

The latest entry requirements for traveling to the Caribbean

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This map of the Caribbean shows which islands are open for U.S. tourism. Updated regularly with new information. Credit: Jennifer Martins

Most Caribbean islands have reopened to international tourism, and several islands have begun adopting two-track entry regulations for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers. Here are the latest developments for travel from the U.S. to each Caribbean country.



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All international passengers flying into the U.S. from the Caribbean islands (with the exception of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) will need to provide proof of a negative Covid-19 test received no more than 72 hours prior to boarding the flight to the U.S. Airlines will deny boarding to those passengers who do not produce a test result. Since the rule was announced many hotels in the Caribbean region have stepped up to **offer their guests pre-travel testing**.

In addition, the CDC recommends that travelers get tested again three to five days after arrival and stay home for seven days after travel, unless they have been fully vaccinated.

Please double-check requirements with the countries' official websites, as protocols change quickly. *Updated Aug. 17.*

Anguilla

Open to U.S. travelers. Only fully vaccinated travelers are allowed entry, effective July 1. U.S. travelers must apply through the visitor portal, submit a negative Covid-19 test result three to five days before travel and provide proof of medical insurance. Visitors must take a PCR test (free of charge) upon arrival and remain in place at their hotel or villa while awaiting test results. All travelers to Anguilla connecting through St. Maarten must comply with St. Maarten's health screening application form. More information: ivisitanguilla.com. Updated July 30. Correction: A previous version of this report incorrectly said that children under 5 are exempt from a Covid test; that information is relevant to Antigua and Barbuda, not Anguilla.

Antigua and Barbuda

Open to U.S. travelers. U.S. travelers must submit proof of a negative PCR test taken seven days before boarding and complete the Traveler Accommodation form upon arrival in Antigua. Children under the age of 5 do not need to produce a negative Covid-19 test. Visitors who complete a successful screening (temperature check) by health officials are not required to quarantine once booked at a certified accommodations (at least 160 hotels and villa properties are certified) and can participate in certified tours/activities, including destination weddings, dining out and certain land and sea activities. More information: www.visitantiguabarbuda.com. Updated Aug. 2.

Aruba

Open to U.S. visitors. All travelers are required to fill out an embarkation/disembarkation card between 72 and four hours prior to travel. All visitors 15 and over must upload a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours prior to departure. Children 14 and under are exempt from the test. Those not producing a

negative test result prior to arrival must take a PCR test upon arrival and quarantine until test result received but those 14 and under are exempt from the test.

All visitors must purchase and pay for the Aruba travel insurance within 72 hours prior to departure; they can use their existing medical insurance to supplement the Aruba policy, but it cannot replace the Aruba travel insurance, which is \$15 for travelers age 15 and over; no charge for children 14 and younger.

Bahamas

Open to U.S. visitors. As of Aug. 6, all travelers over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, must upload a negative PCR test result taken within five days of arrival in the Bahamas. (This new protocol is waived for anyone who has already applied for an obtained a Bahamas Travel Health Visa.) Unvaccinated travelers ages 12 and older must also take a rapid antigen test on day four if staying longer than five days and fill out a health questionnaire every day of their stay. Testing centers are located in many hotels, resorts, medical centers, marinas and municipal locations. All visitors must also **complete and upload** a Bahamas Travel Visa and are required to opt into the mandatory health insurance plan when applying for the health visa. The fee is paid in advance and the price depends upon the length of stay.

Barbados

Open to U.S. visitors. All visitors must complete the **Immigration and Customs from form** between 24 and 72 hours prior to arrival and present proof of a negative PCR test result taken within three days of arrival. Fully vaccinated travelers must take a free rapid or PCR test upon arrival and wait 8 to 12 hours for results at their approved accommodation (they are free to move about the resort, hotel or villa and go to the pool but not to the beach). Unvaccinated

travelers must take the standard PCR test upon arrival, quarantine in their room at their accommodations for five days and take second PCR test on day five and await results before being released from quarantine. All travelers must take a rapid antigen test 24 hours prior to departing Barbados for the U.S. The test is \$50 and can be done at one of several sites on the island. Many resorts offer on-site testing.

