you to your property for a short while, until you get your second test. In the meantime, there is lots to do safely on property and your accommodation manager will guide you accordingly.



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## You will have your second test between 4-5 days after your first test taken in your home country.

In just 24 hours, your test result will be back and once negative, it's vacation time! You will no longer be restricted to your property and your Barbados adventure awaits you. This pandemic will not keep you from our beautiful beaches, restaurants and attractions, so get ready to enjoy yourself. We are happy to have you with us!

But, we want to make sure we continue to help you to monitor your health while on island.

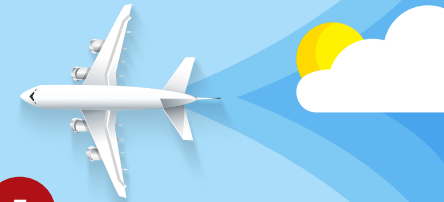


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## Check in with our health team!

From the moment you arrive at the airport, we will ensure that you are equipped with all you need to monitor your health on island; no worries our health officials are just a call or text away. Simple measures have been put in place for self-monitoring while in Barbados.

Monitoring includes daily self-temperature checks and sharing that information with the public health teams who will check in via call or text. Monitoring is generally for 7 days after arrival or the length of stay, whichever is shorter. If you begin to feel unwell at any point of your vacation, let our health officials know.



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NOTE

## Change in risk ranking United Kingdom.

The UK has heightened domestic restrictions as the Government works hard to manage the recent spike in cases.

We are confident that the situation will be brought under control but for now, the UK will be categorized as a high-risk country in accordance with the country risk assessments conducted by the Barbados Ministry of Health & Wellness. If you're travelling from or transiting through the UK you will be required to follow the protocols under the High-Risk Category.

See You Soon,

Barbados



# TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR COUNTRY'S RISK CATEGORY AS AT SEPT. 24, 2020\*

A traveller's risk category will be determined by the highest risk level associated with any country that they have travelled to or transited through within 21 days prior to travel to Barbados.



## High-Risk:

Includes Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Dominican Republic, France, Guyana, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom, United States, US Virgin Islands, Venezuela.

## Medium-Risk:

Includes Bermuda, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Martinique, Norway, United Arab Emirates.

## Very Low-Risk:

Includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Cayman Islands, China, Dominica, Finland, Greenland, Grenada, Montserrat, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines

## Low-Risk:

Includes Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Sri Lanka.

# BEFORE YOUR TRIP TO BARBADOS

## COMPLETE YOUR FORM

- Complete your Online Immigration/Customs form at [travelform.gov.bb](http://travelform.gov.bb) and submit 24 hours prior to travel.

## TAKE YOUR TEST



It is now mandatory for all persons travelling to Barbados from High and Medium-Risk countries to have a negative COVID-19 test result in order to travel to Barbados. Ensure that you take your test at an accredited or certified facility within 72 hours prior to arrival.

- Travellers from Low-Risk countries are strongly advised to take a COVID-19 PCR test before arrival in order to expedite processing through the airport.<sup>1</sup>
- Persons from countries within the Very Low-Risk category are not required to take a test prior to, or on arrival in Barbados.
- Be sure to submit your results online at [travelform.gov.bb](http://travelform.gov.bb) and travel with a copy of your test results clearly showing the date the test was taken.
- Persons from Low-Risk countries without a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result from an accredited or recognized laboratory will be required to take a test upon arrival.

## NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE?

- Specific travellers<sup>2</sup> who have non-standard circumstances that need to be addressed, are advised to contact The Ministry of Health and Wellness via [cmo@health.gov.bb](mailto:cmo@health.gov.bb) at least 72 hours prior to travel to Barbados to have their requests investigated and facilitated.



Remember to wear a mask on your flight.



<sup>1</sup>If you are travelling from a Low-Risk country and have not visited a High or Medium-Risk country within 21 days of your arrival to Barbados, you may present a valid test result for your test taken within five days prior to arrival in Barbados.

<sup>2</sup>Specific travellers include:

- i. Diplomats
- ii. Persons with a medical condition warranting special consideration (to be certified by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO))
- iii. Persons with a disability or travelling with persons with disabilities

# UPON ARRIVAL HIGH-RISK COUNTRIES

## ON ARRIVAL

- Before disembarking, have your COVID-19 PCR test result (in English) visible. These results will be screened for validity by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Barbados.
- Remember to wear your mask while at the airport.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.

## TEST RESULTS:

- If you haven't submitted proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or the test is not validated, you may be denied entry to the country.
- Persons from High-Risk countries with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result will be required to remain (with restricted movement) at a designated holding hotel or approved villa at their own expense, or free of charge at a government facility, and will be monitored for 7 days after arrival.

\* Travellers will be required to retest 4-5 days after the first accepted negative test. If the result of that second test is negative, that traveller can now enjoy unrestricted movement.

