





 Starting September 15th foreign visitors will have a free protection and assistance plan, while airports will only apply random COVID-19 tests upon passengers' arrival



 **into Domingo, Dominican Republic (September 7, 2020)** – The Minister of Tourism of Dominican Republic, David Collado, announced he is working with different sectors on the st details prior to the start of the new provisions and sanitary protocols of the Responsible      **urism Recovery Plan, ready to be implemented as of this September 15. The minister stated that he has been working hand in hand with the private sector, health authorities and other sectors in the improvement of hospitals located in the country's main tourist centers, verifying bed availability and conditions, in order to have well-tuned logistics for the management of potential visitors infected and with symptoms of COVID-19.**

As of September 15, tourists arriving in Dominican Republic will no longer need to show a negative PCR test completed prior to entering the country. Instead, non-invasive breath test will be performed randomly for diagnosis. Likewise, foreign visitors who enter the country from September 15 to December 31, 2020, will have a free traveler assistance plan provided at the time of check-in at their hotel, which includes emergencies in case of an infection of COVID-19.

“The Tourism Recovery Plan includes measures that no country in the region currently has,” said Minister Collado.

Additionally, on September 15 the Ministry of Public Health will begin publishing a special report for tourist centers on contagions and casualties related to COVID-19, in pursuit of continuing the highly controlled situation in which they currently are. It is important to highlight that today, when it comes to the pandemic, the country maintains several of the most favorable indicators in the entire region.

With these measures, the Ministry of Tourism reaffirms its commitment to ensuring the safety and trust of tourists who are attracted by the beauty and charms Dominican Republic has to offer.

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Well known for off-the-beaten-path excursions, rich culture, endless amenities and year-round perfect climate, Dominican Republic is a place like no other. Easily accessible via a direct flight from most major airports, it is an ideal oasis for celebrities, couples and families alike. From hiking trails to undiscovered beaches and world-class golf courses, here you can relax in our luxurious and diverse accommodations, explore ancient relics of centuries past, revel in Dominican fare, or enjoy ecotourism adventures in our magnificent national parks, mountain ranges and rivers.

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