

## LATEST TRAVEL UPDATE FOR THE BAHAMAS!



### **New Requirement for All Air Passengers Traveling from The Bahamas to the USA Starting- January 26, 2021**

Starting January 26, 2021, **all air passengers traveling into the United States**, including by private flights, air charter, and general aviation aircraft, will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

All passengers must complete an attestation affirming their compliance with the CDC requirements and provide it to their aircraft operator. The test must be taken within three days before their flight to the USA departs.

Before boarding the flight, they must provide proof of the negative result, or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline. Fortunately, the existing Bahamas Travel Health Visa website will include the 'USA Arrivals Test' for a nominal fee.

[Full Bahamas Ministry of Tourism and Aviation Press Release](#)  
[Click on icon for details here-](#)



Please also see below for details...

[Bahamas travel update protocols.](#)

<https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

The information seems quite complicated, however the Bahamas existing 'Health Visa' platform integrates the new CDC requirements seamlessly. We have tried to put all the USA and Bahamas travel information needed on one document, with links to all the various sites just in case you need more details.

Everything you need to know is on this document!

**Please see pages below...**

## TRAVELING FROM THE BAHAMAS TO THE USA:

**\*Starting- January 26, 2021**

All Travelers, two (2) years of age or older, returning to the USA from the Bahamas will be required to produce a negative Rapid Antigen Test no more than three days (72 Hours) prior to travel.

The current Bahamas Travel Health Visa will include a field for your departure rapid antigen test, which can be obtained at numerous locations throughout the Bahamas. (see below)

Airlines will be responsible for confirming the negative test result or documentation of recovery for all passengers before they board, and if a passenger chooses not to provide a test result or documentation of recovery, the airline must deny boarding to the passenger.

All travelers will be required to upload a negative Rapid Antigen Test results 48 hours prior to their departure flight back to the USA - <https://travel.gov.bs/>

APPLY FOR BAHAMAS TRAVEL HEALTH VISA

\*You can now get a Rapid Antigen Test for USA departures at Odyssey Aviation's facility in Nassau! Administered by the Family Medicine Center professional nurses.

Go to this link to make an appointment.

<https://www.familymedicinecenter.org/request-appointment/>



or

Scroll to the bottom of this link for info on covid testing locations in the Bahamas -

<https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

If assistance is needed through the Health Visa process, please contact the Health Visa Compliance Team (242) 502-0829

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

CDC Frequently Asked Questions - Click on CDC icon for details here-

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>



Travel Information for Boaters - Click on ABM icon for details here-

<https://www.bahamasmarinas.com/procedures-and-protocols>



## INFORMATION FOR AIRCRAFT:

### PILOTS / PRIVATE FLIGHTS / AIR CHARTER / GENERAL AVIATION-

Crew members on official duty, whether working or in an assigned deadhead status (transportation of a flight crew member as a passenger or non-operating flight crew member),

are exempt from the testing requirement as long as they follow industry standard protocols for the prevention of COVID-19 as set forth in relevant Safety Alerts for Operators (SAFOs) issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

[Click on FAA icon for details here-](#)



The NATA strongly advises operators to proactively reach out to international travelers to ensure they have a testing plan for their trip. Operators should also review their contracts and cancellation policies to ensure they account for any potential contingencies associated with this Order, including positive test results from crew or passengers, passenger refusal to test or provide attestation, or passenger failure to test in the required time window. Please consult with legal counsel for any necessary changes.

[Click on NATA icon for details here-](#)



### **TRAVELING FROM THE USA TO THE BAHAMAS:**

All persons traveling to the Bahamas must obtain a negative COVID 19 RT-PCR (nasal swab)

Test taken no more than five (5) days prior to travel.

The day you take your test is considered "Day Zero".

Children 10 years old and younger are exempt from testing.

However, you still must apply for a Travel Health Visa for them.

All Travelers will be required to apply for a [Bahamas Health Travel Visa at travel.gov.bs](#)

The Travel Health Visa fees are listed here- <https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

The fees are **inclusive of the Day 5 Rapid Antigen Test** (when applicable)

as well as mandatory **Trip Interruption Health Insurance**.

\$40 - Visitors Staying up to four nights and five days

\$40 - Citizens and Returning Residents

\$60 - Visitors staying more than four nights

\$70 – Visitors staying longer than four nights five days

Includes costs of Travel Health Insurance and rapid antigen test on Day 5

Free - Children ten (10) years and under (insurance coverage included)

EXEMPT - Pilot/crew of commercial airlines who remain overnight in The Bahamas

If Visitors stay beyond 4 nights and 5 days, a Rapid Antigen Test will be required.

This test will be available in all Out Island Destinations-

Scroll to the bottom of this link for all covid testing locations in The Bahamas-

<https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening>

For the duration of the visit, visitors will complete a daily online health questionnaire for symptom tracking purposes. The wearing of masks and social distancing guidelines remain in effect.

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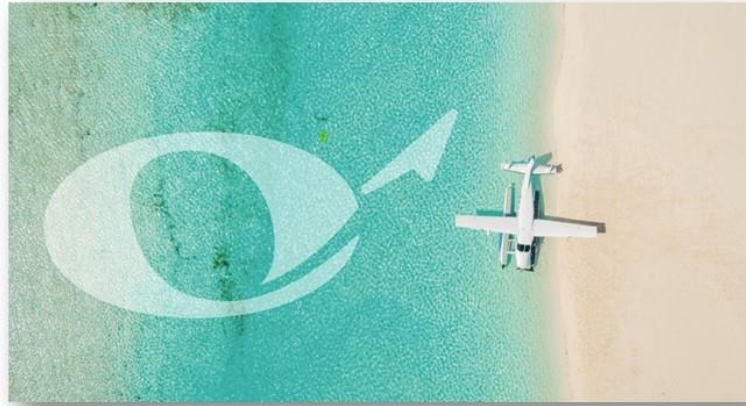
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