



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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5th August, 2021

COVID-19 REPORT
Update #497

CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

Island	Total Confirmed Cases	Breakdown of Newly Confirmed Cases ¹
New Providence	11,524	164
Grand Bahama	2,103	11
Abaco	446	15
Bimini & Cat Cay	225	3
Eleuthera	386	20
Berry Islands	95	0
Exuma	243	12
Inagua	25	0
Andros	183	3
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
TOTAL	15,419	228***

¹ 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 reports today that there were two hundred and twenty-eight (228) cases. This number is a historical one as it is the highest number ever reported in The Bahamas in one day. The numbers seen today demonstrate that the virus that causes COVID-19 is ever-present and continues to be transmitted in the country. It should be noted that a total of 499 cases were reported between the 1st - 5th August, 2021. For the same time last week, 25th – 29th July, 2021, 558 confirmed cases were reported.

On 2nd August 2021, The Bahamas celebrated Emancipation Day as a public holiday. It is noteworthy to mention that when we experience a holiday, members of the public may delay getting tested for COVID-19. Most laboratory facilities would be closed. The Ministry has observed that this often results in an uptick in the number of confirmed cases reported days following a holiday. The Ministry continues its monitoring to ensure timely responses to this evolving pandemic.

We will get through this together if we remember to:

1. keep private social gatherings restricted to 5 or fewer persons, provided they are vaccinated;
2. stay home if you don't feel well;
3. wear a mask outside of your home;
4. regularly wash your hands;
5. remain socially distant; and
6. avoid large gatherings at restaurants, workplaces, churches, celebrations and family reunions.

The Ministry of Health encourages all to remain disciplined, continue to apply the COVID-19 health precautions and to get vaccinated at the first opportunity. Appointments are available at vax.gov.bs.

TRAVEL WATCH: CONFIRMED IMPORTED COVID-19 CASES

Island	Newly Confirmed Cases with History of Travel Within 14 Days²
New Providence	17
Grand Bahama	1
Abaco	1
Exuma	1
TOTAL	20

² Results of newly confirmed cases were reported within twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours after the swabbing date.

GENDER OF NEWLY CONFIRMED CASES

Gender of Newly Confirmed Cases	# of Cases
Males	105
Females	123
Unknown	0
TOTAL	228

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Healthcare Institution	# of Cases Hospitalized	# of Cases Moderately Ill	# of Cases in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
<u>New Providence</u>			
Doctor's Hospital	35	23	12
South Beach Acute Care and Referral Centre	10	9	1
Princess Margaret Hospital	51	51	0
Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre	0	0	0
<u>Grand Bahama</u>			
Grand Bahama Health Services	26	26	0
TOTAL	122	109	13

ACTIVE CASES & RECOVERIES

Active Cases	2,187
Total # of Recovered Cases	# of Cases Recovered Today
12,824	42

DEATHS

Total COVID-19 Deaths	Total Non-COVID-19 Deaths	Total Deaths Under Investigation
295	78	35

The Ministry of Health reports today that there are two (2) 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 Tests³	# of Inconclusive Results
122,168	620	228	366	26	0

³ Tests performed to confirm if patients have recovered from COVID-19.

OPENING HOURS OF COMMUNITY CLINICS


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

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



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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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