



airports authority of jamaica

NOTICE TO AIRLINES OPERATING IN JAMAICA

Controlled Entry of Jamaican Nationals and Non-Nationals 2020 August 15 - September 30

1. The controlled entry of persons during the period 2020 August 15 – September 30 will continue to be facilitated by registration and approval as follows:
 - Residents of Jamaica – register on <https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/immigration.html>
 - Non-Residents of Jamaica – register on <https://www.visitjamaica.com/>

A Travel Authorisation evidencing registration and approval will be required for passengers to check in for/board flights.

2. The Government of Jamaica has modified its risk-based protocols that will determine testing and quarantine requirements for arriving passengers for the period 2020 August 15 – September 30. Upon arrival in Jamaica, all persons will be subject to health screening and risk assessment by the Jamaican health authorities. The detailed protocols are set out in the attached Appendix.

We continue to place the highest priority on the safety and well-being of all who reside here and all who are visiting. In order to ensure a seamless and convenient experience for all, we look forward to working with you our valued partners to welcome persons to Jamaica.

Audley Deldrick (Mr.)
PRESIDENT

PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE FOR 2020 AUGUST 15 – SEPTEMBER 30

All persons travelling to Jamaica – both Jamaicans and non-nationals - must obtain a Travel Authorisation document issued by the Government of Jamaica to check in for/board flights.

Jamaican nationals and non-nationals who are residents of Jamaica should apply to obtain a Travel Authorisation on <https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/immigration.html> and non-residents should apply on <https://www.visitjamaica.com/>.

All persons arriving in Jamaica will be subject to a health screening and risk assessment by the health authorities. The health screening will include temperature checks, observation for COVID-19 related symptoms as well as a short interview with a Health Officer. Airline crew who enter Jamaica but are not landed in Jamaica will be exempt from this requirement. Airline crew who are landed in Jamaica are subject to health screening but will be exempt from any testing requirements described below if they are staying in Jamaica for less than 48 hours.

Please note that a nightly curfew remains in effect during the hours of 11 pm to 5 am. Therefore, flights should not normally be scheduled to arrive any later than 3 hours prior to the start of curfew (8 pm) or depart any earlier than 3 hours after the end of curfew (8 am).

The risk-based testing and quarantine protocols differ among the following four categories of passengers:

1. Residents - Jamaican nationals and non-nationals ordinarily resident in Jamaica by virtue of work permit, marriage, being a dependent of a national, etc.
2. Non-residents visiting Jamaica for tourism purposes staying within the "resilient corridor"
3. Non-residents visiting Jamaica for business purposes.
4. Non-residents visiting Jamaica for other purposes including tourists not staying within the designated "resilient corridor".

Pre-testing Requirement for Visitors from High Risk Locations

All persons visiting Jamaica aged 12 and over who are residents of locations designated as high-risk by the Jamaican health authorities will be required to obtain a COVID-19 RT-PCR test within 10 days prior to their intended date of travel to Jamaica. This requirement became mandatory for persons arriving in Jamaica on or after 2020 July 15. All persons applying to enter on <https://www.visitjamaica.com/> from the designated high-risk locations are required to upload their COVID-19 RT-PCR test certificate as part of the application process.

The locations designated as high-risk for this purpose by the Jamaican health authorities have been expanded and now include the United States of America (all States), Dominican

Republic, Mexico and Brazil. The test should be performed at a medical laboratory that is accredited by the relevant national health authorities. For the United States of America, the medical laboratory should be accredited by the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

The expanded list of high-risk locations is effective for visitors arriving on or after 2020 August 20. Accordingly, as visitors are required to complete their application on visitjamaica.com, five days prior to their intended arrival date, they will be required to upload their COVID-19 RT-PCR test certificate as part of the application as of 2020 August 15.

Please note that this list of high-risk locations is subject to ongoing reassessment and could therefore change. The pre-testing requirement will not apply to visitors who are not residents of these high-risk locations.

Category 1 – Residents

Jamaican Nationals and Non-nationals Ordinarily Resident in Jamaica

Jamaican nationals and non-nationals ordinarily resident in Jamaica may be subject to testing if assessed as high-risk as a result of exhibiting symptoms, exposure to persons who have tested positive, belonging to a high-risk group or other risk factors. High-risk groups include cruise ship workers, involuntarily returned migrants and health care workers. For persons required to be tested for COVID-19, the test will be a RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing.

Whether or not persons are required to be tested, they will be under a Home Quarantine order for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If persons are required to be tested and their test is negative, they will still be required to complete their quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If the test is positive, they will be isolated either at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

Category 2 - Non-residents

Visiting Jamaica for tourism Purposes and Staying within the “Resilient Corridor” (a defined geographical area designated for tourism purposes)

The pre-testing requirement described above is applicable to persons in this category if they are residents of locations designated as high-risk by the Jamaican health authorities.

