

The Bahamian government has new entry requirements for visitors!

Prime Minister of the Bahamas, Dr. Hubert Minnis announced in parliament on April 21, 2021, the ease of travel restrictions for fully vaccinated travelers.

"Effective 1st May, those traveling to The Bahamas from outside of the country will be exempted from a COVID-19 test if they are fully vaccinated and have passed the two-week immunity period. Proof of full vaccination will be required.

See details of the new requirements for travelers below.

Step 1:

Bahamas Travel Health Visa Application:

- All persons traveling to The Bahamas, and those traveling inter-island, must apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa at travel.gov.bs.

Vaccinated Travelers:

- **DOMESTIC**
 - Effective immediately, a Bahamas citizen or resident who is **fully vaccinated – after receiving their second dose** - will be exempted from COVID-19 testing requirements when traveling inter-island from New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Exuma and Eleuthera.
- **INTERNATIONAL**
 - Effective May 1, 2021, visitors traveling to The Bahamas from other countries who are **fully vaccinated and have passed the two-week immunity period** will be exempted from COVID-19 testing requirements for entry and inter-island travel.

Unvaccinated Travelers:

- Unvaccinated travelers entering The Bahamas and/or those traveling inter-island from Nassau & Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island, Abaco, Eleuthera or Harbour Island, must obtain a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR (swab) test taken no more than 5 days prior to the date of arrival. **Test must return a negative result for entry into The Bahamas.**
- Children 10 and under, and pilots and crew of commercial airlines who remain overnight in The Bahamas are not required to take a test.
- Negative PCR test results must be uploaded in order to complete a Bahamas Health Visa application, and must be presented upon arrival in The Bahamas.
- Any person presenting test results older than 5 days will not be allowed entry into The Bahamas.

Step 2:

Once in possession of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test, travellers can apply for their required Bahamas Travel Health Visa at travel.gov.bs. (Click on International Tab)

Fully vaccinated travelers will be required to upload proof of vaccination confirming they have passed the two-week immunity period.

- As part of the Travel Health Visa application, travelers will be required to opt-in to COVID-19 health insurance that covers them for the duration of their stay in The Bahamas. The cost of insurance is included in the Travel Health Visa application fee.
- Travel Health Visa applications take up to 48 hours to process and should be completed with adequate lead time.
- The cost of the Travel Health Visa is dependent on the length of stay.
- All travelers eighteen (18) years of age and older are required to complete an individual Bahamas Travel Health Visa.
- Persons seventeen (17) years and younger are to add a profile within the account of their parent or guardian.

*Unvaccinated Bahamian citizens or residents planning to travel abroad for five (5) days or less must secure a test in the destination they visited before traveling back to The Bahamas. Any RT-PCR test taken in The Bahamas prior to travel will not be valid for re-entry.

Please reference this link for the most updated information;

<https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates>