



Bahamas Travel Health Visa

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PRE-DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL

Prior to departing for The Bahamas (International Travel).....

You must complete a Bahamas Travel Health Visa (BTHV) application online before you arrive in The Bahamas from any country. You must complete a BTHV application even if you've already completed a different application/form to enter another country. You must complete a BTHV application for every unique trip to The Bahamas even if you have applied for a previous trip.

If you do not complete the BTHV application before you arrive in The Bahamas, it might take you longer to enter The Bahamas.

You must complete the BTHV application online. Do not print out the form and fill it in by hand.

When you arrive at The Bahamas border, you'll need to show your BTHV and your negative COVID-19 test result if you are 2 years old or older.

The Government of The Bahamas will use this information to contact you if you or someone you've travelled with develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.

STEP 1 - All travellers *eighteen (18) years of age and older (whether a visitor, Bahamian citizen, Bahamian resident, vaccinated or unvaccinated), **MUST** create a Traveler Account/Profile at www.travel.gov.bs



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*All persons seventeen (17) years of age and younger MUST add a profile within the account of a parent or guardian, regardless of whether they are travelling with the parent or guardian or not.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

STEP 2A - INTERNATIONAL NON-VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ONLY: All Travelers MUST create a Bahamas Travel Health Visa (BTHV) trip application by clicking “Add trip,” then selecting “International Travel.”

NON-VACCINATED TRAVELLERS TWELVE (12) YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, when completing a trip application, MUST upload and present a NEGATIVE, or NOT DETECTED, COVID-19 **RT-PCR** test administered by an accredited lab; and taken no more than five (5) days from collection date to date of arrival.

All **Children Between The Ages Of Two (2) And Eleven (11) Years Of Age,** MUST upload and present a NEGATIVE, or NOT DETECTED, COVID-19 **Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)** or RT-PCR test administered by an accredited lab; and taken no more than five (5) days from collection date to date of arrival.

For the avoidance of doubt, the day of the COVID-19 test, also known as the collection date, is considered Day 0. Test results must be uploaded when completing a BTHV application. Any traveler submitting a test result older than five (5) days, with the sample collection date being Day 0, will be denied a BTHV. Persons arriving on a commercial, or personal, vessel whose arrival extends beyond the five-day period, shall be permitted to enter The Bahamas, provided they have obtained a BTHV and that the captain can



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prove at their point of entry that the vessel's travel was a direct one with no prior stops at any other port of call.

All **Children Under The Age Of Two (2)** MUST apply for a BTHV but are exempt from having to undergo COVID-19 testing.

INTERNATIONAL NON-VACCINATED TRAVELLERS MUST have in their possession, a copy of their BTHV and the appropriate **NEGATIVE** or **NOT DETECTED** COVID-19 test result and present said BTHV and/or result when asked by an Airline Operator, Sea Transportation Company or member of The Bahamas Government Agencies.

STEP 2B - INTERNATIONAL FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ONLY – MUST create a BTHV trip application by clicking “Add trip,” then selecting “International Travel.” When completing a trip application,

All **Fully Vaccinated Travellers Twelve (12) Years Of Age And Older** MUST upload and present a copy of their Vaccination Card/Certificate and a **NEGATIVE**, or **NOT DETECTED**, COVID-19 **RAT** or RT-PCR test result administered by an accredited lab; and taken no more than five (5) days from collection date to date of arrival.

For the avoidance of doubt, “**Fully Vaccinated**” shall mean a vaccination card/certificate that is fourteen (14) days after the final dose required by the manufacturer at the time of application.



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For the avoidance of doubt, the day of the COVID-19 RAT or RT-PCR test, also known as the collection date, is considered Day 0. Test results must be uploaded when completing a BTHV application.

International Vaccinated Travellers **MUST** have in their possession, a copy of their BTHV, their COVID-19 vaccination card/certificate and **NEGATIVE** or **NOT DETECTED** COVID-19 test result and present said BTHV, card/certificate and/or result when asked by an Airline Operator, Sea Transportation Company or member of The Bahamas Government Agencies.

