



GOVERNMENT OF THE  
VIRGIN ISLANDS

COVID-19



Joint Information Cell • Health Emergency Operations Centre

**DISTRICT DETAILS INSIDE**

# COVID-19 PHASED RE-OPENING GUIDE

*15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2020*



**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

This guide will outline the first phase of the COVID-19 Phased Internal and Restricted Borders Re-opening Plan for the first six weeks coming out of the 24-hour mandatory curfew.

Provisions are subject to change based on the local epidemiological summary of the British Virgin Islands in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the time of issue on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April the information in this guide is accurate and up to date.

For more updated information, visit:  
[www.bvi.gov.vg/COVID-19](http://www.bvi.gov.vg/COVID-19).

# PHASE ONE

## BORDERS REMAIN CLOSED TO INCOMING TRAVEL

The borders of the Territory will remain closed until **1<sup>st</sup> June 2020** (in the first instance) to incoming travel.

Private boats and vessels within Territorial waters are banned during the **first 30 days**.



# SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED TO STUDENTS

Teachers in a limited capacity can access school facilities and engage in online instruction.



# LIMITED ACCESS TO CRITICAL BUSINESSES ON SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Approved critical business owners allowed to clear goods and carry out necessary in-store sanitisation, physical distancing markers, security, environmental health assessment and associated measures prior to re-opening.

## CRITICAL BUSINESSES ALLOWED TO OPERATE

- Supermarkets
- Minimarts
- Bakeries
- Pharmacies
- Drug stores
- Restaurants  
(deliveries and takeout only)
- Banks/Remittance Services
- Farming and Fisheries
- Fuel Stations and LPG  
(cooking gas)
- Hardware Stores
- Ferries  
(Inter-island movement within the BVI)
- Buses and Taxis  
(limited passengers)
- Laundromats
- Private healthcare providers
- Insurance Companies
- Small Construction Teams  
(20 person limit per project)
- Manufacturers and suppliers of personal protective equipment (PPE) and hand sanitisation products
- Office Supplies
- Telecommunication retail stores
- Garages and automotive supply stores
- Home delivery services
- Hair Salons and Barber Shops

Clearance of goods allowed from Port Purcell on Tortola and St Thomas Bay Jetty on Virgin Gorda from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information please call the BVI Ports Authority's Operations Director on 442-5600.

# CRITICAL BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

1. Frequently sanitise
  - a. Facility entrance with alcohol based sanitisers or hand-washing station.
  - b. Strategically throughout facility.
  - c. High touch surfaces including carts, baskets, checkout stations, seats on ferry/bus etc.
2. Utilise Private Security to enforce physical distancing and sanitisation.
3. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as gloves and/or face masks for food preparation.
4. Buses and Taxis are limited to no more than one passenger per seat to ensure adequate physical distancing.
5. Remote operations, home deliveries and curbside pick-up accommodated where possible.

\* Persons should be guided by **COVID-19 TIPS WHILE UTILISING DRIVERS AND TAKEOUT** on **page 15**

6. Businesses should ensure that their operating hours allow for staff to report and leave work within curfew hours.

**All businesses are mandated to comply with safe social distancing guidelines and the Health Emergency Operations Centre protocols.**



# SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

## LIMITED ACCESS FOR SENIORS AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Seniors and Essential Workers will be allowed to leave their homes to access critical businesses for essential supplies and services.

**ALL OTHER RESIDENTS SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME.**





# WHO IS A SENIOR?

Persons who are 70 years of age and older are classified as SENIORS in this instance. Seniors are most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 and should be mindful in reducing the risk of infection by doing the following:

- Stay at home if possible
- Practice social distancing and keep at least 6 feet of space between yourself and others
- Avoid contact with visibly sick people
- Carry identification such as Driver's Licence or passport
- Bring a Shopping List of essentials and stock up to limit frequent shopping
- Bring re-usable shopping bags
- Bring a 70% alcohol based sanitiser and use often
- Bring an umbrella and water in case of a wait





# WHO IS AN ESSENTIAL WORKER?

ESSENTIAL WORKERS are those who have been identified to carry out essential services during the curfew hours. Essential workers were provided with a curfew pass and additional identification that allowed them to travel to and from their homes to carry out their duties.



# MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 6:00 A.M.

ALL residents will be allowed to leave their homes to access critical supplies and services while following the appropriate physical distancing measures of 6 feet between persons within their districts.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING IS PROVEN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

Person      6ft      Person      6ft      Person



# LIMITED ACCESS TO ROAD TOWN (BUSINESS DISTRICT)

Access to supplies and services in the Road Town 'Business District' will be allowed for four (4) days by a district to district schedule as follows:

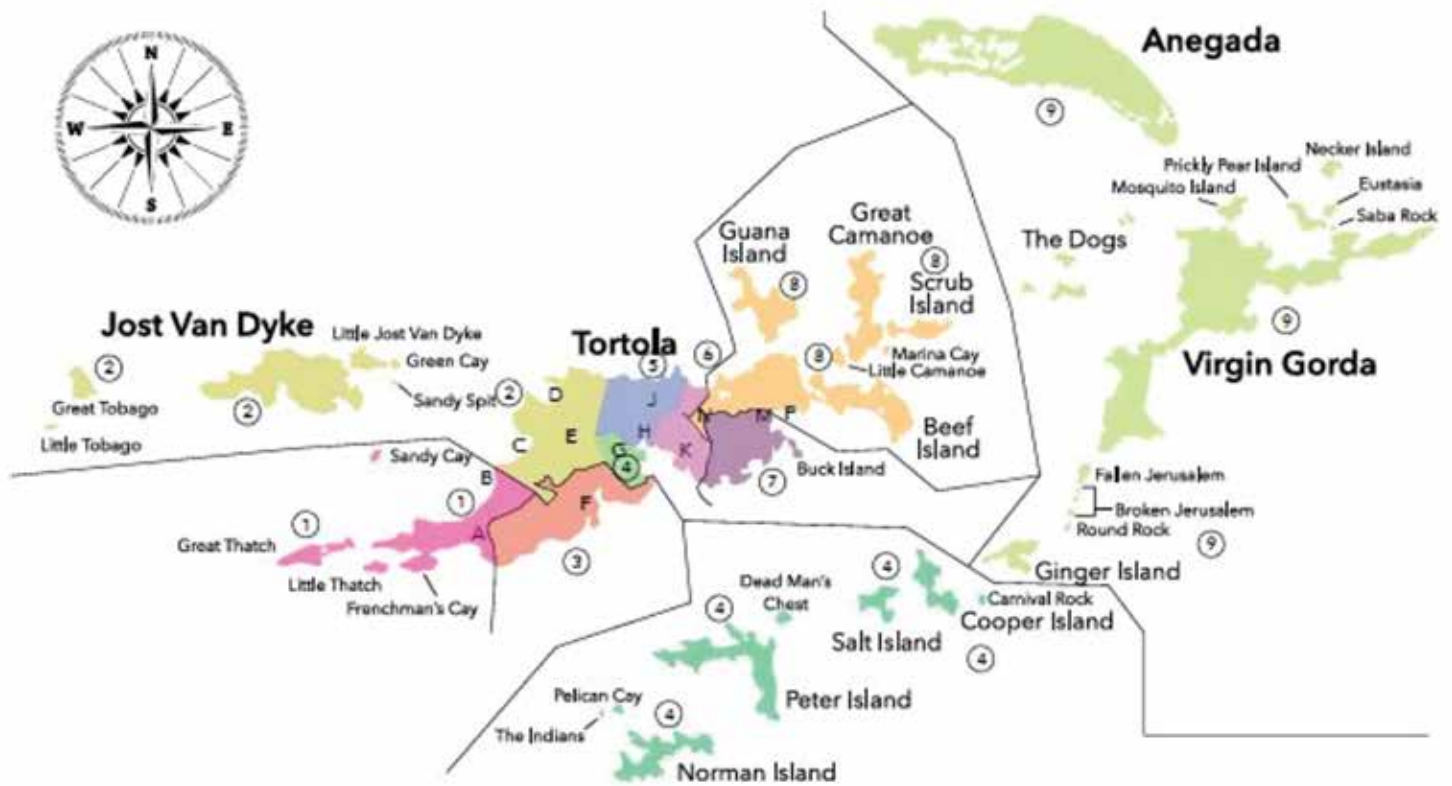
<b>DATE</b>	<b>RESIDENTS</b>
Monday, April 20	<b>Districts 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>
Tuesday, April 21	<b>Districts 1, 2 (Jost Van Dyke) &amp; 3</b>
Wednesday, April 22	<b>District 7 &amp; 8</b>
Thursday, April 23	<b>District 9 on Virgin Gorda</b>

