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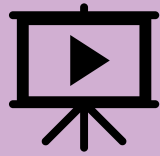
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New Travel Requirements - Canada

- Effective as of January 7, 2021
 - Air travelers 5 years of age or older, regardless of citizenship, must provide proof of a negative laboratory COVID-19 molecular test result to the airline prior to boarding international flights bound for Canada.
 - Test must be taken within 72 hours of your scheduled departure (evidence of test results must be retained for the 14-day period that begins when entering Canada). The negative laboratory test must include:
 - Traveler's name and date of birth
 - Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test
 - The date on which the test was conducted
 - The method of test conducted
 - The test results
 - Travelers must use ArriveCan before checking at the airport to submit:
 - Travel and contact information
 - Quarantine plan for a 14-day period (quarantine is mandatory even with a negative test result)
 - COVID-19 symptoms self assessment
 - At this time, proof of vaccine will not replace a negative test result.

Source: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/221>

New Travel Requirements - UK

- Effective as of January 15, 2021
 - All residents and travelers (except children under 11) – that are legally permitted to travel internationally - entering the UK provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test before their planned departure to the UK.
 - Test must be taken up to 3 days before departure. Traveler must find a test provider that can meet the standards for pre-departure testing (meet performance standards of $\geq 97\%$ specificity, $\geq 80\%$ sensitivity at viral loads above 100,000 copies/ml). Applicable tests include:
 - Nucleic acid test, including a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test or derivative technologies, including loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) tests
 - Antigen test, such as a test from a lateral flow device
 - If you arrive in England from anywhere outside the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man you will need to self-isolate for 10 days.
 - 48 hours before arrival, travelers must provide journey and contact details by completing the online passenger locator form.

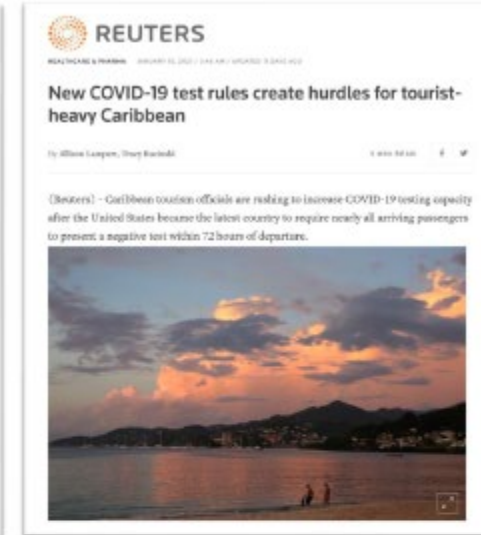
Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

New Travel Requirements - USA

- Effective as of January 26, 2021
 - All air passengers, 2 years of age or older, arriving to the US from a foreign country must get tested no more than 72 hours before their flight departs and present the negative result of a WHO recognized negative NAAT or antigen test or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline.
 - Update CDC's inbound testing requirement and develop a plan on CDC-recommended quarantines. The executive order states that, to the extent feasible, inbound international travelers are required to comply with CDC recommendations to quarantine for 10 days upon arrival or seven days with proof of a negative COVID-19 test. However, the executive order only directs relevant federal agencies to promptly develop a plan for how they could require travelers to comply with CDC quarantine guidelines.
 - A negative test result is still needed even if the trip is shorter than 3 days. A viral test done in the US can be used to fulfill the requirements of the Order as long as the specimen was taken no more than 3 days before your return flight departs.
 - Any flight entering the US, even for a connection, will require testing before departure.
 - All air passengers traveling to the US, regardless of vaccination or antibody status, are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery.

Sources: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce-and-requiring-mask-wearing/> & <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>





Challenges

Capacity

- Limited health facilities and resources
- Lack to conduct volume PCR tests
- Availability of equipment, test kits, reagents and processing capabilities

Loss of business

- Sudden cancellations as a result of misunderstanding or concerns on test availability
- Increased costs to travelers
- Uncertainty

Extended economic impact

- Forced hotel closures
- Unemployment
- Hinders the multiplying effects of tourism
- Ancillary tourism services limited to local spend
- Tax revenues to government



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The Americas



Summary 2020

Region	2020 Demand vs 2019	2020 Capacity vs 2019	2020 Profits
World	-66.3%	-57.6%	-\$118.5b
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worldwide strong demand contraction (estimated 66%) Countries have not taken coordinated measures, thus exposing differences in the recovery paths of these markets. Countries are not recovering air connectivity at the same pace. Domestic markets are leading the recovery path, meanwhile, international markets are not recovering as fast as was expected. Government support has helped maintain airlines a life. The vaccine is a reality. Financial markets are reacting to the news. 		
Latin America & Caribbean	-64.0%	-60%	-\$5.0b
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airlines in the region have received little government support, leading to bankruptcies, and COVID-19 containment has been challenging. Some key markets have remained open and air travel has been helped by the opening of borders with a negative COVID19 test requirement rather than quarantine. However, vaccine distribution and vaccination may be a little behind more developed markets, leading to a more delayed recovery in financial performance. 		

COVID-19 in the Americas

- Majority of countries were closed/ restricted for 8+ months
 - Second wave of border closure/ restriction
- Less than 1% of financial aid has been given by Latin American or Canadian Governments
 - 3 airlines in chapter 11 and 6 have seized operations
- Lack of harmonized measures implemented by Governments
 - Federal vs. Provinces / Municipalities
- Restart hurdles – ATS & airport capacity



Air Transport plays a vital role in the recovery process



Vaccine roll-out: Silver bullet



But widespread roll-out will not happen until at least the middle of 2021- need a bridge