Bermuda

Open to U.S. visitors. All travelers must complete the online Bermuda travel authorization process within one to three days of arrival (cost is \$75 and covers all on-island tests) and present proof of a negative PCR test taken within four days of arrival (this also applies to children 2 years and older). Vaccinated travelers must present proof of vaccination, be tested upon arrival and on days 4 and 10 of their stay. Unvaccinated children traveling with parents are subject to the same rules. Unvaccinated travelers must be tested upon arrival, must quarantine at their own expense for 14 days at one of seven approved hotels and be retested at the end of their quarantine.

Bonaire

Open to U.S. travelers. Fully vaccinated visitors must produce proof of a negative PCR test done within 72 hours of arrival. Unvaccinated visitors also must produce result of a negative antigen test taken within 24 hours of arrival as well as the negative PCR test. Bonaire has added the availability of rapid antigen testing at its Flamingo Airport to help travelers adhere to the current testing protocol. All travelers must complete a health questionnaire. All businesses, including hotels, car rentals, tour operators, watersports operators, taxis and restaurants, will carry a Bonaire Friendly Safety Seal certifying that they have been inspected and approved regarding health and safety standards. *Updated July 27.*

British Virgin Islands

Open to U.S. travelers. The British Virgin Islands adjusted entry procedures for visitors due to an uptick in Covid-19 cases. Fully vaccinated travelers must undergo a rapid antigen test at the port of entry. The cost of the test is \$50, and results will be available before visitors leave the port of entry in approximately 25 to 35 minutes. Other entry requirements remain the same: All travelers must provide a PCR test or rapid antigen test within five days of arrival, and vaccinated travelers must show proof of vaccination. Travelers partially vaccinated or unvaccinated must quarantine for seven days. Everyone must show proof of medical insurance that provides coverage for Covid-19 and must register on the [online portal](#) within five days of planned travel date to obtain the Traveller Authorization Certificate (\$35 for vaccinated travelers, \$105 for all others). When fully vaccinated travelers are with unvaccinated children between ages 5 and 17, the children will be tested upon arrival and will get a second test on day four.

Cayman Islands

Not open to U.S. visitors. The Cayman Islands has laid out a plan for a phased reopening to tourism. The phased approach is subject to achieving an 80% on-island vaccination rate. While details are still being worked out, the plan will allow entry to a limited number of tourists with secure verification of their vaccination status, beginning Sept. 9. Travelers will apply for entry via the [Travel Cayman Portal](#) and will be subject to quarantine. Quarantine requirements will be removed for all verified, fully vaccinated travelers beginning on Oct. 14. Unvaccinated visitors will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. Unvaccinated children under age 12 will be allowed to travel with vaccinated adult tourists as of Nov. 18. No quarantine period will be required.

Cuba

Open to U.S. visitors. All arriving passengers must submit a health declaration, produce a Cuba Tourist Card (available from the airlines) and produce a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours prior to arrival and take another PCR test upon arrival, with results available within 24 hours. The test upon arrival is free. All incoming travelers must have travel insurance that covers Covid-19 during their stay. Visitors must quarantine in accommodations until results arrive and be PCR tested at their own expense on Day 5. American visitors are barred from strictly tourist vacations to the all-inclusive resorts on the north coast but can travel to Cuba under 12 specific categories, the most popular of which is Support for the Cuban People. All regulations are detailed at <https://cu.embassy.gov/covid-19-information>.

Curacao

Open to U.S. visitors. All visitors, including those fully vaccinated, must complete a Digital Immigration Card, fill out and upload a Passenger Locator Card within 48 hours of departure for the island (carry a printed copy as proof upon arrival). Unvaccinated visitors must upload proof of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure (and carry a printed copy, as well) and must take a rapid antigen test at a local lab on the third day of the stay. If test result is positive, the travel must quarantine per local guidelines. Appointments must be booked and paid for in advance. Travelers will receive a pre-confirmation email including a booking reference number, the local lab website and instructions after submitting their Passenger Locator Card. Children six and under are exempt from the test requirement.

