**Covid-19 and Islands**

***Turks and Caicos Islands***

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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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | * Curfew in effect from 8 PM – 5 AM from Thursday 26 March 2020 * 24-hour curfew will be effect from 5 AM Saturday 28 March 2020 until midnight on Tuesday 14 April 2020 * Non-essential services closed during 24 hr curfew. Police will have more power to arrest non-compliant persons * Ban on social gatherings * Closure of public beaches * Ban on residents returning to TCI * Airports are closed * Inter-island travel restricted unless to access essential services * All hotels are closed |
| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | * International travels and inter-island travels were closed, except extremely essential travels. |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | * Borders are closed since March 27th 2020. Curfew was in place with schools being closed, Restaurants and bars. Supermarkets are closed on Sundays only since the past two weeks. Prior to that they were closed on Wednesdays and Sundays with full lockdown on those days. Businesses have opened partially for government and some private sectors with strict rules and the wearing of masks is a must in public places. We have updates from the government and there is a gradual opening of businesses. |

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

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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | * Quarantined and brought to the hospital (InterHealth Canada) in TCI. |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | * Testing and quarantine. There is no county wide testing. |

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

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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | Cargo ships for food supplies are open and continues; medical supplies are brought by UK planes. |

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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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | The government provides economic stimulus program |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | Stimulus package is provided for person in the tourism sector to apply.  Social services has a stimulus package to assist the Turks Islanders who are most vulnerable. NGOs have joined forces to assist persons of all nationalities who are in need of assistance. |

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

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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | The local government, including the Governor, are conducting regular updates of the situation. |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | Social Services along with government psychologists and guidance counsellors are working together to assist those who may be in need of support. |

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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| See [Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency Situation Report](https://www.cdema.org/FINAL_CDEMA_Situation_Report_3_-_COVID_19_Outbreak_26_March_2020.pdf) | 26 March 2020 | As of 26 March:   * 2 confirmed cases. * 297 quarantined/self-isolating at home * 1 person quarantined in a facility. |
| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | the COVID-19 dashboard (daily) is circulated to inform the public. |

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

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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | During the lockdown, only people considered essential are given pass. there are strict regulations when it comes to purchasing foods, medicines and other essentials. |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | It is done in phases gradually. |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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| Eric Salamanca  Department of Environment and Coastal Resources  [efsalamanca@gov.tc](mailto:efsalamanca@gov.tc) | 14 May 2020 | People in the Island followed/respected the regulations imposed by the government. |
| Anonymous | 26 May 2020 | There is need for greater testing as some persons maybe asymptomatic.  The stimulus package seems not to be impacting the wider population of persons in need of support. |

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