

Guatemala Travel Guidelines

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Currently the Guatemalan government requires a COVID PCR or Antigen test, the test type must be nasal swab. The PCR and Antigen test must be administered within 72 hours prior to check-in at the airport counter. If you are getting a test close to the 72 hour boundary, make sure the actual time the test is administered is noted on the documentation, otherwise the date of the test will suffice. Guatemala just released a provision for those that have had Covid within the last 3 months stating you can obtain a letter from a medical doctor certifying that you tested positive and have recovered. There will likely be a clarification for this in the coming days since the new guideline does not clarify whether or not a negative test is required for entry along with the letter. Your name on your test document will need to match your name as listed on your passport.

Mississippi Department of Health offers free drive through testing to residents at your local health department. (Hopefully other states are doing the same.) To schedule an appointment call 601-496-7200. Be sure to book the appointment with your name as it appears on your passport. They will do a short screening to see if you have any symptoms or exposure. Then they will schedule your appointment at the nearest location. At the testing location you will need to have a print out of your reservation confirmation, they will perform the test, about 30 minutes later they will give you printed results of the Antigen test. We attached our appointment confirmation to our results as proof of the date and time of our test. If they do both (they did for us) they will email results to you in a few days. The Antigen test was sufficient.

You must complete a Health Pass form at <https://servicios.igm.gob.gt/pasedesalud/> which will generate a QR code, print and bring along with your test results. When you are checking in for your flight they will ask a few health questions and ask to see your test, and Guatemalan paperwork. They will likely ask to see it again at your connecting airport.

The CDC released a new requirement recently. It is a document that you'll fill out prior to the return to the US confirming you have had a negative Covid test prior to your travel back. We will print these out for each team member here in Guatemala.

In flight we were given the normal SAT/immigration form and a short questionnaire. It duplicates some of the questions but only takes a minute. Upon arrival, close to immigration, there were agents waiting, they simply reviewed our papers, put a stamp on it and we were cleared.

There are several steps pre trip but it was surprisingly easy once we arrived.

Bring your favorite mask(s), Guatemala requires them to be worn at all times.