Dominica

Open to U.S. visitors. All travelers must submit a [health questionnaire](#) at least 24

hours prior to travel and upload a negative PCR test taken between 24 and 72 hours prior to arrival. Vaccinated visitors must upload a vaccination certificate, pay online for a rapid antigen test (\$100; test is given on arrival) and present notification of health clearance to travel to Dominica and receipt for antigen test.

If antigen result is negative, there is no mandatory quarantine for fully vaxxed travelers who have been medically cleared. They must record temperature daily and report any symptoms, and must stay in Safe in Nature certified properties. Unvaccinated travelers will be transported to a mandatory quarantine at a government-operated facility or a Safe in Nature-certified property for five days, take a PCR test on day 5 and await results for up to 48 hours.

Unvaccinated children under 18 traveling with fully vaxxed family must follow same protocols as their fully vaxxed family members. Kids five and above will be tested on day 2; those five and under do not need a PCR test.

Dominican Republic

Open to U.S. visitors. All travelers are required to fill out a [Traveler's Health Affidavit](#). Travelers will get a temperature check upon arrival. A rapid Breathalyzer-style test will be performed on randomly selected travelers upon arrival. The test takes five minutes and detects if a traveler was exposed or infected within the last four hours. If positive, the traveler quarantines in a designated area within his hotel and is regularly tested until symptoms are gone. Health and travel insurance coverage that covers hospitalization for coronavirus in the DR, telemedicine services, costs for extended hotel stays and airline ticket changes is required and is free to travelers through July 30.

Grenada

Open to U.S. visitors. All adult visitors to Grenada must be fully vaccinated, effective July 31. Fully vaccinated travelers entering Grenada have to quarantine for up to 48 hours, pending a negative PCR test upon arrival at the airport (\$150). Prior to entry, fully vaccinated visitors must book approved Pure Safe accommodations for a minimum of two nights, apply for a travel authorization, provide proof of a negative PCR test done 72 hours prior to travel and pre-pay for the PCR test at the airport. Children 13 years and under traveling with their vaccinated parents/guardians can quarantine with them for up to 48 hours. Unvaccinated minors between 14 and 18 years old can travel to Grenada with their vaccinated parents/guardians, but the entire travel party must quarantine for up to seven days. Guests staying at an all-inclusive resort must take an antigen test upon arrival at the resort and a PCR test on day five of their stay.

Guadeloupe

Martinique and Guadeloupe are in lockdown, due to a surge in Covid cases on the islands. On Guadeloupe, curfew hours run from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the end of August. Bars, gyms, stadiums and swimming pools are closed. *Updated Aug. 16.*

Haiti

The magnitude 7.2 earthquake on Aug. 14 may affect current entry regulations. Prior to the earthquake, the country was open to U.S. visitors who were required to produce a negative antigen or PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival. American Airlines still had several flights listed from JFK to Port-au-Prince via Fort Lauderdale.

The CDC issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice on Aug. 11, indicating a very high level of Covid-19 in the country. In addition, the U.S. State Department issued a Level 4-Do Not Travel Advisory on Aug. 2, citing kidnapping, crime, civil unrest as well as

high Covid case numbers. More information: [Travel.State.gov](https://www.travel.state.gov) and the [U.S. Embassy website](https://www.us-embassy.gov). *Updated Aug. 16.*

Jamaica

Jamaica has imposed tighter Covid-19 restrictions due to the rapid surge in case numbers and hospitalizations. The new restrictions are in effect through Aug. 31. Curfew hours run from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday. Beaches are closed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. Nightclubs are closed and gyms, restaurants, zoos and bars must operate at 50% capacity with social distancing enforced. Weddings are limited to 50 attendees; public events can have no more than 30 in attendance. Masks must be worn at all times.

