



GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**Update #199**

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

**CURRENT CASE NUMBERS**

**One hundred eleven (111) new cases<sup>1</sup>** have tested positive for COVID-19.

The **total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases** in The Bahamas today **is five thousand six hundred twenty-eight (5628)**.

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

<b>Island</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Island</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
Abaco	161	Eleuthera	32
Acklins	7	Exuma	34
Andros	12	Inagua	19
Berry Islands	31	Grand Bahama	662
Bimini	57	New Providence	4331
Cat Island	9	Mayaguana	3
Crooked Island	5	Long Island	12
		Locations Pending	253

**DEATHS**

Regrettably in the last 24 hours, the Ministry of Health recorded **two (2) confirmed COVID-19 related deaths**. The deceased are females - a seventy-four (74) year old from NP who died on October 16<sup>th</sup> and a sixty-one (61) year old of New Providence who died on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

- Deaths under investigation now at fourteen (14);
- Non-COVID-19 related deaths now stand at twenty-three (23); and
- Total deaths tally at one hundred sixteen (116).

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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.

## **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	4	Eleuthera	1
Acklins	46	Exuma	1
Andros	0	Inagua	22
Berry Islands	0	Grand Bahama	1
Bimini	0	New Providence	0
Cat Island	11	Mayaguana	23
Crooked Island	34	Long Island	35

## **ACTIVE CASES**

There are now two thousand one hundred ninety-nine active cases (2,199) currently under observation.

**One hundred five COVID-19 patients are hospitalized.**

## **RECOVERIES**

Seventy-five (75) additional cases have recovered and have been released from care. Total recoveries are now at three thousand two hundred seventy-six (3,276).

## **TESTING**

So far, **twenty-six thousand eight hundred sixty-nine (26,869) samples have been tested** with five thousand six hundred twenty-eight (5628) positive and eighteen thousand seven hundred sixty-one (18,761) negative. There were **seven hundred nineteen (719) 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. Combined with the efforts of our hard-working healthcare workers across the islands, we can overcome COVID-19.

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