

Re-entry Guidance to St. Kitts – Nevis

The entry protocols and guidelines outlined have been put in place by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis for those returning to or visiting St. Kitts. Please visit the key resources below for real-time information.

KEY RESOURCES

- The [St. Kitts Tourism](#) website offers up-to-date information and advisories.
- If you have not traveled to the island before, we encourage you read the [Preparing to move to St. Kitts webpage](#).
- [Guidelines for travelers per CDC https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel).
- For entry into St. Kitts, you will need to complete the [St. Kitts Travel Form](#) and receive official approval.

Key Considerations for Traveling to St. Kitts On Your Own

If you decide to move to St. Kitts outside of your designated cohort plan, you are solely responsible for understanding and adhering to all the steps and regulations set by the government of St. Kitts and Nevis. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Securing quarantine accommodations
- Arranging for COVID-19 testing
- Completing all necessary entry forms
- Following pet protocols (if applicable)

PRE-TRAVEL

Book Your Flight

Due to country-specific travel restrictions, flights to St. Kitts change frequently. To review current airlines with available flights to St. Kitts, you are strongly encouraged to review the [St. Kitts Tourism Airline Guidance page](#)

Be sure to check directly with the airline to determine availability of flights and options for pets.

Transit to the hotel

Ground Transportation is available at the airport to transport travelers to your quarantine site. You can also arrange with your hotel for pick up options.

Only government-approved personnel (taxi drivers, government officials) can access the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport.

Secure A Quarantine Location

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

Per the St. Kitts government, you can expect to spend a minimum of 14 days in quarantine at a government-approved facility.

Approved Hotels

There are four approved hotels for international travelers on the island that you can explore. These facilities each have their own quarantine guidelines that you are required to adhere to should you stay with them.

Koi Resort-Hilton

Pets are not allowed in this facility. For information on their guidelines and protocols, contact +1.869.465.4499 (St. Kitts) or +1.786.733.5510 (North America) and email Info@KOIResort.com

Location: Basseterre, St. Kitts

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/skbkrqg-koi-resort-saint-kitts/>

Park Hyatt

Pets are not allowed in this facility. For information on their guidelines and protocols, contact +1 869 468 1234 and email parkhyattstkitts@hyatt.com.

Location: Banana Bay, South East Peninsula, St. Kitts,

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/saint-kitts-and-nevis/park-hyatt-st-kitts/skbph>

RoyalSt. Kitts

The Royal St. Kitts is the only government-approved facility that allows one pet per room. In addition to fees associated with staying at this facility, you are required to pay a non-refundable fee of US\$200.00 per pet. You are allowed to take your pet on the hotel grounds for walks and necessary bio-breaks. When the room is being cleaned during your stay, your pet must be crated. The hotel will provide you with additional quarantine guidelines outlining their pet policies before arrival at the facility.

<https://royalstkittshotel.com/>

St. Kitts Marriott Resort

Pets are not allowed in this facility. For information on their guidelines, protocols and to make a reservation, contact [1 869 - 466-1200](tel:18694661200) or 1-866-847-1139 or email janice.laing@stkittsmarriott.com.

The Marriott provides two room options:

Option 1: A standard room with a balcony at \$123.25 USD (includes tax) per night

Option 2: A 1 Bedroom suite with a kitchenette and washer and dryer at \$173.05 USD (including tax) per night

The rates noted here will change after December 21st, 2020. After your reservation is confirmed the full payment for your 14-day stay must be paid. This is non-refundable.

Location: 858 Frigate Bay Road, Frigate Bay, Saint Kitts and Nevis

<https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/skbrb>

Other Rental Options

If you wish to stay at a private rental home or condo, it must be pre-approved as quarantine housing by the government. You are required to cover all costs including 24-hour security and security accommodations (US \$8.00 per hour) To explore this option, you can submit your request to info@stkittstourism.kn.

Arrange for a PCR COVID-19 test from a CLIA/CDC/UKAS approved lab accredited with ISO/IEC 17025 standard

- You are required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR-test before entering St. Kitts and Nevis. **This test must be a recent test of approximately not more than 72 hours or three days old.** Self-samples, rapid tests, or home tests will be considered invalid.
- All tests must be done by a CLIA/CDC/UKAS approved lab accredited with ISO/IEC 17025 standard in your host country
- If the health authorities on St. Kitts and Nevis have reasons to suspect that the laboratory is questionable, or if the test is outdated, fabricated, or inadequate, you will be required to be re-tested upon arrival.

Before you can exit quarantine, you will be tested for COVID-19 on approximately day 14. If your test result is negative, you will be able to freely integrate into the St. Kitts community. If the test is positive, you will be isolated and clinically managed. The COVID-19 PCR test is US\$ 100.00 for 'legal residents'*/nationals and US\$ 150.00/non-nationals/non-residents**

*A legal resident refers to anyone who has been endorsed in their passport with a work permit, annual residency, temporary residency or student visa. RUSVM students and colleagues fall within this grouping.

**A non-national/non-resident refers to anyone who is on the island as a vacationer or for extended visits. VIP's fall within this grouping as well as parents and friends of students and colleagues.

