



## Bahamas Travel Compliance Unit

Tel. [+1 \(242\) 604-7200](tel:+12426047200) | [+1 \(242\) 502-0829](tel:+12425020829)

Tel. [+1 \(786\) 471-5898](tel:+17864715898)

Email: [healthvisa@bahamas.com](mailto:healthvisa@bahamas.com)

# Health Visa

The Government of The Bahamas Health Visa plan for COVID-19. Those traveling to the Bahamas, are required to complete and submit the Bahamas Travel [Health Visa Application](#).

## TRAVEL TESTING REQUIREMENTS – UPDATE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021

### PRE-DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL



Prior to Departing for The Bahamas:

#### PRE-DEPARTURE

Prior to Departing for The Bahamas

*\*Please note: testing requirements have changed for vaccinated travellers*

#### STEP 1: Testing Requirements

##### VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ← NEWLY ADDED

- 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 travelling inter-island from New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Exuma and Eleuthera.
- Effective May 1, 2021, visitors travelling 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 TRAVELLERS

- Unvaccinated travellers entering The Bahamas and/or those travelling inter-island from Nassau & Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island, Abaco, Eleuthera or Harbour Island, must obtain a negative COVID-19 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 Travel 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: Bahamas Travel Health Visa Application

All persons travelling to The Bahamas, and those travelling inter-island, are required to apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa at [travel.gov.bs](https://travel.gov.bs).

##### VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ← NEWLY ADDED

- Fully vaccinated travellers will be required to upload valid proof of vaccination (such as CDC or government issued vaccine record card) in lieu of PCR test requirement.
- For international travellers, proof of vaccination must confirm they have passed the two-week immunity period.
- At this time The Bahamas Government will only be accepting vaccines by Pfizer Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca

##### UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Unvaccinated travellers will be required to upload their negative COVID-19 PCR test results. Tests must be taken no more than 5 days prior to the date of arrival.

**\*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 travelling back to The Bahamas. Any PCR test taken in The Bahamas prior to travel will not be valid for re-entry.**

##### ALL TRAVELLERS: VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED

- As part of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa application, travellers 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 Bahamas Travel Health Visa application fee.
- Bahamas Travel Health Visa applications take up to 48 hours to process and should be completed with adequate lead time.
- The cost of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa is dependent on length of stay and vaccination status.
- All travellers 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.

#### CHECK YOUR VISA APPLICATION STATUS



GREEN | **Approved Health Visa**  
Must present confirmation on arrival



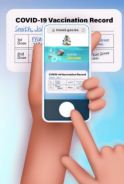
YELLOW | **Pending Health Visa**  
Application requires additional review



RED | **Denied Health Visa**  
Entry not permitted

## Step 1

Visit [travel.gov.bs](https://travel.gov.bs) and complete the Travel Health Visa. Upload valid proof of vaccination.



## Step 2

Once approved, print and travel with your Bahamas Travel Health Visa.



## Step 3

Present your Approved Bahamas Travel Health Visa with QR code upon arrival.



## Step 4

Depending on your home country, a negative CoVid-19 test may be required for re-entry.



## DURING TRAVEL



While travelling to The Bahamas & once arrived the following protocols must be followed:

### Wear a face mask:

- Entering and transiting terminals, at security and customs screenings, at baggage claim.

### Comply with health monitoring procedures:

- Any visitor exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms at any time during their stay will be required to take a rapid antigen test and receive a negative result before being permitted to continue with their vacation.
- If a person tests positive they will be required to follow up with a COVID-19 RT-PCR swab test.

### VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ← NEWLY ADDED

- Fully vaccinated travellers will be **exempt** from on-island rapid antigen testing requirements for the duration of their stay, and **will not** be required to complete a daily Health Questionnaire.

### UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- **Day 5 Rapid Test:** Unvaccinated travellers who are staying in The Bahamas for **longer than four (4) nights and five (5) days** will be required to take a rapid COVID-19 antigen test:
- This also applies to unvaccinated residents and visitors who are travelling inter-island from Nassau & Paradise Island, Grand Bahama Island, Abaco, Eleuthera or Harbour Island, and are staying in their destination for longer than four (4) nights and five (5) days.
- Visitors departing on or before five days will not be required to obtain this test.
- The rapid tests are easy, quick and will yield results in 60 minutes or less with results being provided electronically via SMS text message and email.
- An island-by-island list of approved testing sites is available below.

**Daily Health Questionnaire:** Unvaccinated persons travelling into and throughout The Bahamas will be required to complete a short daily Health Questionnaire during their stay.

- The questionnaire must be completed upon arrival and each day thereafter for up to 14 days, or the duration of their stay, whichever is shorter.
- This includes the day of departure, if travelling less than 14 days.

## ON-ISLAND EXPERIENCE



Once on Island:

### Wear a face mask and physical distance when in public places:

- When travelling in a taxi or on a bus, when standing in lines, when entering any establishment, while entering or exiting a restaurant.
- When entering and exiting beaches (not required on the beach).
- Before and after exercise (masks must be visible on your person during exercise).

Abide by all protocols and restrictions as outlined in the most recent Emergency Powers Order:

- Some islands may be following different orders than others, such as curfews and reduced operating hours and/or services for shops, restaurants and businesses.
- Travelers should check the status of their island destination before travelling below.

## FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL

### All Rules and Regulations Are Being Enforced

- Travellers who do not complete a Bahamas Travel Health Visa and present either a valid proof of vaccination or COVID-19 RT-PCR Test with a negative result will be denied entry.
- Travellers who show symptoms of COVID-19 may be transferred to an area away from others for further testing and evaluation, and quarantine may be required by health personnel.
- A \$250 fine or a penalty of one month imprisonment, or both, is to be enforced for visitors or residents found not wearing face masks in areas where it is required.
- For unvaccinated travellers staying longer than four nights and five days, failure to take a rapid antigen test on the fifth day will result in a \$1,000 fine or one month imprisonment.
- Citizens and residents who fail to complete the daily Health Survey will be required to submit to a mandatory quarantine at a government identified facility.
- Unvaccinated travellers who fail to complete the daily Health Survey will be subject to deportation.