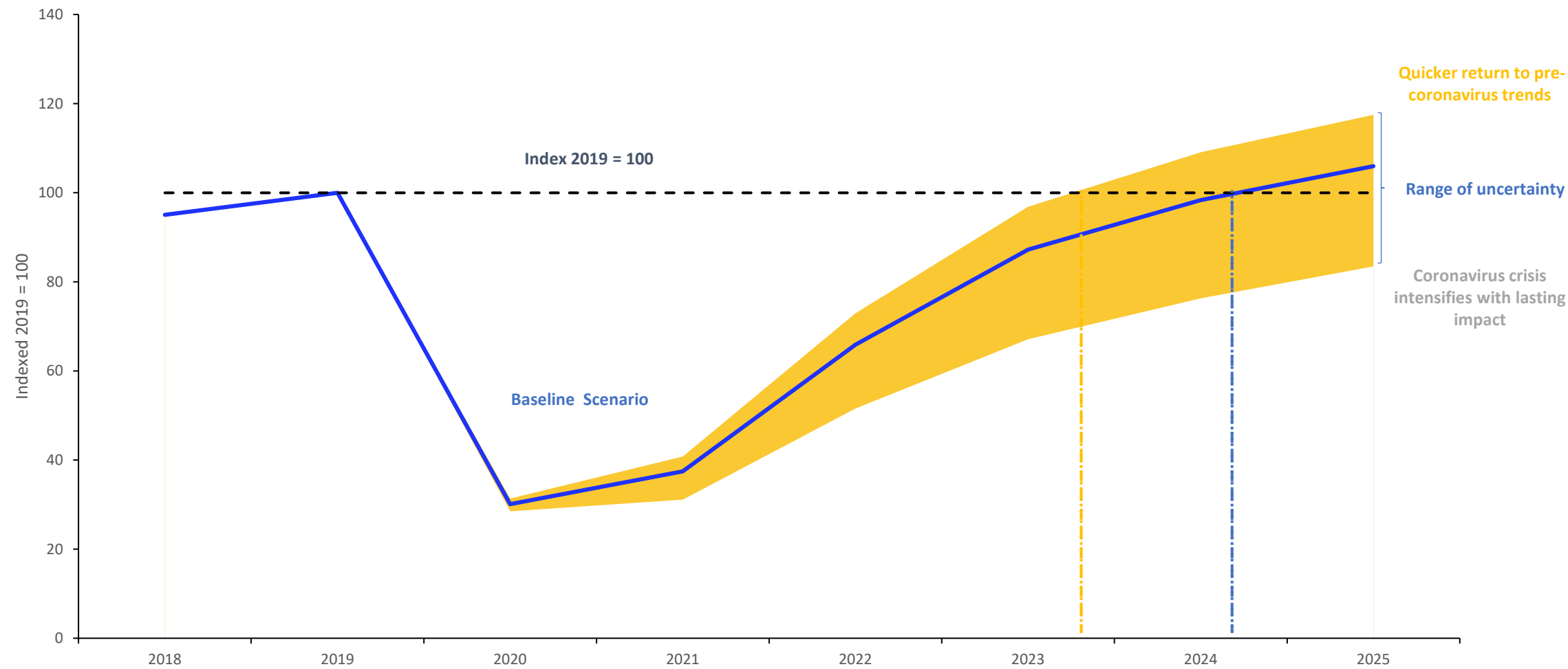
COVID-19 testing is that bridge. The risk of importation is already very low – testing makes it even lower

- UK, CA, USA testing requirements.
- Testing capacity in the Caribbean.



The Caribbean expected recovery to 2019 levels by 2024

With a vaccine or testing could be sooner by late 2023.



Industry Restart 2021

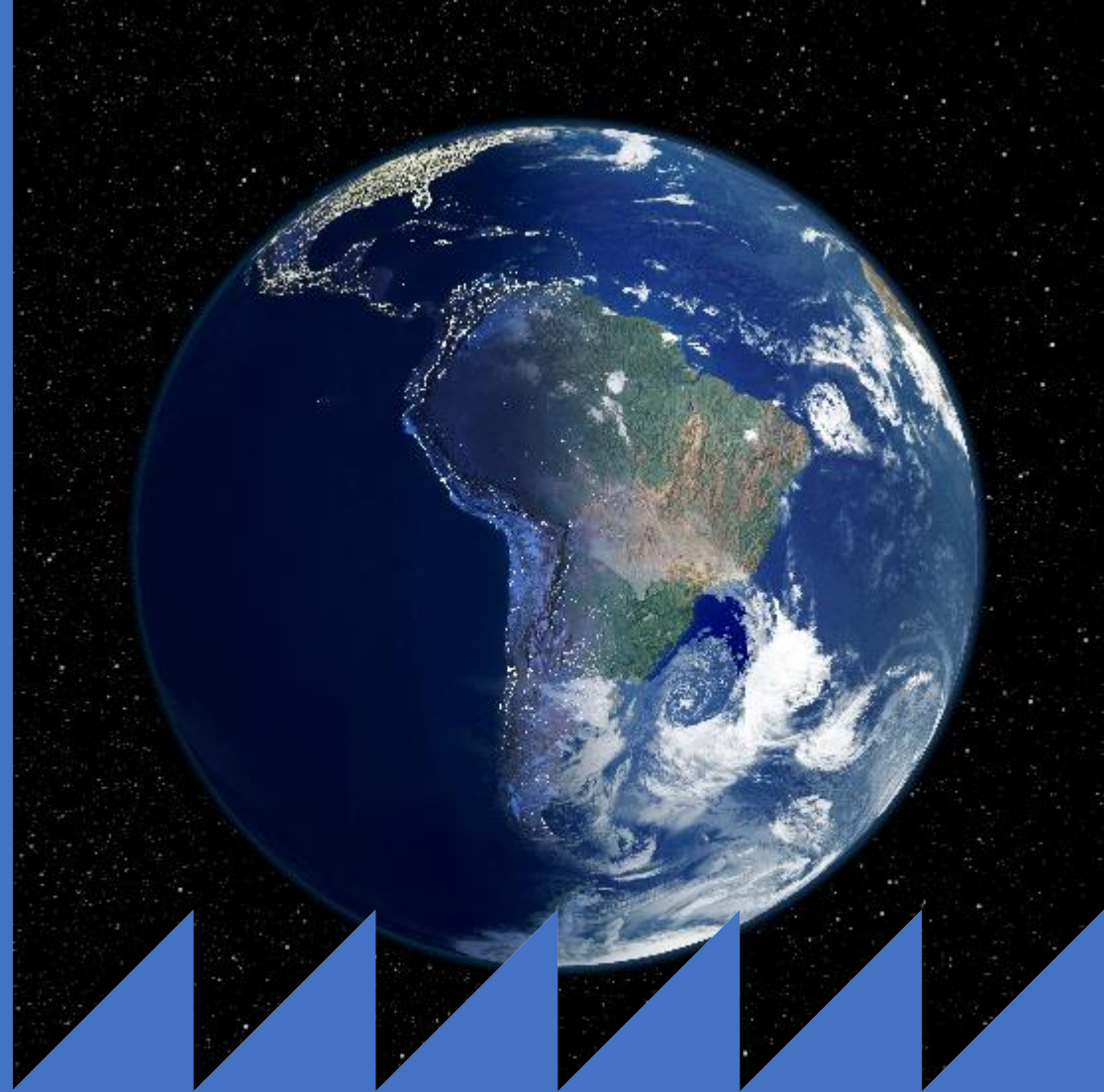
Overall objective

“By end of 2021, to support the industry in successfully removing all quarantine measures on international travel”



