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EDU-CORNER Health & Travel Related Entry Requirements October 31, 2020



Our borders will reopen on October 31, 2020 to international travelers, tourists & returning nationals.

The aim is to re-open safely with minimum risk of reintroduction of the virus to the Federation.

There are appropriate protocols to ensure safety of our people and safety of the inbound traveler or tourist.

Phase 1

• All inbound travelers to the Federation will have to log onto the National website;

 Complete and submit the entry form including evidence of a negative COVID- 19 PCR test done within 3 days of travel.

• All in-bound travelers to the Federation will fall into two categories:

 Coming from territory within "Caribbean Bubble" with minimal risk of exposure to the COVID-19 Virus;

 Coming from a territory outside the "Caribbean Bubble" with significant risk of exposure to the virus;

1) Inbound traveler from within "Caribbean Bubble"

• Refers to a traveler from any of 8 CMS including: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, & St. Vincent & the Grenadines. *Please note that the situation in these territories will be monitored continuously and MS will be removed from this list if community transmission of COVID-19 is reported*.

• Once you traveled directly to the Federation from a 'Caribbean bubble' territory where you resided for at least 21 days and you have submitted a negative PCR test you will be subjected to regular screening upon arrival at our airports and you will be asked to download & install the national COVID-19 mobile App.

- Once asymptomatic you will be allowed to integrate into the Federation ;
- In bound traveler from 'Caribbean Bubble' can stay at private homes and at the COVID-19 certified non- franchise hotel properties. (examples of these include – Sugar Bay Club, Timothy Beach Resort, Nevis Golden Rock Inn, Paradise Beach Hotel, Montpelier Plantation, Nisbett Plantation, Hermitage, Mount Nevis Hotel and the Pinney's Beach Hotel once they meet the prerequisites to be certified as such)

Please note that all arriving passengers from within the 'bubble' who have been in-transit in a country outside of the 'bubble' will be included in the 2nd category (vacation in place for 14 days).

2)Inbound travelers/ tourists and returning nationals from outside the 'Caribbean Bubble'

There will be several COVID-19 approved accommodation options including:

- Government designated Facilities OTI, Royal St. Kitts Hotel, Oualie Beach Hotel & Potworks;
- Pre Approved/ Certified quarantine / confinement sites with appropriate security facility;
- 3. Franchise or branded Hotels

- The in-bound traveler in this category will be required to submit a negative PCR COVID -19 test result done within three (3) days of travel at an accredited laboratory. The traveler will be subjected to screening at the airport and will be requested to download the SKN COVID-19 mobile app.
- Once asymptomatic the in-bound traveler/ tourist (and returning national) will be allowed entry into the Federation.
- In-bound international travelers/ tourists will be "vacationing in place " at their hotel with access to an approved package of services (in a secure bubble) for the first fourteen days or for the duration of stay (if shorter).

International traveler /tourist will be required to do serial testing.

International traveler/tourist will be tested on day # 7 and on day #14 (if still in Federation).

- Tourists who receive a negative PCR test on day #7 (if still on island) can be allowed (only through the hotel's tour desk and by appointment only) access to:
- 1. Selective excursions in a secure bubble
- 2. Selective tourist attraction sites on the island in a secure bubble

All in-bound traveler/ tourist must receive a RT-PCR test on day#14 of stay / vacation (if still in Federation)

If test is negative the traveler will be allowed to integrate into the society /Federation.



If trip /vacation is less than 14 days, tourist can easily depart island with an exit test.

Tourist/ in-bound travelers in this category can only use COVID-19 certified taxis/ ground transport with appropriate partition to move between airport and hotel and to move between hotel and the COVID-19 certified excursion/ tourist sites on islands.

Phase 2

The second phase will involve an expanded list of hotels

- Such hotels must submit the appropriate protocols to ensure safe operations and minimal risk of COVID-19 outbreak on property.
- The second phase will also involve an expanded list of excursions and local tourist attraction sites that are COVID-19 certified with the relevant protocols.
- The duration of phase 1 is unpredictable and may last for a duration of 1 to 2 months;

We can prevent a second wave of infections through the following measures:

- All stakeholders must adhere to the infection prevention and control measures to ensure safety of our frontline workers, safety of our people and all in-bound travelers / tourists;
- We must all wear our face masks when in public spaces;
- We must always maintain good hand hygiene. (Wash our hands regularly with soap and water or use appropriate hand sanitizers after touching high touch surfaces in public places.)

