

INTRO

## Getting Ready to Cruise

Here's everything you need to know before your vacation — from vaccination and testing requirements to checking in, and other steps to help ensure a smooth boarding day experience.

KNOW YOUR OWN COUNTRY CALL OUT

## Know Your Country's Additional Requirements

Below are the latest requirements for each home port. Be sure to look into any requirements your own home country may have for exiting or re-entering its borders.

DEPARTURES CONTENT

## GETTING READY TO CRUISE FROM FLORIDA

### On *Freedom of the Seas* July 2021 departures

The protocols communicated here apply only to guests departing in July from Miami, Florida on *Freedom of the Seas*®. We will continue to update these protocols as public health situations evolve. Guidance for all other departure ports is still in development with federal, state and local authorities. Booked guests will be provided full details specific to their port of departure prior to sailing.

### Vaccination Guidelines

For *Freedom of the Seas*® sailings departing in July 2021 from Miami, Florida, we strongly recommend all guests 16 and older be fully vaccinated. To be considered fully vaccinated, the final dose of the vaccine must be completed at least 14 days before sailing.

At check-in, guests will be asked to provide documentation of their vaccination, such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card. Those who are 16 and older and do not have or are unable to provide documentation will be considered unvaccinated.

Our unvaccinated guests must undergo additional COVID-19 testing at their own expense, and follow the health protocols described below, which are based on guidance from the CDC.

If you do not wish to undergo or pay for additional testing, or adhere to these health and safety protocols, we are happy to provide you with a refund. We believe that in the coming months, restrictions and requirements will be more accommodating as public health circumstances evolve.

All crew onboard *Freedom of the Seas* will be fully vaccinated.

**[READ DETAILED VACCINE FAQs](#)**

## **Testing Requirements**

### **Vaccinated Guests**

Vaccinated guests do not have any testing requirements.

### **COVID-19 Testing for Unvaccinated Guests**

As a requirement to sail with us, all unvaccinated guests age 2 and older must undergo multiple COVID-19 tests. Testing at the terminal prior to embarkation and onboard before disembarking will be conducted by licensed and accredited third-party testing providers we have contracted. Our unvaccinated guests must register for this test and agree to the third-party testing provider terms and conditions. Registration details will be sent via email in advance.

For unvaccinated guests 16 and older, the total charge from the third-party testing vendor for these tests is \$136 USD per guest. This amount will be applied to the guest's onboard expense account. Royal Caribbean will pay the testing vendor(s) on the guest's behalf and will not retain any part of the testing costs. For guests age 2 to 15, we will cover the cost of any required testing.

The testing required of our unvaccinated guests is described below.

#### **Pre-Cruise**

Unvaccinated guests 16 years of age and older will need to undergo an RT-PCR test administered by an accredited laboratory of the guest's choice, and taken no more than three days before sailing. We will require documentation of a negative result for this test prior to embarkation. All costs for this test are the unvaccinated guest's responsibility.

#### **At the Terminal**

Unvaccinated guests 2 years of age and older are required to take an RT-PCR test when checking in at the terminal, which will be administered by one of our testing vendors. Registration details will be sent via email in advance.

#### **Prior to Disembarking**

While onboard, unvaccinated guests 2 years of age and older will be required to undergo antigen testing before disembarking at the end of the voyage. This test will be conducted the day before the cruise ends by one of our testing vendors. Guests will be notified onboard about how to register for this test.

**These tests will be complimentary for guests ages 2-15.**

***Guests under 2 years of age will not be tested.***

**READ DETAILED TESTING FAQs**

## **What to Bring**

**Travel Documentation Checklist**

## US RTS Protocols FREEDOM FLORIDA

Guests sailing from Miami, Florida on *Freedom of the Seas*® in July 2021 will need to have the following documents with them when they arrive to board the ship.

- **Passport Books** (not cards) are strongly recommended, but not required. Passports must be valid for at least six months after the sailing's return date. Birth certificates and/or driver's licenses are accepted when passports are not available.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card OR Negative RT-PCR Test Result** to board the ship, for guests 16 and over.
- **Health Questionnaire** to be completed on our Royal Caribbean App the day before you board.

### READ DETAILED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FAQs

#### Cruise Ready Recap

Follow these steps for a smooth boarding day.

- **30 Days Before:** Download the Royal Caribbean App and check in for your cruise. Once in the app, you'll select a 30-minute arrival time slot for your boarding day. It is very important you stick to this arrival window, as we're arranging the boarding and testing process to accommodate a certain number of guests at one time.
- **3 Days Before:** All unvaccinated guests age 16 and older must take an RT-PCR test no more than 3 days before their sailing.
- **1 Day Before:** All guests must complete our Guest Health questionnaire on the Royal App.

#### What to Expect On Boarding Day

##### Getting ready to go aboard

- Arrive at the terminal within the arrival time slot you selected during Royal App check-in. Those who arrive early will not be able to begin boarding, and those who arrive late will need to wait until we are able to work them into another group.
- We'll guide you step by step on the document validation and rapid RT-PCR testing process. Expect a short wait time for your results.
- Make sure you wear your face mask at all times during the boarding process.

### READ DETAILED BOARDING DAY FAQs

#### Onboard the Ship

##### Venue Access

Since the majority of our guests will be vaccinated on *Freedom of the Seas*, there will be venues and events restricted to vaccinated guests only. We'll do our best to create opportunities for all guests to enjoy their time with us. Please note, your SeaPass card will be required to access lounges, shows and dining venues, so keep it handy at all times during your cruise.

##### Face Masks

## **US RTS Protocols FREEDOM FLORIDA**

Vaccinated and unvaccinated guests are required to wear masks indoors unless seated and actively eating or drinking. Masks are not required in your stateroom, when you are with your traveling party, outdoors, or at Perfect Day at CocoCay, unless in a crowded setting.

Masks won't be required for vaccinated guests when in venues (bars, lounges, restaurants and entertainment) or at events designated for vaccinated guests only.

In the coming days, we are expecting updated guidance from the CDC on mask policies for vaccinated guests and will update you at that time.

Guests under the age of 2 do not need to wear a mask.

### **Physical Distancing**

Venues will be set up with proper spacing and we ask guests to abide by physical distancing, especially when interacting with those outside of their traveling party.

### **Dining**

All dining venues will offer spaced seating. It is strongly encouraged that you make dining reservations via [Cruise Planner](#) before your cruise or the Royal Caribbean app onboard.

In the Main Dining Room, we will designate areas for vaccinated and unvaccinated reservations to dine separately. Unfortunately, My Time Dining will not be available to unvaccinated guests.

In addition, while Windjammer will be open, the food will now be served by our crew.

### **Entertainment**

Venues will offer spaced seating and more showtimes throughout your sailing. Select showtimes will be for vaccinated guests only, and others will welcome both vaccinated and unvaccinated guests. More information will be provided onboard. Be sure to make show reservations once onboard using the Royal Caribbean app.

### **Going Ashore**

All guests are subject to restrictions and requirements as defined by local authorities in the ports we visit. Details will be provided onboard. It is reasonable to expect that unvaccinated guests will be subject to stricter protocols than vaccinated guests.