DOMESTIC TRAVEL (WITHIN THE BAHAMAS)

No Longer Required To Travel

DAY-5 (FIVE) OF VISIT

STEP 3A - INTERNATIONAL NON-VACCINATED VISITOR TRAVELLERS ONLY:

International Visitors who are **NOT VACCINATED** and **Twelve (12) Years Of Age And Older**), **MUST** take a mandatory **RAT** on Day Five (5) of their visit to The Bahamas. For the avoidance of doubt, Day 1 is considered the day you arrive in The Bahamas. Please visit <https://travel.gov.bs> (<https://travel.gov.bs/file/testCenters>) to find the nearest



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approved BTHV testing center. Some testing centers require an appointment. Please contact the testing center nearest you to schedule 48 hours prior to your required test day. If the testing center nearest you is not open on the weekends, you may schedule your test on the Friday or Monday. Travelers who test positive are required to take a RT-PCR Test at their expense. Visitors may choose to:

(1) leave the destination via approved medical transportation (using either insurance or personal resources if they have a medical necessity as stated in the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance, or

(2) begin quarantining at their place of stay for a 10 to 14-day period, as decided on a case-by-case basis, by a Medical Officer from The Bahamas Ministry of Health, Surveillance Unit. Bahamian citizens and Bahamian residents who test positive will begin quarantining at their place of residence for a 14-day period.

STEP 3B - INTERNATIONAL FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELLERS ONLY: All International Travellers who are **VACCINATED** and **Twelve (12) Years Of Age And Older** (whether a visitor, Bahamian citizen or Bahamian returning resident), shall not be required to take a RAT on Day 5 of their visit to The Bahamas.

For the avoidance of doubt, Day 1 is considered the day of departure on your Domestic Trip. Please visit www.travel.gov.bs (<https://travel.gov.bs/file/testCenters>) to find the nearest approved testing center. Some testing centers require an appointment. Please contact the testing center nearest you to schedule 48 hours prior to your required test day. If the testing center nearest you is not open on the weekends, you may schedule your test on the Friday or Monday.



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Day 5 (five) RAT MUST be administered by an approved testing center, which can be accessed at <https://travel.gov.bs/file/testCenters>

DAILY HEALTH SURVEY

STEP 4A - All Travelers who are EXEMPT or Fully Vaccinated, are not required to complete, nor shall they receive, the Daily Health Survey.

STEP 4B - All Non-Vaccinated Travelers whose BTHV was approved with a Negative or Not Detected RT-PCR test shall be required to complete the Daily Health Survey upon arrival and for a maximum of fourteen (14) days, or the duration of stay. Approval of a BTHV is also based on one's consent to receive, via electronic mail, the Daily Health Survey and complete all answers truthfully. Should you respond "Yes" to the question of "Close Contact" or confirm the presence of any of the symptoms displayed on the Daily Health Survey, you MUST immediately report to an approved testing center and be administered a **RAT** at your own cost.

AIR ARRIVAL

(Private Flying) Designated Ports of Entry

Private charters will be able to offer on-site, pre-flight testing, only if they have applied for certification, are using an approved test and have obtained approval from The Bahamas Ministry of Health.



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SEA ARRIVAL

(Private Yachters/Boaters)

Visitors arriving by sea **MUST** present themselves at an official Port of Entry in The Bahamas. Before arriving at Staniel Cay, Exuma, Yachters/boaters can clear at any number of other islands in The Bahamas – including Chub Cay (Berry Islands), Bimini, or West End (Grand Bahama). The Harbour Island Marina will be an approved Port of Entry.

Yachters/Boaters will be able to take their Day Five (5) **RAT** on any island, or at a deemed Port of Entry.

Yachters/Boaters cruising throughout The Bahamas without coming on land, however, may have the test requirement waived as they can be considered to be quarantining in place. On arrival at a population centre, yachters/boaters **MUST** immediately take their RAT.

DURING TRAVEL

While Travelling to The Bahamas or within The Bahamas:

- Wear a face mask (covering nose and mouth)
- Physical distance at six (6) feet
- When entering and transiting terminals at Security, Immigration and Customs screenings, at baggage claim, and during check-in and boarding, hold and scan own boarding passes or mobile devices

ON-ISLAND EXPERIENCE

Once on Island, wear a face mask (covering nose and mouth) and physical distance at 6 feet: When travelling in a taxi; while checking into a hotel; when standing in line at hotel



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attractions or while on tours; before being seated at a hotel restaurant; when entering and exiting beaches (mask wearing is not required while in the water); before and after exercise (masks must be visible on your person during exercise), when walking on the streets – generally, while in a public space.

