

Summary & FAQ on Bermuda's Outbound COVID-19 Testing System

OVERVIEW

Bermuda meets the COVID-19 testing requirements for visitors leaving the country travelling to the United States, Canada or the United Kingdom. Any visitor in need of an outbound test not covered by the existing testing programme, is automatically booked for a return home test. The Ministry of Health pivoted its existing automated system to consider the traveller's departure date supplied on the way in and matched it with the 72-hour requirement for test results on the way out.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Will there be an increased cost to the Traveller Authorisation process as a result of the additional COVID-19 tests that may be required by some visitors before returning home?

An increase in cost was considered but government officials decided not to increase the cost.

2. If a visitor's departure day is on day 8, will he/she now require two tests within a day or two to meet Bermuda's requirement and the requirement for the country they're travelling to? Or will the system condense the testing requirement to accommodate for this?

This will require a second test to meet both countries' requirements.

3. What happens if an outbound flight is unexpectedly delayed by a day or two?

This would require the traveller to be re-tested if the original test is pushed outside the 72-hour window. However, the re-test can be fast-tracked through the testing centre for expedited results. There is a responsibility on the part of the traveller to call the Bermuda COVID-19 hotline (441) 444-2498 to make officials aware of the situation so that special arrangements can be made.

4. How does the traveller get the full lab test result with the details needed to meet the requirements of the country they're travelling to if Bermuda identifies visitors only with a number on the lab result?

Outbound test results will now contain the following information in a link sent via email: name, date of birth, gender, date of test, type of test and test credentials, lab name and address. These details meet the requirements of the U.K., U.S. and Canada.

5. If a visitor has been vaccinated does he/she have to take COVID-19 tests before arriving and while in Bermuda?

Yes, for the foreseeable future.