



*A Flats Fishing Destination*

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## Belize River Lodge COVID-19 Updates March 8, 2022



Belize River Lodge is Gold Standard certified; and while BRL has always maintained clean and sanitary conditions, we “upped” our game to keep you, our guest, our crew and ourselves safe and healthy.

### TRAVELLING AND ENTRY INTO BELIZE

Belize is easy to get to, even with COVID and Belize has polices in place to make sure you, our guest, and Belizeans are safe during these trying times.

1. All travelers visiting Belize are recommended to stay at an approved hotel/tourist accommodation (Gold Standard). No worries, BRL is an approved Gold Standard hotel and tour operator and we also transfer all guests to/from airport to the Lodge.
2. Upon entry into Belize, you must complete the Customs and Immigration form that is provided to you on your flight to Belize.
3. All visitors **MUST** purchase Belizean Health Insurance policy, prior to their visit to the country. Health Insurance can be purchased on website, <https://belizetravelinsurance.com/>, cost is US\$18 per person for up to a 21 day stay. Can be renewed for longer stays. Please plan on purchasing ahead of time as travel insurance lines are long at the airport.
  - Belize Travel Health Insurance FAQs from the BTB Website (<https://belizetourismboard.org/news-and-gallery/belize-covid-19-travel-updates/#1644267251448-a81e4da2-0184>)
    - The Belize Travel Insurance policy covers visitors for medical emergencies up to the Maximum policy limit of US \$50,000.00 for the low cost of US \$18 for a period of 21days.
    - It will also cover the cost of emergency treatment, diagnostic services, outpatient care, medical equipment, hospital stay, in-hospital miscellaneous charges, emergency room, emergency surgery, emergency transportation by local ambulance, prescription drugs all at 100% of eligible expenses, up to the policy limit.
    - The lodging expenses at a certified Gold Standard accommodation due to Sanitary Isolation because of the Pandemic (Covid 19) up to US\$2,000.00 (Max US \$300.00 per day).
    - This policy will also cover Reimbursement of Hotel Expenses for a Gold Standard accommodation due to inability to travel. It covers some pre-paid lodging expenses if insured is unable to travel to Belize due to: Sickness, injury, or death of the insured or a family member once legitimate proof is provided.
    - **To be eligible for this benefit, the insured must have purchased this policy before the date of trip/arrival to Belize.** Coverage will only reimburse hotel fees that are not refunded by the hotel. It does not cover fees paid to private rental properties (for example Airbnb).

- The maximum amount reimbursable under this benefit is US \$3,000 per person.
    - This policy will also provide cover for Emergency Assistance Services which include, Emergency air evacuation and transportation of a close relative up to a combined maximum of US \$20,000.00, and repatriation of mortal remains up to US\$5,000.00 and also covers for Emergency expenses related to pre-existing conditions up to a combined maximum limit of US\$25,000.00
4. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to covid test to enter Belize, however, proof of vaccination **MUST BE** shown at the airport upon entry into Belize.
- If you **DO NOT** have proof of vaccination or if you are not vaccinated, you **MUST** show proof of a Negative Covid-19 test.
    - (a) A PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Belize
    - (b) An approved Antigen Rapid Test taken within 48 hours prior to arrival in Belize.
    - (c) A COVID-19 test can be administered at the airport for a fee of USD\$50 per passenger.
  - Children under the age of 12 years will not be required to present a negative test.

Note: We are required to point out that at any point if you test positive for Covid-19 while in Belize, you will be placed in mandatory quarantine for a period of time as directed by, the Quarantine Authority and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry responsible for health. Belize has mandated travel insurance, please purchase prior to your trip to Belize.

When you arrive in Belize, if you are asked by Belize Immigration, you will be staying at Belize River Lodge, a Gold Standard Hotel. You may be asked to show a letter of confirmation from us or your travel agent.

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Town: Ladyville

District: Belize

**Re: COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS WHILE IN BELIZE**

During your Belizean visit, you must adhere to all health and safety protocols in Belize including

1. Mask mandates are slightly altered but still in place for public places, such as airports, churches, banks social clubs, Government buildings (airport), stores/shops and public transportation, etc.

**Wear your mask, covering nose and mouth,** (gators/buffs/bandanas no longer accepted) **indoors** (required by law)

**No longer need a face coverings when**

- i. **in a private residence**
- ii. **Outdoors / open spaces**
- iii. **Driving with members of the same household**

2. Sanitize often

3. Maintain social distancing

- a. Only fully immunized individuals can attend social gatherings (vaccination card required to be shown), such as Church, social clubs, sporting events, etc

4. Enjoy your trip!

*\*The protocols are subject to change as the situation evolves. All updates will be emailed as soon as possible.*

**Vaccination Card:** Vaccination cards or a negative COVID test will be required to enter all public buildings. If moving around Belize, touring &/or other, you may be asked to show proof of vaccination or if not, than a recent negative COVID test.

## **BELIZE RIVER LODGE AND VACCINATION**

All BRL management, staff and guides are fully vaccinated and boosted or are just awaiting proper time for booster shot.

- **Every tour guide must present their vaccination card and have it readily available** – BRL will have copies of each of our guides/captain's vaccination cards.
- Every tour operator and tour guide shall present his immunization card prior to entering any tourist site and a tour operator or tour guide who fails to present his immunization card shall be refused entry to the tourist site

## **Belize River Lodge continues with our Gold Standard “boutique fishing lodge experience”- smaller groups to adhere to social distancing.**

1. All BRL management, staff and guides have been trained for COVID-19 re-opening cleaning and sanitizing protocols and policy updates in order to keep you, our guest, and ourselves safe during the pandemic.
2. Cleaning and Sanitization Protocols: BRL has always maintained an extremely high standard of cleanliness. With COVID19 and the BTB's Gold Standard Certification, Belize River Lodge has enhanced our cleaning and sanitizing procedures throughout the Lodge. These standards apply to all vehicles, skiffs, as well as all guest areas.
3. This is big for some anglers and not such a biggie for others, we had to remove all books, photo albums, magazines, anything of paper from rooms and common areas; so please bring your reading material. Marguerite says her Lodge looks bare!
4. BRL will be following the BTB's Health and Safety guidelines.

## **RETURNING TO THE USA ~ CDC REQUIREMENTS**

You will need a negative Rapid Antigen COVID-19 test within 24 hours of your return back to the USA. BRL will arrange with Belize Diagnostics to come out to BRL within the 24 hours of your departure from Belize, either right after breakfast or after fishing before appetizers to administer your COVID-19 test. Your results are ready before Belize Diagnostics leaves and a printed copy of your results are given to you. For our Canadian guests, PCR tests are also available.

For Rapid Antigen tests, Belize Diagnostics is paid US\$75.00 per person, directly in cash.

For PCR tests, Belize Diagnostics is paid US\$200.00 per person, directly in cash.