Abide by all protocols and restrictions as outlined in the most recent **Emergency Powers Orders**. Please note that Andros, Bimini, Cat Island, mainland Eleuthera, Exuma, Grand Bahama Island (Freeport), and New Providence (Nassau/Paradise Island/Rose Island) are presently under a mandatory 11:59 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily curfew. For full details on safety measures throughout The Islands of The Bahamas, please visit www.opm.gov.bs

FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL

All Rules and Regulations are Being Enforced:

- All travelers who do not complete a BTHV application or present the applicable COVID-19 RAT or RT-PCR test with a negative result, will be denied entry.
- A \$200 fine or a penalty of one-month imprisonment, or both, will be enforced for visitors or residents found not wearing face masks in areas where it is required.

Acknowledgment

I have completed this form on my behalf or on behalf of an individual for whom I am duly authorized to act. I understand that I may be subject to criminal proceedings if any of the above statements provided are inaccurate, false, unlawful, fraudulent or dishonest. I



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acknowledge the mandatory requirement to undergo a RAT if Fully Vaccinated, or a RT-PCR Test if not vaccinated at least five days prior to travel to The Bahamas and, unless fully vaccinated, also receive a COVID-19 RAT on Day 5 of my visit to The Bahamas, and I agree to completing both tests, as stipulated above, as part of the travel protocols of The Bahamas. I understand that the Government of The Bahamas reserves the right to bring proceedings against me and/or seek all remedies available by law if I have violated any relevant laws or agreements. I understand and agree that the Government of The Bahamas may have a duty to disclose the information I have provided to National Health Authorities, for the purpose of criminal investigations and/or proceedings, or where there is a matter of national concern. I agree to the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy provided. By clicking "Submit," I understand that I am confirming the above statements and acknowledging my intention to be legally bound.

APPENDIX A

BAHAMAS TRAVEL HEALTH VISA FEE SCHEDULE

International Travel Entry Requirements

Bahamian Citizens & Residents

1. Non-Vaccinated traveller (with PCR Test) - NO CHARGE

- - Definition: Any traveller aged 12 and older who has a Bahamas Immigration Status of (a) Citizen; (b) Permanent resident; (c) Homeowner card; (d) Work permit holder; (e) Resident spouse permit; (f) Resident believer permit; (g) Permit to reside; (h) Government worker card; (i) Diplomatic card holder
- - Daily Health Survey: **Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for fourteen (14) days, or the duration of stay if less than 14-days.

2. Fully Vaccinated traveller (with RAT) – NO CHARGE

- - Definition: Any traveler aged 12+ that has a Bahamas Immigration Status of (a) Citizen; (b) Permanent resident; (c) Homeowner card; (d)



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Work permit holder; (e) Resident spouse permit; (f) Resident belonger permit; (g) Permit to reside; (h) Government worker card; (i) Diplomatic card holder

- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not Required** to take an RAT on Day 5 after arriving in The Bahamas.
- - Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer Daily Health Survey

3. Non-Vaccinated Children Aged 2-11 (with RAT) – **NO CHARGE**

- - Definition: Any traveller aged 12 and older who has a Bahamas Immigration Status of (a) Citizen; (b) Permanent resident; (c) Homeowner card; (d) Work permit holder; (e) Resident spouse permit; (f) Resident belonger permit; (g) Permit to reside; (h) Government worker card; (i) Diplomatic card holder
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 after arriving in The Bahamas.
- - Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer Daily Health Survey

4. Non-Vaccinated Children Under the Age of Two (2) – **NO CHARGE**

- - Definition: Any traveller aged 12 and older who has a Bahamas Immigration Status of (a) Citizen; (b) Permanent resident; (c) Homeowner card; (d) Work permit holder; (e) Resident spouse permit; (f) Resident belonger permit; (g) Permit to reside; (h) Government worker card; (i) Diplomatic card holder
- - **Not required** to take a test prior to arrival
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas.
- - Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer Daily Health Survey

North American Visitors

5. Non-Vaccinated travellers who are staying in The Bahamas for five (5) days or less (with RT-PCR Test) – **\$40 (Non-Refundable)**



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- - Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is within North American (United States and Canada)
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not applicable** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas.
- - Daily Health Survey: **Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days, or the duration of stay if less than 14 days
- - What's included in Fee:
 - o Processing
 - o North American COVID Travel Insurance
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)
- - Options
 - Extended Trip - \$30 (Non-Refundable)**
 - - Should a traveler's plans change, and they are to stay in The Bahamas more than 5-days. Traveler is **required** to extend trip in their travel profile for a Day-5 RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas.
 - - What's included in \$30 Fee:
 - o Processing
 - o Day 5 (five) RAT
 - o Day 5 (five) Administering of RAT
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)

