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The following information was received from our correspondent on 12 April:

QUOTE

We are approaching to you in order to continue providing actual information related with the measures and protocols related with COVID 19 in the Caribbean area, please find in the document enclosed the Update from March 26th to April 15th 2021 on this regard.

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IMPLICATIONS OF THE COVID-19 IN THE CARIBBEAN

DATE: FROM MARCH 26TH, 2020 TO APRIL 15TH, 2021



ARUBA:

On March 26, 2021, the Government of Aruba adopted the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which would be in effect until April 11, recently the Government of Aruba announced that the measures in force would be prolonged for an additional 2 weeks (Starting on April 12) and that they would be evaluated weekly.

- Curfew: 10:00 pm - 5:00 am.
- Business closing time: 9:00 pm (including supermarkets, restaurants, bars and others).
- Ban Area: 7:00 pm
- Gathering Ban: Maximum of 2 people
- Drinking alcohol in public places is prohibited.
- Limited Clientele: 1 person per family.
- Supermarkets and Hardware Stores must limit their costumers to 50%. It is also advised to wear a mask outside if a 1.5 m distance cannot be maintained.
- Restaurant. The quantity of adults at a table indoors and outdoors is limited to 4 max (kids under the age of 12 do not count under this rule). Dancing is not permitted. Bars will remain closed.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew change is allowed under specific conditions (Please check last update).

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



BAHAMAS:

On March 18, 2021, the Government of the Bahamas informed that in accordance with the Emergency Powers (COVID-19 Pandemic) (Risk Management) (No. 4) (Amendment) (No. 10) Order, 2021, persons traveling from Harbor Island and Eleuthera will now be required to undergo a PCR COVID-19 test in order to obtain a travel health visa.

The requirement was effective Thursday 1 April 2021 and will apply to persons older than 10 years of age traveling from Harbor Island and Eleuthera, to other parts of The Bahamas. This does not apply to travel between mainland Eleuthera and its surrounding islands and cays.

Travelers from Eleuthera and Harbor Island will also now be required to take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test on the fifth day after arrival to their destination within The Bahamas and submit the results to the Ministry of Health online via the health travel website.

The rest of the previous provisions remain in force.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew changes is allowed.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



BERMUDA:

The Government of Bermuda announced that due to the changing situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, starting on March 28, 2021, the following restrictions were established:

- Commercial airlines may return to Bermuda, but there are specific testing requirements to replace the requirement to quarantine for 14 days.
- Both visitors and residents must apply for a Travel Authorization Form, 48 hours before departing for Bermuda.
- All travelers to Bermuda who are arriving from the United Kingdom or who have visited the United Kingdom in the 14 days before they arrive in Bermuda must go to quarantine in their accommodation for four days. They may only be released from quarantine after the receiving a negative result from the Day 4 of the COVID-19 test that all travelers to the island must take.
 - Curfew from 11pm to 5am
 - Persons must not gather in groups of more than 10 persons, whether in public or private.
 - Persons wishing to gather in groups of more than 10 persons must apply online for an authorization from the Minister of National Security.
 - Retail and grocery stores must operate with no more than 20% capacity.
 - All indoor gyms, exercise facilities, health clubs and dance studios are closed.
 - Indoor movie theaters, museums and all other indoor public recreation venues, will be closed.
 - Bars and nightclubs are permitted to operate with outdoor table service only (max 6 persons per table).
 - Remote working is mandatory where possible.

Bermuda Shipping and Maritime Authority implemented restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19, which must be complied with by all vessels that arrive at its ports. (See previous updates).

Crew changes is allowed with restrictions.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



BONAIRE:

On April 8, 2021, the Government of Bonaire updated the procedure for the arrival of visitors to the island to prevent the spread of Covid-19:

1. Countries with a flight ban on direct flights to Bonaire: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela, United Kingdom and South Africa.
2. Upon arrival on Bonaire must present: Negative result of NAAT (PCR) COVID 19 test within 72 hours before arrival plus Antigen rapid test within 24 hours before departure, or NAAT (PCR) test within 24 hours before departure.
3. All travelers to Bonaire must complete a Health Declaration online at [www. bonairepublichealth.org](http://www.bonairepublichealth.org) between 72 and 48 hours before arrival to the island.
4. Payment/reservation at designated central location.
5. If you have been in one or more of the aforementioned countries named on item No. 1, it will be required 14 days prior to your travel, a quarantine for 10 days at a designated location on Bonaire. On day 5 of the quarantine you may undergo a PCR test at your own expense. You must email the test result to publichealth@bonairegov.com. An officer of the Public Health Department will then inform you whether you may leave quarantine or not. Designated location: Buddy Dive Resort, all costs will be covered by the traveller.