All travelers must submit proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR test or antigen test taken within three days of travel. Travelers must complete and submit the [online travel authorization form](#) between two and five days prior to arrival and must submit the approval during the airline check-in process. Tourists are required to stay in the "Resilient Corridors" designated for tourism purposes along the north and south coasts of the island and are required to remain at their hotel or resort within the corridor for the duration of their stay. However, they may leave the hotel to visit any tourist attraction that is certified by the Jamaica Tourist Board to be a Covid-19 Resilient Licensed tourist attraction located within the Resilient Corridors. The list of such attractions is available at [VisitJamaica.com](https://www.visitjamaica.com). All travel to and from the attraction must be on transportation licensed under the Tourist Board Act. *Updated Aug. 11.*

Martinique

Martinique and Guadeloupe are in lockdown, due to a surge in Covid cases on the islands.

A curfew on Martinique took effect on Aug. 10 and will last three weeks. Curfew hours run from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Martinique authorities have recommended that visitors not continue their stays. During the hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. people on Martinique cannot venture further than half a mile from their homes. *Updated Aug. 16.*

Montserrat

The borders are not currently open to U.S. visitors.

Puerto Rico

Open to U.S. visitors. Starting Aug. 16, Puerto Rico will require vaccinations for all travelers as well as for employees and staff of hotels, paradors, guesthouses and short-term rentals. The only exceptions to the vaccination requirement are those individuals who may be unable to get vaccinated for religious or medical reasons. However, they must provide proper documentation such as medical notes or signed affidavits and must be tested on a weekly basis during their stay.

All other entry regulations remain in place. All travelers must fill out a travel declaration form through the [Puerto Rico Health Department's portal](#) to obtain an airport exit confirmation number and a QR code. Fully vaccinated travelers from the U.S. must present a valid vaccination card as well.

Unvaccinated travelers over 2 years of age must present proof of a Covid-19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to arrival. Any unvaccinated traveler arriving without a test result will be fined \$300. This fine will be waived if the traveler presents the test or evidence that the test was performed within 48 hours of arrival on the island.

Visitors arriving at the Luis Muñoz Marín Airport in San Juan can receive a Johnson & Johnson vaccine in Terminal B. The same is offered on the islands of Vieques and Culebra via the Maritime Transportation Authority ferry terminal in Ceiba on the

mainland's northeast coast south of Fajardo. *Updated Aug. 11.*

Saba and St. Eustatius (Statia)

Open to U.S. visitors. Regulations for both islands require vaccinated visitors to fill out a health application form, provide results of a PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival or a rapid antigen test done 48 hours before travel and show proof of vaccination.

Unvaccinated travelers must fill out the health form, show PCR test result done 72 hours before travel, quarantine for five days and take a PCR test on day five. Day trippers from St. Maarten have to apply for entry into Saba or Statia and fill out the health form prior to arrival in those islands.

Open to U.S. visitors. All visitors 18 and over must be fully vaccinated, and all those 10 and older need proof of a negative PCR test taken no more than three days prior to travel or a rapid antigen test done no more than two full days prior to travel. Visitors who transit through St. Maarten need to [pre-register](#) to enter and must show results of the negative PCR test. U.S. visitors traveling to St. Barts through San Juan must show results of the negative PCR test.

St. Kitts and Nevis

Open to vaccinated U.S. travelers. Visitors must complete the Travel Authorization Form and submit a copy of their official vaccination card, along with their arrival date and KN number generated on their completed travel form via email or WhatsApp. Once these documents are accepted, travelers must upload their negative PCR test result taken with 72 hours prior to departure. Upon receipt, the traveler will receive the approval letter to enter the Federation. They must undergo a health screening at the airport on arrival, which includes a temperature check and a health questionnaire. Fully vaccinated travelers must "vacation in place" at one of seven Travel Approved hotels for three days.

