

# COVID-19 PROTOCOLS BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

Our teams are very much looking forward to welcoming you back to the beautiful British Virgin Islands (BVI).

## **BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE BVI**

### **Fully vaccinated guests only**

You must show a negative PCR or Rapid Antigen Test conducted within 48-hours prior to arrival into the British Virgin Islands.

We recommend that once you have completed your test, you are very careful of your contact with other people and ideally self-isolate if possible, to further eliminate the risk of catching COVID-19 prior to travelling.

If you are fully vaccinated, you are NOT required to complete the BVI Gateway.

Note: Fully vaccinated means you have had both doses, and at least two weeks prior to travel. If not, you are treated as partially vaccinated.

#### I'm vaccinated but my children aren't

Minors travelling with fully vaccinated parents do not need to complete the BVI Gateway.

Under 5s: You are free to roam as a family and no further testing is required.

For 5 – 17 years olds:

- On arrival each minor must present a negative PCR or antigen rapid test less than 5 days old
- The minor/s might be retested on entry, even when accompanied by their vaccinated parent/guardian, but will be free to leave once they remain with said parent/guardian

# Non vaccinated and partially vaccinated guests only

**STEP ONE:** Is to get your pre-travel COVID test, reflecting a negative result, within **five days** of travel. This must be a nasal PCR test.

We recommend that once you have completed your test, you are very careful of your contact with other people and ideally self-isolate if possible, to further eliminate the risk of catching COVID-19 prior to travelling.

STEP TWO: Go online and complete the BVI Gateway <a href="https://bvigateway.bviaa.com">https://bvigateway.bviaa.com</a>

You must upload all the below information at least **48 hours** before your arrival date.

- a. Your negative pre-travel test result
- b. Your reservation confirmation
- c. Proof of appropriate medical / travel insurance
  Note: you must show the name of each person submitting, not just the main family
  member. If you don't have insurance, this policy is in place as an option for BVI
  travellers: <a href="https://www.auraassistance.com/bvi/">https://www.auraassistance.com/bvi/</a>
- d. If partially vaccinated proof of your vaccination status (i.e. Vaccination Card / Certificate).

**STEP THREE:** You will be required to take an antigen test on arrival at the airport. If it's negative you're free to enjoy the BVI without any quarantine.

Please note the County/District for both islands is: Virgin Gorda and the Zip Code is: VG 1150



#### **Pre-Arrival Road Map:**

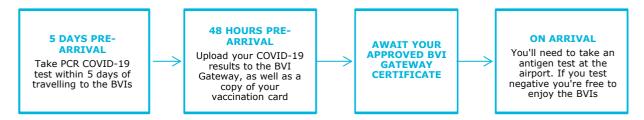
To summarise the processes, we have created the map below:

#### Vaccinated guests only

#### **48 HOURS PRE-ARRIVAL**

Take PCR or Rapid Antigen test within 48hours of arriving in the BVIs

#### Non vaccinated and partially vaccinated guests only



# If you have had COVID within 90 days of travel

It is possible to continue to show positive on PCR tests. If this applies to you, we recommend having a letter from your doctor confirming the date of your positive test.

#### WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT NECKER ISLAND OR MOSKITO ISLAND...

On your arrival we would recommend that you and your party have an antigen test, however this is not mandatory. Please speak to one of our team prior to arrival so we can arrange this.

Note: if you had a negative antigen test at the airport you don't need to test again on island.

### Masks?

Staff are required to wear masks at certain times. For our guests you should wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so or are in close proximity to or inside with other people.

#### **Travel tests...**

Instead of travelling to the clinic, anyone requiring a travel test while in the BVI can use the concierge service below, or we have self-administered antigen tests on island for \$75:

**Concierge testing on ]sland** \$150 per person PCR

\$125 per person Antigen

**Doctor call out fee** \$\* 00 per group

#### What happens if I test positive in the BVI?

If you test positive, our team is there to support you.

You will be subject to a quarantine period of up to 10 days. During this time, you will be required to isolate within a very tight bubble.

If this happens while you are staying with us and your quarantine period will go beyond the end of your booking, we will work with you and the government to agree quarantine accommodation. In addition, you will be contacted by Public Health to initiate Contact Tracing to identify any Primary Contacts.

It is important to note that the accommodation cost and any other costs during this time, will be your responsibility.

