

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17th 2022
TO: Health Service Providers, Clinical Laboratories
FROM: David Rogers, Bermuda Health Council
RE: Fit-to-Fly certificates

The omicron variant has prompted a number of changes in travel requirements across the globe, with Bermuda impacted specifically by those changes made in the United States. While the island's testing apparatus and public health response has been the most robust in island history, it cannot be denied that our resources continue to be in very high demand. This demand has placed an unprecedented burden on the islands COVID-19 testing infrastructure. There is a need to increase capacity, and ensure testing reaches those who need it most. **In response, effective January 17, 2022, registered health service providers have been granted the ability to provide COVID-19 rapid antigen testing, and issue the corresponding fit-to-fly certificates for individuals traveling to the United States.**

To ensure public safety is always at the forefront, a healthcare provider may issue a fit-to-fly certificate if the following conditions are met:

1. **The health professional must be locally registered, operating within their clinical scope, within a health facility registered by the Bermuda Health Council. [See list of registered health professionals here.](#)**
2. **The health service provider must have a partnership agreement with a registered clinical laboratory. [See list of registered laboratories here.](#)**
3. **The antigen test selected must be one appearing on the Bermuda Health Council's list of approved tests, and valid for the destination of travel (USA). [See list of approved antigen tests here.](#)**
4. **Participants must be willing to follow any guidance issued by the Bermuda Health Council, and comply with the requirements outline in the Fit-to-Fly protocol, found [here.](#)**

Note: Laboratories and testing sites should validate and verify their selected assay within their facility before beginning clinical testing.

Health service providers must insure that all fit-to-fly certificates contain the required information, and are in a form accepted by the traveller's destination. For convenience health service providers may utilize the Fit-to-Fly Certificate template found [here](#).

For a list of all eligible health service providers issuing Fit-to-Fly Certificates, please check [here](#) on the Bermuda Health Council's website (www.bhec.bm). Additional providers will be added as each laboratory updates their partnership information.