If you need assistance finding an approved lab that provides PCR tests, [this article by The Points Guy](#) may provide some helpful resources.

Complete All Required Entry Forms

Travel Authorization Form

You are required to have your negative PCR-test (see testing for requirements), flight information and booked accommodation to complete the [Travel Authorization Form](#). Once the form is completed and submitted, it will be reviewed, and you will receive an approval letter to enter St. Kitts.

New students are required to show immigration the enrollment letter sent to them from Admissions. This allows them entry into the country in advance of having a student visa. A paper copy is recommended.

COVID-19 Mobile App (EXMAPP)

All in-bound passengers will be required to download and install the St. Kitts & Nevis COVID-19 Mobile App (EXMAPP). The tool will be used during your first 14 days to update the public health team regarding the onset of any COVID-19 symptoms.

When you arrive at the airport in St. Kitts, you will undergo a health screening which includes a temperature check and a health questionnaire.

Pet Protocols

Only the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for the government, Dr. Tracey Challenger, can permit your pet to come to St. Kitts. Currently, the CVO is permitting pets to return to the island on a case-by-case basis. An application is required for pets and service animals. Individual St. Kitts resorts and hotels may have different guidelines. You must receive authorization before booking a ticket. For more information, e-mail quarantineassistantstk@gmail.com. You are asked to contact Dr. Challenger at tchallengerw@gmail.com. To receive approval for Service Animals or Emotional Support Animals for campus access, please email the accommodations office at rusvmaccommodationscoordinator@rossvet.edu.kn.

At this time, we are strongly encouraging you do not bring pets to the island.

SPECIFIC PET REQUIREMENTS

Pets from Rabies endemic countries (e.g. U.S., Canada)

If your pet is returning to the island:

- You must have the results of one current rabies titer.
- A regular health certificate must be submitted to the CVO and your pet must be treated for Ecto and Endo parasite within five days of your arrival before an import permit is issued to you to bring your pet to the island. The date of the application must be recorded on the health certificate.
- Your pet will be required to remain with you during your minimum 14-day quarantine period. Once you are released from quarantine, you must move your animal to your private residence where the animal must continue the 30-day quarantine required of animals brought to island.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, your pet must be tested for COVID-19 after the 14-day quarantine. Your pet will not be released until it tests negative for COVID-19. If your pet tests positive, he/she must test negative within five months or it will be euthanized.

If you arrive Monday-Friday with your pet, you will pay a fee of US\$120.00. This fee covers all inspections. There is an additional charge of US\$10.00 if you arrive after 9:00 PM Monday-Friday or on the weekends.

If your pet has not been to St. Kitts before:

- You must have the results of two rabies titers one month apart to present to the CVO.
- An international health certificate must be submitted to the CVO within 30 days of your arrival. At the end of the 30 days, only the CVO can permit the release of your pet.
- A regular health certificate must be submitted, and your pet must be treated for Ecto and Endo parasite within five days of your arrival. The date of the application must be recorded on the health certificate.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, your pet must be tested for COVID-19 after the minimum 14-day quarantine. Your pet will not be released until it tests negative for COVID-19. If your pet tests positive, he/she must test negative within five months or it will be euthanized.

If you arrive Monday-Friday with your pet, you will pay a fee of US\$120.00. This fee covers all inspections. There is an additional charge of US\$10.00 if you arrive after 9 00 PM Monday-Friday or on the weekends.

You may search your country using this [CDC webpage](#).

Only monovalent dead rabies vaccines are acceptable.

Pets from rabies-free countries

We strongly encourage you to pay careful attention to the following guidance per the St. Kitts and Nevis government should the CVO approve your pet(s) return:

Pets from rabies-free countries (e.g. France)

- Your pet must be vaccinated for rabies 30 days before travel to the island.
- An international health certificate must be submitted to the CVO within 5 days of travel before an import permit is issued to you to bring your pet to the island.
- Your pet will be required to remain with you during your minimum 14-day quarantine period.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, your pet must be tested for COVID-19 after the 14-day quarantine. Your pet will not be released until it tests negative for COVID-19. If your pet tests positive, he/she must test negative within five months or it will be euthanized.

If you arrive Monday-Friday with your pet, you will pay a US\$65.00 fee. This fee covers all inspections. There is an additional charge of US\$10.00 if you arrive after 9:00 PM Monday-Friday or on the weekend.

You may search your country using this [CDC webpage](#).

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Shipping Information

You can ship your items to the island using the following companies:

- [Tropical Shipping](#) in Miami, 1-305-805-7400, (your packages will arrive at the port by ship)
- [AmeriJet](#) which flies to St. Kitts, 800-927-6059, (your packages will arrive at the airport)

You can use the following brokers to clear your items:

- Royal Logistics - 869 465 5055
- Hobson Enterprises - 869 465 8753

Give the shipping vendor your shipment destination and your arrival date. They will provide you with an estimated shipping date for your items.

Indicate that your contents are "Used Clothing/Items".

Please note, most items you will need can be purchased on the island.

TRAVEL DAY

What to bring with you on your flight?

