

# Health & Safety

Protocols For The Tourism Sector



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# Commercial Travel and Visitor Arrivals



# Requirements For Entry Into Barbados

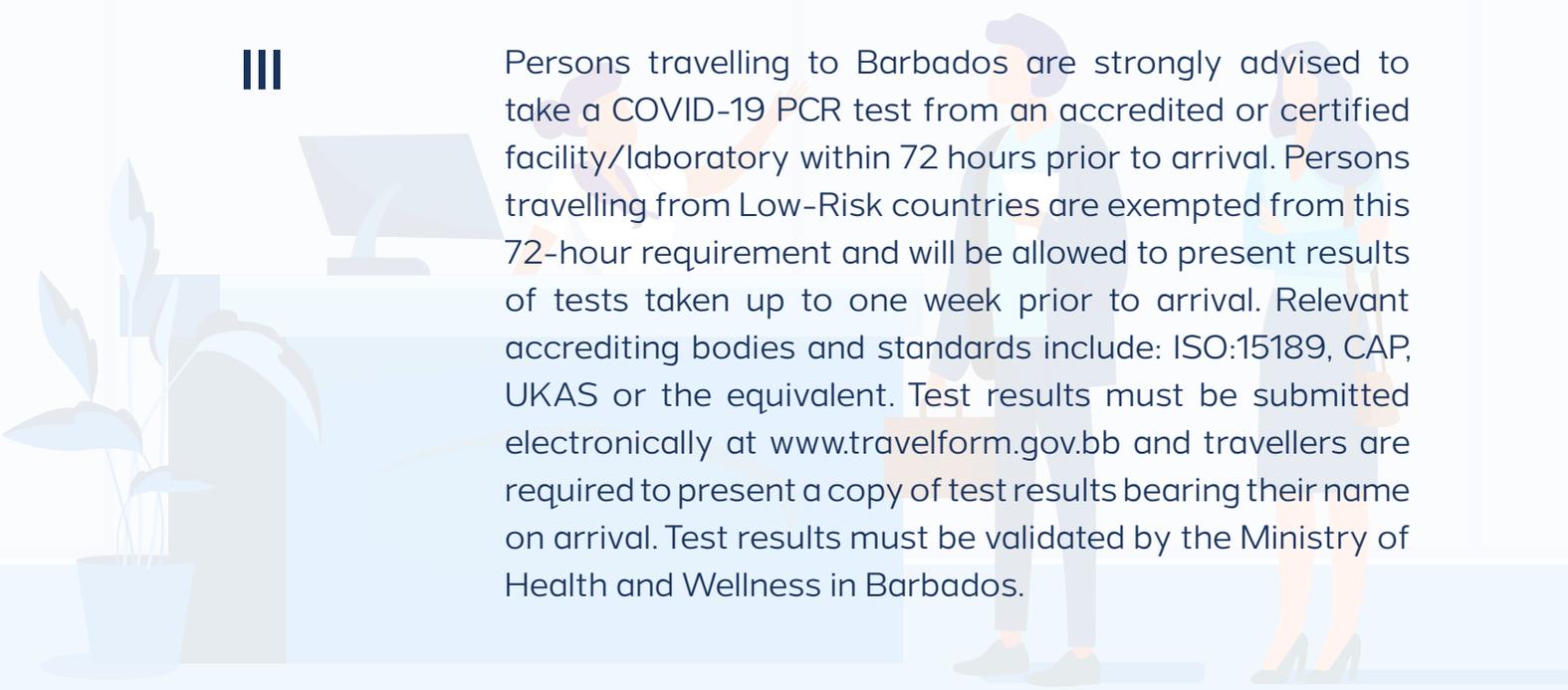
I All travellers to Barbados must complete a pre-arrival Online Immigration/Customs form at least 24 hrs before arrival. This online form will include personal health information related to COVID-19 symptoms.

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II The Online Immigration/Customs form is available at **[www.travelform.gov.bb](http://www.travelform.gov.bb)**

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III Persons travelling to Barbados are strongly advised to take a COVID-19 PCR test from an accredited or certified facility/laboratory within 72 hours prior to arrival. Persons travelling from Low-Risk countries are exempted from this 72-hour requirement and will be allowed to present results of tests taken up to one week prior to arrival. Relevant accrediting bodies and standards include: ISO:15189, CAP, UKAS or the equivalent. Test results must be submitted electronically at [www.travelform.gov.bb](http://www.travelform.gov.bb) and travellers are required to present a copy of test results bearing their name on arrival. Test results must be validated by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Barbados.



