



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATE  
Update #200

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

**CURRENT CASE NUMBERS**

**Seventy-five (75) new cases**<sup>1</sup> have tested positive for COVID-19. The breakdown of the new cases by island is as follows:

Island	# of Cases
New Providence	61
Grand Bahama	9
Andros	2
Eleuthera	2
Exuma	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>75</b>

The **total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases** in The Bahamas today is **five thousand seven hundred three (5703)**.

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	34
Acklins	7	Exuma	35
Andros	14	Inagua	19
Berry Islands	31	Grand Bahama	671
Bimini	57	New Providence	4392
Cat Island	9	Mayaguana	3
Crooked Island	5	Long Island	12
		Locations Pending	253

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

## DEATHS

Regrettably in the last twenty-four (24) hours, the Ministry of Health recorded **six (6) confirmed COVID-19 related deaths, one of which originated from deaths under investigation.**

The deceased are as follows:

- a sixty-four (64) year old female of New Providence who passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020;
- a sixty-six (66) year old male of New Providence who passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020;
- a sixty (60) year old female of New Providence who passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020;
- a forty-three (43) year old male of New Providence who passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020;
- a forty-eight (48) year old male of New Providence who passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020; and
- a thirty-four (34) year old male of New Providence whose death was investigated and confirmed to be COVID-19 related.

Consequently –

- ✓ **deaths under investigation** decreased by one (1) to thirteen (13);
- ✓ **non-COVID-19 related deaths** remain at twenty-three (23); and
- ✓ **total deaths** increased by six and tallied at one hundred twenty-two (122).

## NUMBER OF DAYS SINCE A NEW CASE WAS REPORTED ON EACH ISLAND

The number of days since a new case was reported on each island is as follows:

<b>Island</b>	<b># of Days Since Last New Case Reported</b>	<b>Island</b>	<b># of Days Since Last New Case Reported</b>
Abaco	1	Eleuthera	0
Acklins	47	Exuma	0
Andros	0	Inagua	23
Berry Islands	1	Grand Bahama	0
Bimini	1	New Providence	0
Cat Island	12	Mayaguana	36
Crooked Island	35	Long Island	24

## ACTIVE CASES

There are now **two thousand two hundred forty-five (2,245)** active cases currently under observation.

**One hundred nine (109) COVID-19 patients are hospitalized.**

## RECOVERIES

**Twenty-four (24) additional cases** have recovered and have been released from care. Total recoveries are now at **three thousand three hundred (3,300).**

## **TESTING**

So far, **twenty-seven thousand one hundred (27,100) samples have been tested.** There were **five hundred twenty-five (525) tests completed today.**

## **REMINDERS**

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

- Weekday curfews remain in effect for specified islands in The Bahamas.
- New Providence and Abaco weekday curfews are between the hours of 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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