



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Health

Bermuda Visitor FAQ

As of 27th June 2020

Pre-Departure Testing

- 1. Where can I get a test in my home country with guaranteed test results in less than 72 hours?**
The timing of test results will vary by city, state, province, county or even country. Check with the testing facility nearest to you – it could be a CVS or Walgreens, a public health clinic or a private lab. Bermuda will accept test results where the test is taken no more than five days before you travel.
- 2. What if my results are delayed?**
If your testing results are delayed, then you will have the option to come to Bermuda, but you will be tested upon arrival and then tested again on day three of your visit. During those three days you will be required to quarantine in your room at your accommodation.
- 3. Does the 72-hour time period mean between receiving the results and flying? Or the actual taking of the test and flying?**
The 72 hours is between the actual taking of the test and flying.
- 4. At what age is a visitor required to take a test?**
Children 10 years and older must be tested. For children ages 10 to 17, a saliva test is permitted in place of a RT-PCR COVID-19 test. Children less than 10 years-old are exempt.
- 5. What specific types of COVID-19 tests are acceptable?**
RT-PCR COVID-19 test is the acceptable test at this time. But children 10 to 17 years old can have the saliva test.
- 6. Can a negative rapid test be considered as the pre-departure requirement? Then the more reliable, higher quality test on arrival?**
The pre-departure test must be a RT-PCR COVID-19 test as this is the most reliable test currently. If you are unable to receive the test result before departure, you may still travel to Bermuda. You will be tested upon arrival and again on day three of your arrival in Bermuda. Between arrival and receipt of the test results of day three, you will be required to quarantine in your accommodations. If your pre-departure test result arrives during your three-day quarantine it will be counted as a valid pre-departure test and can release you from quarantine.

Insurance

- 7. What does the Bermuda Government deem “appropriate insurance?”**
Please ensure that your health insurance covers illness and injury outside of your home jurisdictions, including related to being positive for COVID-19. If you are unable to secure this kind of insurance, you will be responsible for all health and accommodation costs should you contract COVID-19 or become ill.



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8. How will the Bermuda Government verify that visitors arriving have appropriate insurance?

At present the Bermuda Government will not be able to verify this information, it will be up to the individual visitor to know whether they are covered or not. In Bermuda, a doctor's visit can cost upwards of \$150, an emergency room visit can cost upwards of \$1,000 and an ambulance will cost over \$1,000. You should not travel without health insurance.

Testing Upon Arrival

9. Does Bermuda Government pay for the COVID-19 test upon arrival? If not, how much will Bermuda Government charge each visitor per test?

The Travel Authorisation fee of \$75 includes all COVID-19 tests required within a 14 day period. A visitor coming to Bermuda will be required to be tested when they arrive, on day three, day seven and day 14 of their stay. The number of tests required obviously depends on the length of stay.

10. What kind of test is it? (i.e., Nasal swab, saliva, etc)

A RT-PCR COVID-19 Nasal swab. If saliva tests become available they may be used as appropriate.

11. Can visitors await their test results by isolating at their hotel/resort as opposed to quarantining in their room?

If you have received a negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test between 72 hours or maximum of five days prior to departure, you will be able to quarantine at your hotel property. If not, you will be required to quarantine in your room.

Testing on Island

12. What if someone on the plane I arrived on is diagnosed with COVID-19?

Everyone on a plane must wear their masks, wash their hands regularly and maintain physical distancing as much as possible. However, if a passenger becomes ill, the individual will be contacted by a Ministry of Health contact tracer who will review the person's close contacts, the flight they arrived on and when the symptoms occurred. Depending on the information provided by the passenger, it may be necessary to contact the other passengers.

13. Does Bermuda Government pay for the additional COVID-19 tests required post-arrival? If not, how much will Bermuda Government charge each visitor per test?

The one-time fee charged for the Travel Authorisation covers all RT-PCR COVID-19 testing carried out on island.

14. Where does the testing take place?

The testing can be booked at various settings across the island. These can be found here: <https://bdagovcovid.resqwest.com/web/>

15. What kind of test is it? (i.e., Nasal swab, saliva, etc)

A RT-PCR COVID-19 nasal swab.



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16. How long will it take to receive results?

The RT-PCR COVID-19 test result can take between 6 and 8 hours to return, where arrival is during the day. Sometimes test results do take longer to return.

17. Is there a waiting period where visitors need to self-isolate for results every three days? If so, where should this waiting period take place?

Visitors and residents will need to self-isolate for three days upon arrival *if they have not received a pre-departure test*. The waiting period will be in their accommodation, be it their hotel room or their room in the home of friends/family.

18. What happens if a visitor tests positive while on-island?

Before you travel, prepare your travel plans. To do this think through, and have answers for, the following questions:

- a) Check with your hotel or your local accommodation for quarantining options. Will the hotel give you a room to isolate? If you are staying with a resident, are they a high risk population? Is there enough space to self-quarantine yourself. If not, what are your options?
- b) Do you have health insurance that will cover hospital stays and private visits with physicians while on the island?
- c) If you are traveling with family, what will they do? Will they return home? Will they be able to quarantine?

While on Island

19. Do I have to wear a mask while I'm in Bermuda?

You must wear a mask in settings where a physical distance of 6ft cannot be maintained. Examples of this are: taxis, buses, grocery and retail stores, pharmacies, and restaurants when not seated at a table. The information on mask wearing is available here: www.gov.bm/mask-guidance. You do not have to wear the masks on a scooter.

Departures

20. How do I know the requirements for a Bermudian traveling overseas?

Persons travelling outbound to other countries should check with the relevant destination for any requirements they may have for entering the country.