## IV

Persons arriving in Barbados without a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result from an accredited or recognized laboratory will be required to take a test upon arrival and the following will apply:

- a. Persons travelling from High-Risk countries or who have visited or transited through a High-Risk country in the past 21 days will be tested at the airport free of charge. These travellers will be required to remain at the airport until the results are available.
- b. Persons travelling from Moderate-Risk countries can be tested at the airport free of charge or at approved satellite sites/hotels for a fee of USD \$150 plus the cost of the hotel stay. Persons tested at the airport can either await their results at the airport or at a designated holding hotel at their own expense. All persons must remain at their approved chosen accommodation until they receive their results. Test results would generally be available within 24 hours.
- c. Persons travelling from Low-Risk countries will be tested at the airport free of charge or at approved satellite sites/hotels for a fee of USD \$150 plus the cost of the hotel stay. Persons tested at the airport can either await their results at the airport or a designated holding hotel at their own expense. All persons must remain at their approved chosen accommodation until they receive their results. Test results would generally be available within 24 hours.

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The Ministry of Health and Wellness reserves the right to require testing of any person regardless of documentation presented.

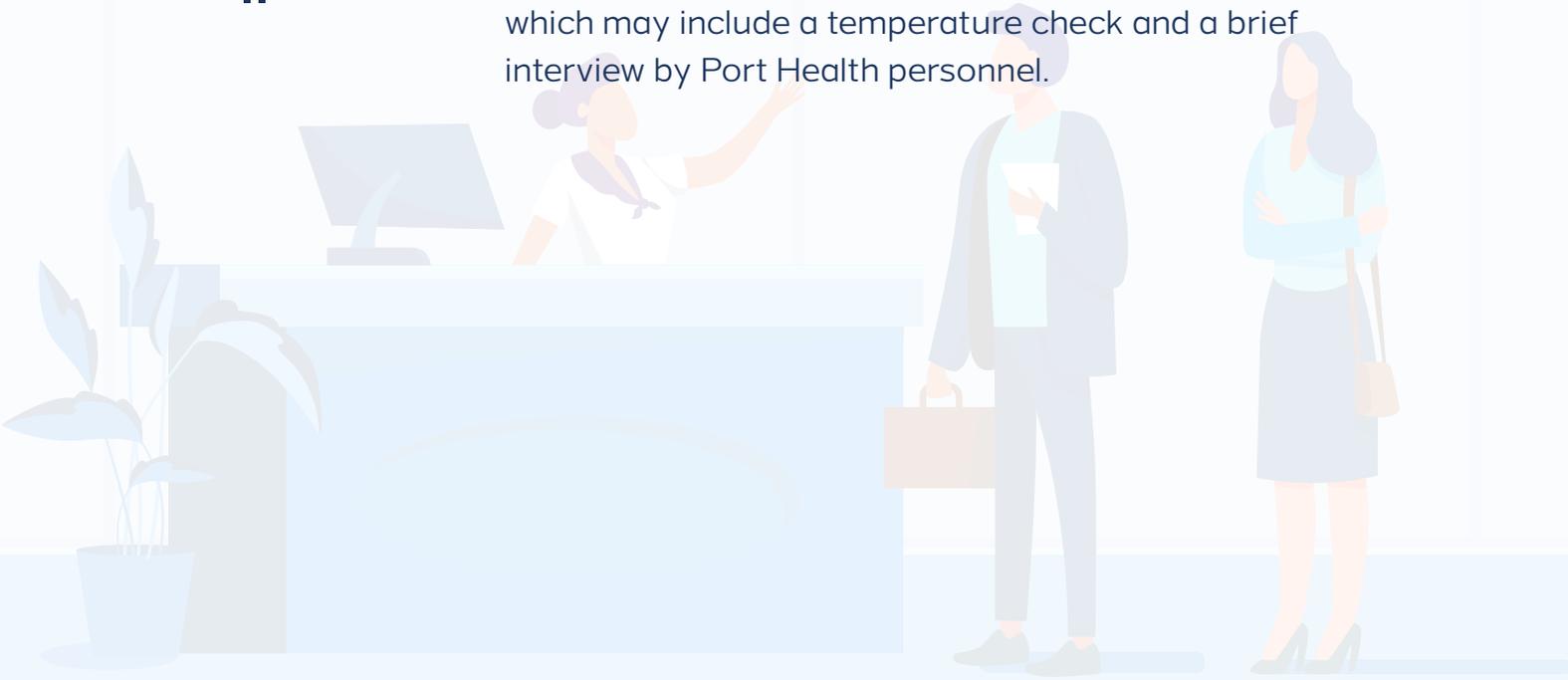
## Procedures at the Barbados Airport

I

Masks must be worn at all times while at the airport in Barbados.

II

All incoming travellers must undergo a health assessment which may include a temperature check and a brief interview by Port Health personnel.



