



## BAHAMAS PRECLEARANCE FLIGHT BULLETIN

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Dear Bahamas Preclearance Partners,

As you are all aware, we are currently in a crisis as a result of Covid 19 and our borders have been closed. This has had an adverse effect on our usual business operations, including the Preclearance Pilot Program into The Bahamas. We have temporarily suspended the program during the crisis and while we complete our buildout at Banyan & Sheltair & all of the Regulatory Requirements approved. Preclearance allows you to clear Customs & Immigration in Fort Lauderdale and fly direct to and return from any island or cay in The Bahamas. Preclearance will return shortly once we resume operations.

Authorized Cargo Freight Operators will continue service during the lockdown period; however, all flight must continue to seek approval from the Bahamas Civil Aviation Authority before departure by contacting via emails, [Charles.beneby@bcaabahamas.com](mailto:Charles.beneby@bcaabahamas.com) and copying [Juliea.braithwaite@bcaabahamas.com](mailto:Juliea.braithwaite@bcaabahamas.com).

All flights must enter at one of the Sixteen (16) official ports of entry and will be given approval to proceed to their final destination to offload their cargo. No cargo flights are allowed to embark any passengers to return to the US, however reparation<sup>1</sup> is allowed with approval. This law will be applicable to all cargo carriers, failure to adhere to this law would result in penalties under Bahamian laws. Any convictions under this law would prohibit further participation in our preclearance program.

Thank you for your commitment and partnership during these unusual times. If you want to support our humanitarian efforts to raise funds, food & supplies for the people of The Bahamas please call our office or email us at [sgleman@gate.net](mailto:sgleman@gate.net). The Aviation community is our connection to the world.

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