Note that based on health screening and risk assessment on arrival, persons may still be required to be tested at the airport or designated facility, if, for example, they are exhibiting symptoms or belong to a high risk group despite presenting a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test certificate. In this case, they would await their test result in their hotel room.

If the test is negative, they would remain at their hotel/resort within the “resilient corridor” under a “Stay in Resilient Corridor” order whereby they are required to stay on the hotel property for the duration of their stay in Jamaica.

If the test is positive, they would be isolated either at the hotel/resort or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

Persons not required to be tested on arrival will be allowed to go to their hotel/resort under the "Stay in Resilient Corridor" order whereby they are required to stay on the hotel property for the duration of their stay in Jamaica.

Category 3 - Non-residents Visiting Jamaica for Business Purposes

The pre-testing requirement described above is applicable to persons in this category if they are residents of locations designated as high-risk by the Jamaican health authorities.

In addition, all persons visiting Jamaica for business purposes will be required to be tested at the airport. The test will be a COVID-19 RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing. ***Business purposes do not include funerals and weddings or other personal activities.***

They will await their test results under quarantine at their hotel/intended address. If the test is negative, they would be released from quarantine and be under a "stay at intended address for business travellers" measure for a period of 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica or for the duration of their stay if shorter than 14 days. Business travellers who are staying in Jamaica for 14 days or more will be required to complete their quarantine for 14 days from their date of entry into Jamaica even if their test result is negative.

If the test is positive, they would be isolated either at their hotel/intended address or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

Category 4 - Non-residents visiting Jamaica for Other Purposes Including Tourists not Staying within the "Resilient Corridor"

The pre-testing requirement described above is applicable to persons in this category if they are residents of locations designated as high-risk by the Jamaican health authorities.

Persons who are not required to pre-test may be required to be tested at the airport or other designated facility, if assessed by the health authorities as high-risk based on health screening and risk assessment on arrival. For persons required to be tested for COVID-19, the test will be a RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing. They will then await their test results under quarantine at their hotel/intended address.

Whether or not persons are required to be tested, they will be required to remain under a Home Quarantine order for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If persons are required to be tested and their test is negative, they will still be required to complete their quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If the test is positive, they will be isolated either at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

TYPES OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES UNDER THE ORDER

There are various measures applicable under the Order issued under the Disaster Risk Management Act, as follows:

Home Quarantine – Under this measure, persons are required to remain at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. Persons under quarantine cannot leave their quarantine location, except with express permission from the health authorities.

Stay in Resilient Corridor – This measure applies only for tourist visitors who are staying in the “resilient corridor” designated for tourism purposes. Under this measure, persons are required to remain at their hotel/resort within the corridor for the duration of their stay.

Quarantine for Business Traveller – Under this measure, business travellers who are staying in Jamaica for less than 14 days are required to remain at their intended address, whether a hotel or private home, until they receive a negative COVID-19 test. They are then able to conduct their business under the provisions of the Stay at Intended address for business travellers described below. Business travellers who are staying in Jamaica for 14 days or more will be required to complete their quarantine for 14 days from their date of entry into Jamaica even if their test result is negative.

Stay at Intended Address for Business Travellers – Under this measure, business travellers are required to remain at their intended address, whether a hotel or private home, for 14 days or for the duration of their stay if shorter than 14 days and allowed to leave only once per day to obtain food and medical supplies and to conduct their business meetings and financial transactions following which they must return immediately. They are required to observe all the infection prevention protocols applicable in Jamaica such as wearing a mask in public places and complying with the physical distancing rule. They are NOT allowed to attend any meetings, events or gatherings of more than 20 persons, meet with persons aged 75 and over, or take any form of transportation with any other passenger other than a person with whom they travelled to Jamaica.

Quarantine vs Isolation – Quarantine is intended to restrict movement and may be at home, hotel/resort or a government facility as determined by the health authorities. Persons under quarantine cannot leave their quarantine location, except with express permission from the health authorities. Isolation is intended to separate persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are suspected to be positive from other persons. This may be at home, hotel/resort or a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

Monitoring during Quarantine or Isolation - Persons who are quarantined or placed in isolation at their home, hotel or intended address will be monitored electronically and by the health authorities to ensure that they do not leave their designated quarantine or isolation location.

Note that persons permitted to enter Jamaica will be permitted to leave Jamaica while in quarantine or isolation in accordance with applicable protocols which would include appropriate arrangements for transportation. An “unfit to fly” notice will be issued to the

airlines for persons with positive tests. Persons will be allowed to leave Jamaica using medical evacuation or private flights.