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### **BARBADOS IMPLEMENTS TRAVEL BUBBLE**

The Government of Barbados has implemented a travel 'Bubble' for specific countries with a low incidence of COVID-19, effective August 5, 2020. They are St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis and Grenada.

Under these new travel protocols, persons travelling within the 'Bubble' who have not travelled to or transited through any high, medium or low-risk country within 21 days prior to travel to Barbados, will not be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test prior to or on arrival and do not require monitoring during their stay.

Other travellers from high and medium risk countries are also strongly advised to take a COVID-19 PCR test from an accredited or certified laboratory (ISO, CAP, UKAS or equivalent) within 72 hours of travel to Barbados. Persons travelling from low-risk countries, are advised to take a COVID-19 PCR test within 5 days of travel. Anyone arriving without a documented negative PCR test result from an accredited or recognized laboratory will be required to take the test on arrival in Barbados. Tests will be available at the Grantley Adams International Airport (GAIA) free of charge, or at specified satellite/hotel sites for a fee of US \$150.

A visitor who does not present a valid negative result and declines testing upon arrival will be denied entry into Barbados. Citizens, Permanent Residents and persons with permanent status who

do not present a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test result and who decline testing on arrival will be quarantined in a Government facility.

### **Upon arrival from a High-Risk Country**

Persons travelling from high-risk countries with a valid negative test will be quarantined at a designated holding hotel or approved villa at their own expense, or at a Government facility free of charge, and will be monitored daily for the onset of symptoms. The quarantine period will last for 14 days with the option of taking a second test between 5-7 days. If the test is negative, persons will not be subject to further quarantine. If the test is positive, persons will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation.

### **Upon arrival from a Medium-Risk Country**

Persons travelling from medium-risk countries with a valid negative test will be permitted to leave the airport after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health officials. They will be monitored for a period of 14 days with the option of taking a second test between 5-7 days. If the test is negative, the person will no longer be subject to further monitoring. If the test is positive, persons will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation.

### **Upon arrival from a Low-Risk Country**

Persons travelling from low-risk countries with a valid negative test will be permitted to leave the airport after clearance by Immigration, Customs and Port Health officials. If the test is positive, they will be transported to an alternative accommodation for isolation.

As of August 7, 2020, we have seen a total of 133 confirmed cases, 100 recoveries, 26 in isolation and 7 deaths.

*For more details on Barbados' travel protocols, visit [www.barbadostravelprotocols.com](http://www.barbadostravelprotocols.com)*

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**About Barbados**

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The island of Barbados offers the most authentic Caribbean experience with its exceptionally rich culture and history rooted in remarkable landscapes. Rated as one of the world's sexiest beaches in 2008 by Concierge.com; Barbados' Crane Beach in St. Philip stands as a premier destination for travellers. Barbados is also the first Zagat-rated Caribbean island and is known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean. Barbados has hosted several world class events including: The annual Barbados Food & Rum Festival; the 2006 PGA World Golf Championships-Barbados World Cup, the ICC Cricket World Cup Finals in 2007, the Sentebale Charity Polo match with Prince Harry of Wales in 2010, and the ICC Twenty20 Cricket Finals for 2010, and the Rihanna LOUD concert in 2012. Accommodations range from picturesque plantation houses and villas, to quaint bed and breakfasts and award-winning, five-star resorts. Grantley Adams International Airport offers even more non-stop and direct service from a growing number of U.S. cities, making Barbados the true gateway to the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados was voted eighth in the World by Trip Advisor's "2008 Travelers' Choice Destination Awards" in its Top 100 Destinations category. For more information on travel to Barbados, visit [www.visitbarbados.org](http://www.visitbarbados.org), follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VisitBarbados>, via Twitter @Barbados.