



BARBADOS TRAVEL PROTOCOLS

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TRAVEL PROTOCOLS SUMMARY

1

Testing Before You Travel.

Take your PCR test within 3 days before your arrival. Download the BimSafe app from the App store. The app will facilitate submission of your entry documents; health tracking while in Barbados and much more. If you are an in transit passenger or are unable to download BimSafe you can go to www.travelform.gov.bb to fill out your online immigration/customs forms and upload your PCR test result.

Take a copy of your results with you to the airport and you're all set to fly! Please take special note that the date of the test and not the date of the result is what will be assessed against the 3 day time frame.



3

Your Preapproved Accommodation Awaits!

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 few days, take the time to relax and recover from your trip in the comfort of your accommodation. During this time you must remain in your room/accommodation before you receive your 2nd COVID-19 negative test result.

4

After your 2nd negative test result, your quarantine ends!

You will be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test 5 days (120 hours) after arrival with a valid negative result in order to leave quarantine. Generally, for this PCR test at day 5 we will take up to 48 hours to let you know your results.

We want to make sure we continue to help you to monitor your health. Please visit this link to learn more about the national COVID situation. <https://gisbarbados.gov.bb/covid-19/>.



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Don't forget to play by the rules!

Once you exit quarantine you will come to see the beauty of our island and why we love this home of ours. We welcome you to your home away from home, but please ensure to observe all COVID-19 regulations including the ones highlighted below.

There is a mandatory curfew in place from 9pm to 6am which continues until March 27th. We recognise that this impacts your travel experience but ask that you ensure that you play by the rules.

Please check out the availability days and times of various businesses e.g. supermarkets, restaurants and government establishments.

One of the newest rules you will need to observe is the mandatory wearing of a mask in public spaces.

2

Keeping You Twice As Safe!

On arrival in Barbados, your COVID-19 PCR test result will be screened for validity.

Once completed, you will be guided to immigration, and then you may be required to reconfirm your first negative COVID-19 PCR test with a rapid (COVID-19 antigen) test. If this test is done, results will be provided before you exit the airport. You will then be able to collect your luggage to exit the airport.



TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATES AT A GLANCE

There is a temporary suspension of country risk categorization and all travellers will be required to adhere to the same protocols.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All persons are required to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result to travel to Barbados. On arrival persons may be required to take a rapid (COVID-19 antigen) test done at our airport before entry into quarantine.

PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE BELOW:

TIMEFRAME FOR TEST RESULTS

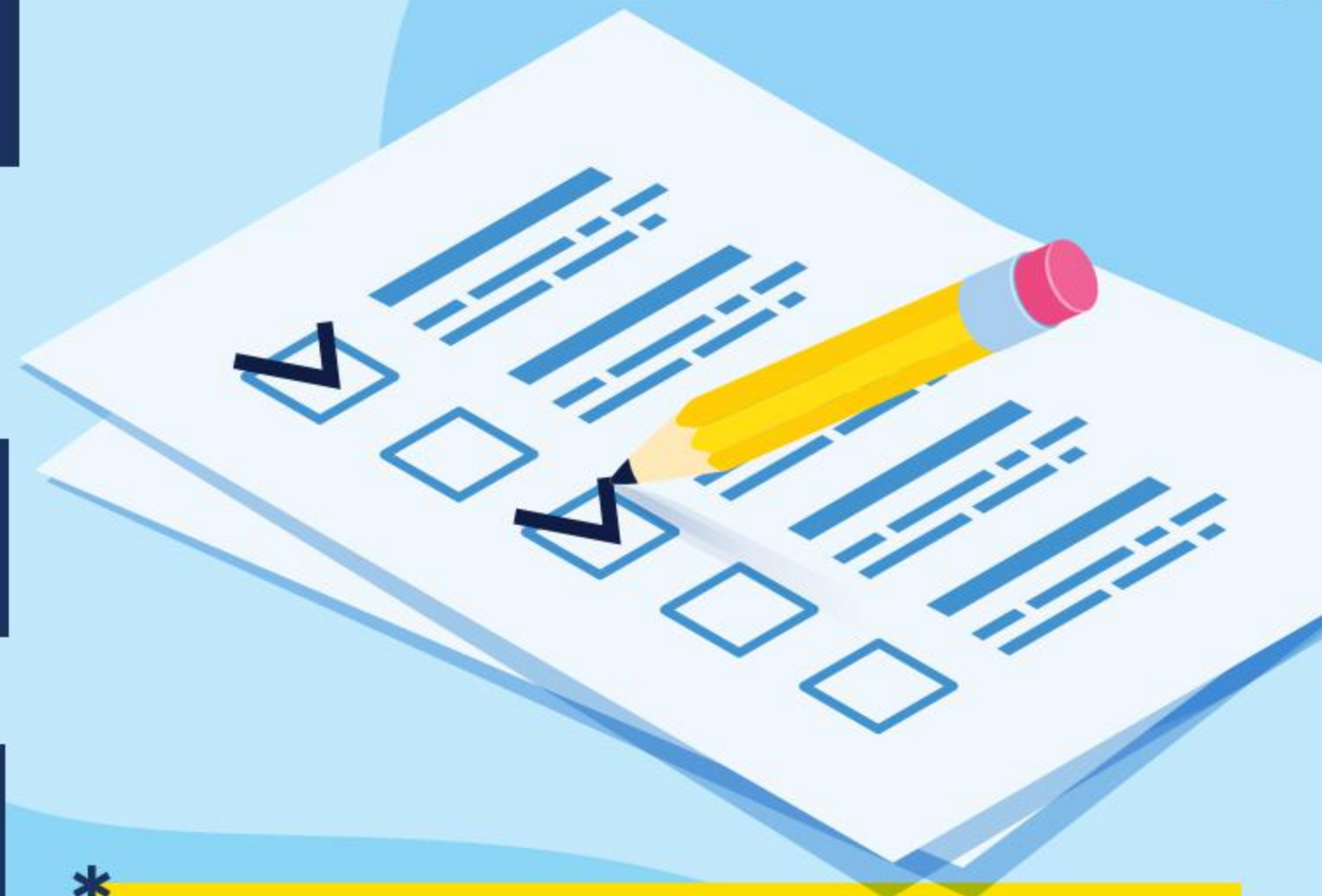
Once you have received your COVID-19 PCR test in Barbados, where that test is for the purpose of exit from quarantine, results will typically be available within 48 hours of the sample arriving at the laboratory.