Thank you

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CARPHA's Testing Requirements and Capacity Challenges, Vaccine Updates

Presented by:
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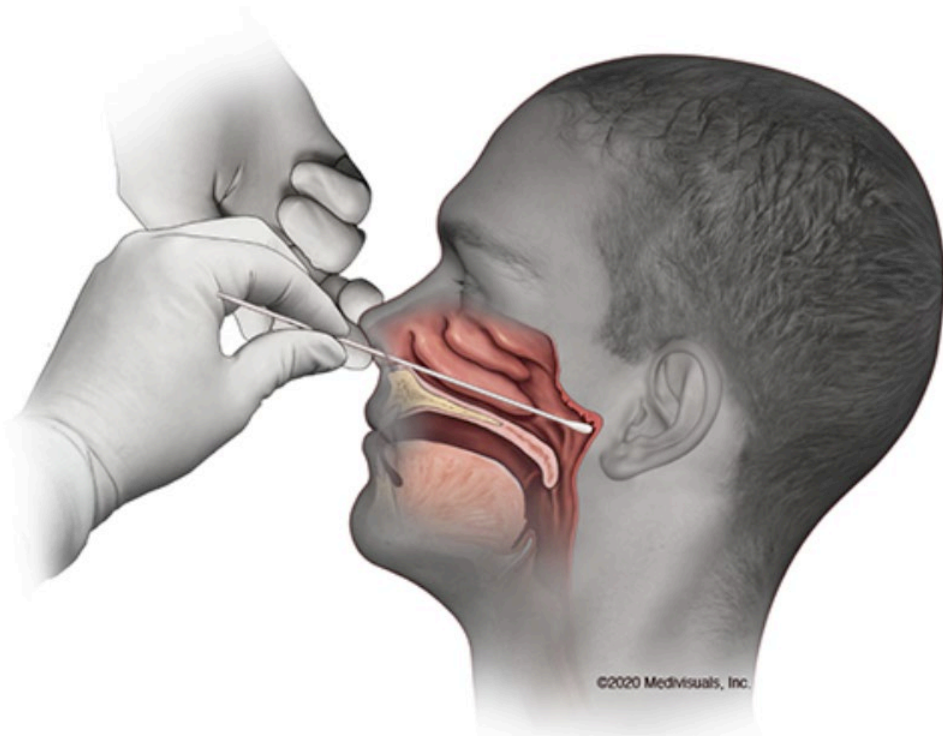
Outline

- Covid-19 tests
- Administration of tests and typical costs
- Testing capabilities
- Travellers' requirements
- COVID-19 prevention and control measures
- Advice for quarantine within the region
- Vaccines: Overview of anticipated roll-out within the region
- Testing in CMS

- ❖ FDA has authorized more than 225 diagnostic tests for COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic
- ❖ WHO outlines situations where Ag rapid tests should not be used e.g. airport/border screening at PoE, places with zero or sporadic cases, persons without

Type of test	PCR-based	Serology-based (ELISA)	Rapid test (antibody- or antigen-based)
Overview	Molecular based test, specialized equipment, training and skilled staff required, Gold standard for detection of active SARS-CoV-2 infection, TAT in days	Method identifies levels of antibodies produced, specialized equipment, training and skilled staff required Presence of antibodies is not synonymous with protection against SARS-CoV-2, TAT in hours	Antigen (Ag) tests directly detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus antigen(s), Antibody (Ab) tests detect one or more types of antibodies produced by the host; easy to use, no specialized equipment, lower skill requirement, at Point of Care, TAT in minutes
Effectiveness	Highly recommended, Sensitivity and Specificity >95%, Ability to obtain positive results up to 10 days from the onset of symptoms	Not recommended, Possible cross-reaction with other coronaviruses other than SARS-CoV-2, Detectable levels of antibodies only appear after 7 days from the onset of symptoms	Not recommended as first line of diagnosis, Low sensitivity and specificity <80%, Detects viral proteins that are excreted during the first 5 days after the onset of symptoms
Published peer-reviewed performance	Yes	Yes, limited	Yes, limited
Evidence of cross-reactivity with other coronaviruses (229E, NL63, OC43, HKU1)	No	Yes or Unknown	Yes or Unknown
Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearance	Yes - 206	Yes - 69	Yes - 13
Evidence of endorsement by WHO, PAHO or any other international public health agency	Yes	No	Yes, under specific conditions