- If you test positive for COVID-19 while in Barbados, you may request from the Ministry of Health and Wellness the option to self-isolate at your own expense at your hotel or villa, or government-approved isolation property. This can be facilitated under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place. Alternately, you will be transported to other accommodation for isolation. Upon recovery, you can resume your vacation or you may return home.

\* Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case will be restricted to approved facilities.

Monitoring includes daily self-temperature checks and sharing that information with the public health teams that will check in via call or text. Monitoring is generally for 7 days after arrival or the length of stay, whichever is shorter. If you begin to feel unwell at any point of your vacation, let our health officials know.



## High-Risk:

Includes Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Columbia, Dominican Republic, France, Guyana, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom, United States, US Virgin Islands, Venezuela.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness reserves the right to require testing of any traveller to the island regardless of documentation presented or any other requirement, obligation or condition associated with their assigned risk category.

# UPON ARRIVAL MEDIUM-RISK COUNTRIES

## ON ARRIVAL

- Before disembarking, have your COVID-19 PCR test result (in English) visible. These results will be screened for validity by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Barbados.
- Remember to wear your mask while at the airport.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.

## TEST RESULTS

- If you haven't submitted proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or the test is not validated, you may be denied entry to the country.
- Persons travelling from Medium-Risk countries who arrive with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result will be permitted to leave the airport after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health Officials.



Those persons travelling from Medium-Risk countries will be monitored daily for the onset of symptoms for a period of 7 days after arrival. Travellers will be required to retest 4-5 days after the first accepted negative test.

- If you test positive for COVID-19 while in Barbados, you may request from the Ministry of Health and Wellness the option to self-isolate at your own expense at your hotel or villa, or government-approved isolation property. This can be facilitated under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place. Alternately, you will be transported to other accommodation for isolation. Upon recovery, you can resume your vacation or you may return home.



Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case will be restricted to approved facilities.

Monitoring includes daily self-temperature checks and sharing that information with the public health teams that will check in via call or text. Monitoring is generally for 7 days after arrival or the length of stay, whichever is shorter. If you begin to feel unwell at any point of your vacation, let our health officials know.



### Medium-Risk:

Includes Bermuda, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Martinique, Norway, United Arab Emirates.

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# UPON ARRIVAL LOW-RISK COUNTRIES

## ON ARRIVAL

- Before disembarking, have your COVID-19 PCR test result (in English) visible, if applicable. These results will be screened for validity by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Barbados.
- Remember to wear your mask while at the airport.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.

## TEST RESULTS

- If you haven't submitted proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result or the test is not validated, you will be required to take a test on arrival.
- Persons travelling from Low-Risk countries who arrive with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result will be permitted to leave the airport after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health Officials.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 while in Barbados, you may request from the Ministry of Health and Wellness the option to Self-isolate at your own expense at your hotel or villa, or government-approved isolation property. This can be facilitated under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place. Alternately, you will be transported to other accommodation for isolation. Upon recovery, you can resume your vacation or you may return home.



Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case will be restricted to approved facilities.



### Low-Risk:

Includes Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Sri Lanka.

If you are travelling from a Low-Risk country and have not visited a High-Risk country within 21 days of your arrival to Barbados, you may present a valid test result for your test taken within five days prior to arrival in Barbados.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness reserves the right to require testing of any traveller to the island regardless of documentation presented or any other requirement, obligation or condition associated with their assigned risk category.



# UPON ARRIVAL VERY LOW-RISK COUNTRIES

## ON ARRIVAL

- Masks must be worn while at the airport in Barbados.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.
- Persons travelling from countries within the Very Low-Risk category, can proceed to Immigration, Baggage Claim and Customs and will be permitted to leave the airport and start their vacation after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health Officials.

## TESTING

- Persons travelling from countries within Very Low-Risk countries, who have not travelled to or transited through any country designated as High, Medium or Low-Risk within 21 days prior to travel to Barbados, will not be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test prior to or on arrival.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 while in Barbados, you may request from the Ministry of Health and Wellness the option to Self-isolate at your own expense at your hotel or villa, or government-approved isolation property. This can be facilitated under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place. Alternately, you will be transported to other accommodation for isolation. Upon recovery, you can resume your vacation or you may return home.



Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case will be restricted to approved facilities.



### Very Low-Risk:

Includes Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Cayman Islands, China, Dominica, Finland, Greenland, Grenada, Montserrat, New Zealand, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness reserves the right to require testing of any traveller to the island regardless of documentation presented or any other requirement, obligation or condition associated with their assigned risk category.



# IN-TRANSIT PASSENGERS

- Travellers must observe all public health protocols and masks must be worn at all times while at the airport in Barbados
- All in-transit passengers must undergo a health assessment which may include a temperature check and a brief interview by Port Health Officials.
- All in-transit passengers from High, Medium and Low-Risk countries must have proof of a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result prior to arrival in Barbados within the stipulated time associated with your country's risk category.
- In-transit passengers from High, Medium and Low-Risk countries without evidence of a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test may be denied entry into Barbados.



