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For Infographic Blurb: 9 September 2020

New Cases: 2
Confirmed: 207
Deaths: 1
Recovered: 204

Government Unveils Revised Tourism Measures to Guide Phased Opening Approach

The Cayman Islands reported two (2) new positive cases of COVID-19 today, which were confirmed as a result of routine screening; both cases are classified as asymptomatic and patients remain in isolation. The total number of confirmed cases in the Cayman Islands is 207, with 204 fully recovered. At this time, despite a strong uptick in positive COVID-19 cases in the Caribbean region, the Cayman Islands retains its “COVID-free” designation.

The Cayman Islands Government announced its revised details surrounding the phased opening approach of the destination and the continuation of international tourism. On 1 October 2020, the Cayman Islands will begin its phased border reopening, only allowing Cayman Airways and British Airways (via London) repatriation flights as well as private charter flights. The destination will not be open to commercial airlift or nonessential travel on 1 October 2020.

All travelers arriving to the Cayman Islands must register via www.explore.gov.ky/traveltime and will be subject to 14-day quarantine in preapproved residential and government facilities. After two-weeks of self-isolation, travelers will undergo an additional PCR test. To enforce these requirements, the Government will ramp up random physical tests for those quarantining at home and will provide electronic monitoring devices to aid in geofencing.

Beginning 17 September 2020, select travelers arriving to the Cayman Islands will take part in a trial program of the electronic monitoring devices. They will be required to wear the device, quarantine in Government-approved facilities for 14-days and submit an additional PCR test. The Government will utilize the key trial learnings in October as the destination welcomes back 800 repatriation travelers and those looking to live and work in the Cayman Islands for an extended period of time.

Requirements for inbound travelers arriving to the Cayman Islands on 1 October 2020 include:

- Pre-travel authorization via [TravelTime](#)

- Travelers must be Caymanian, permanent residents of the Cayman Islands, property owners or those looking to live and work in the Cayman Islands for an extended period of time
- Those opting to quarantine in a preapproved private residence must utilize electronic monitoring devices, otherwise travelers must reside in Government facilities for 14-days of self-quarantine
- Non-Caymanian travelers must obtain health insurance and cover any COVID-related costs

There will be no restrictions placed on outbound travelers and residents are encouraged to exercise caution when visiting Miami, Jamaica or Honduras via Cayman Airways airbridge flights.

In addition to revised procedures, the Government also announced that the tourism stipend program has been extended for three (3) additional months to assist displaced tourism workers. There is no need for previously approved recipients to reapply.

For official information on the Cayman Islands' ongoing response to COVID-19, please visit:

- <https://www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid-19-travel-tourism>
- <https://www.explore.gov.ky/government-covid19-policies>
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For Infographic Blurb: 4 February 2021

New Cases: 0
Confirmed: 400
Deaths: 2

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COVID-19 Quarantine Protocols and Restrictions in the Cayman Islands Remain in Place until 90 Percent of Over-60 Population is Vaccinated

The Cayman Islands provided an update that current quarantine protocols and testing requirements will remain in effect until 90 percent of the Islands' over-60 population has been vaccinated against COVID-19. Premier Alden McLaughlin shared that there remains another 2,300 or so persons over 60 to vaccinate in order to reach the target.

As of Thursday, 4 February, the following vaccination statistics were shared:

- 11,856 vaccine doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine have been administered, which includes 3,939 people who have received their second dose
- 55 percent of those older than 60 years of age have been vaccinated
- 65 percent of those older than 70 years of age have been inoculated
- 12.2 percent of the total population have received the vaccination

Once the 90 percent target has been reached, border controls will be changed to allow for a quarantine period of 10 days for inbound traveler who meet the following conditions:

- Must have a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to arrival, as well as a negative PCR test upon arrival in Cayman
- Complete a valid vaccination programme against COVID-19 as approved by the Chief Medical Officer
- Must be staying in a household where all persons have received a full course of vaccination
- Until children are eligible for the vaccine, adults traveling with children will have to continue to quarantine for 14 days
- Must have a negative PCR test on day 10 before being approved to leave quarantine

Tourism Stipend

Finance Minister Roy McTaggart announced that the Cayman Islands will be increasing its tourism stipend for unemployed tourism workers from \$1,000 a month to \$1,500. This increase will come into effect this month and will continue until June 2021. This increase to the stipend is another step in helping tourism workers to weather the economic and financial hardships caused by COVID-19.