Administration of Tests and Typical Costs



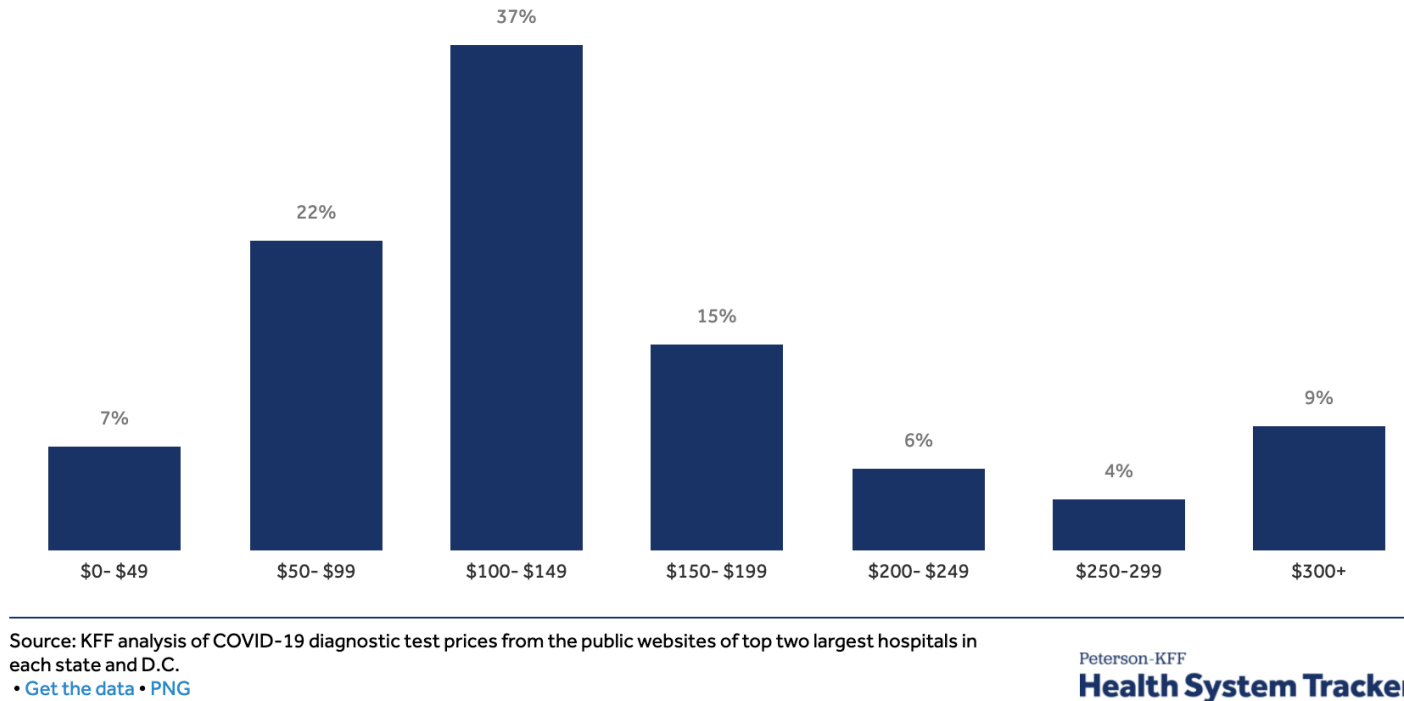
Picture from UCDavis Health (2020)

The sample for COVID-19 testing should be taken by a trained, healthcare professional via a nasopharyngeal swab

- Involves introducing a long swab into the nostril until the back of the throat to take a sample of the cells

Nasopharyngeal swabs have fewer false negative results than other diagnostic tests or samples from throat swabs or saliva

Administration of Tests and Typical Costs

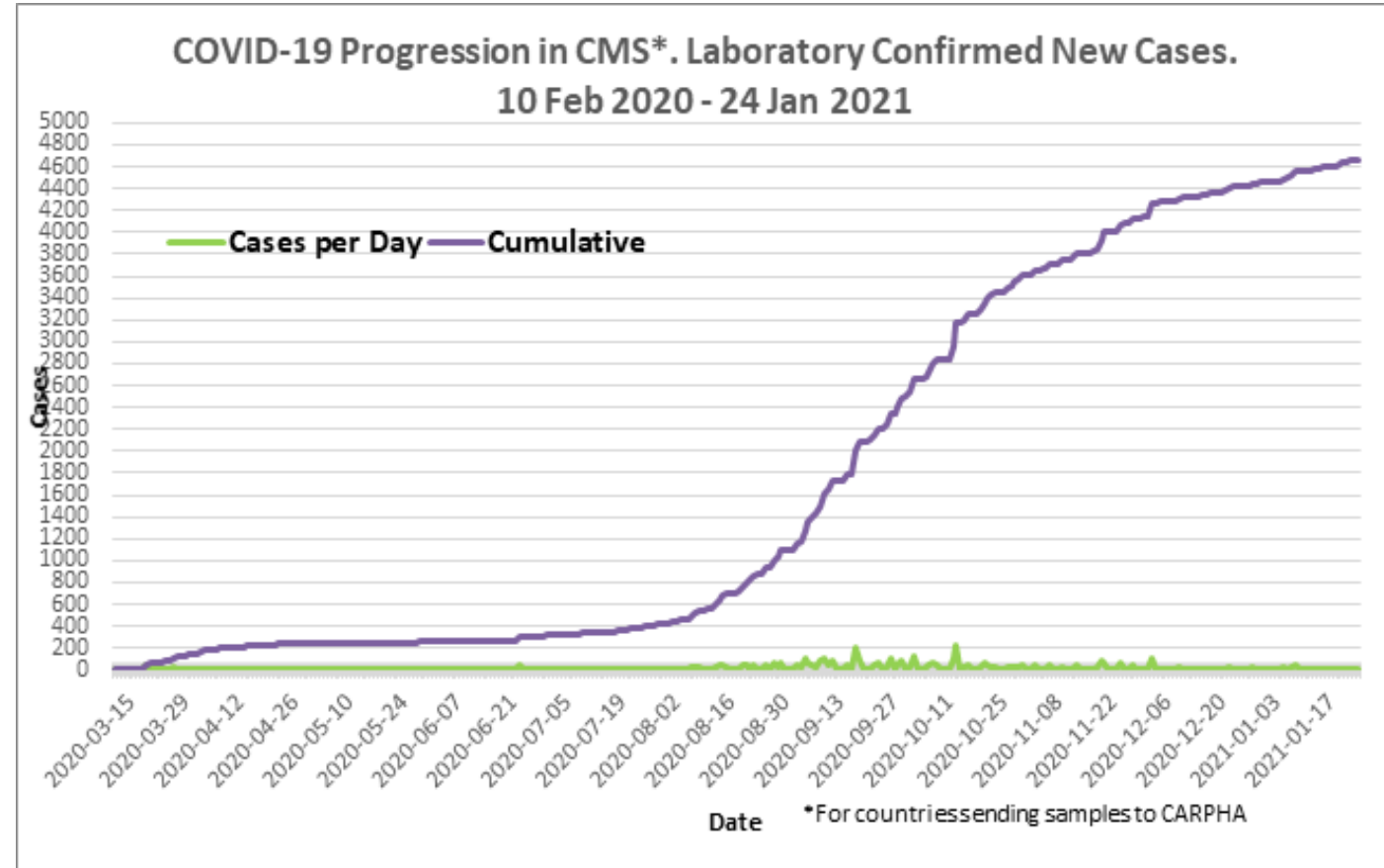


- The cost of COVID-19 tests varies from country to country
- Prices can also be different depending on person's status – e.g. citizen, international traveler

The above image shows the range of prices for COVID-19 PCR test from the top two largest hospitals from each state and D.C. in USA.

