

## **PUERTO VALLARTA COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 16, 2021**

**Puerto Vallarta – January 16, 2021** – On January 15 2021, Jalisco’s Governor Enrique Alfaro Ramírez announced an important update of the COVID-19 recovery plan. This update includes a state-wide shelter in place mandate with some exceptions for Puerto Vallarta in order for the destination to continue operations. Starting on January 16<sup>th</sup> and ending on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 there will be strict protocols in place to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

The newly issued restrictions include the following:

- Hotels are permitted to operate at 50 %
- Common areas at hotels are limited to 25 % capacity
- Beaches will be open from 5:00 am until 3:00 pm
- Restaurants, tours and activities are permitted at 50 % capacity and must conclude at 10:00 pm
- Meeting facilities at hotels must operate from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm limited to 25% capacity or a maximum of 50 people
- Shopping centers will have restricted common areas and parking capacity will be 25%.
- Bars, night clubs, gyms, theaters, cinemas, museums, casinos, religious celebrations and public spaces will be restricted during these 16 days of containment

Cleaning, sanitizing, and disease prevention measures are in place at Puerto Vallarta International Airport, the cruise port, on public transportation, in supermarkets, and in government offices which are providing limited services. Local authorities are working closely with the travel sector to progressively implement updated protocols.

Puerto Vallarta has made consistent efforts to provide a safe and healthy experience for visitors and residents alike. It is due to the continued joint effort of the destination’s government and service providers that in June 2020 Puerto Vallarta earned the Travel Safety Stamp from the World Travel and Tourism Council. Furthermore, the Puerto Vallarta Airport was granted the ACI Airport Health Accreditation from the Aviation Health & Hospitality for their impeccable alignment with ACI’s aviation Business Restart and Recovery guidelines along with industry best practices.

Biosecurity is a priority for government, service providers, tourism sector members and residents in Puerto Vallarta. Visitors are welcome to travel to the destination and enjoy the holidays in the world’s friendliest destination.

As of January 26, all passengers on international flights bound for the United States, including those who have received the COVID-19 vaccine, will be required by the Centers for Disease Control to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen) or written documentation of recovery following a COVID-19 infection prior to boarding. This follows similar regulations issued by the Canadian government requiring a negative COVID-19 test (PCR or LAMP) for all inbound international passengers as of January 7, 2021. Tests for entry into both countries must be conducted no more than 72 hours prior to departure.

To facilitate this process, Puerto Vallarta Tourism is offering North American passengers COVID-19 tests at affordable prices in convenient locations across the destination including, medical facilities and select hotels. It is recommended to schedule a COVID-19 test as far in advance as possible by contacting one of the providers listed in this document. Any additional requirements, costs, and the current status of same day results should also be confirmed directly with the testing provider.

Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 but exhibit no major symptoms will be required to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine which can be completed in their hotel on a designated floor (if available) or room. Each hotel applies different policies for mandatory quarantines, with some offering steeply discounted rates. Specifics should be confirmed with individual hotels directly. More information and a real-time list of all testing options in Puerto Vallarta can be accessed at [visitpuertovallarta.com/COVID-19](https://visitpuertovallarta.com/COVID-19).

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