

## **For Entry into The Bahamas**

See <https://travel.gov.bs/>.

Be sure to keep up with these regulations. This site should be up to date and has the link for the Bahamas Travel Health Visa: <https://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates>. While things could still change prior to the trip, here's useful information for the current situation:

- You should apply for the Travel Health Visa **3 days before travel** once in possession of your Covid Test Results.
- You can take a PCR test or a Rapid Antigen Test if you're vaccinated. To do the rapid test, they recommend using something like this: <https://www.emed.com/airline-travel>. You can take a test on a video chat and they provide a formal report of the result that you can submit as proof of a negative result. According to The Bahamas, "The only at home testing we accept is Abbott BinaxNow and Emed. And the test has to be on a formal REPORT by an accredited Center or Laboratory."
- A good testing option should be to get a free PCR test late afternoon on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>, as you should be able to have your negative test results by Friday morning and submit your Bahamas Travel Health Visa at that time.
- You need a negative test result taken no more than 3 days (72 hours) prior to the date of arrival. Be extra careful during the weeks prior to the trip to avoid getting Covid then!

Rather than testing 3 days prior, you can also provide documentation of recent recovery from Covid-19 within 10 days of arrival.

- Submit a copy of your positive RT-PCR test taken within 10-90 days prior to their travel date, as well as a clearance letter from a licensed physician and a copy of the first pages of your passport to [bthv@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:bthv@bahamas.gov.bs) (Note: Clearance letter must include header/logo of medical facility and physician signature and stamp if available. Letter should confirm that they have completed at least 2 weeks of quarantine, are asymptomatic and fit for travel. Handwritten letters are not acceptable.)
- Include travel date and island destination in the email.
- Documents are reviewed by the health authorities and a decision is usually made within 24-48 hours.
- If approved, a travel exemption letter will be provided via email with further instructions.
- You will still have to apply for a Travel Health Visa.

**Bahamas Travel Health Visa Info:** Applications generally take up to 24- 48 hours to process, after which each traveler will receive a confirmation regarding their application's approval via email provided. However, at times the approval process may take longer. There is an expedited option that can be accessed only by contacting the visa department direct. Travel Compliance Unit

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

## **For Entry into the US**

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

- You will need to get a COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status or citizenship) no more than 1 day before you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight.
- If you recently recovered from COVID-19, you may instead travel with documentation of recovery from COVID-19 (i.e., your positive COVID-19 viral test result on a sample taken no more than 90 days before the flight's departure from a foreign country **and** a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).
- If you test positive before travel to the United States, you will be denied boarding and may have to undergo a mandatory quarantine at your overseas location. Unexpected delays or quarantines may result in unexpected expenses for the traveler. Have a plan in case you have to remain overseas longer than anticipated. This includes being ready to cover additional lodging costs, flight ticket change fees, and any other additional expenses they may incur due to the unexpected extension. Travelers may find it difficult to access general medical care in another country as the pandemic has strained health care capacity in some areas.
- The CDC recommends that you do not travel internationally until you are fully vaccinated.

## **Primary testing sites on Andros**

**Fresh Creek Clinic:** (242) 368-2038, (242) 368-2050

Nurse Alberta Edgecombe

Monday-Friday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Weekends: By appointment only

**Central Andros ProMed** Concierge Services

Nurse Tangenika Braynen: (242) 471-2631

Mon-Sun: By appointment only

msgenikabraynen@gmail.com

**Nicholl's Town Community Clinic:** (242) 329-2055

Dr. Natasha Bootle

Daily: 3:00AM - 7:00PM