

PROTOCOLS FOR TRAVELING TO JAMAICA ¹

PRE-TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR VISITORS FROM HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

- Non-residents visiting Jamaica (other than business travellers) 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 RT-PCR test within 10 days prior to their intended date of travel to Jamaica. This requirement became mandatory for persons arriving in Jamaica on or after July 15. All persons applying to enter on [visitjamaica.com](https://www.visitjamaica.com) from the designated high-risk locations are required to upload their COVID-19 RT-PCR test certificate as part of the application process.
- All residents of the United States of America (USA), Brazil, Dominican Republic or Mexico who are 12 years of age or over, with travel dates of **August 20, 2020 or later** will be required to obtain a COVID-19 RT-PCR test. The test should be conducted within 10 days of the intended travel date at a medical laboratory that is accredited by the relevant national health authorities. For the United States of America, the medical laboratory should be accredited by the **College of American Pathologists (CAP)**.
- The above test requirement is already in effect for travel dates before August 20, for residents of the states of Arizona, Florida, New York and Texas in the USA.

CATEGORY 1: RESIDENTS - JAMAICAN NATIONALS AND NON-NATIONALS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN JAMAICA

- Jamaican nationals and non-nationals ordinarily resident in Jamaica may 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. For persons required to be tested for COVID-19, the test will be a RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing.
- Whether or not persons are required to be tested, they will be required to remain in quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If persons are

¹ Visit Jamaica Portal <https://www.visitjamaica.com/travelauthorization/traveller-categories/#Corridor>

required to be tested and their test is negative, they will be required to complete their quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If the test is positive, they will be isolated either at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.

- Persons assessed by the health authorities as presenting a very low risk of spread may be required to stay at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. These persons would be allowed to leave their home only once per day, to go to the closest practicable location for the purpose of obtaining food, medical supplies or medical services, conducting financial transactions, overseeing their place of business, attending a place of worship, and physical exercise. They would also be required to work from home.

CATEGORY 2: NON-RESIDENTS VISITING JAMAICA FOR TOURISM PURPOSES AND STAYING AT APPROVED “RESILIENT CORRIDOR” ACCOMMODATION

- 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 RT-PCR test certificate. In this case, they would await their test result in their hotel room.
- If the test is negative, they would remain at their hotel/resort within the “resilient corridor” and restricted to property 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.

CATEGORY 3: NON-RESIDENTS VISITING JAMAICA FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES

- **Effective August 20, 2020**, all residents of USA, Brazil, Dominican Republic and Mexico travelling to Jamaica for business purposes are required to upload a COVID-19 RT-PCR test in order to obtain a Travel Authorization. The test should be conducted within 10 days of the intended travel date at a medical laboratory that is accredited by the relevant national health authorities.

- Business travellers are non-residents travelling to conduct business on behalf of a company or organization. This traveller category does NOT include other non-residents or residents travelling to attend funerals, weddings, other family gatherings or conduct personal interest activities.
- Business travellers will also be tested on arrival at the airport in Jamaica. The test will be a COVID-19 RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing.
- 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 “Quarantine Order for Business Travellers” measure for a period of 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica or for the duration of their stay if shorter than 14 days.
- 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.

CATEGORY 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 may 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. For persons required to be tested for COVID-19, the test will be a RT-PCR test and a sample will be taken by oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swabbing. They will then await their test results under quarantine at their hotel/intended address.
- Whether or not persons are required to be tested, they will be required to remain in quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If persons are required to be tested and their test is negative, they will be required to remain in quarantine at home for 14 days from their date of entry to Jamaica. If the test is positive, they will be isolated either at home or in a government facility as determined by the health authorities.