

BARBADOS Travel PROTOCOLS

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DOWNLOAD BIM SAFE

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, proof of vaccination* 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

*This will feature does not take effect until May 8, 2021.

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FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLER

Travellers will be considered to be fully vaccinated if:

- They have completed a full regimen of vaccines for any of the Ministry of Health and Wellness approved COVID-19 vaccinations¹, more than 2 weeks prior to travel to Barbados*.
- *The travel history of a fully vaccinated traveller, where they have travelled from or transited through countries of special consideration, within the 21-day period immediately prior to arrival, will determine which protocols apply.

¹AstraZeneca, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech or Johnson & Johnson

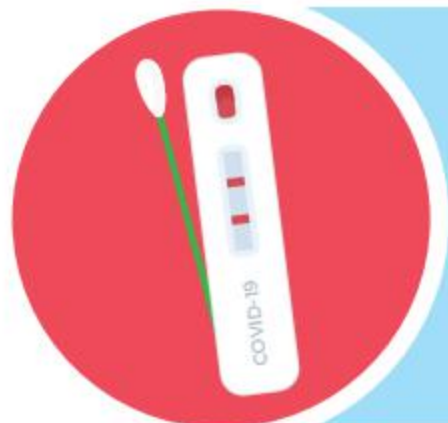
(Note: Additional vaccines may be added based on WHO emergency listing.)

*Countries of special consideration are those where the prevalence of certain variants of COVID-19 are deemed of particular concern to Barbados Public Health Officials.



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 BIMSafes 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 or home tests will be considered invalid.



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ENSURE YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED

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- *The travel history of a fully vaccinated traveller, where they have travelled from or transited through countries of special consideration, within the 21-day period immediately prior to arrival, will determine which protocols apply.

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(Note: Additional vaccines may be added by Barbados Government, Ministry of Health and Wellness (MHW) guided by the WHO emergency listing approval.)

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BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

- Travellers are required to spend the time while they await the results of their on-Island COVID-19 PCR test at a Government-approved accommodation only. The list of approved properties may be found at www.barbadostravelprotocols.com.
- Fully vaccinated travellers are encouraged to book a minimum of 2 nights.
- Government quarantine facilities will be reserved for Barbadian nationals, residents and those with permanent status.

TAKE YOUR TEST BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Persons who are fully vaccinated must travel with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result from an accredited or certified facility.
- Test must be taken within 3 days prior to arrival.
- Upload your test results via the BIMSaf App or online at travelform.gov.bb and travel with a copy of your test results clearly showing the date the test was taken.



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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.

ON ARRIVAL

- 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.
- Pre-submission for approval of vaccine certificates is preferred. Additionally, proof of vaccination (in English), in the form of a vaccine certificate, is required. Validation of certificates at point of entry will include one of the following:
 1. Proof of issuance from a National Public Health Organisation.
 2. Proof of documented vaccination issued by a hospital or medical centre.
 3. Use of an independent validation system, such as IATA Travel Pass, or The Digital Green Certificate.
- Persons who fail to provide proof of vaccination will be subject to the protocols of unvaccinated travellers.

TAKE A 2ND TEST

- Fully vaccinated travellers will have a standard or Rapid COVID-19 PCR test done on arrival at the airport or their approved accommodation.



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PREAPPROVED ACCOMMODATION

- Fully vaccinated travellers are required to use specially designated transportation providers for their transport from the airport to their approved accommodation, where they will await the results of their on-Island PCR test before they gain full access to enjoy all Barbados has to offer..
- While awaiting test results from their on-Island COVID-19 PCR test, travellers are required to remain on property at approved quarantine properties and follow the quarantine rules for their selected property.

Travellers are asked to check and note the different quarantine rules for different properties. However, this use of property does not include use of the beach, gyms, spas or butler services while awaiting the return of COVID-19 PCR test results. The use of pool facilities may be permitted where such access is permissible for guests under quarantine at your chosen approved accommodation.

ENJOY BARBADOS SAFELY

- On receipt of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result from their on-Island PCR test and clearance by Ministry of Health officials, travellers are free to enjoy the island.



UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

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DEFINITION OF UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

A traveller will be considered to be unvaccinated when they are:

- A person who has not been vaccinated at all and therefore has no evidence of such.
- A person who claims to have been vaccinated but has either produced no valid evidence of vaccination or the evidence produced cannot be verified.
- A person who has been vaccinated using a vaccine not on the Barbados list of approved vaccines.
- A person who has only received one dose of a two-dose regimen.
- A person who has completed the full regimen of an approved vaccine, but less than 2 weeks prior to arrival

BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION

- Travellers are required to spend the duration of their quarantine period at approved accommodation only. This list of approved properties may be found at www.barbadostravelprotocols.com.
- Unvaccinated travellers are encouraged to book a minimum of 7 nights at their approved quarantine accommodation while they complete their 5 day quarantine and await the results of their second on-Island PCR test. Results may take 1 - 2 days to be returned.
- Free Government quarantine facilities will be reserved for Barbadian nationals, residents and those with permanent status.

TAKE YOUR TEST BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Persons must travel with a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result from an accredited or certified facility.
- Test must be taken within 3 days prior to arrival.
- Upload your test results via the BIMSaf App or online at travelform.gov.bb and travel with a copy of your test results clearly showing the date the test was taken.

COMPLETE YOUR FORM

- Download the BIMSaf 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.



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ON ARRIVAL

- 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.

QUARANTINE AT PREAPPROVED ACCOMMODATION

- Unvaccinated travellers are required to use specially designated transportation providers for their transport from the airport to approved accommodation.
- During quarantine travellers are not allowed to leave their rooms/suites before receiving a 2nd negative COVID-19 PCR test result.

TAKE A SECOND TEST 5 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL

- Unvaccinated travellers will be required to take a second COVID-19 PCR test 5 days after their arrival in the country. Travellers who refuse to have a second test may be denied entry or quarantined for 14 days.

ENJOY BARBADOS SAFELY

- On receipt of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result from their on-Island COVID-19 PCR test and clearance by Ministry of Health officials, travellers are free to enjoy the island.

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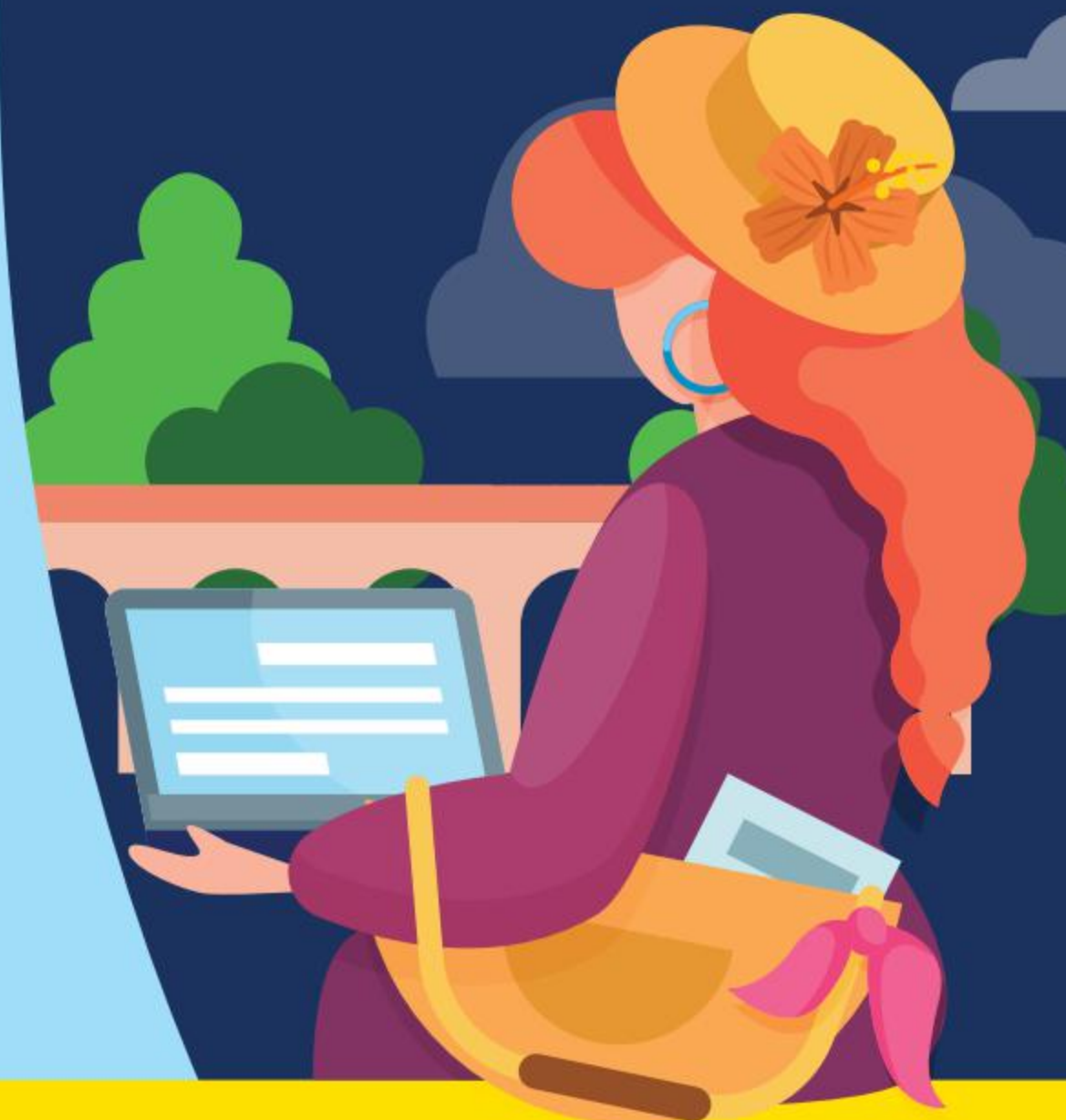


TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATES AT A GLANCE

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	FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLER	UNVACCINATED TRAVELLER
COVID-19 PCR test 3 days prior to arrival	YES	YES
2nd COVID-19 PCR test	On arrival	5 days after arrival
Enjoy Barbados fully	Same day or 1-2 days (Dependent on return of test results)	Approx. 7-8 days (5 days quarantine plus return of test results)



TRAVEL HISTORY

- Vaccinated travellers coming from or transiting countries of special consideration in the past 21 days will be treated as unvaccinated travellers and will be required to observe the associated travel guidelines.
- Acceptance of vaccination status will not be considered independently if there is a high prevalence of COVID-19 Variants of Concern.
- All travellers are advised to consult the list of countries of special consideration at www.barbadostravelprotocols.com which will be updated regularly.
- Persons travelling from or transiting countries with high prevalence of Variants of Concern will be required to quarantine at specially designated approved facilities.

FAMILY/GROUP TRAVEL

CHILDREN UNDER 18

- Some travellers may be travelling with children who may not have been vaccinated. Children under 18 years, travelling with fully vaccinated guardians will be allowed to adhere to the same guidelines as their fully vaccinated guardians.

GROUPS COMPRISING VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS.

- If a fully vaccinated adult traveller is traveling with an unvaccinated adult traveller, 18 years and older, and they choose not to be separated, then the rules applied to the unvaccinated traveller, will also apply to the fully vaccinated traveller.



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

- All unaccompanied minors under 18 years of age must travel with proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result from a test taken no more than 3 days prior to arrival.
- Vaccinated unaccompanied minors will follow the guidelines for all vaccinated travellers.
- Unvaccinated unaccompanied minors will follow the protocol of unvaccinated travellers.
- Where guardians are considering travel for unaccompanied minors, they are required to make a submission to the Chief Medical Officer (for his consideration) via covid19hotline@barbados.gov.bb.

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 also 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
- iv. Persons travelling from countries warranting special consideration due to high prevalence of COVID-19 variants of concern to local public health officials.



IN-TRANSIT PASSENGERS

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- 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 taken within 3 days prior to arrival.
- 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.



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TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN BARBADOS

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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 15



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)

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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 BIMSaf 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 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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This option has limited availability and may be offered on a restricted basis or at a fee. 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.

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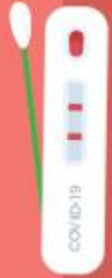


Visit barbadostravelprotocols.com for list of preapproved accommodation.

TESTING OPTIONS FOR PCR TESTS ON ISLAND

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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 contact via:

Blu Isles

1-246-622-1299

info@bluisles.com

Dr. Ingrid Durrant

1-246-826-3147

idurrant@gmail.com

AOH Health Service

1-246-264-6481

aohhealthservices@gmail.com

Platinum Services Ltd

1-246-537-6639

doctors@platinumservicesbgi.com

Dr. Esther Byer- Suckoo

1-246-262-4152

doctorestherb@gmail.com

Med Plus Management Services Inc.
(Dr. Mikaelle Bellamy)