**\* Residents in District 9 on Anegada will be allowed to travel to the Road Town business district from April 20 to 23.**

**A NIGHT TIME CURFEW WILL BE IN EFFECT FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M. DAILY.**



# ROAD TOWN 'BUSINESS DISTRICT' ACCESS



DISTRICTS	AREAS
<b>First District</b>	West End (Tortola) Carrot Bay (Tortola) Zion Hill (Tortola) Long Bay (Tortola)
<b>Second District</b>	Meyers (Tortola) Cane Garden Bay (Tortola) Brewers Bay (Tortola) Jost Van Dyke
<b>Third District</b>	Sea Cow's Bay and surroundings (Tortola)
<b>Fourth District</b>	Road Town and surroundings (Tortola) Salt Island
<b>Fifth District</b>	Huntum's Ghut (Tortola) Long Trench (Tortola)

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<b>Sixth District</b>	Baugher's Bay (Tortola) East Central (Tortola) Belle Vue (Tortola)
<b>Seventh District</b>	Long Look (Tortola) Beef Island
<b>Eighth District</b>	East End (Tortola) Greenland (Tortola) Hope Estate (Tortola)
<b>Ninth District</b>	North Sound (Virgin Gorda) The Valley (Virgin Gorda) Anegada

# SHOPPER'S GUIDE

Residents who shop during the first 4 days are encouraged to:

- **Carry Identification:**

*Driver's Licence*

*Passport*

*Belonger Card*

- **Essential Workers: carry curfew passes**



- **Bring a shopping list of essential items for speedy shopping**



- **Bring an umbrella and water in case of a wait**



\* **IDs may be checked** by Royal Virgin Islands Police Officers.

\* **Road Blocks** to Central Road Town will restrict entry outlined in the designated district to district schedule.



# PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

ALL Shoppers will be required to observe social distancing of 6 feet.



**SHOP ONLY IF NECESSARY FOR CRITICAL SUPPLIES DURING 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO 23<sup>RD</sup>. CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES WILL OPEN DAILY AFTER APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> DURING THE ALLOTTED CURFEW HOURS.**

# REMINDERS

- **A night time curfew will be in effect from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily.**
- **Mass Gatherings limited to 20 persons (includes faith-based gatherings/church).**
- **No access to beaches/sea.**
- **Breach of curfew will be subject to fines and temporary business closure if not compliant with requirements.**
- **Royal Virgin Islands Police will enforce in-district movement during April 20 to 23.**



# COVID-19 TIPS WHILE UTILISING DELIVERIES AND TAKEOUT

Even if you use curbside pick-up or delivery apps that offer 'no contact' deliveries, take additional precaution and do the following:

- Disinfect all surfaces and grocery bags. Make sure to first clean the bag, before disinfecting if it is a reusable bag.
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before and after handling packages.
- Leave cardboard boxes outside of your residence.
- Reheat leftover foods to 165F before eating.
- Sanitise bags that hold food items such as bread bags.
- Wash fruits and vegetables with 1part vinegar to 2 parts water for 30-60 seconds.



**COVID-19 VIRUS** spreads primarily through droplets generated from saliva or discharge from the nose by an infected person who coughs or sneezes. It can live in the air and on surfaces from 3 hours to 3 days.

# **FEELING SICK?**

**Persons who feel ill are advised to stay  
at home and not go out in public.**

**STAY AT HOME  
DO NOT VISIT THE HOSPITAL  
OR PRIVATE DOCTOR**

**CALL THE MEDICAL HOTLINE**

**852-7650**



# DO YOUR PART

Simply adhering to the guidelines, staying at home and avoiding unnecessary contact and practicing social distancing can better protect you, your family and the entire BVI family against the spread of the COVID-19 virus.



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