For official information on the Cayman Islands' ongoing response to COVID-19 and National Vaccination programme, please visit:

- <https://www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid19-vaccine>
- <https://www.explore.gov.ky/faqs/covid-19-travel-tourism>
- <https://www.explore.gov.ky/government-covid19-policies>
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New Cases: 1
Confirmed: 209
Deaths: 1

Government Launches Home Isolation Trial in Preparation for Phased Opening

The Cayman Islands reported one (1) new positive case of COVID-19 today, bringing the total number to 209 positive cases. The Cayman Islands Government (CIG) announced updates to its home isolation trial, which began yesterday to extensively test quarantine management protocols leading up to the phased opening of the destination on 1 October 2020.

After arriving yesterday on a British Airways flight, a total of 29 people from 12 households are participating in the home isolation trial. These preselected participants were identified based on established criteria and approved by TravelTime. Upon entry, these participants tested negative for COVID-19 and as part of the program trial are required to wear an iMSafe smart wristband – a geofencing and monitoring device – and quarantine in a residential accommodation for 14 days. They will receive a second PCR test on day 15.

The participants were provided with information packs to guide the self-quarantine process and protocols, including information on sourcing food, medication, and essential supplies. They also received a first aid kit, a thermometer and information to support their mental health.

iMSafe Wristband

The iMSafe technology, developed by Tracesafe, is being tested as part of the home isolation trial. The iMSafe wristband communicates via Bluetooth to a custom mobile app on a smart phone and creates a virtual perimeter around the quarantine location. If the wearer leaves the location or tampers with the device, an alert will be sent to the monitoring team. As part of the home trial, a variety of locations and types of accommodations were chosen to help test how robust the technology is under different circumstances.

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For Infographic Blurb: 2 October 2020

New Cases: 2
Confirmed: 213
Deaths: 1

**Government Home Isolation Trial Deemed a Success
as Cayman Commences Phased Border Opening in October**

The Cayman Islands reported two (2) new positive cases of COVID-19 today from incoming travelers in isolation, bringing the total number to 213 positive cases. Following the commencement of Cayman's phased border opening, the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) announced updates to the home isolation trial period for inbound residents, which concluded yesterday, noting no breaches of self-quarantine. All participants have submitted a second PCR COVID-19 test on 2 October 2020; those with negative results will begin the offboarding process.

Following the soft opening of Cayman's borders yesterday, a total of 110 people arrived on six (6) flights and entered isolation at 72 different homes, while the remainder went into government facilities to quarantine for 14 days. Those quarantining at pre-approved homes are required to wear an iMSafe wristband to aid with geofencing and self-isolation compliance. Additionally, home isolators are also subject to daily home checks and phone calls.

The Government also announced changes to COVID-19 regulations commencing tonight, 2 October 2020 to 30 November 2020. As part of these new changes, the number of persons allowed in public meetings was revised to up to 500 persons (including hotels, nightclubs, etc). Additionally, those looking to fish in territory waters must receive clearance from the Port Authority and Customs and Border Control prior to embarking in order to avoid mandatory isolation upon return.

