

the  
*Prime  
Minister's  
Report*

BUDGET DEBATE 2020/2021



# COVID19 UPDATE

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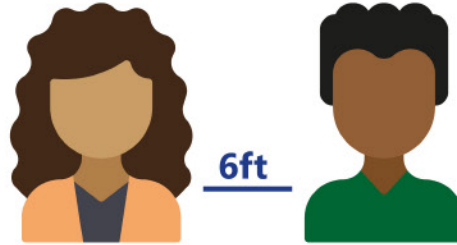
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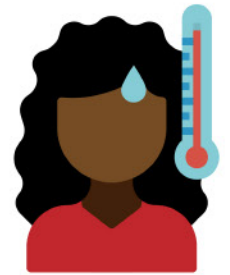
**Wash hands often for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.**



**Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth.**



**Practice physical distancing protocols.**



**Stay at home if you're not feeling well.**

# CURFEW

**MONDAY - SUNDAY**

**10pm - 5am**

*\*Effective Monday 22 June 2020 for the  
entire Bahamas.*

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# BUSINESS HOURS EXTENDED

EFFECTIVE MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020

All professional services and commercial activity  
**MUST CLOSE BY 8PM DAILY.**

Physical distancing and proper sanitization and hygiene measures  
are required. Masks/face coverings must be worn.



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# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- ✓ **Negative PCR COVID-19 test and completed health forms** required for all visitors, Bahamians and residents entering or returning to The Bahamas
- ✓ **Test must be taken** within a window up to 10 days before travel to The Bahamas
- ✓ **For Bahamians and residents:** a negative test is not required for short travel periods of 72 hours or less outside The Bahamas; however, upon return a 14-day quarantine may be required based on determination by the Ministry of Health

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# RESTAURANTS

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY 22 JUNE 2020**

Indoor dining allowed with **physical distancing** and **sanitization protocols**.

Staff **must** wear masks at all times, and patrons when entering and exiting the establishment.

Maximum seating capacity based on **50% occupancy (30 sq ft per person)**.

**This does not include Arawak Cay establishments. Only outdoor seating is allowed at Arawak Cay.**

**Restaurant owners are responsible for ensuring that staff wear masks and that occupancy is limited to enable physical distancing.** Failure to do so will result in penalties. See Emergency Powers (COVID 19) (No. 5) Order, 2020 on [opm.gov.bs](http://opm.gov.bs) for more details.



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# GYMS, GROUP EXERCISE & SPAS

**EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2020**

Gyms may reopen as well as outdoor exercise groups with **health and safety protocols** approved by the Ministry of Health.

Spas may reopen with **health and safety protocols** approved by the Ministry of Health.



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# BEACHES & PARKS

**EFFECTIVE MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020**

**PUBLIC BEACHES AND PARKS ON NEW PROVIDENCE AND  
PARADISE ISLAND, GRAND BAHAMA AND BIMINI OPEN FOR USE.  
GATHERINGS LARGER THAN 5 PEOPLE PROHIBITED ON BEACHES.**



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# FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2020

## FUNERALS

**in a church or religious facility**

May be held with numbers based on physical distancing protocols established for Saturday/Sunday services

Graveside limited to 30 persons, with physical distancing and masks

There is no need to apply to the Competent Authority

## WEDDINGS

May be held with numbers based on physical distancing protocols established for Saturday/Sunday services

There is no need to apply to the Competent Authority

## SOCIAL GATHERINGS

May be held in private facilities and homes with up to 20 or less persons, with physical distancing, sanitization and mask wearing

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# PUBLIC & PRIVATE BUSES, TAXIS

EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2020

Public and private bus services may resume with 50% occupancy based on guidelines provided in the Ministry of Tourism Readiness and Recovery Plan.

Taxi services may resume based on guidelines provided in the Ministry of Tourism Readiness and Recovery Plan.

**Bus and taxi owners are responsible for ensuring patrons wear masks and that occupancy is limited to enable physical distancing.** Failure to follow guidelines will result in penalties for both owners and patrons. See Emergency Powers (COVID 19) (No. 5) Order, 2020 on [opm.gov.bs](http://opm.gov.bs) for more details.

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*We must all do our part and be personally responsible by **wearing our masks, maintaining physical distance and washing and sanitizing our hands thoroughly and often.***

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