Testing Capabilities

- **Capacity Within the Region** – 22/26 CMS have capacity at the national level to perform COVID-19 testing using PCR-based tests; several CMS have multiple laboratories including in the private sector approved to perform COVID-19 testing
- **Shoring Up Capacity** – CARPHA continues to provide confirmatory testing for 17 CMS; the regional laboratory network – CariPHLN helps sister laboratories enable sharing limited resources among those using identical testing platforms



Travelers' Requirements

International Testing Requirements for Returning Travelers



Country	Testing Measures	Effective Date
Canada	Travelers 5 years and over must present a negative test and a travel restriction on non-essential travel for non-nationals. Take test within 72 hours of scheduled departure time. Quarantine for 14 days at home.	January 7, 2021
China	Travelers to China are required to take a nucleic acid (PCR) test and an IgM antibody test. A green QR code with "HDC sign" (for foreign travelers) must be applied for at the Chinese embassy or the competent consulate. Bans for travelers from some countries in effect. 7 days in State quarantine and 7 days at home.	March 28, 2020
European Union (EU)	Travelers required to undergo a RT-PCR test or a rapid antigen test within 72 hours prior to departure. An application/online platform is available in all EU languages to inform persons returning to EU. Travel restrictions on free movement for EU citizens.	
United Kingdom (UK)	A negative RT-PCR test within 72 hours of departure time and a completed passenger locator form. Quarantine for 10 days. Persons are exempt of testing if travelling to the UK for medical reasons, children under 11 years, travelling from a country where you cannot access a test. Failure to present a negative test on arrival in the UK results in a fine of 500 pounds.	January 13, 2021
United States of America (USA)	Travelers 2 years and over to present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within 72 hours of departure or proof of recovery from the virus within the last 90 days. Test 3-5 days after returning from travel with quarantine for 7 days. If no test upon entry to the USA, then quarantine for 10 days.	January 26, 2021
Japan	Travelers must present a negative test within 72 hours of departure time. Japan accepts: RT-PCR or Lamp test or an antigen test using the chemiluminescence enzyme immunoassay (CLEIA) method. Japan provides the documentation for medical staff to complete COVID-19 results. COVID-19 test upon arrival at the airport. Quarantine for 14 days.	November 2020

THP : Responding to COVID-19

Enhancing Visitors and locals' Health & Safety , Travellers' Confidence, Regional health security, Tourism Resilience



Enhancing visitor & local health and safety Regional health security & travellers health

COVID-19 Proactive Health Measures For Reopening Tourism



Caribbean Public Health Agency Tourism and Health Programme

- Real time monitoring of illnesses via Tourism Health Information System (THIS)
- COVID-19 Health Guidelines
- Healthy, Clean and Green Operational checklists
- COVID-19 response in hotels and tourism accommodations
- Hospitality health, safety and environment standards
- Advance food safety and hygiene certification
- Traveller's Health App
- Caribbean Travel Health Assurance Stamp

COVID-19 Tourism Task Force




The Caribbean's Travellers Health Assurance Stamp for "Healthier, Safer Tourism"

The COVID-19 Pandemic has disrupted tourism globally, caused economic instability and posed a regional public health threat.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Healthier Safer Tourism (HST) stamp is a measurable and verifiable travellers health assurance and recognition award for tourism entities and destinations that implement proactive health measures for tourism. Travellers now have the added assurance and confidence in staying at facilities awarded the CARPHA-CTO-CHTA HST stamp.

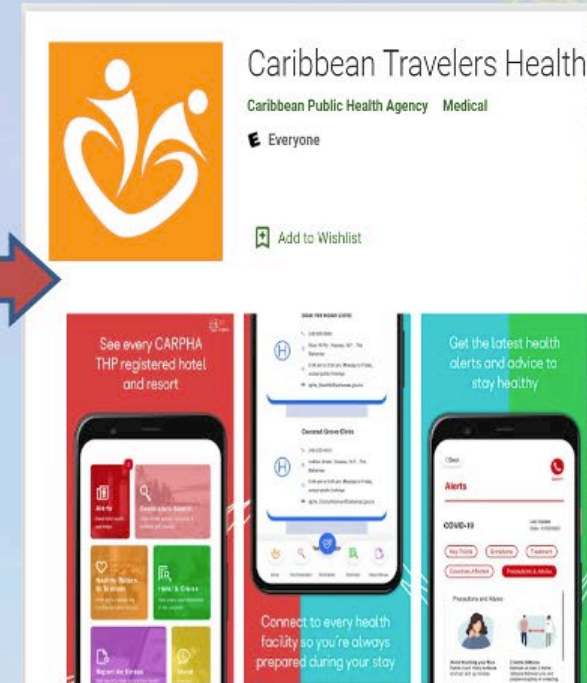
- Certified training in COVID-19 Health Guidelines for Tourism
- Monitoring and responding to illness via real time Tourism Health Information system
- Operational Hospitality Health Safety & Environment Standards
- Guidelines and Checklists for Reopening Tourism

HST awarded facilities will be listed on the Caribbean Traveller's Health App

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PREVENTION OF COVID-19

COVID-19 is transmitted between people *via respiratory droplets and contact routes*. Precautions must be taken to prevent human-to-human spread of the disease.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Keep at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from persons that do not live in your household; avoid crowds



HAND HYGIENE

Wash your hands with soap and running water (20 sec) or use an alcohol based hand rub (60-80% ethanol or isopropanol)



FACE MASKS

Use face masks in public spaces, e.g. wear a face mask when going to the grocery or market



COUGH AND SNEEZE ETIQUETTE

Cough and sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, if tissue is not available



SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention early and share previous travel history



STAY HOME IF ILL

If you develop symptoms, stay home; seek medical care



AVOID CONTACT

Avoid touching, hugging and hand shaking

For all travellers and locals

YOU are KEY to stopping COVID-19

BE PROACTIVE



Download the **Caribbean Traveller's Health Mobile App!** It provides travel health information by each Caribbean destination:



COVID-19 proactive/
prevention measures



Health
alerts



Entry
requirements



Health care
facilities

More importantly, the app identifies tourist establishments that have been awarded the **Caribbean Travellers Health Assurance Stamp**.