Please be sure to have all appropriate documentation physically with you, including your passport, negative PCR test documentation, hotel reservation, and authorization/approval letter. If you don't yet have a student visa or your visa has expired, be sure to gather the original documents and photocopies and place them in a folder or envelope. You will need these documents once you get to St. Kitts. We recommend you bring these documents in your carry-on.

Travel Items

- Face cloth coverings or masks for traveling, going out in public, or walking around campus
- Hand sanitizer while traveling
- Personal hygiene items, particularly bath soap and gloves to use inflight lavatory
- A thermometer to self-monitor your body temperature
- Medication and prescriptions*
- Essential documents: passports/Id's, bank cards, financial documents, PCR Test results, hotel reservation, visa documentation (if applicable)
- Snacks if desired while traveling

* Examples of OTC medications to pack: Acetaminophen/paracetamol, Benadryl tabs or cream or other antihistamines like Zyrtec, Antacids, including Zantac or omeprazole, hydrocortisone 1% cream

FIRST TIME TO ST. KITTS INFORMATION

Before you plan your travels, be sure you have considered the following:

- You must submit all required documents, including a valid passport, for your student visa
- New students are required to show Immigration your enrollment and acceptance letter provided by RUSVM Admissions on arrival.
- You must have available off-campus housing to move to after quarantine.
- You will need to show proof of return flight.

Required Visa Documents

For any questions or concerns about the student visa process, please contact Colleen Govia at cgovia@rossvet.edu.kn.

Photocopies or screenshots of all listed documents should be emailed to Bill Bingham at bbingham@rossu.edu AND Justin Taras at jtaras@rossu.edu for review. If any documents are missing or incorrect, you will be informed by email.

Once you have confirmation that your visa requirements are correct, be sure to gather the original documents and photocopies and place them in a folder or envelope. You will need these documents once you get to St. Kitts. We recommend you bring these documents in your carry-on.

Please be sure that all of the requirements have been completed and ensure that all documents are in English or translated into English.

For your student visa, please obtain the following documents:

- Passport-must not expire in the next 6 months, photocopy must be notarized
- Visa Application
- Passport-sized photo
- Proof of funding
- Travel Itinerary
- Police report or background check-within the past 6 months
- Birth Certificate - a photocopy must be notarized
- Marriage certificate or divorce decree (if applicable)- photocopy must be notarized
- Health Certificate-showing 2 MMR Vaccine dates, 3 Hep B dates, and Polio
- VDRL/RPR Test AND TB/ PPD Test-within the past 6 months

Passport

Make a photocopy of your passport's data page and have it notarized. You must have your passport with you to have the copy notarized. Ensure your passport will not expire in the next six months.

Visa Application

Print the application front and back in ONE sheet. Complete both sides of the application in black or blue ink only. Remember: Do not follow the instructions on the back of the visa application – use the PowerPoint instructions instead.

Passport-Sized Photo

Obtain a passport-size photo (2x2). Retailers like Walmart, CVS, or Walgreens can help. Write your first and last name on the back of the photo.

Proof of Funding

You must provide proof of having a minimum of US\$10,000 or more to help with living expenses while on the island. There are three options available to provide proof. Providing proof of financial aid is the most common option and you will be provided instructions for emailing your award history to the University for this option. Should you choose the other two options, we have provided a sample letter and additional instructions in the PowerPoint for you to follow.

Travel Itinerary

You must book a flight reservation to leave at the end of the fall semester (December). Here is a helpful checklist of what you will need:

- You MUST book a flight reservation to leave at no later than the end of the Fall 2021 semester (December).
- Your name must be visible (printed) on the itinerary.
- Your reservation must be confirmed (not showing “pending”).
- Your confirmation/reservation code must be visible.
- Print your travel itinerary and put it along with your other visa documents.

Police Report or Background Check

You must obtain a letter from one of the following: your local police department or precinct, state police, county police, or criminal justice department. The letter must be signed by the person who prepared it and must not be older than six months.

Government online background checks are accepted. Your background check must come from an authentic FBI, state, or government website only. Please note, all states offer this service.

Birth Certificate

Make a photocopy of your birth certificate and have it notarized. You must have your original birth certificate with you to have the copy notarized.

Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree (if applicable)

Make a photocopy of your marriage certificate or divorce decree if your name is different than what is on your birth certificate and/or passport and have it notarized. You must have your original marriage certificate or divorce decree with you to have the copy notarized.

Health Records

You are required to have three (3) vaccinations and two (2) tests for your student visa.

Vaccinations:

- MMR – 2 vaccination dates
- Hep B – 3 vaccination dates
- Polio – 1 or more vaccination dates

Tests (within the past 6 months):

- TB
- RPR/VDRL/Syphilis

Your health provider must complete the health certificate. They must sign and stamp the bottom of the certificate.

Visa Application Fee

You will be charged a US\$150 visa application fee. This fee will be charged directly to your student account. Do not mail in your fee.

For any questions or concerns about the student visa process, please contact Colleen Govia at cgovia@rossvet.edu.kn.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you need to secure off-campus housing, email Andrea Liburd at anliburd@rossvet.edu.kn for guidance on securing housing.

Please visit the RUSVM website for [General Housing](#) information.