**Los Cabos Tourism Board**

**Reopening Health and Safety Protocols**

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Now more than ever, our top priority is the health and wellbeing of travelers, their loved ones and our community.

To ensure the wellbeing of all travelers, Los Cabos has developed a transformative five-phase reopening plan centered on strict standards that facilitate a safer travel environment. We are working closely with hospitals, care units, airports, ports, hotels, resorts and travel partners to align on the implementation of health and safety guidelines across the destination.

**Health and Safety Measures:**

* **Created health and safety guidelines consistent with health authorities**
* **Developed a layered approach** that reinforces hygiene, cleaning, traveler physical distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
* **Implemented standardized health screening protocols** at the airport and port.
* **Partnered with travel providers to obtain a “Clean Point” certification** (Punto Limpio) offered by the Mexico federal government to strictly adhere to hygiene protocols.
* **Enforced a flexible reservation policy for travelers**
* **Streamlined the communication** protocols between hotel, suppliers, and local authorities

**Health and Safety Guidelines:**

*Implemented by hotels, time shares, transportation companies, and travel operators.*

**Airport**

* Implementation of health screenings to detect and isolate travelers suspected to be infected with the virus including the following:
	+ Thermal imaging to monitor and identify passengers with temperatures higher than 99.0 F
	+ Risk factor questionnaire to asses travelers arriving in Los Cabos
	+ Isolation of infected travelers
	+ Availability of masks to passengers who appear to be ill
	+ Timely alerts to communicate positive COVID-19 cases at the airport
* Strict implementation of social distancing measures at checking in and handling of language such as:
	+ Airport staff and passengers to maintain a safe distance (6 feet) from others at all times including at check in, immigration area, language drop-off and pick up, boarding, and disembarking among many others.
	+ Airport staff to avoid touching passenger and crew boarding passes, luggage, identification documents, credit cards, mobile devices, etc.
	+ Seating arrangement to ensure separation and healthy distancing protocols
* Increased sanitization and routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and equipment, including equipment to transport luggage or cargo, scanners, touch screens, handrails, etc.
* Dedicated personal designated to respond all COVID-19 related questions

**Transportation Companies (Including Taxis and Digital Platforms)**

* Limitation of close or shared contact with social distancing measures where possible, such as the
	+ Implementation of six-foot distance between drivers and passengers
	+ Implementation of contactless transactions
	+ Avoidance of exchange of objects between the driver and passenger, including free amenities, such as water bottles, magazines, etc.
	+ Avoidance of utilizing a vehicle’s air recirculation option and bring in fresh air instead
	+ Request passengers to wear face masks and use hand sanitizer
* Increased sanitization and routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces

**Restaurants**

* Limitation of close or shared contact amongst staff, between staff and patrons, and amongst patrons where possible, including the
	+ Arrangement of tables at least three feet apart
	+ Managing of capacity to avoid crowed spaces
	+ Implementation of disposable menus or alternatives that can be cleaned and disinfected after each use
	+ Safer exchange of glassware, plates and utensils between staff and patrons
* Increased sanitization and routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and equipment, including lounges, counters and tables, stools and chairs, handrails, beverage stations, trays, etc.

**Other Service Providers**

* Rigorous communication of all health and safety protocols from tour operators/guides/service provides to tourists visiting the destination
* Limitation of close or shared contact with social distancing measures where possible, such as the
	+ Maintenance of six-foot distance amongst guests at check-in lines
	+ Implementation of company or guide assessments of potential risks in crowded locations for tours and activities
	+ Management of the capacity of groups for tours and activities
	+ Maintenance of space between drivers and passengers in transportation units
	+ Placement of transparent protective screens at check-in areas
	+ Wearing of masks and gloves for employees when necessary, such as when serving food
* Increased sanitization and routine cleaning, including:
	+ Cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, equipment, vehicles and self-guides
	+ Availability of liquid soap and sanitizing gel for staff and tour or activity participants
* Implementation of an identification, detection and management process for staff or guests suspected of infection of COVID-19, such as:
	+ Temperature checks for tour and activity participants at check-in
	+ Temperature checks daily for employees

**In addition to the measures above, all people should:**

* Apply increased personal hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing as strictly as possible
* Avoid contact with people who are sick
* Avoid traveling and contact with others if you are sick. Stay home and seek medical advice if you get sick with fever, cough, or have difficulty breathing.

For any additional inquiries, you can contact the Los Cabos Tourism Board at covid19@visitloscabos.travel or visit [visitloscabos.travel/COVID-19](https://www.visitloscabos.travel/covid-19/) to access our online kit, including helpful information regarding the impact of COVID-19 across the destination.