



airports authority of jamaica

NOTICE TO AIRLINES OPERATING IN JAMAICA

Re: CONTROLLED ENTRY OF NATIONALS AND NON-NATIONALS 2020 JUNE 15-30

1. The Government of Jamaica has announced that as of 2020 June 15 it will be facilitating entry of both nationals and non-nationals by air. Controlled entry of persons during this period will be facilitated by registration and approval as follows:
 - For Residents of Jamaica – register on <https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/immigration.html>
 - For Non-Residents of Jamaica – register on <https://www.visitjamaica.com/>
2. Airlines serving Jamaica are therefore invited to airlift passengers either on regular scheduled flights or specially staged flights. Airlines can therefore sell seats to Jamaica in the normal way. A Travel Authorisation evidencing registration and approval as provided at 1 above, will be required for passengers to check in for/board flights.
3. The Government of Jamaica has implemented risk-based protocols that will determine testing and quarantine requirements for arriving passengers. 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.
4. 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 partner to welcome persons to Jamaica.

Audley Deidrick
PRESIDENT

APPENDIX

HEALTH PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE FOR 2020 JUNE 15-30

During the period 2020 June 15-30, non-nationals will now be allowed to enter Jamaica. 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 arriving passengers will be required to go through a health screening (temperature check, observation of symptoms, and short interview) and sensitization to make them aware of the health protocols applicable in Jamaica (wearing of masks, gathering restrictions, nightly curfew hours, etc.) on arrival. 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.

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

1. Jamaican nationals and non-nationals ordinarily resident in Jamaica by virtue of work permit, marriage, being a dependent of a national, etc.;
2. Non-nationals visiting Jamaica for tourism purposes;
3. Non-nationals visiting Jamaica for business purposes.

Countries which were previously announced as a part of the “travel bubble” between June 1 – 14 (namely Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos) are considered by the health authorities to be low risk at this time. Please note that this list of countries is subject to ongoing reassessment and could therefore change.

Jamaican Nationals and Non-nationals Ordinarily Resident in Jamaica

Jamaican nationals and non-nationals ordinarily resident in Jamaica will be subject to testing if assessed as high risk as a result of exhibiting symptoms, exposure to persons who have tested positive or belonging to a high risk group. High risk groups include cruise ship workers, involuntarily returned migrants and health care workers.

Persons assessed as high risk will have their sample taken at the airport or other designated facility and await their test result under quarantine at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities. If the test is negative, they will be under either a “stay at home for returning residents” measure or be placed in quarantine at home for 14 days

depending on the assessed risk. If the test is positive, they will be isolated either at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

Persons not assessed as high risk will be allowed to go home under the “stay at home for returning residents” measure for 14 days since being landed in Jamaica. This means, they are required to remain at home and allowed to leave only once per day to obtain food, medical supplies, conduct financial transactions, and physical exercise. Kindly note that these persons would also be required to work from home.

Non-nationals Visiting Jamaica for Tourism Purposes

Non-nationals visiting Jamaica for tourism purposes will be subject to testing if they are assessed as high risk either as a result of coming from countries designated as high risk for COVID-19 transmission based on classification by the World Health Organisation or due to other risk factors such as exhibiting symptoms or exposure to persons who have tested positive.

Persons assessed as high risk would have their sample taken at the airport or other designated facility and await their test result at their hotel or resort under the “stay in zone” measure. If the test is negative, they would remain under the “stay in zone” measure. 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 assessed as high risk will be allowed to go to their hotel/resort under the “stay in zone” measure. This means, they are required for the duration of their stay in Jamaica to remain within the “COVID-19 Resilient Corridor”, a defined geographical area.

Non-nationals Visiting Jamaica for Business Purposes

All non-nationals visiting Jamaica for business purposes for less than 14 days will be required to be tested at the airport or other designated facility. They will then await their test results under quarantine at their hotel/intended address. 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. If the test is negative, they would be released from quarantine and therefore free to conduct their business meetings. They must, however, adhere to all measures that are in place for controlling risk of spread such as washing/sanitization of hands, wearing of masks, gathering restrictions, etc.

Non-nationals visiting Jamaica for business purposes for 14 days or more will be subject to the same testing and quarantine protocols as described above for non-nationals who are ordinarily resident in Jamaica.

Monitoring during Quarantine or Isolation

Persons who are quarantined or placed in isolation at home will be monitored electronically and by the health authorities to ensure that they do not leave home.