REQUIREMENTS FOR QUARANTINE

All travellers are required to quarantine in their rooms/suites until they have been cleared by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. This clearance requires a negative COVID-19 test result taken after 5 days of quarantine in Barbados. While complying with our protocols is quite easy, travellers are reminded that breaches of the COVID-19 protocols are an offence and those guilty may be subject to a BDS \$50,000 fine, or imprisonment for a term of one year, or both.

TIMEFRAME FOR 2ND TEST

After arrival persons will be required to quarantine and then have a second COVID-19 PCR test five days (120 hours) after the time of their arrival. A negative PCR test result will be required for exit from quarantine.



Due to the limited capacity, the government quarantine facilities which are provided free of cost and used for accommodation prior to 2nd tests, will be reserved for Barbadians and permanent residents arriving in Barbados.

TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATES AT A GLANCE CONT'D

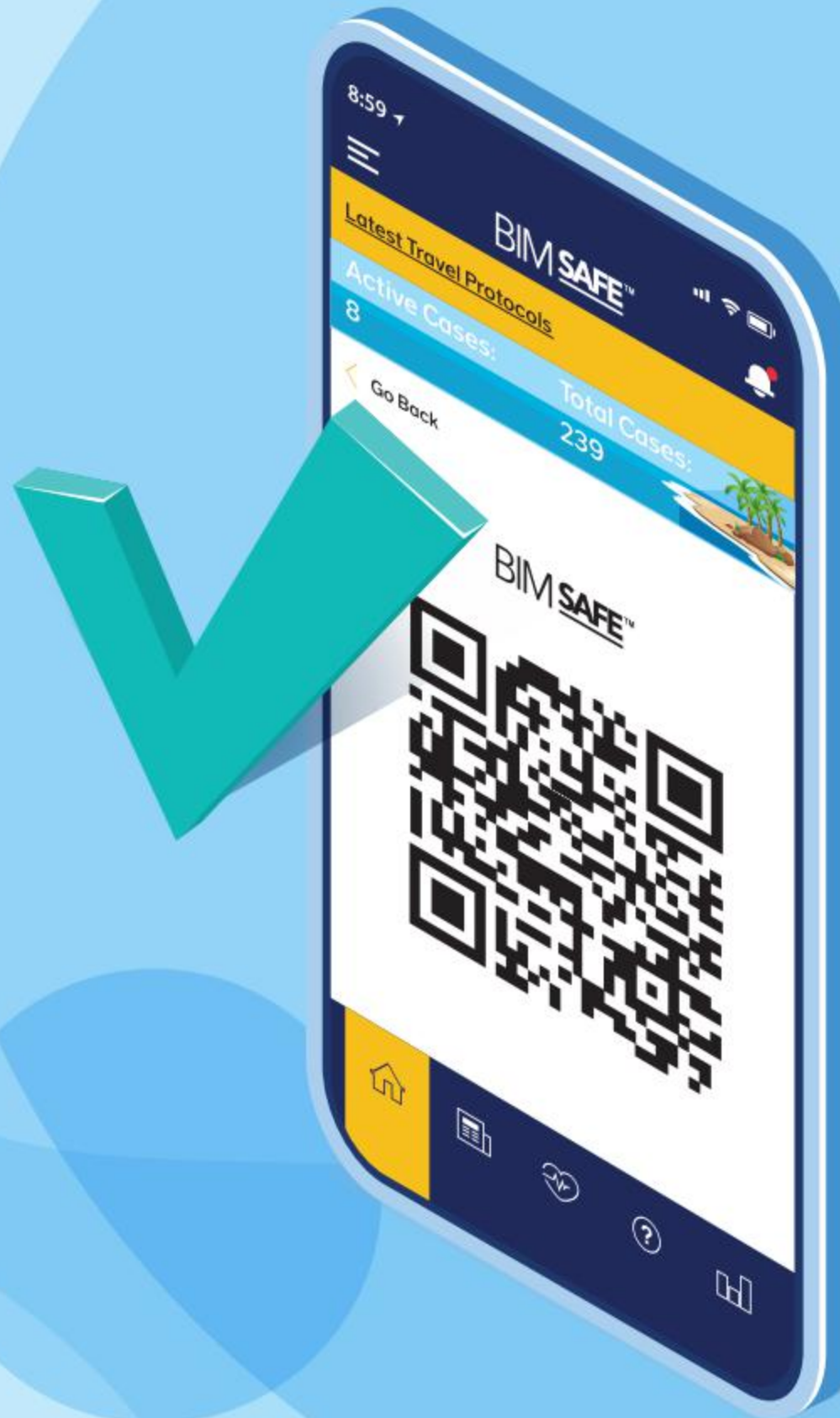
Introducing BIMSAFE

BIMSafe is the new, easy-to-use app designed to simplify and expedite your travel experience to Barbados!

Download the App prior to your trip to Barbados from Google Play and the Apple Store. BIMSafe will allow you to complete your online ED form, upload your negative COVID-19 PCR test result and complete your health questionnaire, all from one centralised place. The App also provides capabilities for monitoring your temperature and symptoms during the 7 days after your arrival.

The BIMSafe app will be accompanied by a state-of-the-art monitoring bracelet which you will wear during your quarantine period. This water-resistant and tamper-resistant bracelet keeps you and those around you safe by ensuring you remain within your designated quarantine location.

www.bimsafe.gov.bb



DEFINITIONS

* QUARANTINE

During quarantine travellers are not allowed to leave their rooms/suites before receiving a 2nd negative COVID-19 PCR test result. Though you may not be able to explore the island just yet, you will have the option to stay at any of the designated properties and have a taste of Barbados' world renowned hospitality.

* MONITORING

Monitoring includes daily self-temperature checks and sharing that information with the public health teams who will check in via call or text or via the BIMSafely App. Please remember to travel with your own thermometer. Monitoring is generally for 7 days after arrival or the length of stay, whichever is shorter.