#### What happens to the rest of my party if I test positive?

The Government will run a track and tracing exercise, and anyone deemed to be a primary contact - i.e. in close proximity for an extended time and without protection - will also be required to quarantine.

### What about going home?

Many countries require a COVID test on re-entry and we will work with you to ensure that this test is done at the appropriate time. The concierge testing on island can be used for this service.

Please do feel free to speak to any of our team if you have any questions at all around any of the protocol information detailed in this document. You can also view our Keeping You Safe pages below:

- Moskito Island Keeping you Safe
- Necker Island Keeping you Safe

#### **TO FINALISE**

We appreciate that all of this information may be slightly overwhelming, and we are not living in our normal world at the moment, however the BVI continues to be one of the safest places in the world right now. These rigorous processes are in place for the safety of not just BVI residents, but all of our staff and guests too.

Some of these measures do mean that some elements might be slightly different on island and in the BVI, however you can have complete peace of mind that we will be doing everything possible to ensure your safety remains our priority and that you will still enjoy the very unique experience on island that we are so incredibly proud of.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful BVI paradise and please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our team, should you have any further queries. We remain fully at your disposal.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR TRANSIT COUNTRIES

(ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BARBADOS, ST THOMAS)

For our friends and families travelling from or through transit countries, COVID-19 protocols do differ from the BVI, so we've shared some extra information to help you best prepare beforehand, but please do always check for updates and latest information online too!

#### **ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

Arriving passengers are required to present verifiable documentation of full vaccination using the World Health Organization (WHO) or Ministry of Health Wellness and the Environment (MOHWE) approved 2-dose COVID 19 vaccine or a single dose vaccine to be permitted entry into Antigua and Barbuda.

Fully vaccinated arriving passengers are not required to present a PCR/Rapid Antigen Test negative result to be permitted entry into Antigua and Barbuda, (unless they show symptoms of possible infection). This includes transiting passengers.

Fully vaccinated passengers showing symptoms of possible infection may be required to submit a RT PCR test upon arrival at their own expense. Instructions on permissible activities while awaiting results will be provided by Port Health officials.

Partially/unvaccinated passengers who arrive:

- without COVID 19 test results, or
- with results from incorrect COVID 19 test assays, or
- with Rapid Antigen Test results of 4 days or more from their travel date will be charged the cost of administering the required PCR test assay; US\$100 for non-nationals.

Children below the age of five (5) years entering Antigua and Barbuda, DO NOT REQUIRE a COVID -19 PCR test. Unvaccinated minors between the ages of five and eighteen years old must present a negative PCR test/ Rapid Antigen test of four (4) days or fewer from the date of flying.

All arriving passengers must complete a Health Declaration Form which will be distributed on the plane and will be subjected to screening and temperature checks by Port Health Authorities upon arrival in Antigua and Barbuda.

#### **BARBADOS**

#### **Fully vaccinated guests**

Over the age of 18 you must show a negative rapid antigen test 1 day prior to arrival in Barbados or a RT-PCR test within 3 days prior to arrival. You need to have your COVID test result and vaccination certificate validated. Please also remember to download the BIMSafe App and complete your <u>Travel Form.</u>

## Children under the age of 18

For those travelling with fully vaccinated parents/guardians they must follow the same guidelines as the parents/guardians.

Travelers under the age of 5 will not be required to take a test unless they are symptomatic or any of the travel party has a positive test result.



#### What happens when I arrive at the airport?

In transit travelers might be required to undergo a health assessment which may include a temperature check and a brief interview by the Port Health Officials.

#### ST. THOMAS (USVI) & US

All travelers aged 2+ who enter the US Virgin Islands (even in transit) are required to use the USVI Travel Screening Portal and get cleared to travel to the USVI.

Before boarding a flight, regardless of vaccination status, you are required to show:

• A negative antigen or PCR test result taken within 24hours before travel

#### **PUERTO RICO**

All travelers aged 2+ who arrives in Puerto Rico on a flight from any US state or territory, or an international destination, must complete the <u>Travel Declaration Form</u>. To complete this you must provide evidence of a completed vaccination cycle **or** a negative PCR or antigen test result within 2 days before arrival on the Island.

In case of being a traveller from an international destination, you must provide a negative PCR or antigen test result carried out a maximum of one (1) day before boarding the plane bound for Puerto Rico.

