



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATE
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The Ministry of Health advises the general public of the current COVID-19 situation in The Bahamas.

CURRENT CASE NUMBERS

One hundred thirty-two (132) new cases¹ have tested positive for COVID-19.

The **total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases** in The Bahamas today **is five thousand five hundred seventeen (5517)**.

The total confirmed cases of COVID-19 are recorded in the following islands of The Bahamas:

Island	Number of Cases	Island	Number of Cases
Abaco	161	Eleuthera	32
Acklins	7	Exuma	34
Andros	11	Inagua	19
Berry Islands	26	Grand Bahama	661
Bimini	56	New Providence	4239
Cat Island	9	Mayaguana	3
Crooked Island	5	Long Island	12
		Locations Pending	242

DEATHS

Regrettably, in the last 24 hours, the Ministry of Health recorded **two (2) confirmed COVID-19 related deaths**. The deceased are females - an eighty-four (84) year old from Eleuthera and a fifty-eight (58) year old of New Providence who died on 14th October, 2020. There was one (1) non-COVID-19 related death.

- Deaths under investigation remain at fifteen (15);
- Non-COVID-19 related deaths now stand at twenty-three (23); and
- **Total deaths tally at one hundred fourteen (114).**

¹ New cases have produced samples identified twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours after the swabbing date.

ACTIVE CASES

There are now **two thousand one hundred sixty-four (2,164) active cases** currently under observation.

One hundred seven (107) COVID-19 patients are hospitalized.

RECOVERIES

Twenty-three (23) additional cases have recovered and been released from care. Total recoveries are now at three thousand two hundred one (3,201).

TESTING

So far, **twenty-six thousand one hundred fifty (26,150) samples** have been tested. There were **five hundred sixty-five (565) tests completed today.**

REMINDERS

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

- Weekday curfew for New Providence and Abaco is from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Weekend lockdowns remain in effect for New Providence and Abaco until further notice;
- Employees are encouraged to work from home; and
- Community clinics remain open at -
 - ✓ Fleming Street Clinic – Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
 - ✓ Elizabeth Estates – Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and
 - ✓ Flamingo Gardens Clinics – Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CONCLUSION

Residents should remain vigilant in their infection prevention and control measures to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Remember everyone has to take personal responsibility to protect themselves, their loved ones, communities and country.

COVID-19 will remain with us for some time. Therefore, the public is reminded to practice the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- wear a face mask when you leave home;
- maintain a physical distance of six (6) feet from others;
- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds, and if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least seventy percent (70%) alcohol;
- cover your cough or sneeze in your inner elbow or with a tissue; and

- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as phones, remote controls, counters, doorknobs, and keyboards.

Do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and with the efforts of our hard-working healthcare workers across the island, we can overcome COVID-19.

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