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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.





# 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**

Reduced Quarantine  
Period

**Phase 2**

Reduced Repatriation  
Restrictions

**Phase 3**

Limited Introduction  
of Tourism

**Phase 4**

Reduced Quarantine  
Restrictions

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Travel for Unvaccinated  
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**Welcome  
Back**

# 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

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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.*

#### 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 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.*

<b>Travel</b>	<b>Who</b> Securely verified vaccinated travellers  No cruise tourism		<b>Process</b> CIAA slot management system to manage flight schedules All travellers apply on Travel Cayman Portal	
<b>Testing</b>	<b>Pre-Arrival PCR</b> Required for all	<b>Arrival PCR</b> No longer required	<b>Quarantine Exit PCR</b> Required for all	
<b>Quarantine</b>	<b>Period</b> 5 Days - Verified vaccinated 10 Days - Unverified vaccinated 14 Days - Unvaccinated	<b>GPS Tracking</b> Required for travellers not eligible for 5 day quarantine	<b>Location</b> All hotels and other tourist accommodations	<b>Compliance</b> Periodic spot checks on travellers in quarantine
<b>Business &amp; Services</b>	<b>Safety Precautions</b> Must adhere to safety protocols issued by regulators and industry which complies with CARPHA guidelines	<b>PCR Test Frontline Workers</b> Surveillance PCR Testing  Up to weekly testing for unvaccinated workers	<b>Gathering Limits</b> 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

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

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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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