

TOURISM SANITIZATION GUIDANCE SNORKELING AND FISHING

This guideline should be used by tourism partners who operate fishing and snorkeling charters and tours in the Cayman Islands. Following collaboration with Government partners such as the Ministry of Health, Department of Environmental Health, private sector stakeholders and principles of international health entities such as Public Health England, these standards of practice have been developed to establish industry guidelines for sanitization.

Each operator is responsible for ensuring that current regulations and legislation of the Cayman Islands Public Health Law regarding the prevention, control and suppression of Covid-19 is adhered to. Please verify the most current laws and regulations with official government

Sources. This document is in addition to the public health policy and guidelines and is created to support the “Readiness Plan” for **Phase 4** implementation and should be reviewed and revised upon new phase implementations.

Recommended Guidelines for all Tour and Snorkeling Companies in the Cayman Islands

1. An official Covid-19 sanitization, health and safety policy should be created by tour operators. Information on how to draft your own policy can be found here: <https://www.visitcaymanislands.com/en-us/ourcayman/sanitization-guidelines>.
2. All staff members should be trained with regard to this official policy and any new protocols that will be put in place by the establishment.

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3. All Fishing and Snorkeling companies will adhere to official guidelines with regards to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as outlined by the Cayman Islands Government (CIG).
4. Any new protocols that are established by the CIG will be adhered to, as necessary.
5. Testing of employees as required by the Cayman Islands Government.
6. Additional information can be found at www.gov.ky or email sanitization@caymanislands.ky.

For more information on the National Policies: [NATIONAL POLICES LFT](#)

The following actions should be adopted to ensure the health and safety of passengers and crew.

❖ **Pre-Arrival**

If possible, guests should be notified of the mask requirement for boarding in advance of the trip.

❖ **Arrival**

The Covid safety practices and protocols should be included in the safety briefing.

Use of face masks and social distancing:

- On the boats face masks are required while boarding, but once the safety briefing is done and we are underway, people are able to spread about the boat and optionally masks may be removed.
- Face masks must be used when using the head.
- Although we are very happy to welcome you aboard, we must refrain from handshakes, fist bumps and high fives.
- On public trips guests are encouraged to use the same area for seating.
- Practice safe personal hygiene - cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands, or sneeze/cough into your elbow.

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Boats:

- The maximum number of people on our public trips has been reduced. For boats with legal capacity over 40 pax, the number of pax shall be restricted to 70% of the legal capacity.
- Heads are cleaned with disinfectant before trips and again at the end of the day. Suitable product is a 10% bleach solution.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the head, food areas and multiple locations around the boat. Guests are also encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
- There will be no communal rinse buckets on the boat.
- Between trips and at the end of each day, high traffic areas are wiped with a sanitizing solution followed by the normal boat rinsing. Suitable product is a 10% bleach solution

Gear:

- Guests are encouraged to bring their own snorkel equipment if available.
- Masks and snorkels will be washed in a sanitizing solution, then rinsed with freshwater at the end of every day. Solution to be 1) Suitable product is a 10% bleach solution for more than 15 minutes, or 2) an agent approved for use against the virus by the Director of Environmental Health of the Department of Environmental

Health Checks:

- Staff and guests who are not feeling well are asked not to board the boat.
- Staff health is monitored, and tests conducted in line with public health regulations.
- Operators to stay informed on Cayman Covid-19 national policy. Testing may be required for tourism workers.

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