# TESTING OPTIONS ON ARRIVAL

Travellers from High and Medium-Risk countries are required to have a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test in order to enter Barbados. However, if testing is done on arrival for any reason (for example, if a traveller presents with symptoms) or for any risk category the following will apply:

## OPTION 1

You can have your test completed at the airport and await results at a government accommodation (including airport) at no additional cost to you.

**Test:** No Charge

**Accommodation:** No Charge

## OPTION 2

You can have your test completed at the airport and await results at a designated holding hotel/villa at your own expense.

**Test:** No Charge

**Accommodation:** Fees vary based on selected hotel/villa

## OPTION 3

You can have your test completed at a designated satellite testing hotel and await results at chosen hotel at your own expense.

**Test:** \$150 USD

**Accommodation:** Fees vary based on selected hotel

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Visit [barbadostravelprotocols.com](http://barbadostravelprotocols.com) for list of designated holding hotels and approved villas.



# TESTING OPTIONS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> TEST ON ISLAND

## OPTION 1

Test at approved government facilities  
(including government polyclinics) at no charge. Please call:

 1-246-536-4500

## OPTION 2

Test privately via medical service providers below. Please call:  
Urgent Care Mobile:

 1-246-538-3838

Sandy Crest Medical Centre:

 1-246-419-4911

## OPTION 3

Arrange testing at your accommodation. Please contact your  
accommodation management regarding the available options.

Associated costs for Options 2 and 3 will vary based on your  
specific requirements and the relevant service providers.



# APPROVED VILLAS

For the purpose of restricted movement in Barbados, a villa should be self-contained, without common areas accessible by occupants of the villa.

While movements are restricted, villa staff are required to be at reduced levels and required to wear full industry standard Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the provision of service. The villa is for the exclusive use of the party of each reservation, with the exception of the Property Manager or a representative of the villa management company.

Villas must be manned by 24-hour security or security cameras monitored by a local security firm, capable of ensuring that travellers' restrictions are not violated.

All villas must be registered with the Barbados Tourism Product Authority (BTPA) and managed by a villa management company. Any villa to be used for the purpose of restricted movement on island must be approved by the Product Quality Unit of the BTPA. Requests must be submitted by the villa management company at least 72 hours in advance of arrival via [villaapproval@visitbarbados.org](mailto:villaapproval@visitbarbados.org)



# SELF-ISOLATION OPTION FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES (ASYMPTOMATIC)

Should a person test positive for COVID-19 while staying in Barbados they may request the option to self-isolate at their hotel or villa, or other government approved isolation-property (not inclusive of the Harrison Point Facility) at their own expense. This option will apply to persons who are asymptomatic and deemed well and stable enough by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- Travellers must sign a consent release permitting details of their movements to be shared with the Ministry of Health and Wellness by an approved security company.
- All isolation properties must contract the services of an approved security company for the period of isolation. Associated costs will be charged to the property occupant.
- Medical support services approved by the Ministry of Health & Wellness must be contracted at the expense of the traveller to monitor their condition in accordance with clinical protocols.
- In coming weeks, travellers opting for self-isolation in an approved facility will be monitored via the BMSAFE app and contact tracing bracelet.



## DURING YOUR STAY

- For your safety and those around you, you must abide by all local COVID-19 health protocols, including: physical distancing, hygiene practices, wearing of face masks and all other relevant measures.
- Report any COVID-19 symptoms to public health officials or relevant hotel/accommodation management.



WEAR MASKS



WASH YOUR HANDS



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## BEFORE DEPARTURE

- All departing persons must wear a mask while at the airport and comply with instructions given by public health officials.
- Persons requiring a COVID-19 PCR test prior to travel from Barbados must submit the request at least 72 hours prior to travel via [pcrtest@visitbarbados.org](mailto:pcrtest@visitbarbados.org).





## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Travellers under 5 years of age will not be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test unless they are symptomatic or any member of the travel party has a positive test result.
- Unaccompanied minors will be required to have a valid negative COVID-19 test result to enter Barbados.
- Travellers who have non-standard circumstances that need to be addressed, are advised to contact The Ministry of Health and Wellness via [cmo@health.gov.bb](mailto:cmo@health.gov.bb) at least 72 hours prior to travel to Barbados.

The Chief Medical Officer reserves the right to alter or vary the application of these protocols as circumstances warrant.





In light of the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic, these protocols are likely to change. Travellers are encouraged to check [barbadostravelprotocols.com](http://barbadostravelprotocols.com) for updates.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



[barbadostravelprotocols.com](http://barbadostravelprotocols.com)



COVID-19 HOTLINE: (246) 536-4500

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