



# U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (USVI) TRAVEL ADVISORY

General guidance for COVID-19 passenger screening for Domestic/International Arrivals



The USVI Travel Screening Portal is located at  
[usvitavelportal.com](https://usvitavelportal.com)

**The Travel Screening Portal should only be completed within five days of travel.**

### What you should know:

- 1) **Submit an approved COVID-19 test result and get cleared to travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands.**
- 2) **No COVID-19 test result is required to travel to or return to the U.S. mainland (unless the state you are traveling to has specific COVID-19 testing requirements in place).**

**Please carefully read the following advisory. If you have any further questions, email [info@usviupdate.com](mailto:info@usviupdate.com).**

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- ✦ Every traveler aged five or older who enters the U.S. Virgin Islands, by air or sea, including anyone in-transit to another destination, is required to use the USVI Travel Screening Portal and submit a COVID-19 test result prior to travel. Without travel clearance from the portal, passengers may not be able to board an aircraft or vessel to the Territory.
- ✦ Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination does not supersede the COVID-19 testing requirement set forth by the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Travelers who have received a COVID-19 vaccination are required to use the USVI Travel Screening Portal and submit a COVID-19 test result prior to travel.
- ✦ Travelers who originate in the USVI and return to the Territory, regardless of the length of time away, must take a test before returning or have proof of a positive antibody test result within the previous 4-month period. A COVID-19 molecular or antigen test taken in the USVI is NOT acceptable for travel from the U.S. mainland. However, antibody test results that are positive for COVID-19 antibodies taken in the USVI are acceptable.
- ✦ Travelers are required to provide evidence of:
  - ✦ a COVID-19 molecular (e.g., RT-PCR, viral or nucleic acid amplification) test from a nasal or throat or oral rinse and/or saliva sample taken and NEGATIVE result received (both within five days of commencement of travel to the Territory)
  - OR
  - ✦ a COVID-19 antigen (rapid) test from a nasal or throat swab sample taken and NEGATIVE result received (both within five days of commencement of travel to the Territory)
  - OR
  - ✦ a COVID-19 antibody (rapid) finger stick or blood draw test taken and POSITIVE result received (both within four months of commencement of travel to the Territory)
- ✦ Travelers should produce their original test result and travel clearance received from the portal upon arrival for examination by local officials.
- ✦ The laboratory that performs the COVID-19 test should be certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA). You can check a lab's certification status here: <https://www.cdc.gov/clia/LabSearch.html>.
- ✦ Travelers originating outside of the United States should use COVID-19 testing facilities that are formally approved in their departure country. Many countries comply with ISO15189 or ISO/IEC17025 standards. Notwithstanding, the USVI reserves the right to reject any test result and/or require a traveler to re-test upon arrival in the Territory.
- ✦ Please note that effective January 26, 2021, international air passengers directly arriving to or transiting through the U.S. Virgin Islands from a foreign country (i.e., anywhere that is NOT a state, territory or possession of the United States), must follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel requirements to entering the United States of America.  
[https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/global-airline-testing-order\\_2021-01-2\\_R3-signed-encrypted-p.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/global-airline-testing-order_2021-01-2_R3-signed-encrypted-p.pdf)
- ✦ CDC travel requirements related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for all air passengers arriving in the United States DO NOT apply to persons traveling/returning from the U.S. Virgin Islands to the U.S. mainland.
- ✦ Please note that some states in the U.S. have enacted COVID-19 travel requirements, such as the need to provide evidence of COVID-19 testing within a specified period of time, for travelers entering (or returning to) that state. Hence, travelers departing from the U.S. Virgin Islands are advised to check with their intended destination to determine what, if any, COVID-19 travel or testing requirements are in place. A list of labs in the Territory that offer COVID-19 testing can be found here: <http://bit.ly/usvitesting>.
- ✦ Submissions to the Travel Screening Portal are processed seven days a week, 365 days per year. Every effort is made to expedite review and processing for individuals with impending travel.
- ✦ You may track your submission by using this link: <https://usvitavelportal.com/tracking-application>. You may also email [travelportal@usvitavelportal.com](mailto:travelportal@usvitavelportal.com) with any questions or concerns; kindly include the Tracking ID code you received upon successfully completing your submission.
- ✦ If you are within 24 hours of your planned travel and have not yet received a response, please check your Junk, Spam or Promotions folders and contact us so that we can be of assistance.
- ✦ Please note that travelers who fail to use the Travel Screening Portal may be denied boarding.
- ✦ Travelers should note that submission of a fake, forged, falsified or otherwise altered test result is subject to prosecution and fine under Executive Order(s) of the Office of the Governor, USVI Department of Health regulations and/or pursuant to criminal code 14 V.I.C. § 843.
- ✦ Travelers who are required to self-quarantine for any reason are responsible for all quarantine costs, as advised by the USVI Department of Health and the Office of the Governor. This includes costs associated with the COVID-19 test, transportation, accommodations, food and beverage, and medical care.
- ✦ Per the Department of Health, every person ordered to self-quarantine shall proceed directly from the airport or seaport to their home or booked accommodations provider. The self-quarantine period shall last for 10 days from the time of entry into the Territory, or until the traveler is able to receive the required health authority clearance while in the Territory.
- ✦ All arriving passengers MUST wear a mask or facial covering that covers the mouth and nose upon disembarkation. This requirement is enforced by a fine. Children under two and persons unable to remove a mask without assistance are exempt. Persons who have a physician's certification of a respiratory condition are exempt. All travelers must also comply with social distance requirements.
- ✦ Upon arrival into any U.S. Virgin Islands port, all travelers are subject to the Territory's screening procedures, outlined below. By reading this Travel Advisory, all travelers by embarkation on an arriving aircraft or vessel grant their consent to these procedures.
- ✦ Upon aircraft or vessel arrival, a representative will advise passengers about the current screening procedures. Upon exiting the aircraft or vessel, all passengers will be escorted to the Virgin Islands Port Authority temperature check-point.
- ✦ Travelers who have received certification from the Travel Screening Portal will be required to present their travel certification (digital or printed) AND THEIR COVID-19 TEST RESULT to the screening agent or may be denied boarding.
- ✦ Travelers are subject to COVID-19 health screening protocols, including a temperature scan. Travelers are also subject to enhanced screening including COVID-19 testing (or retesting) upon arrival, per the Department of Health.

Visitors and residents who have travel or tourism-related inquiries are asked to email [info@usviupdate.com](mailto:info@usviupdate.com) or call the Department of Tourism at 340-774-8784 (St. Thomas-St. John District), 340-772-0357 (St. Croix) or toll-free 1-800-372-USVI (8784).

