

Big Five Now Includes Required Insurance to Enter Costa Rica



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Costa Rica's borders are now open and the country is welcoming travelers from the United States. But Costa Rica still requires that visitors carry mandatory health insurance to cover medical expenses related to possible treatment for the COVID-19 virus.

"We are excited to see Costa Rica continuing to be so inviting to North American travelers," said Ashish Sanghrajka, president of Big Five. "We also understand some of the concerns and that led us to including the travel insurance required for entry into Costa Rica at no additional cost."

"This is not intended to replace recommended comprehensive travel insurance, rather to provide a seamless arrival process that gives peace of mind," Sanghrajka said. "We also urge guests to travel through airports conducting the newly approved rapid testing. The list of airports is growing fast."

Indeed, an increasing number of U.S. airports have introduced COVID-19 testing options to help facilitate domestic and international travel during this pandemic. Testing facilities are currently available at such

airports as Newark International Airport (EWR) in New Jersey and at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in New York. The facilities offer polymerase chain reaction (PCR) (nasal swab) tests, as well as rapid molecular tests that can produce results within 15 minutes; and antibody tests.

At JFK, it is recommended to make a reservation online for a test in advance, but walk-ins are also available. Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) is expected to open by November while San Francisco International Airport (SFO) has partnered with Dignity Health–GoHealth Urgent Care to provide testing both on-site and at nearby locations. For more information, call 800-244-3483 or visit www.bigfive.com.

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