



## NOTICE TO AIRLINES OPERATING IN JAMAICA

### **Re: Controlled Entry of Jamaican Nationals and Non-nationals 2020 July 1-31**

1. As obtained during the period 2020 June 15-30, controlled entry of persons during the period 2020 July 1-31 will 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 July 1-31. 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 partner to welcome persons to Jamaica.

**Audley Deidrick (Mr.)**  
**PRESIDENT**

## APPENDIX

### **HEALTH PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE 2020 JULY 1-31**

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 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 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 if they are staying in Jamaica for less than 48 hours.

***Please note that a nightly curfew will be in effect during the hours of 11 pm to 5 am for 2020 July 1-31. 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**

**Non-residents, except business travellers, 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 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test within 10 days prior to their intended date of travel to Jamaica. This requirement will become mandatory for**



persons arriving in Jamaica on or after 2020 July 10. All persons applying to enter on <https://www.visitjamaica.com/> on or after 2020 July 7 from the designated high risk locations will be required to upload their COVID-19 PCR test certificate as part of the application process. The locations currently designated as high risk for this purpose by the Jamaican health authorities are the states of Arizona, Florida, New York and Texas in the United States of America. 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.

**1. Residents - 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, belonging to a high risk group or other risk factors. High risk groups include cruise ship workers, involuntarily returned migrants and health care workers.

Persons assessed as high risk will be required to schedule an appointment online to test at a health centre/testing facility convenient to them 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 from their date of entry to Jamaica 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 under either a “stay at home for returning residents” measure or be placed in quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica.

**2. Non-Residents Visiting Jamaica for Tourism Purposes and Staying Within the “Resilient Corridor” (i.e. 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 PCR test certificate. In this case, they would await their test result in their hotel room.

If the test is negative, they would remain within the “resilient corridor” 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 required to be tested on arrival will be allowed to go to their hotel/resort under the “stay in zone” measure.

### **3. Non-residents Visiting Jamaica for Business Purposes**

All non-residents visiting Jamaica for business purposes for less than 14 days will be required to be tested at the airport. **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.

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.

Non-residents visiting Jamaica for business purposes for 14 days or more will be subject to the same testing and quarantine protocols as described above for category 1.

### **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 will 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.

They will then await their test results under quarantine at their hotel/intended address.



If the test is negative, persons will be placed in quarantine at their intended address or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities for a period of 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica.

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

### **Types of Restrictive Measures**

The risk assessment will determine the applicable testing and quarantine protocols based on four categories of travellers. For persons required to be tested for COVID-19, the test will be a PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing. There are various measures applicable under the Order issued under the Disaster Risk Management Act, as follows:

***Stay at home for returning residents*** – Under this measure, persons 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. If they leave home, the protocols for persons in a public place such as wearing a mask, physical distancing and not gathering in groups exceeding 20 persons apply. Persons under this measure would also be required to work from home.

***Stay in zone*** – This measure applies only for tourist visitors who are staying in the “COVID-19 resilient corridor” designated for tourism purposes. Under this measure, persons are required to remain within the corridor for the duration of their stay.

***Stay at intended address for business travellers*** – Under this measure, short stay business travellers are required to remain at their intended address, whether a hotel or private home, and allowed to leave only to conduct their business meeting(s). They are required to wear a mask in a public place, comply with the physical distancing rule and are not allowed to meet with persons aged 65 and over, to take public transportation or to attend any meeting, event or gathering of more than 20 persons.

***Quarantine***– Quarantine is intended to restrict movement and may be at home, hotel 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*** – 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 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.