



Belize Foundation for Research & Environmental Education

COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOLS

The information for testing requirements below is accurate as of January 17, 2022, and is subject to change. Please follow the instructions provided by your airlines and recheck all travel requirements two weeks before your flight.

Pre-Testing for Travel to Belize

Effective August 9, 2021, the Belize Government requires a negative COVID-19 test, regardless of vaccination for entry into the country. Negative test results must be shown from a PCR test within 96-hours or a Rapid Antigen test within 48-hours of arrival in Belize. An official email or correspondence from a third-party testing entity will be accepted so long as your name and timestamp are clearly visible on the test result. At home-tests are not accepted. If your test is not valid upon arrival to Belize or not accepted by health officers, you may be required to re-test at the airport. The cost of testing upon entry is \$50 USD per person, which must be paid in cash. BFREE requires that all guests test before departure from the US and not rely on testing in Belize. Those who test positive in Belize will be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days. If you recently recovered from covid, you must still have a negative test result. Proof of recovery is no longer accepted to waive quarantine.

Departure Testing for Travel to the USA

Effective December 6, 2021, all US-bound air travelers, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, will be required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 viral test taken no more than one calendar day before they board their flight to the United States. BFREE can arrange for a licensed testing team of trained medical personnel, approved by the Belize Ministry of Health, to use testing kits that are FDA and WHO-approved for all visitors. Tests will occur at or near the accommodation of your last night in Belize as scheduled on your itinerary. If testing is not available in the area, testing will occur at the airport before departure. The COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test fee in Belize is \$75 USD and can be paid with cash or credit card at time of the test. One must show their passport and complete the provided intake form.

Self-reporting is not accepted. Self-test kits are illegal in Belize. The government regulates the importation of test kits, and they will be confiscated and the passenger possibly fined.

In Case of Positive Results

In case of a positive COVID-19 result, individuals are required to quarantine for a mandatory period of 10-14-days. Quarantine location is decided by the Ministry of Health once a positive test has been confirmed. BFREE will assist in accommodating individuals with their quarantine location. However, BFREE staff will not be available to stay in the location of the quarantined individual. For visitors under the age of 18 with a positive COVID-19 result, BFREE requires a chaperon remains in the country with the quarantined individual. Hotel accommodations for the quarantined individual vary in cost. Hotel staff can bring meals from restaurants or shop at the grocery store for essential items at an additional cost.