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MAKE SMART CHOICES



See a healthcare professional to discuss any pre-existing health conditions that may affect your trip. Make sure you are up to date with routine vaccines!



Avoid Traveller's Diarrhoea: eat cooked foods that are served hot, wash raw fruits before consuming and wash your hands often



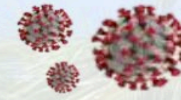
Stay hydrated!



Avoid mosquito bites by covering your legs and arms when possible, using bed nets and repellents

Advice for Travellers: COVID-19 Prevention and Control

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND CONTROL



Before travelling, review the Ministry of Health's entry requirements for the destination country, e.g. health screening, vaccines and testing



Use face masks in public spaces and avoid touching your face



Keep 6 ft (2 m) from persons; avoid close contact, e.g. avoid hugging and hand-shaking and encourage waving



Wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub (60-80% ethanol or isopropanol)



Avoid crowds and mass gatherings



Cough and sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, if tissue is not available



If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention early

Advice for
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Advice for Quarantines within the Region

- CARPHA recommends the quarantine of all contacts of individuals with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 test at home, hotel, government facility for 14 days from their last exposure.

Recommendations for quarantine of travellers:

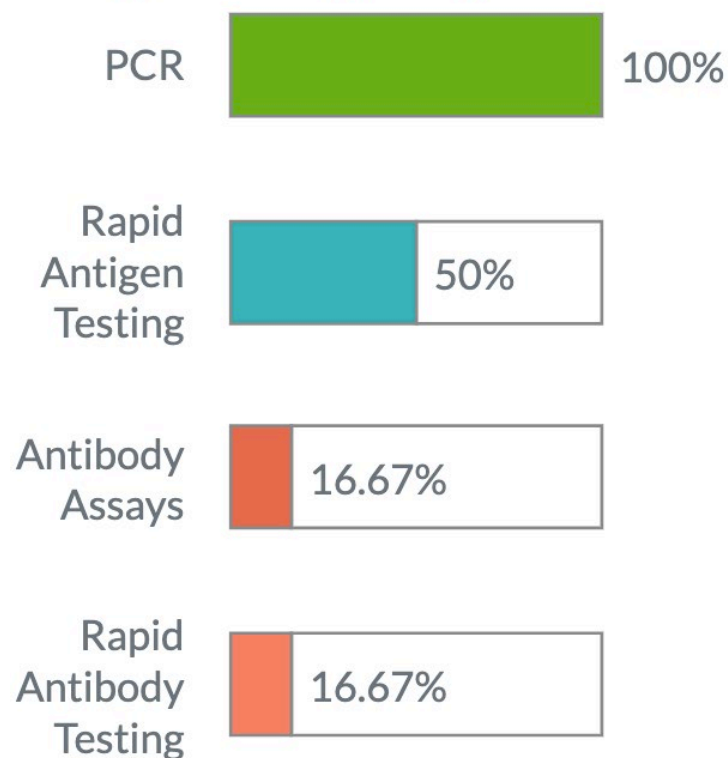
- Remain in designated hotels or accommodation facilities only
- Restrict to a specific geographical area
- Restrict activities or excursions
- Follow all other public health protocols, hygiene, and preventive measures during quarantine
- Produce a negative PCR test result to exit quarantine

Vaccines: Overview of Anticipated Roll Out Within the Region

- Caribbean countries that have approved vaccines:
 - Bermuda, Turks & Caicos, Cayman Islands, Montserrat (Feb): Pfizer-BioNTech
 - Anguilla, British Virgin Islands: AstraZeneca + Oxford vaccine
- Vaccines expected to be available via COVAX in February:
 - AstraZeneca + Oxford University (manufactured with SK Bio)
 - Serum Institute of India + AstraZeneca + Oxford University + Fiocruz (Covishield)
 - Moderna & NIAID
- Expected in March:
 - Sinovac R&D Co. Ltd (CoronaVac, China)
 - Sinopharm + Beijing Institute (SinoVac, China)
- Expected in May: Janssen Pharm (J&J)
- Pending review (no date given): Gamaleya Research (Sputnik V)

Testing in CMS

Type of tests are offered and approved by your government

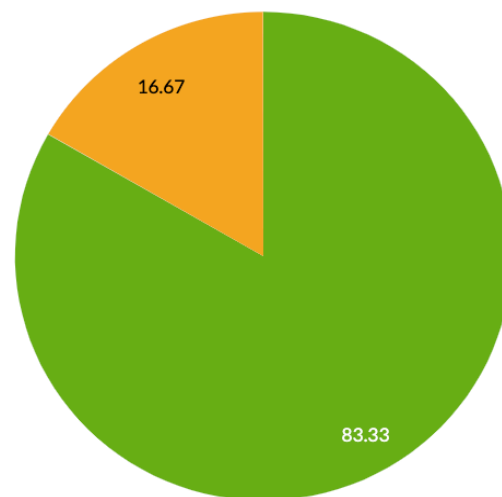


Testing available on demand for non-symptomatic persons?

