

To all competitors regarding concerns about contracting coronavirus while in Antigua. We are as concerned as you as the only way it will get here is with visitors.

Please see the guidance below from the head of ABSAR and comply with the CDC suggestions. The government of Antigua has already put restrictions in place for travelers originating in China and Milan Italy.

Also be aware that this is a dynamic situation right now and more restrictions may arise.

We need you to vet your own crew closely and from our side we will vet the foreigners we are bringing in for the event management.

After that we can assure you that anyone else not a resident here will not be allowed to attend our events.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and send relevant up dates.

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- To date only 2 persons arriving in Antigua & Barbuda have been considered potentially at risk for Coronavirus exposure. They were screened and quarantined upon arrival in Antigua. So far no positive infections have been reported.
- I understand that the Customs and Immigration have begun enhanced screening procedures for all persons arriving in Antigua and Barbuda to include questioning on recent travel destinations and possible contact with persons who recently have travelled to impacted areas.
- Field test kits that have been used so far seem to be non-diagnostic and unreliable. The definitive testing involves a hospital laboratory with advanced equipment and techniques. This level of testing would most likely require sending samples to a lab in another country.
- Recommendations are:
 - Allow the protocols in place around the world to do their job
 - Any persons, who have travelled to or have had contact with anyone travelling in the impacted zones with the Coronavirus, simply stay at home.

Here is the link to the CDC's website on recommendations for evaluating COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>