

**PHASE III REOPENING OF TERRITORY'S BORDERS**  
**STEERCO PUBLIC BRIEFING #7 - Nov 23**

Now let's answer some questions today.

○ **Do the protocols for visitors apply to BVI islanders/Residents?**

Yes. Every one registers. Everyone does a pre-test as well as a test on arrival (Day 0), and everyone does four complete days of quarantine. There is also a test on Day 4 of your quarantine.

○ **What are the requirements for residents to reenter BVI after December 1<sup>st</sup>?**

You register. You do your pre-test (remember that's within five days of travel). You do your test on arrival, four days of quarantine, and test on the morning of Day 4 of your quarantine. Then you'd exit quarantine on receipt of your negative test result. This will happen no later than the morning of Day 5.

○ **Do we have to print the BVI Travel Certificate, Travel Insurance Certificate, and Testing Results?**

No, a copy on your phone or tablet is sufficient. Just ensure you can show it when asked. This means monitoring your battery life.

○ **What fees do I have to pay? How do I pay my fee?**

The total fee of \$175 is paid through the Gateway Portal, either the app or the website.

○ **What does this \$175 fee cover?**

The fee covers all Airport administration fees and seaport administration fees, the arrival testing as well as the Day 4 PCR tests, the tracking App, and any Monitoring devices or bracelet.

○ **If someone tests positive on arrival, would they be refused entry?**

No, that person would enter medical quarantine for the next 14 days.

○ **How long would we quarantine for if we test positive while in the BVI?**

If you test positive you will be required to undergo 14 days of quarantine in a Government approved location. Of course, if you have already completed four days of quarantine and this is your Day 4 test, your 14 days includes that and you would have 10 **further** days of quarantine.

○ **Who pays for the cost of medical quarantining for residents?**

Government covers the cost of the quarantine facility and the resident traveller covers the cost of food and security. As of 1 December, security is handled through the monitoring bracelet or location device.

○ **Where will we be quarantined?**

Quarantine will be conducted in a Government approved location. This might be your resort, your yacht, your home—any location that’s already pre-inspected and preapproved by the government.

○ **May I select which Government Quarantine facility I go to?**

You can request a specific facility but the final decision rests with the Ministry of Health.

○ **How are quarantine days counted? When does day 1 of quarantine begin?**

Your arrival day is Day 0. Then, you quarantine for four full days, Days 1-4. You then test on the morning of the fourth day of your quarantine. You are then free to move around the BVI and enjoy all we have to offer, once you receive a negative result on your Day 4 test on the morning of the fifth day, and of course, once you adhere to all of our safety protocols.

○ **What are the costs for quarantining in a Government Facility?**

You pay \$175 like all travellers, all entrance, and you register to be approved for travel to the BVI. You also pay for the cost of food while you are being quarantined.

○ **Can I quarantine in my home? How do I arrange this?**

Private home quarantine can be arranged through the Environmental Health Division. Your home must be pre-certified. Do contact them on 468.5110

○ **How soon may I register for my quarantine accommodation to be inspected?**

This can and should be done as early as possible.

○ **Do Children have to be tested?**

Children under the age of five do not have to undergo the PCR test. Children between five and ten would typically do a mouth swab, and children over 10 would typically do a deep nasal swab.

○ **Where will I do my Day 4 test?**

We have arranged a number of testing sites on each of the four main islands in the BVI. You will be advised on where you will do your Day 4 test when your testing appointment is arranged.

- **What are the types of tests? Are there rapid test kits? What is the turnaround time for testing?**

In the BVI, the test that we recognize is the PCR Deep Nasal Swab Test. There are currently no rapid test kits, or no rapid testing, that we in the BVI have certified as sufficient for our needs at this time. The turnaround time for your test results is Currently 24 hours. So, on one morning you take your test, and the next morning your test results will come out.

- **When will ferries run to and from St Thomas?**

The Road Town Jetty is scheduled to reopen on December 8.

- **Relevant Contact Numbers**

Pre Approving Residence for Quarantine - Telephone - 284.468.5110

COVID-19 Hotline - Telephone - 284.852. 7650

Reopening Steering Committee - WhatsApp - 284.496.6129 or email [reopening@bvitourism.com](mailto:reopening@bvitourism.com)

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