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## Coronavirus, COVID-19

*The following information was received from our correspondent on 24 August:*

### QUOTE

In order to continue providing current information related with the measures and protocols due to COVID 19 in the Caribbean, please find attached an updated from August 8th to August 22nd 2020. We ratified our compromised to continue the support in every matter that might arise or any particular issue in the area.

### UNQUOTE

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## IMPLICATIONS OF THE COVID-19 IN THE CARIBBEAN

**DATE: FROM AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020**



### **ARUBA:**

No changes have been announced by Aruba government in relation to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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:**

No changes have been announced by The Bahamas government in relation to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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.



## **BONAIRE:**

No changes have been announced by The Bahamas government in relation to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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).

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:**

National air transport is gradually being resumed from different cities with the reactivation of airports and the enabling of several commercial routes, prior the performing of "test flights" and the implementation of the biosecurity protocols established by the corresponding authorities, as provided in Decree 1076 of July 28, 2020.

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).

Prohibition crew change continues.

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 August 7, 2020, the Temporary Working Group for the Prevention and Control of the Epidemic returned Havana to the phase of limited autochthonous transmission, starting on August 8, 2020 due to the increase in positive cases of COVID 19.

This phase, according to the Minister of Public Health, José Angel Portal Miranda, is declared "when cases are confirmed in which it has not been possible to establish a link with travelers from affected areas and are limited to small conglomerates in localities or institutions in the country".

The measures that are applied in this phase are:

- All the measures that have been adopted are reinforced and the active research system is kept intensified.
- The number of hospitalization beds and the number of intensive care beds are increased, as well as molecular biology laboratories for diagnosis.
- The quarantine is reinforced.

On August 8, 2020, the Coordinator of the Industry and Transportation Program of the Government of Havana, José Conesa González, announced the suspension of public transport in the capital, as of August 10, 2020.

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 (see last update).

The ban on the change of crew continues.

In the event that a crew member presents an injury or illness No COVID 19, the health authorities must be informed and they will authorize the disembarkation for medical assistance on the ground in the hospital system.



## **CURACAO:**

The government of Curacao updated the travel policy to the island according to the following considerations:

### **Low risk countries**

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bermuda, Bonaire, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada Guadeloupe, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Saba, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Eustatius, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Trinidad y Tobago, Virgin Islands British

Travelers from these countries must complete the following on [dicardcuracao.com](https://dicardcuracao.com): before departure, the online digital immigration card and, within 48 hours before departure, the Passenger Location Card (PLC), from the which must have a printed proof document.

### **Medium risk countries**

Austria, Canada, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Turks and Caicos, Uruguay, United Kingdom.

Travelers from these countries must, in addition to meeting the 2 requirements established for travelers from low-risk countries, present a printed document with the negative result of a certified COVID-19 PCR test taken up to 72 hours before the departure. The test result must be uploaded to [dicardcuracao.com](https://dicardcuracao.com) prior to departure.

### **High risk countries**

Includes all other countries not indicated in the previous lists

Visitors from these countries should send a Travel Exception Request to the government Verification Team at the e-mail address [gobiernu.cw/reisverificatie](mailto:gobiernu.cw/reisverificatie) and wait for the respective approval to comply with the online immigration procedure. All travelers from these countries must comply with a mandatory 14-day quarantine on their own.

The location of the countries in each list can change at any time. The Curacao Covid team analyzes each country and adds or removes them from each list.

According to Shipping Notice No. 11 (NTS-11) from Maritime Authority of Curacao:

All ships that want to dock must remain in quarantine for 2 weeks under strict supervision.

Quarantine for yacht cabin crew is possible; however, it must be in accordance with the established 14-day quarantine protocol in a local hotel, indicated by the authorities.

Change of cabin crew or repatriation is possible, following the protocols established by the local authorities.

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

The restrictions and protocols related to the prevention of the spread of COVID 19 established by the authorities in all ports are still mandatory (see previous updates).

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



## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:**

On August 8, 2020, President Danilo Medina, according to Decree 298-20, extended the curfew around the country for 25 days as of August 9, 2020, according to the following:

In Santo Domingo, National District, Santiago, San Cristóbal, La Vega, Puerto Plata, Duarte, San Pedro de Macorís, La Romana, San Juan de la Maguana, La Altagracia, Azua, Monsignor Nouel, Sánchez Ramírez and María Trinidad Sánchez: from Monday to Friday from 7:00 pm at 5:00 a.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 5:00 p.m. at 5:00 a.m.

In the rest of the country: every day from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Only people with permits (doctors, nurses, armed forces and Port employees) can leave after curfew.

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 vessel that comes from China, Italy, Spain, US Ports and other places infected with COVID 19, must arrive at the DR Ports after 14 days of departure from said port or must wait the required 14 days on high seas and once the time has passed, if there are no sick crew 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 (see the latest update).

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



## **FRENCH GUIANA:**

The government of French Guiana has not announced changes in relation to the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID 19, keeping the entry of travelers to its territory limited only for compelling family reasons or professional reasons. Travelers arriving in the country must adhere to a strict 14-day quarantine. Travelers arriving in the country must adhere to a strict 14-day quarantine.

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 (see last update).

The ban on crew change continues.

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



## **ST EUSTATIUS:**

On August 10, 2020, the Government of Saint Eustatius (Statia) updated its travel and quarantine policy for Statia, which, in addition to maintaining the provisions indicated in previous publications, includes the following:

- All persons entering Statia must take a COVID test less than 72 hours prior to traveling to Statia.
- Anyone who wants to enter Statia from a medium or high risk country, must request the corresponding authorization through the email [info.covid19@statiagov.com](mailto:info.covid19@statiagov.com), at least 72 hours before the expected date of arrival, and it will be responded within 48 hours of receipt of the request. Your email must include motivation, expected date of entry, name, date of birth, nationality and place of stay during the last 14 days.
- If the passengers arriving on a flight are from countries of different risk categories, they will be treated as belonging to the higher risk category present on the flight.
- People are free to travel abroad, no permission is needed; however, Statian residents traveling abroad from now on will not be entitled to any repatriation assistance and, in any situation, will have to pay for quarantine upon return.

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).

Prohibition crew change continues.

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:**

The Government of Suriname announced the following as a measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- A "total lockdown" from Friday, August 21 at 8 pm to Sunday, August 23 at 5 am. People are instructed to stay home during this time.
- National curfew every day from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am until August 23.
- Use of masks in public.

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 (see latest update).

The crew change ban continues.

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



## **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:**

The Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Rowley, announced that due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, it was decided to resume some restrictions that affect the social and economic activities of the country, among which is highlighted that air and maritime transport Tobago will be limited to the essentials. These regulations will be in effect from August 17 and for the next 28 days.

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:

The State of Alarm Exception was extended for thirty (30) days throughout the country, according to Decree No. 4,260 of August 8, 2020.

According to NOTAM CO721 / 20 and NOTAM CO722 / 20, issued by the National Institute of Civil Aeronautics (INAC), the restriction of air operations was extended from August 12 to September 12, 2020. Operations in state of emergency, cargo and mail flights, technical landings, humanitarian flights, repatriation or flights authorized by the United Nations, and cargo and commercial overflights are exempt from the restriction.

Passengers in permitted operations must comply with the collective social quarantine under strict supervision of the State, as well as undergo the corresponding medical evaluations.

Within the 7 days + 7 days scheme implemented by the government in June 2020, from August 24 to 30, 2020, the week of release of the measures is planned.

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 (see latest update).

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

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

### **NOTE:**

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