

Bahamas Sea Base

2022 COVID-19 FAQ

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Q. If I am participating in a Bahamas Sea Base program should I be vaccinated?

A. In the strongest possible terms, yes.

Q. Is vaccination required?

A. No. However, due to the potential ramifications of testing positive and not being able to return to the United States until completing quarantine and/or self-isolation, the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America and Sea Base strongly recommends that every participant become fully vaccinated.

Q. What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

A. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series AND have received a booster if vaccinated more than 6 months ago OR 2 weeks after a single dose vaccine AND have received a booster if vaccinated more than 2 months ago.

Q. Which vaccines does the Government of the Bahamas accept?

A. Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and AstraZeneca.

Q. Does the Government of the Bahamas require a Travel Health Visa?

A. Yes. Every participant is required by the Bahamas to obtain a Travel Health Visa.

Q. Where can I find information about the Travel Health Visa?

A. [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.travel.gov.bs.

Q. What if I or choose not to or fail to get the Travel health Visa?

A. You will not be permitted entry into the Bahamas.

Q. How long does it take to process a Travel Health Visa?

A. Processing can take up to 48 hours.

Q. If I am vaccinated do I need to take a COVID-19 test to enter the Bahamas?

A. Yes. You are required to obtain a negative COVID-19 test (either a Rapid Antigen Test or PCR), taken no more than five (5) days prior to the date of arrival to The Bahamas.

Q. If I am unvaccinated do I need to take a COVID-19 test to enter the Bahamas?

A. Yes. You are required to obtain a negative COVID-19 PCR test. Tests must be taken no more than 5 days prior to the date of arrival.

Q. If I fail to receive to obtain the correct test for my vaccination status can Sea Base provide me with a waiver or exception?

A. No. COVID-19 testing, as stated, is required by the Government of the Bahamas.

Q. Does the Government of the Bahamas require me to opt-in for travel insurance?

A. Yes. The Government of the Bahamas requires every visitor to opt-in.

Q. Does the travel insurance cost extra?

A. The travel insurance is included in the cost of the Travel Health Visa.

Q. What does the Travel Health Insurance Cover?

A. Limited Trip Interruption & Limited Medical Expense. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Q. What if I or a member of our crew test positive for COVID-19 while in the Bahamas?

A. Our staff will assist the crew to identify housing, likely at a resort or private school.

Q. Will BSA staff check on our crew members once they have moved to housing?

A. Absolutely. Sea base will check to ensure that participants are supported, that BSA policies including Youth Protection are being followed.

Q. Who will pay for the housing?

A. The participants family will pay for the housing and then file a claim through the Travel Health Insurance provider as listed in the link above.

Q. If the family or crew cannot afford the upfront costs associated with housing can the BSA help?

A. The BSA is prepared to assist any family that cannot cover upfront costs.

Q. Will the family be required to repay those upfront costs to the BSA?

A. Yes. After the family has been reimbursed by the insurance company for fees paid by BSA, the family will be responsible to reimburse the BSA.

Q. If I am unvaccinated, does the Govt. Bahamas require me to test while in the Bahamas?

A. Yes. If you are unvaccinated you are required to test on day 5.

Q. If I am vaccinated, does the Govt. Bahamas require me to test while in the Bahamas?

A. No. If you are fully vaccinated the Govt. of the Bahamas does not require you to test.

Q. Does the United States Government require testing to re-enter the United States?

A. As of 12/23/2021 the US Government does require testing, 24 hours prior to re-entry.