

# BARBADOS TRAVEL PROTOCOLS



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## UPDATES AT A GLANCE



### **Mandatory retest for High and Medium-Risk Countries.**

The mandatory second test for travellers from High and Medium-Risk countries will now be taken 4-5 days after the first accepted negative test.



### **Introduction of monitoring for travellers from High-Risk Countries.**

In addition to a period of quarantine, travellers from High-Risk countries will be monitored for 7 days after arrival. Monitoring includes interviews and assessments with public health professionals. Should circumstances arise during the period of monitoring, you may be asked to undergo an additional COVID-19 PCR test.



### **Change in risk ranking for United Kingdom.**

The United Kingdom will be categorized as a high-risk country in accordance with the country risk assessments conducted by the Barbados Ministry of Health & Wellness. As such, persons travelling from or transiting through the UK will be required to follow the protocols under the High-Risk Category.

# RISK CATEGORIES OF SELECTED COUNTRIES AS AT SEP 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.

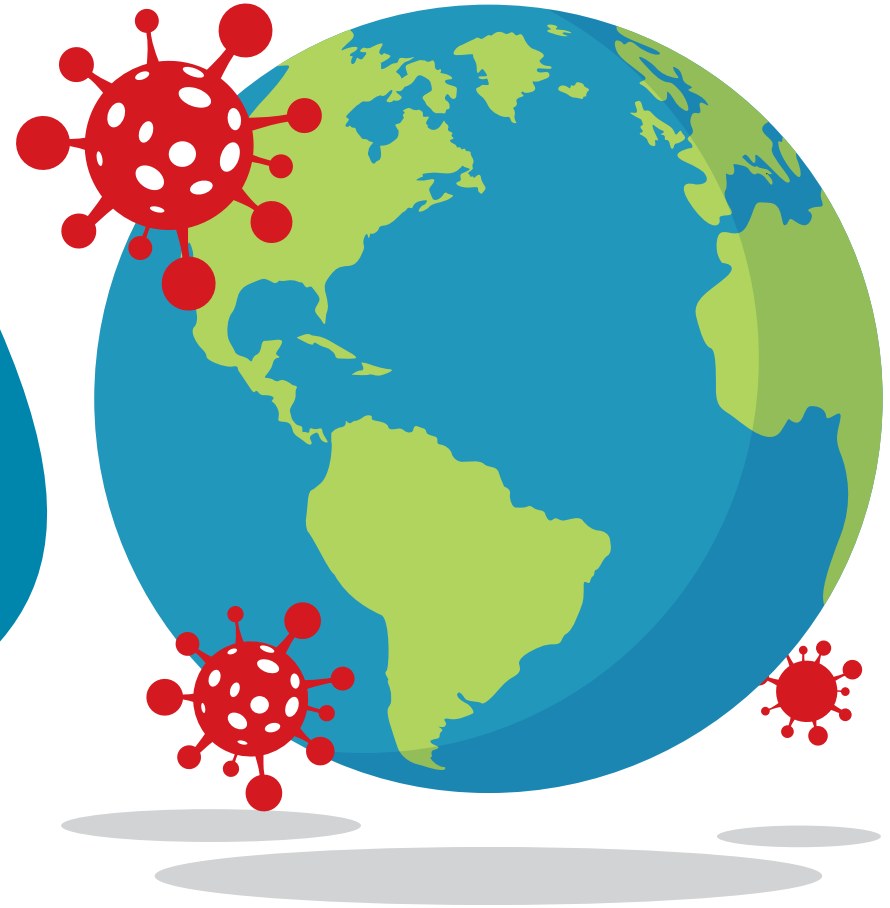
**High-Risk:** Includes Argentina, Bahamas, Belize, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Dominican Republic, France, Guyana, Haiti, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Africa, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, 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.

**Low-Risk:** Includes Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Sri Lanka.

**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.

\*For review within 2 weeks



# REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO BARBADOS

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

- **Mandatory PCR Test for High and Medium Risk Countries**

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 enter the country. These tests must be taken at an accredited or certified facility/laboratory within 72 hours prior to arrival.

- Persons travelling 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.

- 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.

- Persons arriving in Barbados from High or Medium-Risk countries without a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result from an accredited or recognized laboratory may be denied entry in to the country.

- 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

- 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.
- Masks must be worn while at the airport in Barbados.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.
- 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 quarantined 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 result. If the result of that second test is negative, that person will not be subject to further quarantine.
- 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 at your own expense at your hotel or villa, or government-approved isolation property under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place, alternatively you will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation, where you'll stay until you've recovered. 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 quarantined at approved facilities.

Monitoring includes interviews and assessments with public health professionals. Should circumstances arise during the period of monitoring, you may be asked to undergo an additional COVID-19 PCR test.



### 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.

A visitor who does not present a valid negative result may be denied entry into Barbados. Citizens, Permanent Residents and persons with permanent status who do not present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result on arrival will be quarantined in a government facility.

**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

- 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.
- Masks must be worn while at the airport in Barbados.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.
- 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 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.
- 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 under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place, alternatively you will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation, where you'll stay until you've recovered. 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 quarantined at approved facilities.

Monitoring includes interviews and assessments with public health professionals. Should circumstances arise during the period of monitoring, you may be asked to undergo an additional COVID-19 PCR test.



### Medium-Risk:

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

A visitor who does not present a valid negative result and declines testing upon arrival may be denied entry into Barbados. Citizens, Permanent Residents and persons with permanent status who do not present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result and who decline testing on arrival may be quarantined in a government facility.

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## UPON ARRIVAL LOW-RISK COUNTRIES

- 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.
- Masks must be worn while at the airport in Barbados.
- All travellers must undergo a health screen.
- 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 under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place, alternatively you will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation, where you'll stay until you've recovered. 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 quarantined at approved facilities.



### Low-Risk:

Includes Australia, Cuba, Egypt, Sri Lanka.

A visitor who does not present a valid negative result and declines testing upon arrival will be denied entry into Barbados. Citizens, Permanent Residents and persons with permanent status who do not present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result and who decline testing on arrival will be quarantined in a government facility.

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.

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## UPON ARRIVAL VERY LOW-RISK COUNTRIES

- 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.
- 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, may advance to Immigration, Baggage Claim and Customs and 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 under strict stipulations that must be signed as accepted and proven to be in place, alternatively you will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation, where you'll stay until you've recovered. 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 quarantined at 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.

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# 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

In all cases, if testing is done on arrival for any reason 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.

 1-246-536-4500

## Option 2

Test privately via medical service providers below:  
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.



# VILLA

For the purpose of quarantine, a villa means a self-contained accommodation unit. There must be no common areas accessible by the occupants of the villa.

In the case of quarantine, villa staffing is at reduced levels and visitors are asked to note that staff are 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.

There must be 24-hour manned security or security cameras monitored by a security firm in Barbados capable of ensuring that quarantine is 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 quarantine 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)



# DURING YOUR STAY

- For your safety and those around you, you must abide by all health protocols established in Barbados related to COVID-19; 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



USE TISSUE



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

Should a person test positive for COVID-19 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. The other requirements are:

- Persons must sign a consent release which also states their acceptance for information on their movements during self-isolation to be shared with the Ministry of Health and Wellness by an approved security company.
- The isolation-property must contract the services of the approved security company for the period of time of such isolation with the associated expenses charged to the account of the property occupant.
- Medical support services approved by the Ministry of Health & Wellness must be contracted at the expense of the patient to monitor their condition in accordance with clinical protocols.
- The management of self-isolation in a government approved isolation facility will work in conjunction with the soon to be implemented BMSAFE app and contact tracing bracelet.



## 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:



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