100%



Length of time for test result



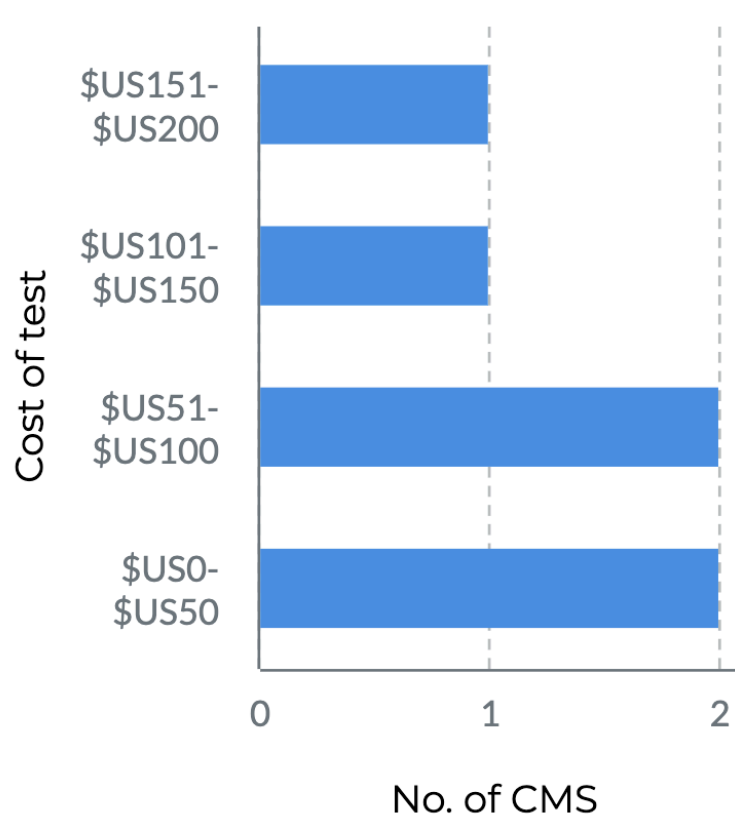
■ 24-48 hours (83.33%) ■ 72-96 hours (16.67%)

Based on the information received from 6 CMS:

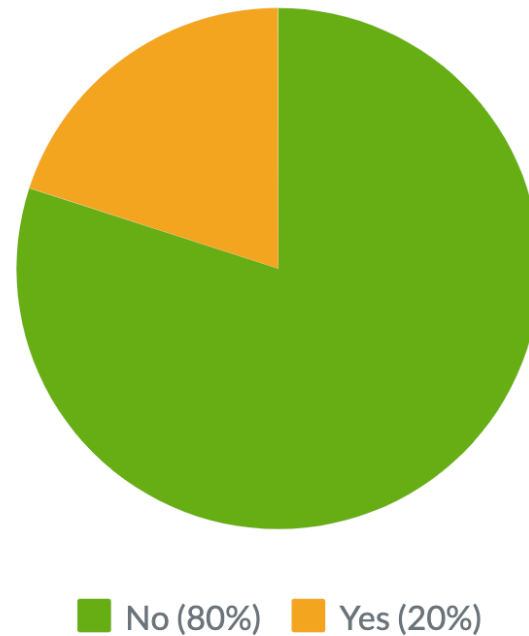
- All countries use PCR
 - Three (3) use both PCR and Rapid Antigen testing
 - All countries provide testing for non-symptomatic persons
 - 5 out of 6 countries have turnaround time for testing – 24 to 48 hours
- *Length of time to get an appointment varies
- Immediately/ within 24 hours/ 24-48 hours/ 2-3 days prior to travel/ make appointment 1 week in advance

*Information from 5 countries

Testing in CMS



Do airports have a testing facility available to departing and transit passengers?



Based on the information received from 6 CMS:

- The cost of COVID-19 test ranges from \$US40 to \$US200

The majority of countries do not have testing facilities for departing or in transit passengers at airports

Based on information from 5 CMS



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IMPACT OF THE POLICY

- **SUPPORT FOR TESTING, MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS BEING ADVANCED**
- **CARIBBEAN'S DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENTS TO HEALTH SAFETY STANDARD AND CONTAINING COVID-19**
- **CONCERNS ABOUT THE MANDATORY QUARANTINE MEASURES FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS**



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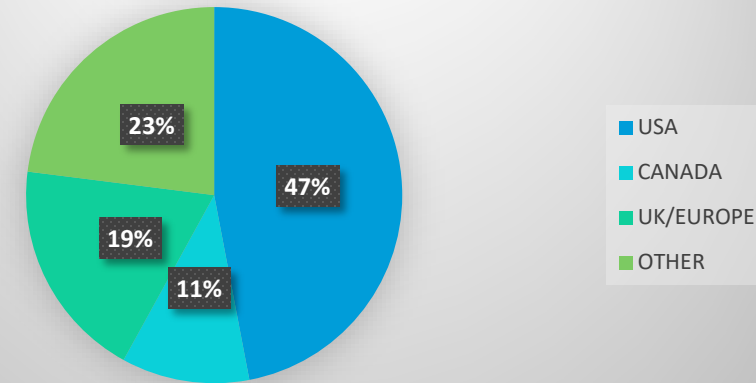
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***TWO (2) MILLION RESIDENTS WHOSE LIVELIHOODS ARE DEPENDENT ON TOURISM, FINDING A WAY FORWARD TO DEAL WITH THE NEW POLICY IMPACT IS PARAMOUNT FOR OUR INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND ENTIRE REGION.**

***CANADA, USA AND THE UK/EUROPE REPRESENT 77% OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TO THE CARIBBEAN, and over 90 percent for many of the region's jurisdictions**

*** MANY CARIBBEAN NATIONS STATES LIMITED CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND COST IMPLICATIONS TO DESTINATIONS AND ACCOMMODATION SECTOR, PARTICULARLY SMTE'S**

Share of Stop-over Arrivals to the Region



Key Communications in Response to New Travel Restrictions



- * Position statements sent to Canada, the UK and the USA*
- * Communications with WTTC and CTO
- * Communication to Caricom Heads of Government
- * Communication to Ministers of Tourism and Health
- * Key Partnership with IATA and CARPHA
- * Communications with Directors of Tourism and NTA's Executives
- * Initial Press Release following announcements

Areas of Collaboration/Advocacy



- **COLLABORATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS**

Task Force

Volume Purchasing: CHTA sourcing of Antigen tests

Insurance, Permits and Import Duties

Fast Track Training and Certification of Additional Testing Labs

Establish Easily Accessible Testing and Collection Site

Increasing the Availability of Testing Equipment, Reagents and Medical Supplies by advocating for rescinding of the temporary rule on export restrictions by the U.S.

