

## **PHASE III BORDER RE-OPENING**

Phase III in the border reopening process is scheduled to begin on 1st December, 2020 allowing international travel and the re-opening of the tourism industry.

Visitors will be required to register at [www.bvigateway.bviaa.com](http://www.bvigateway.bviaa.com).

Cabinet decided that Phase III Testing Protocol, as amended, which requires certified RT-PCR testing at various intervals and sites for all arriving travelers in order to manage the risk of COVID-19 transmission while reducing quarantine requirements during the incubation period for the disease as follows:

- testing and quarantine protocols apply to all travelers inclusive of Tourists, Residents, Belongers and Work Permit holders;
- Cabinet decided that all travelers will be required to download the approved app and must be issued a Travel Certificate;
- Cabinet decided that the following tests will be required:
  - A Certified RT-PCR COVID-19 negative test within five days prior to arrival for all travelers from low risk countries; and within three days prior to arrival for all travelers from medium and high risks countries.
  - a test on arrival, which if negative, allows controlled movement within the confines of an approved property; and
  - A test after 4 complete days of quarantine, which if negative, allows movement within the Territory.
- Cabinet decided that a traveler who tests positive before arrival will not be allowed to enter the Virgin Islands;
- Cabinet decided that a positive test at any stage upon arrival will require fourteen (14) days quarantine; and for the avoidance of doubt
- To allow a mandatory quarantine period of four (4) days within the confines of an approved property or vessel.
- Cabinet further decided that the Protocol for Vessel Arrivals will require certified RT-PCR testing and provide for quarantine accommodations aboard vessels as well as restricted movement within Territorial waters as follows:

- Four (4) days quarantine will be undertaken on the vessels at mooring sites to be approved by the Minister for Health and Social Development in consultation with the Minister for Natural Resources, Labor and Immigration;
- Cabinet decided that vessels will be able to move within territorial waters during the quarantine period but they may only moor at approved sites as approved *by the Minister for Health and Social Development in consultation with the Minister for Natural Resources, Labor and Immigration*;
- That Mega yachts will be approved entry in accordance with established marine protocols, except otherwise as approved by the Minister for Health and Social Development.