The Honourable Premier along with the Minister of Public Finance and Economic Development discussed additional economic relief measures including a Government Guarantee Loan Scheme, which will aim to provide much-needed financial aid to medium and large businesses in Cayman, as well as the Global Citizen Concierge Program (GCCP), a Ministry of Tourism-led

initiative which will target affluent visitors to live and work remotely in the Cayman Islands for an extended period of time to revive the local tourism economy. Further details on the GCCP are forthcoming.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS ACCEPTED INTO VIRTUOSO® Luxury Destination Now Part of Exclusive Luxury Travel Network

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (January 28, 2021) – The Cayman Islands has been accepted into Virtuoso®’s exclusive portfolio of luxury travel partners, comprised of more than 1,800 preferred suppliers in 100 countries. According to Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism for the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism, inclusion in Virtuoso will open up new sales and marketing opportunities to the network’s 20,000 luxury travel advisors and their highly desirable clientele. Virtuoso agencies sell more than (U.S.) \$26.4 billion annually, making the network the most significant player in luxury travel.

“Virtuoso’s vetting process is extremely selective, so becoming a preferred partner is a true honor,” said Harris. “Now that we’re part of this renowned network, we look forward to working even closer with Virtuoso travel advisors to ensure their clients’ experiences in Cayman exceed expectations.”

The Cayman Islands, comprised of three unique islands – Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman – joins Virtuoso’s collection of the finest luxury hotels, resorts, cruise lines, airlines, destinations, tour operators and other suppliers worldwide, including The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa located in Grand Cayman. These partners specialize in world-class client service and one-of-a-kind experiences, secure superior offerings, rare opportunities and exceptional value for Virtuoso clients. These prestigious providers are able to market to Virtuoso clients via network vehicles and to Virtuoso agencies through multiple communications channels and events, including Virtuoso Travel Week, luxury travel’s largest worldwide gathering. The Cayman Islands’ acceptance into Virtuoso affords the upscale destination direct relationships with the world’s leading leisure travel agencies in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Middle East.

“The Cayman Islands, as the Caribbean’s leading luxury lifestyle destination, is no stranger to welcoming world-class visitors and leisure travelers,” said Harris. “We look forward to working with Virtuoso’s network of advisors to assist clients create enriching memories for years to come and introducing them to the elevated consumer experience made possible by Caymankindness.”

In May 2020, Virtuoso named the Cayman Islands as the No. 1 top locale for well-heeled vacationers to visit during the holiday season. From five-star resorts and luxury villas to condos and bespoke beachfront properties, the Cayman Islands has a plethora of luxury hotel product and residence options for Virtuoso clients, with several properties currently in development. In addition, the destination is heralded as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean and offers world-renowned epicurean experiences bound to delight the most seasoned travelers.

For more information about the Cayman Islands, visit www.visitcaymanislands.com and follow the destination on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About the Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands, located merely an hour south of Miami in the vibrant tranquility of western Caribbean, is a premier destination for tasteful travelers, thrill-seeking divers, adventurous epicures, honeymooners and families alike. The trio of islands affords each guest with the ultimate setting to enjoy life’s finest comforts, as the Caribbean’s leading luxury lifestyle destination. Five-star resorts, high-end villas, condos and breathtaking beachfront properties unique to each island offer a myriad of accommodation options for discerning travelers to enjoy. Additionally, the Cayman Islands is frequently heralded as

the “Culinary Capital of the Caribbean” and offers endless gastronomic experiences to delight even the most seasoned of palates.

The Cayman Islands, world-renowned for impeccable “Caymankind” hospitality also employs best-in-class health and sanitation protocols to keep visitors and locals safe. To learn more about the Cayman Islands, please go to www.visitcaymanislands.com; www.divecayman.ky or call your local travel agent. For the most up-to-date travel guidance and protocols, please visit: <https://www.explore.gov.ky/coronavirus>

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Virtuoso® is the leading international travel agency network specializing in luxury and experiential travel. This by-invitation-only organization comprises over 1,000 travel agency partners with 22,000 elite travel advisors in 50 countries throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. Drawing upon its preferred relationships with over 2,000 of the world’s best hotels and resorts, cruise lines, airlines, tour companies and premier destinations, the network provides its upscale clientele with exclusive amenities, rare experiences and privileged access. More than (U.S.) \$30 billion in annual travel sales makes Virtuoso a powerhouse in the luxury travel industry. For more information, visit www.virtuoso.com.