The rest of the previous provisions remain in force.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew changes are allowed with restrictions.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



COLOMBIA:

President Iván Duque Márquez announced on April 4, 2021 the new measures to reduce the risk of spread the COVID-19 in the country, which will be implemented between April 5 and 19. Among the established provisions are:

- For cities with ICU occupancy between 50% and 69%. Optionally establish peak and ID card measures and establish nighttime restrictions on mobility, between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- For cities with ICU occupancy between 70% and 79%. Establish peak and ID card measures and establish nighttime restrictions on mobility, between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- For cities with ICU occupancy between 80% and 85%. Establish peak and ID card measures and establish nighttime restrictions on mobility, between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- For cities with an ICU occupancy greater than 85%. Establish peak and ID card measures and establish nighttime restrictions on mobility, between 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Hotels and restaurants will not be included in cases where the peak and ID measure is implemented.
- Home services and the exercise of the activities indicated in Decree 1076 of 2020 are allowed.
- Recommendations to governors so that the announced measures "may have more forceful effects."

On April 5, 2021, the National Government reported the biosecurity guidelines that will be applied in the country's airports to unify in a single standard the emergency, contingency, protection and prevention plan against covid-19 upon arrival and departure of flights national and international, which are contained in Resolution 411 of March 29, 2021 issued by the Ministry of Health.

This provision establishes, among others:

- The conditions for the control of passengers, cleaning, disinfection, protection measures and other pertinent aspects.
- Measures to promote physical distancing and completing the processes with the CoronApp tool.
- It is requiring the presentation of a negative PCR COVID 19 test result no later than 96 hours before the flight. This will apply to passengers on international flights, regardless of whether they are Colombian or foreign.
- The monitoring process through the PRASS program (Tests, Tracking and Sustainable Selective Isolation) and the use of mandatory face masks during all stages, inside the airport and during the flight. The community is invited to practice responsible self-isolation.

On April 6, 2021, the Minister of Health, Fernando Ruiz, warned that Bogotá “will undergo a surveillance process in terms of epidemiology, related with the number of cases and infections until April 13.” From that day on, the conditions in which the contagion has developed and what measures will be taken to continue will be evaluated. The peak and ID card was established from Tuesday, April 6 to Friday, April 9; restriction of mobility from 12 pm on Friday, April 9 until Monday, April 12, at 4 am.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew changes are allowed with restrictions.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



CUBA:

On March 30, 2021, the authorities reported that Havana continues to be closed because it is in the limited autochthonous transmission phase and will continue in that condition until the necessary indicators are reached to allow it to move to another phase.

The restriction of the mobility of people and vehicles is maintained in the 15 municipalities of Havana every day from 9 pm. to 5 am.

All international travelers arriving in the country must comply with isolation for 5 nights and 6 days in a hotel, the cost of which is at their own expense.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports remain applicable and mandatory.

The ban on crew changes continues.

In the event that any crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, the health authorities must be informed and authorize the disembarkation for medical assistance on the ground in the hospital system.



CURACAO:

Beginning March 24, 2021, all international visitors traveling to Curaçao must present a certified negative result of a COVID-19 PCR test performed within 72 hours of departure by an accredited laboratory. The traveler must carry a printed confirmation of a negative PCR test, in addition to uploading it to www.dicardcuracao.com before departure. Additionally, you must fill out the Digital Immigration Card and the Passenger Location Card (PLC).

According to announcement No. 118 dated March 31, 2021, from April 2, 2021 a curfew applies throughout the country from 7:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. and the government urges the local community and visitors to shelter at home and at accommodation sites, respectively.

All crew changes are subject to approval by the COVID Crisis team and they will organize all transportation.

The following documents must be presented at least 5 days before the crew change: copy of passport, navigation book, medical certificate, ship's maritime health status, any other information.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 established by the authorities in all ports remain mandatory.

In the event that any crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the landing to receive medical assistance in the hospital system.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

According to Decree 171-21 of March 16, 2021, the curfew in the national territory is maintained until April 15, 2021 from Monday to Friday from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., with a grace of free movement of 3 additional hours every day.

According to the provisions of the Responsible Tourism Recovery Plan, travelers no longer need to provide a negative PCR or COVID-19 test upon arrival. Airports and ports of entry will conduct a rapid and random breath test on 3% to 15% of passengers and all those with symptoms upon arrival.

Until April 12, 2021, passengers traveling from the UK to the Dominican Republic must present a PCR COVID-19 Test negative result certificate taken within 72 hours of travel. Passengers from the United Kingdom who disembark in the Dominican Republic without a negative PCR certificate are subject to a COVID-19 test upon arrival and will have to remain in quarantine for the next 7 days in one of the government facilities, with cost covered by the traveler. The stay may be extended until negative test results are obtained. These measures also apply to travelers who have been to the United Kingdom in the last two weeks prior to their arrival in the Dominican Republic.

All passengers undergo temperature control. Passengers who show symptoms or whose test results are positive will be isolated and treated in authorized places.