### III

All incoming travellers who have taken a COVID-19 PCR test prior to arrival, will be required to present the results for review by the Ministry of Health and Wellness in Barbados. This test must have been conducted within the period specified in Section 3 to be deemed valid. Any person who fails to satisfy these requirements must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test upon arrival in Barbados.

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### IV

A visitor who does not present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result and who declines testing on arrival will be denied entry into Barbados.

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### V

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.

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### VI

Persons travelling from Low and Moderate-Risk countries who arrive with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result may advance to Immigration, Baggage Claim and Customs and will be permitted to leave the airport. Those persons travelling from Moderate-Risk countries will be monitored for 7 days from arrival.

## VII

Persons travelling from High-Risk countries with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result will be quarantined at a designated holding hotel or villa at their own expense, or free of charge at a government facility, and will be monitored daily for the onset of symptoms. These persons will be required to take a second COVID-19 PCR test within 7 days after the last test accepted by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Persons will typically be released once the test result is negative.

# In-transit Passengers

## I

Masks must be worn at all times while at the airport in Barbados.

## II

All in-transit passengers must undergo a health assessment which may include a temperature check and a brief interview by Port Health personnel.

## III

All in-transit passengers must have proof of a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result prior to arrival in Barbados.

## IV

In-transit passengers without evidence of a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result may be denied entry into Barbados. The Government of Barbados reserves the right to refuse entry to any person who does not have a valid test result.

# During Stay in Barbados

**I** All persons travelling to Barbados must abide by all public health and social measures in place in Barbados related to COVID-19 risk reduction; including physical distancing, hygiene practices, wearing of face masks and all other relevant measures.

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**II** All persons will be required to immediately report any COVID-19 symptoms to public health officials or relevant hotel/accommodation management.

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**III** Persons may be requested to undergo an additional COVID-19 PCR test if circumstances arise during the period of monitoring.

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**IV** Persons who test positive will be transferred to alternate accommodations for isolation and treatment until they have received 2 consecutive negative tests and have been cleared by the Ministry of Health & Wellness. After clearance, persons may resume their planned activities.

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**V** Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case will be quarantined at facilities approved by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

# Departure from Barbados

- I All departing persons must wear a mask while in the airport.

- II All departing passengers must comply with instructions given by public health officials.

## Special Considerations

- I Travellers under 5 years of age will not be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test result unless they are symptomatic or their guardian has a positive test result.

- II Unaccompanied minors will be required to have a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result to enter Barbados.

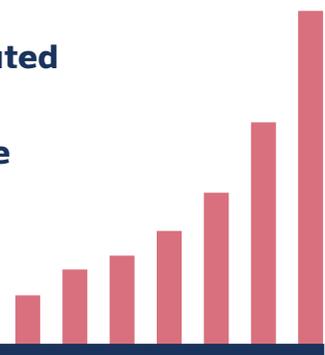
# Assessing Country Risk for Importation of COVID-19

Country risk assessments are done using a transparent, reproducible methodology. The assessment takes into consideration factors including the number of cases, country population, deaths, and testing levels. We are utilizing a modified version of the WHO global surveillance monitoring system which looks at 7 day totals of new cases and is updated daily. This will be used in conjunction with WHO transmission classification system, which is as follows:

Additionally, the assessment takes into consideration other factors that may influence the accuracy of the risk classification such as the adequacy of testing in the source country.

- **No cases:** with no confirmed cases.
- **Sporadic cases:** with one or more cases, imported or locally detected.
- **Clusters of cases:** experiencing cases, clustered in time, geographic location and/or by common exposures.
- **Community transmission:** experiencing larger outbreaks of local transmission defined through an assessment of factors including, but not limited to large numbers of cases not linkable to transmission chains; large numbers of cases from sentinel lab surveillance; and/or multiple unrelated clusters in several areas of the country.

**Travelers from each country or region will be designated in various risk categories for possible disease export which will determine the public health measures to be implemented before arrival and while in Barbados. It should be appreciated that these criteria may change as the situation evolves.**



## Risk Categories of Selected Countries as of 14th July 2020<sup>1</sup>

Determination of risk is achieved by using World Health Organization 7-day totals

### High risk:

Includes **USA, Brazil, India, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Colombia, South Africa, Indonesia, Philippines and Russia**

### Moderate risk:

Includes **Canada, UK, Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Portugal, Sweden, Australia, Egypt, Ghana, China, Japan, Sri Lanka. Suriname, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Jamaica**

### Low risk:

Includes **Uruguay, Cuba, New Zealand, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Greenland, Guyana and CARICOM States** except those indicated in the Moderate-Risk category.

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<sup>1</sup>Risk categories are reviewed every 2 weeks