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**Cayman Islands Launches Global Citizen Concierge Program,
Prepares to Welcome Long-Term Guests and Digital Nomads with Caymankindness**

*The Cayman Islands Government Unveils New Tourism Initiative
Inviting Telecommuters to Live and Work Remotely in Paradise*

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (October 21, 2020) – While the borders to the Cayman Islands remain closed to commercial airlift and cruise traffic at this time, the Cayman Islands is pleased to officially announce the launch of the **Global Citizen Concierge Program (GCCP)**, a tourism initiative designed for digital nomads looking to take advantage of the flexibility provided by remote work. As thousands of corporations opt to keep their workforce at-home for the foreseeable future, eligible professionals and families can upgrade their home offices significantly, by choosing to live and work remotely in the Cayman Islands for up to two years by acquiring a Global Citizen Certificate. Formally launching on October 21, 2020 and facilitated by the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (CIDOT) in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and supporting government departments, the GCCP will provide the highest standard of personalized service for long-term guests and global citizens from arrival to departure.

“Global Citizen Concierge provides the perfect opportunity for remote workers to live the life of their dreams on our idyllic shores and amongst our Caymankind people,” said Hon. Deputy Premier and Minister of Tourism, Moses Kirkconnell. “Our Government has been successful in the face of the global health crisis and we’ve emerged as a safe haven in the Caribbean. Now more than ever, businesses are embracing the flexibility of digital existence, with many employees seeking a change of scenery and lifestyle. Remote workers can now spend up to two years living and working in the Cayman Islands – reinvigorating their nine-to-five schedules with Caymankindness and elevating their work-life balance with sun, sand, sea and safety in Cayman.”

Across the globe, major corporations have adopted flexible work policies, allowing their employees to work wherever they can be productive. With world-class infrastructure and first-rate amenities, the Cayman Islands is the ideal destination for digital nomads. Global citizens can begin their day with a stroll along Seven Mile Beach, snorkel with stingrays in the clear waters of the Caribbean during lunch and be “home for dinner” with offerings from the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean’s best locales. Not to mention, remote workers have the unique opportunity to truly immerse themselves in the wonders of island life in the Cayman Islands.

Travelers interested in obtaining a Global Citizen Certificate are invited to apply online. The criteria for the GCCP stipulates the following:

1. Applicants must provide a letter showing proof of employment with an entity outside of the Cayman Islands stating position and annual salary. Minimum salary requirements are as follows:
 - o Individual applicants must make a minimum household income of US\$100,000 for single households.
 - o Applicant with an accompanying spouse/civil partner must make a minimum household income of US\$150,000 for two person households.
 - o Applicant with a spouse/civil partner and dependent* child or children must make a minimum household income of US\$180,000.
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2. Image of valid passport photo page and visa, if relevant for all applicants in party. Please click [here](#) to find the most updated visa information.
3. A notarized bank reference.
4. Proof of current health insurance coverage for all applicants in your party.
5. Applicants and adult dependents must provide a police clearance/record or similar documentation based on applicant's country of origin.

**A dependent is considered a spouse, fiancé/fiancée, civil partners, parents, grandparents, siblings, or children up to tertiary education enrollment. Children must be enrolled in a local private school or enrolled in homeschooling.*

Global Citizen Certificate Fees

- Global Citizen Certificate Fee up to Party of 2 persons: US\$1,469 per annum
- Global Citizen Certificate Fee for each dependent: US\$500 per dependent, per annum
- Credit Card Processing Fee: 7% of total application fee

For more information on the Cayman Islands and to apply for the Global Citizen Concierge Program, please visit www.visitcaymanislands.com. The Global Citizen Concierge Program call center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm CST and Saturday, 10:00am through 2:00pm CST by US Toll Free number: 1-833-418-1191 or by email at globalcitizen@caymanislands.ky.

