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Changes to Turks and Caicos pre-arrival protocols -1st September 2021

As of September 1st, all visitors 16 years and over will have to upload to the TCI Assured Portal- proof of being fully vaccinated and a negative COVID 19 approved test within 3 days of arrival including insurance which covers COVID19 medical cost, full cost of hospitalization, prescriptions, doctors' visits, medical evacuation and **quarantine**.

The accepted types of tests include:

- A Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (RT-PCR)
- A Nucleic Acid Amplification test (NAA)
- An RNA or molecular test
- An Antigen Test

Fully Vaccinated visitors are those visitors who would have had both COVID 19 Vaccination shots (in a two-dose series); the second shot would have to have been taken at least 14 days prior to arrival.

If a visitor took the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson; JnJ, Ad26.COV2.S single shot, then that shot would have had to have been taken at least 14 days or two weeks prior to arrival.

Here is how we break this down:

1. Fully Vaccinated- Fully vaccinated means persons who would have had their second shot taken over two weeks and no less. If a traveler is coming and only had the second shot 10 -13 days prior, they should not be allowed to board.
2. If the person had the Johnson and Johnson- one shot regime- same applies- it must have been taken at least 2 weeks prior to arrival.

Vaccines that are accepted:

Vaccine Developers	Vaccine Aliases	Doses
Pfizer/Biotech	Cormintary; BNT162b2	2
Astrazeneca	Astrazeneca, Vaxzevria, Covishield , AZ; AZD1222 (ChAdOx1)	2
Moderna	Moderna; Spikevax	2
Janssen	Janssen/Johnson and Johnson; JnJ, Ad26.COV2.S	1

Who is exempt:

8. Only those visitors with clear proof from a doctor that they are medically exempted from taking the vaccine. In this case they **MUST** still provide proof of a negative COVID 19 test taken within 3 days before arrival.
9. Exemptions for religious reasons **will not** be considered for entry.

Younger visitors:

- All visitors **10- years and older** must have COVID 19 negative test result and insurance – no vaccination needed (10-15 years old).
- Younger visitors below 10 years age: - No vaccination or COVID 19 test requirement. However, must provide evidence of insurance which covers COVID19 medical cost, full cost of hospitalization, prescriptions, doctors' visits, medical evacuation and **quarantine**.

Who is exempt from testing and vaccines?

Only visitors under 10 will not require a COVID test nor vaccine however must provide proof of insurance; which covers COVID19 medical cost, full cost of hospitalization, prescriptions, doctors' visits, medical evacuation and **quarantine**.

The TCI Assured Portal will accept as proof the following:

Proof of vaccination- Proof of vaccination should be uploaded to the TCI Assured as part of the pre-arrival authorization process. This should be in the form of:

- e-certificate/digital certificates e.g. CVS, Walgreens, NHS
- certification by Doctor or Government Entity
- vaccination cards/certificates accepted by national authorities: e.g. EU, US, UK (i.e. CDC, NHS)
- a vaccination letter signed by a medical professional (physician or registered nurse) on official letterhead with contact details -doctors registration or licensed # should be included with details of the first and second dose (date, country and vaccine you received)
- or Authorized Government Entity or printed record from an electronic vaccination database

TESTING POSITIVE:

11. Any fully vaccinated visitor testing positive in the Turks and Caicos Islands would be required to quarantine at their **own expense** for a period of **10 days** and undergo a COVID 19 mandatory test on day 7 prior to release. They will be required to do so with accompanying persons (family or travel group)

UNVACCINATED RESIDENTS:

12. All unvaccinated returning residents to TCI will be required to provide a negative COVID19 test and quarantine for a period of 7 days and undergo a mandatory test (required to be negative) on day five (5) prior to being released. (with their entire household)
13. All unvaccinated must accept and agree to a mandatory quarantine order, prior to receipt of approval through the TCI Assured Portal for entry.

❖ Please note:

Any returning resident that has been partially vaccinated (received one dose) or not vaccinated is required to submit a negative COVID 19 test and quarantine for a period of 7 days - including Household.