**Covid-19 and Islands**

***Islands of Bermuda, British Overseas Territory***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | * No more flights in or out, mandatory quarantine for residents who returned to the island, fines for people who are supposed to be quarantined and not in compliance. Everyone else being asked to stay inside and to socially distance if they have to go out. Shops closed, businesses closed. |
| Korrin Lightbourne  Bermuda Business Development Agency  [korrin@bda.bm](mailto:korrin@bda.bm) | 13 May 2020 | Bermuda is now in phase 1 of a 5 phase plan to reopen the economy - restaurants have recently reopened for curbside pickup orders (no dine-in), we are now free to move throughout the island (we were previously restricted to a 0.5 mile radius around our respective houses and were only allowed 1 hour per day for exercise), you have two assigned days to visit grocery stores (A-H on Mondays and Thursdays, I - P on Tuesdays and Fridays, Q - Z on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Sundays for seniors 65+); pharmacies and gas stations have taken social distancing and protective measures - restricting the amount of people that can be in the building at a time, sanitizing hands on entry, face masks are mandatory. |
| John Jones  [the1johnjones@gmail.com](mailto:the1johnjones@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Airport & ports closed except to container ships. Island essentially was totally shut down. All businesses, office building and restaurants were closed. Companies forced to allow work from home. Curfew was in place for weeks. Couldn't leave home from 7pm to 6am for any reason. During daylight hours, required to remain at home and only allowed to leave home for 1 hour a day for walk within 1/2 mile of house. Only other reason to leave house was to shop on your 2 designated days a week (by last name). Army enforced travel ban with roadblocks and ID checks. Inbound passengers on the few allowed private planes and special citizen repatriation charter flights forced to quarantine in Gov't run hotel for 14 days. Restaurant takeout and some store sales with curbside delivery only just reallowed on May 4. |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | There is a help line, they can contact their doctors, there is room at the hospital if required |
| John Jones  [the1johnjones@gmail.com](mailto:the1johnjones@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Forced quarantine at home or special unit at hospital |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
| John Jones  [the1johnjones@gmail.com](mailto:the1johnjones@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Most goods brought in on regular scheduled container ships and cargo planes - both from US. Neither service was interrupted. |
| Korrin Lightbourne  Bermuda Business Development Agency  [korrin@bda.bm](mailto:korrin@bda.bm) | 13 May 2020 | Restrictions put on the amounts of products people are able to buy (to prevent supply exhaustion and hoarding); restrictions on movements throughout the community. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | * Banks have offered relief by lowering rates and waiving late fees, and deferment, there is an unemployment benefit being implemented, some migrant workers have left to go back home, small business relief |
| John Jones  [the1johnjones@gmail.com](mailto:the1johnjones@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | Unemployment paid for 12 weeks at $500 a week. Some few microloans to closed businesses. |
| Korrin Lightbourne  Bermuda Business Development Agency  [korrin@bda.bm](mailto:korrin@bda.bm) | 13 May 2020 | Bermuda government will allow the population to dip into their pension funds to sustain themselves during the pandemic. Financial assistance is also available to those who have become unemployed due to COVID-19. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | Unaware of any measures to date |
| Korrin Lightbourne  Bermuda Business Development Agency  [korrin@bda.bm](mailto:korrin@bda.bm) | 13 May 2020 | There's an emotional wellbeing hotline available - employee assistance programme is also offering virtual counselling sessions. |

1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | As of 23 March special flights being put in place to repatriate US and Canadian citizens to their countries |

1. If applicable, how are lockdown measures being relaxed?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
| John Jones  [the1johnjones@gmail.com](mailto:the1johnjones@gmail.com) | 13 May 2020 | As of May 4 or so, some shops allowed to restart sales but with delivery or curb side pick up only allowed. Restaurants allowed to restart takeout service. |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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| Respondent | Date | Response |
| Marcelle  [itsmarcelle@gmail.com](mailto:itsmarcelle@gmail.com) | 23 March 2020 | * The Government has been very transparent regarding testing, cases, on-island testing - regular daily and sometimes twice daily updates |

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