About the Cayman Islands

Located 480 miles south of Miami in the vibrant tranquility of western Caribbean, this trio of tiny islands is a premier destination for tasteful travellers, adventurous divers, honeymooners and families alike. World-renowned for its idyllic beaches and recognised as a sophisticated, diverse and memorable tourist destination, the Cayman Islands offers spectacular recreational opportunities along with warm and impeccable "Caymankind" service. From large-group trips and business-focused getaways to ultra-luxurious escapes and multi-generational family vacations, the Cayman Islands provides every element needed to keep guests coming back for more. With an abundance of world-class dining options, a host of adventure activities – including snorkeling, diving, jet skiing, caving, and nature trails – and a variety of meeting spaces for groups large and small, the Cayman Islands is well-poised to host any type of traveller or special occasion.

Showcasing the Cayman Islands' most distinct and beautiful natural landscapes, the Department of Tourism upholds its position as the Caribbean's leading luxury lifestyle destination through its latest "Dream in Cayman" advertising campaign. From unmatched settings such as Cayman's world-famous Seven Mile Beach and the iconic Stingray City sand bar, to unique and off-the-radar locations including Crystal Caves and a local backyard orchid garden, the captivating imagery combines a nod to the Cayman Islands' unparalleled product and effortless allure with elements of high-fashion advertising to establish wanderlust among discerning travellers.

To learn more about the Cayman Islands, please go to www.visitcaymanislands.com; www.divecayman.ky or call your local travel advisor.

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The Cayman Islands: This Dream Vacation is Worth the Wait

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World-renowned for its sweeping beaches, delectable cuisine and warm 'Caymankind' hospitality, the Cayman Islands is an idyllic escape where travelers can make their most vibrant vacation dreams a reality. Now more than ever, wanderlusting clients are yearning for their next island escape and the Cayman Islands is poised to deliver the same luxury and relaxation travelers have come to expect, with even higher standards of health, safety and excellence.

While the world adapts to the "new normal," the Cayman Islands has worked diligently to navigate uncharted waters and safeguard its iconic attractions. The phased opening of borders occurred on October 1, but commercial flights are not yet available. The destination remains committed to providing travelers with the perfect backdrop for carefree, lasting memories – with best-in-class accommodations, a myriad of immersive experiences on-land and below sea, premier culinary offerings and unparalleled hospitality to sweeten their return. And as social distancing remains a priority to all travelers, the Cayman Islands is prepared and equipped to accommodate those who seek privacy and serenity with off-the-beaten path adventures, secluded beaches, intimate resorts and more that are designed to deliver the bespoke luxury travelers crave. With three distinct islands to explore – Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman – the Cayman Islands promises memorable adventures that are bound to satiate the thirst for travel.

Beyond Cayman's premier culinary scene, stunning underwater vistas and one-of-a-kind attractions, the warm and friendly nature of Caymanians, known as 'Caymankindness,' adds to the experience, providing a welcoming warmth that doesn't just come from the sun. The heart and hospitality of the Caymanian people will turn first-time guests into lifetime visitors and deliver a distinctive atmosphere that cannot be found anywhere else.

For digital nomads looking to take advantage of the flexibility provided by remote work, the dream office is closer than most think. The Cayman Islands' recently launched its Global Citizen Concierge Program (GCCP) that will reinvigorate the traditional nine-to-five schedule with 'Caymankindness,' creating the backdrop of the perfect workplace. With world-class infrastructure and luxury amenities, visitors can apply to become global citizens, elevating their work-life balance, and immerse in the wonders of island life in Cayman.

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The Cayman Islands continues to value dedicated travel advisors who play a vital role in introducing the 'Caymankind' spirit to travelers around the globe and looks forward to deepening relationships with travel professionals in the coming years. Until then, Cayman is eager to welcome international guests back to its shores and is confident visitors will find that the unforgettable sun, sand, sea and safety will certainly be worth the wait.

For more information on planning a lasting getaway to the Cayman Islands for your clients and the Global Citizen Concierge Program, please go to [visitcaymanislands.com](https://www.visitcaymanislands.com) or email caymansalesrep@caymanislands.ky.