* COVID-19 PCR TESTING PROCESS

For your COVID-19 PCR test to be considered for validation, your test must be taken by:

- Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal sample (or both). Saliva or nasal swabs will not be accepted.
- A health-care provider. Self-samples, rapid tests or home tests will be considered invalid.



BEFORE YOUR TRIP TO BARBADOS

COMPLETE YOUR FORM

- Download the BIMSafE App from the App Store and complete your online Immigration/Customs form at least 24 hours prior to travel. The form is also available at travelform.gov.bb.

TAKE YOUR TEST

* It is now mandatory for all persons travelling to Barbados to have a negative COVID-19 PCR test result in order to travel to Barbados. Ensure that you take your test at an accredited or certified facility within 3 days prior to arrival.

- Persons who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 are asked to bring their vaccine documentation with them. While this will not change their entry requirements it will ensure that any signs of COVID-19 that may be picked up by the rapid test or the PCR test will be better understood by health officials.
- Persons who have been previously infected with COVID-19 are also asked to walk with documentation of previous infection (antibodies) as this will also help health officials to best assess their test results.
- Please note that the wearing of a mask in public spaces is mandatory, unless you are engaged in public speaking or have a medical reason not to do so. This medical reason must be documented by a registered physician. Should you have such a medical reason not to wear a mask in public spaces please bring with you your medical documentation to that effect.
- Be sure to submit your results via the BIMSafE app or online at travelform.gov.bb and travel with a copy of your test results clearly showing the date the test was taken. Take special note that the date the test is taken determines the 3 day period and not the date the test result is issued.

NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE?

- Specific travellers who have non-standard circumstances that need to be addressed, are advised to contact The Ministry of Health and Wellness via covid19hotline@barbados.gov.bb at least 3 days prior to travel to Barbados to have their requests investigated and facilitated.

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

* Remember to wear a mask on your flight.

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 required for entry into Barbados.



UPON ARRIVAL ALL TRAVELLERS

ON ARRIVAL

- Before disembarking, have your COVID-19 PCR test result (in English) or your BIMSAFE QR CODE 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 health screening.

TESTING

- 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 with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result may still be required to take a rapid (COVID-19 antigen) test upon arrival. The results of the rapid test will be returned before the traveller is permitted to leave the airport.
- Should a person's rapid test be returned positive they will be required to have a COVID-19 PCR test taken. Should that test prove positive they will be required to enter into a period of isolation at a Government facility.

* Travellers will be required to retest with a COVID-19 PCR test 5 days (120 hours) after their arrival in the country. If the result of that second PCR test is negative, that traveller can now enjoy unrestricted movement. Travellers who refuse to have a second test may be denied entry or quarantined for 14 days.

* Due to the limited capacity, the government quarantine facilities which are provided free of cost and used for accommodation prior to 2nd tests, will be reserved for Barbadians and permanent residents arriving in Barbados.



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.
- Please note that all persons travelling to Barbados must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result.
- In transit passengers may be required to undergo a rapid (COVID-19 antigen) test prior to their departure.
- In-transit passengers without evidence of a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test 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 negative test result.

TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN BARBADOS

If you test positive for COVID-19 while in Barbados, you will first be assessed at a government facility for a minimum of 24 hours. After which, you may request from the Ministry of Health and Wellness the option to self-isolate at your own expense **at a government approved isolation 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.

Please note the requirements for self-isolation on Page 11



Those persons who are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case will be restricted to approved facilities until retested and cleared by health officials.



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 a government approved isolation hotel or villa, at their own expense. This will apply to persons who are asymptomatic and deemed well and stable enough by the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE:

- 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.
- Travellers must sign a consent release permitting details of their restricted movements to be shared with the Ministry of Health and Wellness by the approved security company.
- 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.
- Travellers opting for self-isolation in an approved facility will be monitored via the BIMSafE app and monitoring bracelet.



TESTING OPTIONS ON ARRIVAL

All travellers are required to have a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test in order to enter Barbados. When COVID-19 PCR testing is done on arrival for any reason (for example, if a traveller presents with symptoms) the following will apply:

OPTION 1

You can have your PCR test completed at the airport and await results at a government accommodation (including airport) at no additional cost to you. If a rapid antigen test is required at the airport, this will be done at no charge and results will be returned before you leave the airport.*

Test: No Charge | **Accommodation:** No Charge

OPTION 2

You can have your PCR 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 PCR 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 for list of designated holding hotels and approved villas.

TESTING OPTIONS FOR PCR TESTS ON ISLAND

OPTION 1

Test at approved government facilities
at no charge. Please call:

☎ 1-246-536-4500

OPTION 2

Test privately via medical service providers below. Please call:

Blu Isles

☎ 1-246-622-1299

✉ info@bluisles.com

Urgent Care Mobile

☎ 1-246-538-3838

✉ covidunit@urgentcarebarbados.com

Sandy Crest Medical Centre

☎ 1-246-419-4911

✉ bcharles@sandycrest.net

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 quarantine in Barbados, a villa should be self-contained, without common areas accessible by any other guests at the property.

While guests are quarantined, 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 the travellers' quarantine periods are observed.

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 on island must be approved by the Product Quality Unit of the BTPA. Requests must be submitted by the villa management company at least 3 days in advance of arrival via villaapproval@visitbarbados.org.



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.
- Please note that a national stay at home order is in effect until Feb. 17th. During this period please ensure that you are familiar with and comply with all movement restrictions. For further guidance please visit www.gisbarbados.gov.bb/COVID-19 to learn more about the local restrictions.



WEAR MASKS



WASH YOUR HANDS



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BEFORE DEPARTURE

- Persons requiring a COVID-19 PCR test prior to travel from Barbados must submit the request at least 3 days prior to travel via traveltest@visitbarbados.org. Alternatively, travellers can have their PCR tests done privately via any of the providers listed on Page 13.
- Persons requiring a COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to travel from Barbados, are advised to visit the Garfield Sobers Gymnasium between the hours of 9:30am to 4pm. Please note that the time required for testing and return of results can take up to 2 hours. This test will be conducted at a fee of \$50 USD per person.
- All departing persons must wear a mask while at the airport and comply with instructions given by public health officials.



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 PCR 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 covid19hotline@barbados.gov.bb at least 3 days 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 subject to change.
Travellers are encouraged to check barbadostravelprotocols.com for updates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:



barbadostravelprotocols.com



travelprotocols@visitbarbados.org



TRAVEL HOTLINE: (246) 628-4150



COVID-19 HOTLINE: (246) 536-4500

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