TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

PRE-DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL

Prior to departing for The Bahamas:

STEP 1: Everyone travelling to The Bahamas must obtain a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR (swab) test taken no more than 5 days prior to the date of arrival.

- 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, as well as presented upon arrival in The Bahamas.

Submit a Health Visa

- 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)

- Beginning November 14, as part of the 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 Travel Health Visa application fee.
- Travel Health Visa applications take up to 72 hours to process and should be completed with adequate lead time.
- The cost of the Travel Health Visa is dependent on length of stay.
- **Wear a face mask**

Check Your Health Visa Application Status

Green
Approved Health Visa
Must present confirmation on arrival

Yellow
Pending Health Visa
Application needs further clarification

Red
Denied Health Visa
Entry not permitted

DURING TRAVEL

While Traveling to The Bahamas & Once Arrived:

Beginning November 1, everyone entering The Bahamas will no longer need to Vacation-in-Place. The following protocols must be followed:

- **Wear a face mask:**
  - Entering and transiting terminals, at security and customs screenings, at baggage claim.

Temperature Screenings for Passengers

- **Comply with health monitoring procedures:**
  - Any visitor who exhibits 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.
- **Travellers who are staying in The Bahamas longer than four nights/five days will be required to take a rapid COVID-19 antigen test:**
  - All 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.

ON-ISLAND EXPERIENCE

Once on Island:

- **Wear a face mask and physical distance when in public places:**
  - When traveling 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).

Wear a Face Mask

- 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 & businesses.
  - Travelers should check the status of their island destination before travelling by visiting Bahamas.com/travelupdates

FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL

All Rules & Regulations are Being Enforced:

- Travellers who do not complete a Bahamas Travel Health Visa or present 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 $200 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.

Always Practice Social Distancing & Proper Handwashing Procedures

To learn more, visit Bahamas.com/TravelUpdates

For questions or to check on status of your application, contact HealthVisa@Bahamas.com

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