6. Non-Vaccinated travellers who are staying in The Bahamas for 5 nights or more (Day 1 is the day of arrival) – with RT-PCR Test \$60 (Non-Refundable)

- Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is within North American (United States and Canada)
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas
- - Daily Health Survey: **Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days, or the duration of stay if less than 14 days
- - What's included in Fee?
 - o Processing
 - o North American COVID Travel Insurance
 - o Day 5 (five) RAT
 - o Day 5 (five) Administering of RAT
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)



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7. Fully Vaccinated travellers with RAT – \$40 (*Non-Refundable*)

- - Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is within North American (United States and Canada)
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas
 - - Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days or the duration of stay if less than 14-days
- - What's included in Fee?
 - o Processing
 - o North American COVID Travel Insurance
- o Value Added Tax (VAT)

Worldwide Visitors

8. Non-Vaccinated travellers who are staying in The Bahamas for (five) 5 days or less (with RT-PCR Test) – \$50 (*Non-Refundable*)

- Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is **NOT** within North America (United States and Canada) or **NOT** within The Bahamas
- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not applicable** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas
 - - Daily Health Survey: **Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days, or the duration of stay if less than 14 days
- - What's included in Fee?
 - o Processing
 - o Worldwide COVID Travel Insurance



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- o Value Added Tax (VAT)
- - Options:
 - o Extended Trip - \$30 (*Non-Refundable*)
 - Should a traveler's plans change, and they are to stay in The Bahamas more than five (5) days. Traveler is **required** to extend trip in their travel profile for a Day-5 (five) RAT after arriving in The Bahamas
- - What's included in Fee:
 - o Processing
 - o North American COVID Travel Insurance
- o Day 5 (five) RAT
 - o Day 5 (five) Administering of RAT
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)

9. Non-Vaccinated travellers who are staying in The Bahamas for five (5) nights or more (with RT-PCR Test) – \$70 (*Non-Refundable*)

- - Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is **NOT** within North American (United States and Canada) or **NOT** within The Bahamas
- - Day 5 (five) testing: **Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas
 - - Daily Health Survey: **Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days or the duration of stay if less than 14 days
- - What's included in Fee?
 - o Processing
 - o Worldwide COVID Travel Insurance
 - o Day 5 (five) RAT
 - o Day 5 (five) Administering of RAT
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)

10. Fully Vaccinated travellers with RAT – \$50 (*Non-Refundable*)

- - Definition: Any traveler that has an Immigration Status of Visitor and their permanent address is **NOT** within North American (United States and Canada) or **NOT** within The Bahamas



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- - Day 5 (five) Testing: **Not Required** to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas
 - - Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer Daily Health Survey for either a maximum of fourteen (14) days or the duration of stay if less than 14 days
- - What's included in Fee?
 - o Processing
 - o Worldwide COVID Travel Insurance
 - o Value Added Tax (VAT)

Children Under the Age of 12

11. Non-Vaccinated Children Aged 2-11 (with RAT) – NO CHARGE

- Definition: Whether a visitor, Bahamian citizen or Bahamian returning resident
- Day 5 (five) Testing: *Not Required* to take a RAT on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas.
- Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer

12. Non-Vaccinated Children Under the Age of 2 – NO CHARGE

- Definition: Whether a visitor, Bahamian citizen or Bahamian returning resident
- Not required to take a test prior to arrival
- Day 5 (five) Testing: *Not Required* to take a RAT test on Day 5 (five) after arriving in The Bahamas.
- Daily Health Survey: **Not Required** to answer

APPENDIX B

LIST OF ACCEPTED VACCINATION MANUFACTURERS

AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria/Covishield)

Pfizer (BioNTech)

Moderna

Janseen (Johnson & Johnson)



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LIST OF ACCEPTED COVID-19 Test

RT PCR (including PCR, NAA, NAAT, TMA, RNA). They can even be spelt out:

Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT PCR)

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

Nucleic Acid Amplification (NAA)

Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)

Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA)

Nucleic Acid Amplification (RNA)

Molecular test

Rapid Antigen Test (including RAT, RADT, RDT). They can even be spelt out:

Rapid Antigen Detection Test (RADT)

Rapid Diagnostic test (RDT)

Rapid Test

Antigen