- **COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR ASSOCIATIONS**
- **QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION FACILITIES**
- **VACCINATION POLICY**



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How Hoteliers are Adapting to New Protocols

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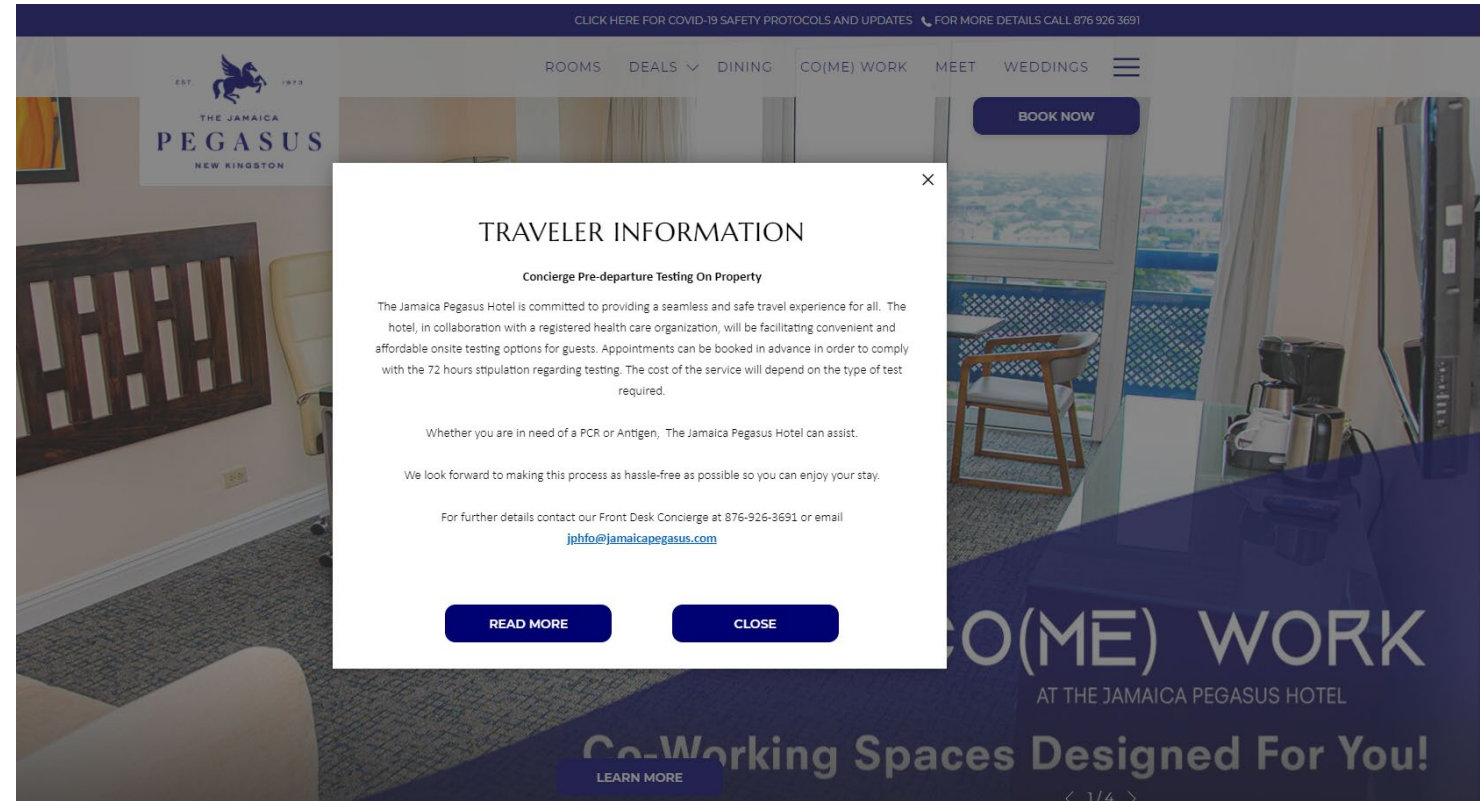
- Trade
- Partners
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- Internal

* CAPACITY BUILDING:

- Supporting Small and independent Hotels
- Subsidized or Free Testing
- Distressed Rate
- Covid Quarantine Hotels
- Insurance: CHTA Trip Mate

* PARTNERSHIPS:

- Local Labs and Health Centres
- Transportation Providers



How Hoteliers are Adapting to New Protocols



* **ENHANCED PROTOCOLS** with technology

- Appointment Portals
- Tracking Apps
- QR Codes

* **SAFETY AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Collection site
- Type of Test
- Waivers/Disclaimers and Contracting

PASSENGER COVID DISCLOSURE AND ATTESTATION FORM

Patient ID:	Patient Name:	D.O.B:	Sex:
Ordering Physician: Travel Purposes		Physician Location:	
Date of Collection:		Date of Release:	
Test/ Panel Ordered: SARS-COV-2- Antigen			
Results	Negative		Positive
SARS-COV-2- Antigen			

YOUR PASSPORT IDENTIFIER #: _____

I _____ have read the disclosure pertaining to my obligation to obtain a negative pre-departure test result for COVID-19 to board an aircraft departing from Jamaica and arriving in the United States. If POSITIVE I will leave Jamaica by medical evacuation or private flight. I further consent to alerting the Ministry of Health in Jamaica of my positive result. I will follow protocols in accordance with the laws of the Disaster Risk Management and be self – quarantined or hospitalized if necessary.

Traveler

Date

[] I _____ attest that I have received a negative pre-departure test result for COVID-19. The test was a viral test that was conducted on a specimen collected from me during the 3 calendar days preceding the flight's departure.

[] I _____ attest that this person has received a **NEGATIVE** pre-departure test result for COVID-19. Hence is 'Fit to Fly'.

[] I _____ attest that such person has received a **POSITIVE** pre-departure test result for COVID-19. Hence is 'Unfit to Fly'.

Name of Healthcare Provider
Signature

Date



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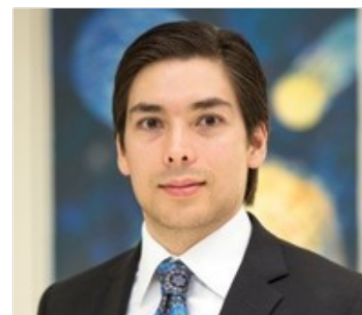
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