On April 1, 2021 was announced that all foreign and Dominican passengers entering or leaving the Dominican Republic on commercial flights must complete the electronic entry and exit form, which combines the forms of the International Boarding and Disembarkation Card, Declaration of Customs, and Affidavit of Health of the Traveler. Until April 30, 2021, the Dominican authorities will exceptionally accept both types of registration to enter the country: the current one through physical forms, and the new one through the digital system. As of May 1, 2021, the use of the electronic form will be mandatory. The form can be accessed in English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Portuguese and Russian through: <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do>

Free platique has always been granted once the ship has docked and has been authorized by the authorities. The following is added to the medical protocol: the crew list, the last ten ports, the P&I certificate and the declaration of maritime health must be sent to PFSO before the arrival of the ship. A ship that comes from ports in China, Italy, Spain, the United States and other places with high risk of COVID 19, must arrive at the ports of the Dominican Republic after 14 days of departure from said port or must wait the 14 days required in the Sea and once the approved time has elapsed, if there are no sick crew members on board, the Medical Commission evaluates when it can dock.

Crew changes are allowed, however, authorization from the High Level Presidential Commission is required. Required documents: crew details, passport copy and preliminary flight details to request authorization.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports continue to be applicable and mandatory.

Medical assistance is possible, but it must be approved by the authorities, at this time it is analyzed on a case-by-case basis and is very restrictive.



FRENCH GUIANA:

On April 2, 2021, the authorities announced the application of a curfew across the country from 7:00 p.m. to 6 a.m. according to the following schedule:

Every day from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. in Cayenne, Kourou, Macouria, Matoury and Rémire-Montjoly until further notice.

Every day from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. in Apatou, Awala-Yalimapo, Camopi, Grand-Santi, Iracoubo, Mana, Maripasoula, Montsinéry-Tonnegrande, Régina, Ouanary, Papaïchton, Roura, Saint-Elie, Saint-Georges, Saint-Laurent, Sinnamary and Saül until further notice.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all Ports remain applicable and mandatory.

The ban on crew changes continues.

In the event that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, the health authorities must be informed and authorize the disembarkation for medical assistance on the ground in the public or private hospital system.



ST EUSTATIUS:

On April 8, 2021, the government of Sint Eustatius reported the entry policy of Sint Eustatius for Covid-19 effective as of April 11, 2021:

Anyone can enter Sint Eustatius based on normal immigration rules. However, registration is required before entering Sint Eustatius and the requirements described below must be met. This applies to people entering by boat and people entering by plane.

Everyone who wants to enter Sint Eustatius must register by email at info.covid19@statiagov.com. Your email should include motivation, planned entry date, name, date of birth, nationality, which country or countries you stayed in during the last 14 days, and (if applicable) your preferred place to stay during the quarantine period.

The entry request must be received at least 72 hours before the expected date of arrival. Approval will be within 48 hours after receipt of the request.

The list of countries was updated based on the level of risk from Covid-19 contagion:

- Low-risk countries (Anguilla, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saba, Australia, China, Iceland, New Zealand, Rwanda, Singapore, Thailand, and South Korea). Passengers coming from these countries: it will be required screening, it will not be demanded the test, they do not require quarantine.

- High-risk countries (Saint Maarten). Passengers coming from these countries: require screening, COVID 19-NAAT test within 72 hours before arriving to Statia, compulsory quarantine (except persons vaccinated on Statia).
- High-risk countries (Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Netherlands and all countries that are not included in any of the other categories). Passengers from these countries: require screening, require COVID 19-NAAT test within 72 hours before arriving at Statia, additional antigen test conducted within 24 hours before departure or a COVID 19-NAAT test conducted within 24 hours before departure, quarantine compulsory (except persons vaccinated on Statia).

The provisions to the other requirements that visitors must accomplished to arrive to Sint Eustatius are maintained.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew changes are allowed with restrictions.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



SURINAME:

From March 31 to April 20, 2021 a curfew from 10:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. is in force throughout the country.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports continue to be applicable and mandatory.

In the event that any crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the landing of medical assistance on the ground in the public or private hospital system.

The crew change ban continues.



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:

The Trinidad & Tobago government has not announced change regarding the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The borders remain closed until further notice, only international flights are allowed for the repatriation of nationals, upon request for a travel exemption approved by the Ministry of National Security. All travelers must submit a negative PCR test for COVID-19 and serve 14 days of quarantine upon arrival on the island.

The restrictions and protocols related with the prevention of the spread the COVID 19 announced by the authorities at all Ports remain applicable and compulsory (please see last update).

Crew change remains forbidden.

In case that a crew member presents a Non-COVID 19 injury or illness, health authorities has to be informed and they will be the one who authorized the disembark to shore medical assistance in the public or private hospital system.



VENEZUELA:

On April 6, 2021, the authorities reported that starting on April 12, 2021 the country will resume labor and economic flexibility with a “new 7 + 7 scheme”.

The restriction of air operations in the national territory is maintained and the routes between Venezuela and Turkey, Mexico, Bolivia, Panama and the Dominican Republic continue to be open, in accordance with the provisions of NOTAM C0254 / 21 and A0105 / 21, of 18 March 2021.

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 announced by the authorities in all ports remain applicable and mandatory.

In the event that any crew member presents an injury or illness other than COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the landing of medical assistance on the ground in the public or private hospital system.

The issuance of safe conducts to key workers in the sector (seafarers and personnel associated with the port-ship interface) continues, to guarantee their mobilization on land, as indicated by the Maritime Authority in Circular No. 014 (Special Notice 011 COVID-19) April 27, 2020.

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