

IMPLICATIONS OF THE COVID-19 IN THE CARIBBEAN

DATE: FROM JUNE 28TH TO JULY 16TH, 2020



ARUBA:

Aruba reopened its international borders, from July 1, 2020 with Europe, Canada and the Caribbean (Dominican Republic and Haiti are exempted). On July 10, 2020 will open border with United States of America.

The Government of Aruba established new mandatory procedures and requirements for the entry of visitors to the island, in order to maintain the safety and well-being of visitors and locals, including:

- The online embarkation/disembarkation process

All visitors must complete the boarding / disembarking card process online and receive approval to enter Aruba. Take careful note, as there are important steps, and visitors will not have access to Aruba without completing the process.

- Aruba arrival health procedures

All visitors will be required to comply with arrival, screening and health procedures as provided by the Aruba Airport Authority and the Government of Aruba.

Visitors from the United States of America must perform a PCR test within the 72 hours period prior the departure flight to Aruba and upload the test results as part of the online Boarding / Disembarking process with at least 12 hours in advanced before departure time of flight scheduled to Aruba.

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Prohibition of crew change continues.

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BAHAMAS:

Phase 2 on the releasing measures began on July 1st, which includes opening the borders and resuming international travel. National and international airlines are beginning to announce plans for their return to the Bahamas. It is recommended that travelers check with airlines directly for details on resuming service. Likewise, hotel and lodging services are being resumed.

Travelers who wish to travel to The Bahamas must:

- 1) Complete an electronic health visa before traveling to The Bahamas. This request can take up to 72 hours to be processed and must be completed within the established deadline. The status of your health visa application must also be verified:
 - Green coded color response means that visa was approved. This must be presented upon arrival
 - Yellow coded color response means that application is pending for review and probably extra requirement will be necessary.
 - Red coded color response means that the application was denied health visa and entry is not allowed
- 2) Present a RT-PCR Test for COVID-19 with negative result. The test must not be more than (10) days before the date of the trip. The test results must be uploaded to the Health visa portal and presented upon arrival. A person who does not comply with this provision may not enter the Bahamas.
- 3) Persons entering the Bahamas will not be quarantined, unless they show symptoms of the disease and / or a positive result on a COVID-19 test that is performed on arrival.
- 4) People must comply at all times with the instructions and protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 established by the authorities of The Bahamas.

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Crew changes is allowed

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BONAIRE:

Only people from one of the countries classified as low risk, and who have stayed there at least 14 consecutive days, before arrival on the island, can enter Bonaire. If the traveler does not meet this condition, they must remain in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival (at their own cost).

For Bonaire's authorities, the low-risk countries are currently: Netherlands, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, St. Maarten, Sint Eustatius, Saba, Curacao and Aruba. As soon as this information changes, it will be announced formally as soon as possible.

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Prohibition crew change continues.

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COLOMBIA:

The Colombian President announced the return of strict quarantine in most of the territory starting on July 15th until August 1st.

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Prohibition crew change continues.

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CUBA:

On July 3, 2020, Havana entered phase one of the post-Covid-19 recovery stage, and the rest of the country, except Matanzas, went on to phase two.

In the second phase, international tourism is restarted only in the north and south keys, and interprovincial transport is restarted on regular routes, by buses, trains, catamaran and national flights.

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Prohibition crew change continues.

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CURACAO:

As of July 1, 2020, passengers traveling to Curacao from the Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, France, Italy and Spain can enter without quarantine, according to the following:

- You have not visited a high-risk country within 14 days prior to travel.
- A PRC test must be performed at most 72 hours before the flight, the result of which must be negative.
- You must complete the PLC (Passenger Location Card) form and send it to the travel agent 5 days before your arrival.

Travelers from all other countries require a 14-day quarantine.

Crew changes allowed

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 established by the authorities in all ports are still mandatory (see previous updates).

In the event that a crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will be the ones who authorized the landing to receive medical assistance on the ground in the hospital system.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

On June 30, 2020, the Minister of Public Health, Rafael Sánchez Cárdenas, announced the issuance of Resolution 0018, pursuant to General Health Law 42-01, which declares the national territory epidemic to control the spread of the coronavirus (COVID- 19). Economic, social and recreational activities are suspended from 8:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Every day of the week.

On July 1, 2020, President Danilo Medina, with Decree 237-20, lifted the state of emergency declared on March 19, 2020.

On July 5, 2020 phase 4 of the de-escalation began. In this phase, all the companies resumed their work with 100% of the staff and tourism was activated. Airports and commercial flights are operating.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports remain applicable and mandatory (see latest update). Some additional measures are being taken, after the arrival of the ship, the Medical Commission of the Port Authorities takes the temperature of all the crew members and checks for other symptoms of COVID 19. Social distancing is mandatory. Medical assistance is possible, but must be approved by the authorities, at the moment it is analyzed on a case-by-case basis and is very restrictive.

Crew changes are not allowed.



FRENCH GUIANA:

The Law that organizes the exit from the state of health emergency in France of July 9, 2020, was extended to the health emergency in French Guyana until October 30, due to the large number of cases of Covid-19.

Flights between the French Guiana and the rest of France are prohibited until further notice.

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Prohibition crew change continues.

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ST EUSTATIUS:

On July 1, the Government of St. Eustatius updated measures regarding travelling to the island and regarding quarantine, it was established the countries that are included in the different classifications:

- Low Risk: Saba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Marteen. (Do not need to be quarantined. No test is required for COVID-19 to enter the island).
- Medium Risk: The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France and Aruba. (Need to be quarantined. No test is required for COVID-19 to enter the island).
- High Risk: USA, Dominican Republic, most of the countries of Central and South America and the United Kingdom. (Need to be quarantined. It is preferable to test for COVID-19 to enter the island).

All people will be evaluated upon arrival at Statia for their history of health and travel. The public health department may issue a quarantine obligation for each incoming person based on the results of the exam.

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Prohibition crew change continues.

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SURINAME:

As of July 6, all companies can reopen with social distancing measures and public transport was restored in accordance with the health protocol. Except for eastern Suriname which remains blocked.

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Prohibition of crew change continues.

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:

No changes have been announced by Trinidad & Tobago government in relation to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew change remains forbidden.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system



VENEZUELA:

On July 11, 2020, the Venezuelan President announced the extension of the State of Exception of Alarm for 30 days.

On July 12, 2020 the National Institute of Civil Aeronautics (INAC) announced the extension of the restriction of air operations in the national territory until August 12, 2020. Except for operations in a state of emergency, cargo and mail flights, landings technicians, humanitarian flights, repatriation or flights authorized by the United Nations and cargo and commercial overflights.

From July 13 to 19, 2020, the relaxation of quarantine by state will be applied, according to the following levels:

- Level One: radical quarantine. Includes some municipalities in 5 states.
- Level Two: partial and supervised relaxation. It includes 11 states, in which 10 productive sectors will be activated.
- Level Three: complete relaxation. It includes 10 states, in which the activation of 24 productive sectors is allowed.

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It Continuous the mechanism to issue safe conduits to key workers in the sector (seafarers and personnel associated with the port-ship interface), to guarantee their mobilization in ground, as indicated the Maritime Authority in Circular No. 014 (Special Notice 011 COVID-19) of April 27, 2020

NOTE:

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