1-246-285-6271

mbellamy3028@gmail.com

Nurse Rachel Blanchette

1-246-832-7224

rachie200@yahoo.ca

Sandy Crest/Coverley Medical

1-246-419-4911

bcharles@sandycrest.net



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Urgent Care Mobile

📞 1-246-538-3838

✉️ results@urgentcarebarbados.com

The Crane Covid Lab

📞 1-246-416-6499

✉️ lab@thecrane.com

Dr. Manoharsingh

📞 1-246-836-3538



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

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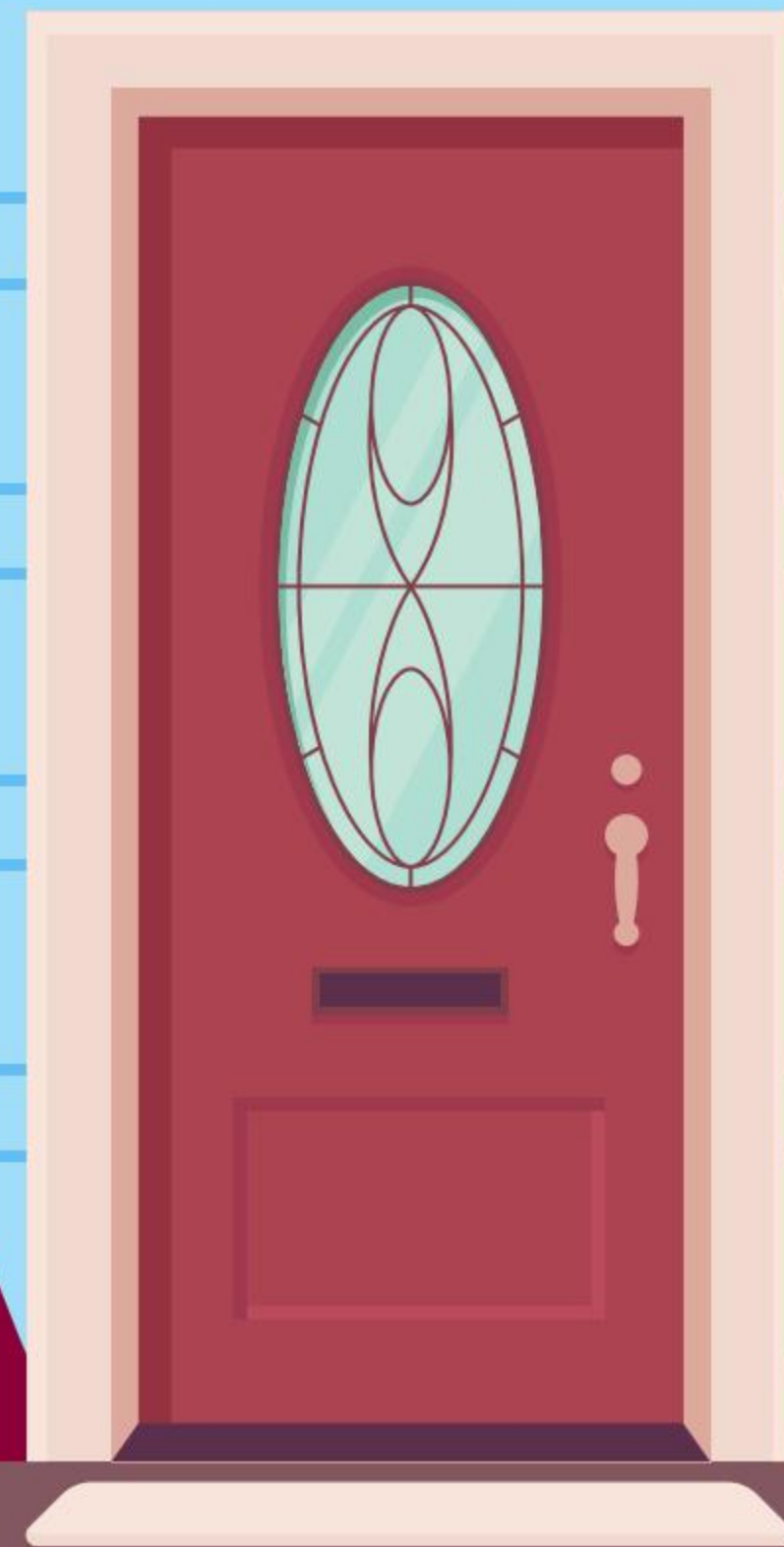
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For the purpose of quarantine in Barbados, a villa should be self-contained, without common areas accessible by any other guests at the property.

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

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- During your stay 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 5am which continues until April 11th. 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.
- Practise social distancing as you enjoy our country.
- Be sure to report any COVID-19 symptoms to public health officials or relevant hotel/accommodation management.



Mask up



Wash up



Move away



BEFORE DEPARTURE

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- Persons requiring a COVID-19 PCR test prior to travel from Barbados may 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 Pages 17-18.
- 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 and is only payable by debit/credit card.
- All departing persons must wear a mask while at the airport and comply with instructions given by public health officials.



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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