

# Islas Secas

## ISLAS SECAS COVID-19 POLICIES & PROCEDURES 2022 SEASON

**Thank you for your interest in visiting Islas Secas! We strongly recommend reading this entire document to best prepare for your visit to Panama and Islas Secas. We are happy to address any questions or comments you may have.**

Dear Guest,

Thanks to our location 20 miles from mainland Panama, Islas Secas provides an exclusive travel opportunity unique to our current times. On property, our seven private casitas sites are well distanced from one another and secluded by nature, and extensive measures are in place to provide a safe environment for both guests and staff.

Prior to arriving on the island for the 2022 season, all staff members underwent a strict quarantine and were required to return three negative COVID-19 tests. In addition, all the staff is fully vaccinated and undergo a PCR test every two weeks.

As a guest of Islas Secas, we ask that you treat your arrival on the island with care and precaution. Please note, entry requirements for access to Islas Secas are now the same for those required for entry to Panama itself.

Accompanying this letter is more detailed information regarding entry requirements for both Islas Secas and Panama as well as what to expect as a guest while on island. These guidelines are subject to change as Islas Secas continually monitors the government's requirements.

We look forward to seeing you on island soon.

Sincerely,  
**Andrey Gomez**  
*Managing Director*

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## **ISLAS SECAS – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Guests who met Panama's entry requirements for Covid, and were permitted into the country, do not need to provide any vaccination or testing documentation to Islas Secas.
- Residents of Panama visiting Islas Secas will be requested to provide Islas Secas Resort the same Covid documentation as international travellers did when they entered Panama: either proof of vaccination, or a negative PCR or antigen test.
- Any guest age 17 or younger will not be required to provide Covid documentation to Islas Secas, provided that they are accompanied by an adult that has met the Covid protocols listed above.

## **ARRIVAL IN PANAMA – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**International guests need to comply with any government mandated requirements to enter Panama.**

- Travelers will not have to present a negative COVID-19 test for entry as long as they can provide physical or digital proof of at least 2 (two) doses or complete vaccination scheme endorsed by the WHO, EMA and FDA, equal to or greater than 14 days after the last dose.
- Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated travelers will be required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test taken no more than 72 hours prior to their arrival time in Panama.
- If a test is not possible within that time frame, a COVID-19 rapid test will be mandated at the airport and the traveler will have to cover the costs of said test (USD \$50).
  - If the results are positive, the traveler will be placed under a mandatory 5-day quarantine in a hotel. The cost of the stay must be fully covered by the traveler.
  - Any child or person under 17 years will not have to present a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination record if they are accompanied by an adult when entering Panama.
- ALL travelers are required to present their completed Electronic Health Affidavit (in physical or digital form) to their airline or carrier BEFORE boarding to Panama. Register and fill out your [Health Affidavit](#)
- For the latest information on entry requirements for Panama please check these websites
  - [Visit Panama](#)
  - [Autoridad de Turismo de Panama](#)

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## **TRANSFERS TO AND FROM ISLAS SECAS**

All Islas Secas guests flying into Tocumen International Airport (Panama City) or Enrique Malek Airport (city of David) who have booked transfers with Islas Secas will be greeted by an Islas Secas representative who will escort them through customs and immigration. During this VIP escort, guests will be asked to present the required documentation required by the Panamanian authorities including the Ministry of Health (MINSAs).

### **For all transfer options offered by Islas Secas, the following protocol applies:**

- Guests and staff are required to wear masks at all times during transfers (masks will be provided if needed)
- All modes of transportation will be cleaned thoroughly after every guest trip
- Hand sanitizer will be provided

## **ON-ISLAND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

Islas Secas' COVID-19 operating protocols have been reviewed and approved by Panama's Ministry of Health (MINSAs).

### **Operations & Procedures**

#### **Health Screening**

- If a guest or staff member develops any COVID-19 symptoms, the individual will be immediately isolated and examined by the on-island doctor who will determine the next appropriate steps
- Our on-island doctor is equipped with full PPE and will be able to provide testing capabilities working directly with a medical facility in David
- If a guest tests positive during their stay at Islas Secas, the following procedure applies
  - The guest will remain in isolation before being transferred by boat (in accordance with COVID-19 protocols) to the mainland (anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is not permitted to quarantine on the islands)
  - The resort team will assist with arranging a place at an authorized hotel hospital as designated by the Ministry of Health for the guest to quarantine (please note the cost of the stay must be covered by the traveler)
  - Where guests have COVID-19 evacuation and repatriation cover, the resort team will work the guest's insurers to help facilitate their return home

#### **Enhanced Cleaning Protocols**

- All guest and staff areas, including casitas, will be disinfected regularly
- Hand sanitizer will be provided to all guests and staff

#### **Masks & Social Distancing**

- Masks will be provided to all guests and staff
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times
- While in outdoor public areas, guests should practice social distancing
- Guests will be physically spaced out for meals and the resort may stagger seating times

If guests are interested in reviewing the full MINSAs operating requirements for Islas Secas Resort, or if have any other queries relating to entry to Panama and access to Islas Secas, please contact reservations at [info@islassecas.com](mailto:info@islassecas.com)

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