TIPS FOR TRAVELING TO VIEQUES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Before you Leave:

1. **What to Pack:**
    1. Lots of masks**!** You should have a clean mask for every single outing.
    2. Sanitizer: Always have it, always use it.
    3. Medicine: Bring enough for the entirety of your trip.
    4. Food: You may want to consider bringing enough to last you for the first 24-48 hours, or until you can arrange for a grocery delivery if you are choosing to self-quarantine. You can plan to acquire groceries through a delivery service: (superdescuentosmorales@yahoo.com)
2. **Get a Molecular COVID-19 Test:** You MUST get tested within 72 hours of your departure and your test MUST yield a negative result. If you arrive without it, be prepared to test upon arrival.
    1. Only symptomatic travelers (a person who is displaying COVID-19 related symptoms) will get tested at the airport by the Puerto Rico National Guard.
    2. The 14-day quarantine is mandated until the traveler provides proof of a negative molecular test result taken on the Island.
3. **Fill Out a Travel Declaration Form:** This short form is required for entry and can be found at www.travelsafe.pr.gov and www.viaja seguro.pr.gov. If you do not fill out your travel declaration form ahead of time, there are kiosks at the airport where you may do so, but the lines can be long. All recent travel guidelines can be found at: https://www.discoverpuertorico.com/info/travel-guidelines.

At the Airport:

1. **ALWAYS WEAR YOUR MASK**
2. **WASH AND SANITIZE YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY**
3. **STAY 6 FT AWAY FROM OTHER TRAVELERS**
4. **HAVE YOUR COVID TEST RESULTS ON HAND AND READY**
5. **HAVE YOUR TRAVEL DECLARATION FORM FILLED OUT**
6. **BE READY TO PROVIDE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

Traveling to Vieques:

1. **ALWAYS WEAR YOUR MASK.** Face coverings are mandatory at airports, ferry, and all public areas. Noncompliant individuals are subject to a fine.
2. **SJU:** The San Juan Airport has extensive safety protocols, such as thermographic cameras to monitor temperatures, mask requirements, and enhanced supervision and screening at the baggage claim and exit *You will not be allowed to leave the airport without filling out a Travel Declaration Form.*
3. **TRANSPORTATION FROM SJU**: Certified transportation carriers are properly disinfecting vehicles and have hand sanitizer available.
    a. Drivers are wearing gloves when handling doors and luggage. Face coverings are mandatory for drivers and passengers.

    b. Ride sharing options like Uber are mandating face coverings for drivers and passengers, with no front seat passengers permitted.
4. **FERRY:** Only residents of Vieques can travel on the ferry at this time. You WILL be asked for your residents' card and you WILL be turned away if you cannot provide one. Masks are required at all points on the ferry and in the terminal. Be prepared for the National Guard to take your temperature and spray your hands with sanitizer before entering the ferry.
5. **VIEQUES AIRPORT**: You are currently required to fly to Vieques if you are not a resident. Follow all instructions upon arrival to SJU where you will scan an Airport Exit Confirmation QR Code. You will automatically receive this when uploading your molecular test results to the Puerto Rico Health Department's online portal.

Arriving to Vieques:

1. **MASK Required**.
2. **QUARANTINE:** Since the PCR test travelers are required to have is taken prior to traveling, by the time you arrive on Vieques, it is possible that the test results are inaccurate. Meaning, you may contract the virus while traveling and be unaware. We highly encourage you to act with extra caution or to voluntarily self-quarantine the first two weeks after your arrival so that you do not inadvertently bring the virus to our small island.
3. **HAVE A PLAN:** You can plan to acquire groceries through a delivery service (superdescuentosmorales@yahoo.com) and know what restaurants are delivering (Rincon del Sabor, Bigotes, Bieke Bistro). Our contact tracing team encourages you not to make non-essential trips to the bank, post office, stores and restaurants in your first two weeks on vieques after traveling.
4. **AFTER QUARANTINE:** Make sure you are ALWAYS maintaining physical distance from others. Stay 6ft apart when waiting in lines, ALWAYS wear your mask, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

During Your Stay in Vieques:

1. **RULES:** An Island-wide curfew is in place from 10:00 PM - 5:00 AM. You can be pulled over and ticketed for being out past curfew. Some beaches are open, but not all. Congregating with chairs in large groups at the beach is not allowed. It is important to follow physical distancing guidelines and to use masks when not in the water. (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/visitors.html)
2. **PRIVATE BUSINESSES:** In addition to the PR Executive order, each business has adapted their own set of rules and you must adhere to them. Many establishments require you to wait outside until an employee approaches you with further instructions. Look for signs with instructions about what their requirements are and how many people are allowed inside at a given time (For Example: At the moment, only 2 people are allowed inside at the same time in the Gas Station and Post Office).

3. **DINING**: Restaurants will be operating at 50% capacity. Before entering a restaurant, expect to sign into a logbook for contact tracing purposes, to have your temperature checked, and to be sprayed with hand sanitizer on your hands (or the bottom of your shoes if you're at Mambo's). You must wear your mask at all times, especially when your server is at the table. The only time you should not be wearing a mask is if you are actively eating or drinking.

4. Follow the Vieques Contact Tracing Team on Facebook (Sistema Municipal Investigación Casos y Rastreo Contactos Municipio Vieques) for the latest information on Covid-19 in Vieques. Call us with any questions (787) 340-3837.

If you start to develop symptoms:

1. **STAY HOME AND CALL (787) 741-5000/8261 or contact your local doctor.**
2. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOUSE, you will risk exposing others.**
3. **STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS. If you have minor symptoms, self-quarantine. Isolate and call 911 if you have severe symptoms. See www.cdc.gov for a comprehensive list of symptoms.**
4. **GET TESTED. Once you have contacted a local doctor safely from your home, you will be given an order to get a test at the St. Lucia Laboratory in Isabel II. DO NOT go to the lab without the order, they will not give you a test without it (NO exceptions). The availability of tests varies weekly, and the lab cannot perform the tests without your doctors' orders. DO NOT VISIT THE LAB WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT AND THE FORM.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

DR. PEREZ, HEALTHPROMED	(787) 468-2000
DR. FIGUEROA	(787) 223-1687 or (787) 366-1931
DR . RIVERA	(787) 718-2250
AMBULANCE/EMERGENCY MGMT	911 or (787) 741-8261
CDT	(787) 685-3960 or (787) 741-0398
VIEQUES CONTACT TRACING TEAM	(787) 340-3837

*Please note that these rules are current as of: . Guidelines and best practices are subject to change with Puerto Rico executive order and changes in CDC and WHO guidelines for U.S. travelers. Individual practices at the ferry, SJU and Vieques Airports, and individual businesses are subject to change as well. To stay up to date on Vieques' rules for travelers, follow Vieques Love's and the Municipality's facebook pages, and call our contact tracing team with specific questions.