



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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COVID-19 REPORT  
Update #495

**CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19**

Island	Total Confirmed Cases	Breakdown of Newly Confirmed Cases <sup>1</sup>
New Providence	11,300	67
Grand Bahama	2,088	2
Abaco	429	1
Bimini & Cat Cay	222	0
Eleuthera	366	4
Berry Islands	95	0
Exuma	230	3
Inagua	25	0
Andros	180	1
Long Island	26	0
Cat Island	71	0
Acklins	7	0
Crooked Island	7	0
Mayaguana	3	0
San Salvador	14	0
Locations Pending	61	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,124</b>	<b>78***</b>

<sup>1</sup> Results of newly confirmed cases were reported within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours after the swabbing date.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTES\*\*\***

The Ministry of Health is aware of a report in a local daily suggesting a linkage of COVID-19 cases and deaths to a large religious gathering.

It is confirmed that multiple clusters of COVID-19 cases have been identified during contact tracing activities in July on New Providence and the Family Islands. As cases increase, clusters have been linked to workplaces, construction sites, as well as social and other communal gatherings.

While COVID-19 exposures can occur anywhere, the Ministry of Health reminds the general public that for all the islands of The Bahamas, private gatherings are to be restricted to 5 persons provided that the individuals are vaccinated. However, the Ministry strongly recommends that there be no large gatherings.

The Ministry advised the public that cases, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 have increased significantly over the past month. The health care system is at its capacity. To slow down or prevent the spread of the virus, as with other respiratory infections like the flu or the common cold, adherence to public health measures are critical.

Public health measures are everyday preventive actions that include:

- washing hands often with soap and water;
- staying home when sick;
- covering the mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing and dispose of used tissue immediately; and
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Other public health measures to slow down and prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 involve -

- wearing a mask or face covering
- physical distancing; and
- avoiding large gatherings.

A specific public health measure proven to slow the spread, decrease severe illness, reduce the likelihood of death associated with COVID-19, and terminate the pandemic is to get vaccinated.

Safe and effective vaccines are available in-country. More than 4.2 billion persons have been vaccinated worldwide. Side effects, when they do occur, are minimal. We encourage you to be vaccinated. Speak to your health care provider about any concerns then schedule your appointment at [vax.gov.bs](http://vax.gov.bs).

## **TRAVEL WATCH: CONFIRMED IMPORTED COVID-19 CASES**

<b>Island</b>	<b>Newly Confirmed Cases with History of Travel Within 14 Days<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>New Providence</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>

## **GENDER OF NEWLY CONFIRMED CASES**

<b>Gender of Newly Confirmed Cases</b>	<b># of Cases</b>
<b>Males</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>

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## HOSPITALIZATIONS

<b>Healthcare Institution</b>	<b># of Cases Hospitalized</b>	<b># of Cases Moderately Ill</b>	<b># of Cases in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)</b>
<b><u>New Providence</u></b>			
<b>Doctor's Hospital</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>South Beach Acute Care and Referral Centre</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Princess Margaret Hospital</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Grand Bahama</u></b>			
<b>Grand Bahama Health Services</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>

## ACTIVE CASES & RECOVERIES

<b>Active Cases</b>	<b>2,020</b>
<b>Total # of Recovered Cases</b>	<b># of Cases Recovered Today</b>
<b>12,702</b>	<b>74</b>

## DEATHS

Total COVID-19 Deaths	Total Non-COVID-19 Deaths	Total Deaths Under Investigation
<b>292</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>33</b>

The Ministry of Health reports today that there are three (3) additional deaths under investigation.

## TESTS COMPLETED

Total # of RT-PCR Tests Completed	# of RT-PCR Tests Completed Today	# of Positive Results	# of Negative Results	# of Repeated Tests <sup>3</sup>	# of Inconclusive Results
<b>121,222</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>

## OPENING HOURS OF COMMUNITY CLINICS

Community clinics remain open for primary care services at the following Poly-clinics:

Clinic	Days	Hours of Operation
<b>Fleming Street</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00a.m. – 8:00p.m.
<b>Elizabeth Estates</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
<b>Flamingo Gardens</b>	Monday – Friday	9:00a.m. – 9:00p.m.
<b>Flamingo Gardens (Only)</b>	Saturday	9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

## REMINDERS

To contain the spread of COVID-19 residents are reminded of the following:

- if you have symptoms of COVID-19, do not wait, first, contact your health provider.
- while home remedies may work for a period it is important to get tested and receive the proper care before symptoms become too difficult to manage.
- if you have been asked by the Surveillance Unit to get tested for COVID-19, please follow the advice and take the gold standard RT-PCR test.
- employees are encouraged to work from home.

<sup>3</sup> Tests performed to confirm if patients have recovered from COVID-19.



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## Take Precautionary Measures



**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**



**COVER YOUR  
COUGH OR SNEEZE**



**WEAR YOUR  
MASK**



**KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE**

## PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



**CLEAN AND  
DISINFECT**



**STAY HOME  
IF SICK**



**ISOLATE  
IF SICK AT WORK**



**CALL FIRST  
511**  
or your healthcare provider  
for advice before going to a  
facility

Protect Yourself & Others

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