Travelers will be tested on day 4 (\$150). When a negative result is obtained, they are free to participate in tours, visit attractions, restaurants, beach bars and go shopping. Unvaccinated children under age 18 are subject to the same three-day protocol.

More

information: www.stkittstourism.kn/travel-advisory-update and www.nevisisland.com. Updated July 14.

St. Lucia

Open to U.S. visitors. Fully vaccinated travelers must upload proof of vaccination when they fill out the pre-arrival travel authorization form. They must travel with their vaccination card. Upon arrival in St. Lucia, they are expedited via a dedicated Health Screening line and receive a non-electronic wristband which must be worn during their stay. Vaccinated visitors can book rental cars, dine at local restaurants, explore shops and markets and take part in additional activities on the island. Non-vaccinated travelers continue to be permitted to stay at up to two certified and approved properties for the first 14 days of their stay. All travelers ages five and up must obtain a negative PCR test taken no more than five days before arrival, submit the online travel registration form, stay at a Covid-19 certified hotel, submit to a health screening upon arrival and adhere to safety protocols in place, which include mask wearing in public places. More information: www.stlucia.org/covid-19. Updated June 8.

St. Maarten/St. Martin

Open to U.S. visitors. All visitors must complete the **health pre-authorization application** through the Electronic Health Authorization System (EHAS), submit proof of a negative Covid test 72 hours before arrival or antigen test done 48 hours before arrival. Once authorization is approved,

travelers receive a pre-authorization e-mail which contains a QR code showing vaccination status and Covid test result. The St. Maarten SXM Protection Plan is mandatory health coverage for all visitors. The plan covers hospital costs, ICU costs, doctor consultations, Covid-19 tests and, if necessary, medical evacuation. For those 15 and up, the cost is \$30 for visits up to 180 days; it is \$10 for those under 15 years of age. Travelers from a high-risk country (the U.S. is considered high risk), will receive an automated daily email alert with a link to submit body temperature and any symptoms during first five days of their stay. More

information: SintMaartenGov.org. Updated Aug. 16.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Open to U.S. travelers. All visitors must complete the **pre-arrival form**, show results of a negative PCR test done 72 hours before arrival and arrive with a fully paid reservation. Fully vaccinated visitors must show proof of vaccination, be retested upon arrival, quarantine for 48 hours and can then move to a "bubble protocol" hotel (three in Canouan, one in Bequia, one in Mustique and Petit St. Vincent Island & Resort. Unvaccinated visitors must quarantine for 14 days in a tourism-approved hotel at their own cost and be retested on day 4 and day 7 of quarantine. Updated May 18.

Turks and Caicos

Open to U.S. visitors. Effective Sept. 1, all visitors 16 years and over must be fully vaccinated to enter. Travelers are required to show proof of vaccination through the **TCI Assured pre-travel program and portal** prior to entering the country. The portal will accept vaccination proof (Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca) printed from an electronic vaccination data base or through a vaccination letter signed by a medical physician or registered nurse --

license number must be included. Handwritten vaccination cards will not be accepted. The vaccination requirement is in addition to the existing protocols, which require a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test result done within three days of travel as well as medical/travel insurance that covers medical evacuation, a completed health screening questionnaire and certification that the traveler has read and agreed to the private policy document. All these requirements must be uploaded to the portal in advance of arrival. More information: [Turks & Caicos tourism](#). *Updated Aug. 16.*

U.S. Virgin Islands

[Open to U.S. visitors](#). Every U.S. traveler 5 and older is required to use the USVI travel

[portal](#) and submit either a negative Covid-19 test result or a negative Covid-19 rapid antigen test taken within five days of travel or a Covid-19 antibody (rapid) finger stick or blood draw test with a positive result received within four months of travel to the territory. Upon arrival travelers must submit the original test result and travel certification received from the portal. Travelers unable to produce the required test result are subject to a 14-day self-quarantine in their booked accommodations or until they receive a negative test result. Since the USVI is a U.S. territory, Americans returning from the islands do not have to produce proof of a Covid test as per the new CDC guidelines.