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## **UPLOADING OF COVID-19 TEST RESULTS**

Dear Valued Partners,

The Jamaica Tourist Board continues to work with the Jamaican Ministry of Health and Wellness to manage the entry of persons to our island. Our efforts are aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19, and to protect the lives of our citizens and visitors. In that regard, the Jamaican health authorities have provided clarity on the uploading of results to the Travel Authorization page.

The details are as follows:

- One notable and positive change is that effective 12:01 a.m. on Monday September 7, applications for Travel Authorizations will be accepted up to 5 days but NO LESS than 24 hours before the intended date of arrival in Jamaica. This will significantly minimize the number of delayed responses.
- The test result must contain the following information:
  - Name of individual tested (must be same on application and lab test report)
  - Date of birth of individual tested (must be same on application and lab test report)
  - Name of testing laboratory
  - Laboratory credentials (CAP accredited, CLIA registered, ISO15189 certified)
  - Date of sample collection
  - o Type of test
  - Type of sample
  - Test result
- The types of tests that are accepted are:
  - A Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (RT-PCR)
  - A Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)
  - A RNA or molecular test
  - o Only results from oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal samples will be accepted.
  - Antigen and antibody tests will **NOT** be accepted
  - Results from home-based test kits will NOT be accepted
  - o Test results must be Negative or Not Detected

## Reminders:

- Travellers must have, and will be asked to present, the original negative test certificate on arrival in Jamaica.
- Uploaded test results will be deemed invalid if the time between the date the sample was collected and the intended date of arrival in Jamaica is greater than 10 days. (Sample Collection is Day 1; with intended date of arrival being no later than Day 10).
- An "unfit to fly" notice will be issued to the airlines for persons who test positive while in Jamaica. Persons will be allowed to leave Jamaica using medical evacuation or private flights.
- For more information on entry protocols for Jamaica, please see our list of Frequently Asked Questions <u>here</u>.

For more information, visit https://jtbonline.org