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Safely Reopening the Cayman Islands

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Vaccination Remains our Best Defence

Our goal is to safely reopen our Country while locally managing the risk of transmission by maximising vaccination rates and continued surveillance testing throughout each phase.



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Guiding Principles of the Plan

01. A phased approach based on the best medical science and data
02. Acceptance of securely verified vaccination certificates
03. 80% local vaccination rate
04. Ongoing assessment of key Public Health and Healthcare indicators
05. Working in partnership with stakeholders
06. Keeping the community informed

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Phase 1
Summary of
changes

Reduced Quarantine Period
(Effective June 2021)

Continued uptake of local vaccination and low COVID-19 prevalence rates in key Cayman Islands travel markets allow for the introduction of reduced quarantine periods and easing of other travel restrictions.

Travel	Who Returning Caymanians Residents, Work Permit Holders Others with close ties to the country (such as property owners) No cruise tourism		Process All travellers apply on Travel Cayman Portal	
Testing	Pre-Arrival PCR Required for all	Arrival PCR No longer required	Quarantine Exit PCR Required for all	
Quarantine	Period 5 Days - Verified vaccinated 10 Days - Unverified vaccinated 14 Days - Unvaccinated	GPS Tracking Required	Location Quarantine Facilities Approved Residences Government will only pay for quarantine of travellers who conducted essential travel only, as outlined by Regulations	Compliance Travel Cayman conducts regular and frequent phone calls and location checks on all travellers in quarantine
Business & Services	Safety Precautions Safety protocols may be issued by regulators and industry associations Scuba and snorkelling equipment permitted only with approval		PCR Test Frontline Workers Surveillance PCR Testing	Gathering Limits 500 people indoors 1,000 people outdoors Public transport and taxi service to operate at full seating capacity, with masks

The transition between phases is determined by the CMO’s assessment of prevalence rates in key travel markets, vaccination rate, prevalence of Variants of Concern, the level of hospitalisations and death rates.

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Phase 2

Summary of changes

Reduced Repatriation Restrictions (Effective 9 August 2021)

Easing the monitoring of vaccinated travellers by the removal of GPS monitoring allows CI Government to assess local impacts and build capacity to manage the increase in traveller volume anticipated with the opening of the borders in Phase 3.

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Testing	Pre-Arrival PCR Required for all	Arrival PCR No longer required	Quarantine Exit PCR Required for all	
Quarantine	Period 5 Days - Verified vaccinated 10 Days - Unverified vaccinated 14 Days - Unvaccinated	GPS Tracking Required for travellers not eligible for 5 day quarantine	Location Government will only pay for quarantine of travellers who conducted essential travel only, as outlined by Regulations	Compliance Periodic spot checks on travellers in quarantine
Business & Services	Safety Precautions Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines	PCR Test Frontline Workers Surveillance PCR Testing Up to weekly testing for unvaccinated workers	Gathering Limits 500 people indoors 1,000 people outdoors Public transport and taxi service to operate at full seating capacity, with masks	

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Phase 3

Summary of changes

Limited Introduction of Tourism

(Effective 9 September 2021)

Subject to the achievement of an 80% vaccination rate, the limited introduction of tourism during slow season with some restrictions (including a flight slot management system) allows the CI Government to manage the number of persons arriving.

This also allows CI Government and the tourism industry to develop capacity for dealing with larger volumes of travellers in preparation for high season.

Travel

Who

Securely verified vaccinated travellers
No cruise tourism

Process

CIAA slot management system to manage flight schedules
All travellers apply on Travel Cayman Portal

Testing

Pre-Arrival PCR

Required for all

Arrival PCR

No longer required

Quarantine Exit PCR

Required for all

Quarantine

Period

5 Days - Verified vaccinated
10 Days - Unverified vaccinated
14 Days - Unvaccinated

GPS Tracking

Required for travellers
not eligible for 5 day
quarantine

Location

All hotels and other tourist
accommodations

Compliance

Periodic spot checks on
travellers in quarantine

Business & Services

Safety Precautions

Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines

PCR Test Frontline Workers

Surveillance PCR Testing
Up to weekly testing for
unvaccinated workers

Gathering Limits

500 people indoors
1,000 people outdoors
Public transport and taxi service to operate at full seating capacity, with masks

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Phase 4

Summary of changes

Reduced Quarantine Restrictions (Effective 14 October 2021)

Quarantine requirements will be removed for all securely verified vaccinated travellers.

It is anticipated that the local vaccination rate will be adequate, allowing for the safe increase in tourism and further relaxation of restrictions.

Travel

Who

Securely verified vaccinated travellers

No cruise tourism

Process

Vaccinated travellers required to make a declaration of travel and vaccination status.

Vaccination documentation checked upon arrival.

Unvaccinated travellers continue to apply on Travel Cayman Portal (requires approval to travel)

Testing

Pre-Arrival PCR

Required for all

Arrival PCR

No longer required

Quarantine Exit PCR

Required for all

Return to School PCR

Required for unvaccinated children age 5+ after international travel

Quarantine

Period

0 Days - Verified vaccinated

10 Days - Unverified vaccinated

14 Days - Unvaccinated

GPS Tracking

Required for quarantining travellers

Location

All hotels and other tourist accommodations

Compliance

Periodic spot checks on travellers in quarantine

Business & Services

Safety Precautions

Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines

PCR Test Frontline Workers

Surveillance PCR Testing (including school staff)

Up to weekly testing for unvaccinated workers

Gathering Limits

Decreasing the public gathering limits may be needed depending on increased public health risk

Public transport and taxi service to operate at half seating capacity, with masks

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Phase 5

Summary of changes

Removal of Quarantine Requirement for Unvaccinated Children (Effective 18 November 2021)

Unvaccinated children under age 12 will be allowed to travel with vaccinated adult tourists.

Cruise tourism remains prohibited.

Travel

Who

Vaccinated travellers and unvaccinated visiting children under the age of 12

No cruise tourism

Process

Vaccinated travellers required to make a declaration of travel and vaccination status.

Vaccination documentation checked upon arrival.

Unvaccinated travellers continue to apply on Travel Cayman Portal (requires approval to travel)

Testing

Pre-Arrival PCR

Required for all

Arrival PCR

No longer required

Quarantine Exit PCR

Required for all

Return to School PCR

Required for unvaccinated children age 5+ after international travel

Quarantine

Period

0 Days - Verified vaccinated (12+) and unvaccinated children under 12

10 days - Unverified vaccinated (12+)

14 Days - Unvaccinated

GPS Tracking

Required for quarantining travellers

Location

All hotels and other tourist accommodations

Compliance

Periodic spot checks on travellers in quarantine

Business & Services

Safety Precautions

Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines

PCR Test Frontline Workers

Surveillance of unvaccinated persons
PCR Testing (including school staff)

Up to weekly testing for unvaccinated workers

Gathering Limits

Decreasing the public gathering limits may be needed depending on increased public health risk

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Welcome Back

(First Assessed by 27 January 2022)

Assessment continues of COVID-19 in the local and international contexts to determine when and how to proceed with further relaxation of restrictions, including for cruise tourism.

Travel

Who

All travellers welcome (vaccinated & unvaccinated)
Introduction of cruise tourism

Process

N/A

Testing

Pre-Arrival PCR

No longer required

Arrival PCR

No longer required

Quarantine Exit PCR

N/A

Quarantine

Period

None

GPS Tracking

N/A

Location

N/A

Compliance

Travel Cayman shuts down

Business & Services

Safety Precautions

Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines

PCR Test Frontline Workers

Surveillance testing of frontline staff

Gathering Limits

No limit on public gatherings

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